

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Should our children be called 'Japs'?

National JACL's campaign to eliminate use of the word "Jap" from the American vocabulary was given a setback when Ambassador Koto Matsudaira, Japan's representative to the United Nations, was quoted on John Wingate's television show in New York City as not objecting to the use of the word "Jap."

We feel that the Ambassador misunderstood the question. At any rate, his statement was unfortunate and regrettable.

Many Americans make little distinction between Americans of Japanese ancestry and visitors from Japan. Further, many of us Nisei are judged by our physical appearances and automatically classed as being "Japanese" rather than Americans. Moreover, in too many cases the term "Japanese" is shortened to "Jap" either through ignorance, misunderstanding or maliciousness.

The only way this derogatory and sometimes insulting term can be eliminated is through education and effective public relations.

Very excellent work done by JACL in eliminating this word from a California textbook a few months ago demonstrates the effectiveness of a well organized, concerted effort.

Although elimination of the word "Jap" on a broader basis presents far greater problems, this goal is worthwhile. No Nisei would want his son or daughter to be called a "Jap."

We must remember that apathy and indifference are seeds from which racial abuses grow. Firm protests against the use of this word are in order.

When the National JACL Board meets in Chicago during the EDC-MDC convention, ways and means of effectively carrying out a national program to eliminate the word "Jap" will receive a high priority.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

# Protest envoy acceptance of 'Jap'

## Text of 'Night Beat' interviews on use of word 'Jap': Ambassador Matsudaira doesn't care; professor dislikes term

NEW YORK.—Full text of the transcription of the television interview in which Japan's Ambassador Dr. Koto Matsudaira to the United Nations expressed no objection to the use of the word "Jap" has been secured by Sam Ishikawa, New York representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

On instructions from the Washington JACL Office, Ishikawa purchased a disc recording the complete interview on the "Night Beat" program last June 7 between John Wingate and Ambassador Matsudaira over Television Station WABD (5), New York.

As released by Ishikawa, the pertinent part of the interview is as follows:

**John Wingate:** Let's go. This may sound quick to you, but some times by indirections, we find out directions. We'd like to get sort of quick—let's call them Rorschach opinions on a number of things. Do you object, Doctor, when you see in a newspaper headline, one of which we read to you, the word "Jap"?

**Ambassador Matsudaira:** What do you mean?

**John Wingate:** Do you object

to the use of that word?

**Ambassador Matsudaira:** Oh, I don't care. It's a English word. It's maybe American slang. I don't know. If you care, you are free to use it.

Almost a month later, July 3, on another "Night Beat" program, the same John Wingate interviewed Earl L. Reynolds, Professor of Anthropology at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, who recently spent three years in Japan studying the radiation effects of the atomic bomb on the people of Hiroshima.

### Different Reactions

Because this same question regarding the use of the word "Jap" was asked again, a disc of this program was also purchased and transcribed by JACL.

As released by the New York JACL representative, the pertinent part reads as follows:

**John Wingate:** We posed the question to the Japanese Ambassador to the U.N. some weeks ago—What reaction do you have when you hear the word "Jap"?

**Professor Reynolds:** Well, Mr. Kishi probably has the same reaction that I have. He probably dislikes the term. I dislike the

term "Jap". I dislike the term "nigger" . . . or "Kike" . . . "Wop". I dislike those terms. They're unnecessary. Not just a matter of impoliteness. It's unkind. And since it costs nothing but a little energy to say the proper term, why not do it? It's a small contribution to cooperation and understanding, but it might help some.

**John Wingate:** It was, by the way, not Mr. Kishi on this program, but Mr. Matsudaira . . .

**Professor Reynolds:** Oh, I see. **John Wingate:** . . . who diplomatically said if people wanted to call him that, it was all right by him.

**Professor Reynolds:** He had no objection?

**John Wingate:** Yes, that was his comment.

The "Night Beat" television interview is a half-hour late evening show produced by Station WABD of the Dumont Broadcasting Company for the New York City area. It is the interview program on which Mike Wallace became famous, before moving on to his nationally televised Sunday evening interview program.

## TV interviewer quizzes Ambassador

WASHINGTON.—To protest the remarks of Dr. Koto Matsudaira, Japan's Ambassador to the United Nations, relating to the use of the word "Jap" in a recent New York City television interview, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, addressed a five-page letter to Ambassador Koichiro Asakai at the Japanese Embassy here in Washington.

The protest letter was sent on instructions from National JACL President Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles and from Masao W. Satow, National JACL Director from headquarters in San Francisco.

The protest was directed to the reply that Ambassador Matsudaira gave to interviewer John Wingate in the "Night Beat" television program broadcast over WABD (5) of New York City last June 7.

When asked whether he objected to the use of the word "Jap", Ambassador Matsudaira replied: "Oh, I don't care. It's a English word. It's maybe American slang. I don't know. If you care, you are free to use it."

According to Masaoka, this reply "amounts to official Japanese Government approval of the free use of this word in describing those of Japanese ancestry . . . (for) Japan's official representative to the United Nations, in so many words, invites not only John Wingate but every one else who cares to do so, to use the word 'Jap'."

### Disliked by Professor

To indicate an aftermath of that program, Masaoka reported to Japan's Ambassador to the United States of another interview over the same program about a month later, on July 3, in which Anthropology Professor Earl L. Reynolds of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, replied in response to his reaction to the use of the word "Jap":

"I dislike the term 'Jap'. I dislike the term 'nigger' . . . or 'Kike' . . . 'Wop'. I dislike those terms. They're unnecessary. Not just a matter of impoliteness. It's unkind. And since it costs nothing but a little energy to say the proper term, why not do it? It's a small contribution to cooperation and understanding, but it might help some."

It should be noted, by the way, that Professor Reynolds expressed amazement that Ambassador Matsudaira had not expressed his objection to the use of the word.

### Racist Implications

The JACL protest letter went on to say that: ". . . we are confident that you (Ambassador Asakai) must be aware of the ugly racist implications in the word 'Jap' not only for Americans of Japanese ancestry but also for all those of Japanese race, including those in Japan.

"To us in this country, the usage of the word 'Jap' has a long and painful history. It was originally used against our Issei pioneer parents when they first immigrated to the United States; it was the derogatory, contemptuous invective printed and mouthed by those who fomented hysteria and prejudice; it was the slanderous epithet repeated by those who conjured up the 'yellow peril' menace and forced the enactment of such 'anti-Japanese' legislation as the Federal Japanese Exclusion Act (of 1924) and the alien land laws of some 13 western states, as well as

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## JACL calls on senators to reject further substantive change to civil rights bill; 'heart' of House-passed measure cut out

WASHINGTON.—While deploring the July 24 Senate action in striking out broad sanctions to enforce civil rights, the Japanese American Citizens League called upon all senators, regardless of party, representing states in which Americans of Japanese ancestry reside, to vote against any further substantive amendments that would render the so-called civil rights bill ineffectual.

This plea was directed particularly to what is expected to be

voted this week on whether an amendment requiring jury trials in cases involving franchise violations should be adopted. The JACL position, as explained by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, was against any such amendment which would make more difficult the securing of real voting rights to Negro Americans in certain areas of the land, particularly in the Deep South.

"When the Senate by a 52 to 38 vote last Wednesday voted to

strike out that section of the House-approved civil rights bill that would provide for the desegregation of public schools and places of public entertainment and transportation, it reduced what was already a moderate civil rights bill to one simply involving voting rights," Masaoka explained.

### Oppose Further Cuts

"At the same time, by in fact refusing to endorse the United States Supreme Court decisions against segregation, senators may well be inviting further disobedience to law in certain areas of our country," he added.

Though what he considered to be the "heart" of the House-approved measure was cut out.

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## Wide-eyed youngster points to U.S. sub sailing to port, hollers 'It's a Jap!'

BERKELEY.—An incident feared by unreeling anti-Nisei movies made during the war years on TV came to light this past week in the Berkeley Daily Gazette.

Glen King, who conducts the "East Bay Story", happened to be viewing a U.S. Navy submarine sail through the Golden Gate from the Cliff House terrace on July 13.

He heard the shrill cry of an eight-year-old youngster nearby, "It's a Jap!", pointing to Uncle Sam's undersea craft.

"World War 2 was over four years before this youngster was born," King wrote. "But he has been seeing so many of the wartime atrocity pictures now being re-run by local TV stations, it was an automatic response.

"We have no objection to the TV boys making their million bucks, but if they mean what they say about codes, etc., they should re-examine their present programming.

"We know that during wartime we have to hate—to win, we must hate effectively. These pictures were appropriate to the national temperament—in 1943, 1944, etc."

The Gazette columnist pointed out Japan surrendered 12 years ago and that young Japanese Americans in school "are not hateful, murderous, inscrutable, trea-

cherous, nor are they fanatical emperor-worshippers".

"Their schoolmates should not judge them on the basis of ancestry," he continued, "—that much is obvious, but perhaps it is not obvious that impressionable youngsters can pick up ideas of racial superiority just as readily as they succumb to claims about the 'real he-man toothpaste'.

"We presume that some of these wartime movies are so trashy the TV managers can lease them inexpensively, and it is the nature of the business to run a staggeringly large number of films. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that many stations are unaware of the editorial content of these 'cheapies'.

"And presumably, if nobody protests, these TV stations, licensed in 'the public interest, convenience and necessity' will continue to warn young minds about (all the sons of heaven who can never be trusted, etc., etc.," he concluded.

(The story was brought to the attention of National JACL Headquarters through Kathleen Date, active Berkeley JACLer and community leader, JACL Headquarters as well as the Pacific Citizen is always appreciative of this kind of reader-interest.—Editor.)

## Cler hurt fatally in head-on mishap

SAN FRANCISCO.—Harry Makita, 36, vice-president in charge of public relations for the San Francisco JACL, was fatally injured Saturday in a head-on collision and died five hours later while undergoing surgery at San Rafael General Hospital.

The accident occurred at the Black Point cut-off just east of Highway 101 in Marin County. Alone in the car, he was headed for the San Francisco JACL 1000 Club whing-ding near Glen Ellen.

His car was struck by a heavy sedan driven by Nat Rothman, 68, of Napa. Highway patrolmen said Rothman, enroute to San Francisco, told them he remembers pulling out to pass another car on the two-lane road but nothing further. Makita's car caught fire after the crash and he was pulled out by patrolmen.

Active with the local Nisei VFW post and Pine Methodist Church, Makita is survived by his wife, Grace, 1331 Broderick St., two children, parents, two brothers and four sisters. Funeral services were held last Wednesday.

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## From the Frying Pan

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**FIRES ON THE PLAIN** — Latest Japanese novel to be published in English is "Fires on the Plain" (Alfred Knopf, \$3.50) by Shohei Ooka, lecturer on French literature at Meiji University. This is the grim and terrifying story of the defeated Japanese soldiers on Leyte in the Philippines where Ooka himself served. Disorganized, lost and overwhelmed in a hostile country, the Japanese are trying to make their way to a stronghold, where they hope to find food, shelter, leadership, and perhaps safety.

But they find none of these things. Hunger stalks them. Some turn to cannibalism — to eating the flesh of their comrades who have succumbed to exhaustion or jungle diseases. A few, like the horrible Nagamatsu, take to hunting their fellow humans for food in the primitive struggle to stay alive. And others, like Private Tamura who tells the story, are led to consume human flesh although they fight against it.

Throughout "Fire on the Plain" there is a sense of mysticism, a preoccupation with God. Some critics see in the story an analogy between cannibalism of the starving soldiers and the Christian doctrine of the Mass.

Yet, what impressed this reader most was the inevitable impact that this grim novel must have had on its Japanese audience. War is not glorified in this story. Rather, it is the story of the debasement that war brought to human beings, particularly the hapless pawns of Japanese military ambition. This is an enormously powerful novel, one that future generations of Japanese — or any other people, for that matter — might recall if ever dreams of military glory should stir again.

**MUSCLE BENDING** — A long time ago when I was a teen-ager, my Dad and I used to test the strength that was in our right arms. We'd face each other across a table and clasp right hands. The idea was to keep elbow on table and wrestle your opponent's arm down. Dad, having been a railroad section hand among other things, was a mighty stout fellow and didn't have much trouble disposing of his stripling son. Then one day I discovered to my elation that I could pin him. Either I'd grown so strong, or he had grown so old and decrepit, that I could handle him. We laughed and made much of it.

I didn't know how he felt that day. But now I know because my own son, Mike, visiting at home from his pick and shovel job, tangled with me in a test of strength and forced my arm back. After he won once, we tried again just to make sure it was no fluke. He laughed and won even easier, not even breathing hard.

This is how a father feels: A small touch of regret and disappointment that the good right arm is no longer sure. And a great surge of pride and elation that the fledging is now a man.

**BACKYARD DRAMA** — Each year an enormously thrilling play takes place in our backyard vegetable garden. There are all the elements of good drama — suspense, anticipation, danger, beauty and ultimate triumph — as the vegetables fight weeds, drought, insects, blight, hail and heedless children.

This year has been no exception. At first it was some mysterious blight that was causing the tomato leaves to curl, dry up and die. Extensive spraying seems to have overcome this horror, but now I notice that a good many of the hard green young tomatoes have a rotten spot at the bottom. I'm helpless to save them. The cucumber vines are loaded with flowers but none of them are turning into cucumbers. The squash vines are flourishing gloriously, but the little yellow squash doesn't seem to be growing at all.

I'm glad I don't farm a couple of hundred acres like some fellows do. My 10x10 garden provides me with all the worries I can handle.

## JACL protests Ambassador Matsudaira's acceptance of 'Jap'

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 other discriminatory local statutes, which circumscribed the lives and opportunities of those of Japanese ancestry in this country; it was part of the campaign of hate after December 7, 1941 by which the Americans learned to think of the Japanese as 'barbaric, inhuman' beasts and those of Japanese ancestry in the United States as disloyal and traitorous.

"Out of our bitter experiences and memories, we sincerely resent the word 'Jap' as a racial slur no matter who uses it and regardless of the circumstances and the context in which it is used.

### JACL Campaign

"Particularly since the end of World War II, the Japanese American Citizens League has conducted a nation-wide campaign to prevent the use of 'Jap' in the spoken and written language of our nation, not for ourselves alone but for those in Japan and elsewhere as a contribution to better and more dignified human understanding and international relations.

"Our campaign against the use of the word 'Jap' was carried on among Government officials and members of Congress; with the newspapers and the magazines, winning the cooperation of the New York local of the American Newspaper Guild and others; with the motion picture industry; with school textbooks and general histories, including a commitment recently from the California State Board of Education to rewrite a certain textbook to eliminate the objectionable word 'Jap' from a history of World War II; and with the radio and television industry, and particularly with the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters which has recently agreed to suggest the cancellation of motion pictures made in wartime and now being shown on television screens which impugn the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

"The endorsement and cooperation of national organizations representing veterans, nationality groups, human rights, labor, 'liberals', patriotic societies, and the many religious denominations were solicited, usually with success.

### Used to Discredit

"Unfortunately, this campaign has not been as successful as we would have wished. It seems that from time to time when an individual or group desires to discredit the Japanese, they use the libel 'Jap'. For example, when certain domestic manufacturers denounce Japanese imports into the United States, they describe them as 'cheap Jap goods' made

### Newspaperman

WASHINGTON.—Takashi Oka, Japan-born correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor accompanying the recent Prime Minister Kishi mission here, hopes to be the first foreign newspaperman to reach Lhasa in the near future. He has been with the Monitor editorial staff in Boston since 1954.

by 'cheap Jap labor'.

"In spite of these instances, however, we believe that real progress was achieved in reducing materially the use of the word 'Jap' in this language of our country, especially in newspapers and other printed media.

"The so-called Girard case, with all its racial overtones, revived recently the use of the word 'Jap' in the language of our country, especially among the newspapers and the magazines. The use of this racial slur in this context often implied distrust in the Japanese legal and judicial systems and in the Japanese Government itself.

"And, as the Japanese American Citizens League was considering ways and means of again restoring 'good taste' in describing persons of our ancestry, the highest representative of the Japanese Government to the world organization that is presumed to be concerned with increasing the dignity of man everywhere, in a television broadcast invited the use of this insulting label.

### Campaign Dimmed

"We do not suggest that Ambassador Matsudaira deliberately stated what he did with full knowledge of its consequences. But, the fact remains that he did say what he did and many people heard him. This makes our own campaign to try to erase this racial slur from the English language much more difficult, if not impossible.

"When we now object to its use, or protest its use, a ready-made reply from the race-mongers and the 'Jap-haters' will be the statement of a high Japanese official to the effect that he does not find the word to be repugnant or obnoxious to him.

"We believe that in the interests of international good relations, as well as clarifying for the American people the deep-rooted objection of all persons of Japanese ancestry to the use of the description 'Jap', Ambassador Matsudaira and the Foreign Office of Japan should make clear their official objection to the use of the slur 'Jap' to the press, radio and television of the United States and that John Wingate of Television Station WABD should be so advised.

"After all, as far as we know, no other racial or nationality group in the United States must continue to suffer the indignity of being referred to in print by a distasteful and contemptuous description which cannot be excused as a "slang", an abbreviation, or a contraction."

### JACL Purposes Told

Then, noting that Ambassador Asakai is a relative newcomer to the United States, having been assigned to Washington only last May, in order that he might understand the purposes and the achievements of JACL, Masaoka wrote that he would include three recent excerpts from the "Congressional Record" which pay tribute to the organization for all that it has done to 'eliminate dis-

crimination against those of Japanese ancestry in this country and in promoting Japanese-American relations.

The JACL protest letter ended by stating that copies of the letter to Ambassador Asakai, together with explanatory covering letters, would be sent to Ambassador Matsudaira himself, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo, to the Secretary of State, and to John Wingate.

When asked why protests were not sent earlier, since the original interview took place two months ago, the Washington JACL representative explained that it was only recently that this matter had been called to his attention. Then, he said, he had to arrange to purchase the discs on which the actual interview was recorded and then have it transcribed.

"On a serious matter such as this, especially when a foreign government is involved, we had to make sure of the facts, to recheck them, before taking action. Once we had all the facts, we made our protest."

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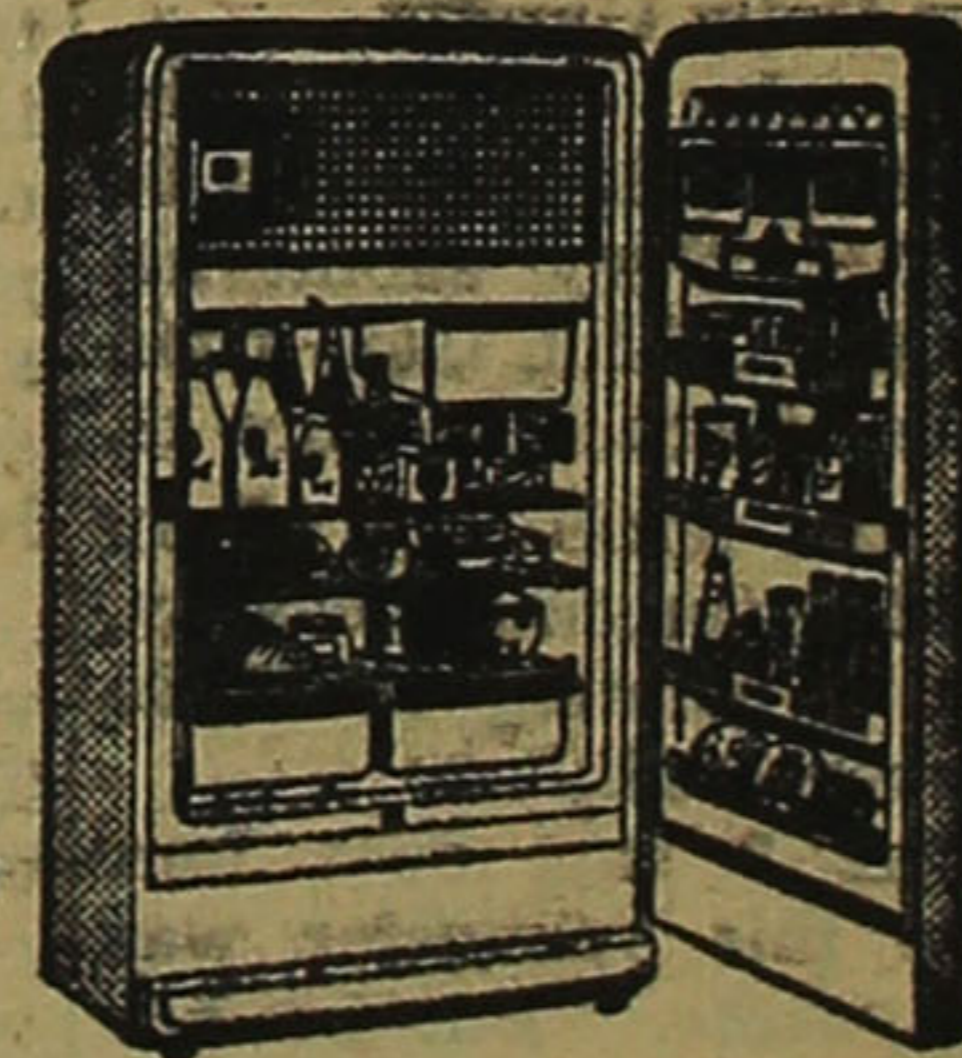
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VAGARIES  
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## Nisei Behind Footlights

Denver

Two of the most successful theatrical properties in recent years, "Teahouse of the August Moon" and "The King and I", are giving many Nisei their first experience behind the footlights.

More than two dozen Nisei appeared in the Broadway company and the Burgess Meredith and Larry Parks touring troupes of "Teahouse of the August Moon" in the past three years. The role of Lotus Blossom, done in MGM's screen version by Machiko Kyo, was played by an actress from Japan on Broadway, but two Nisei, Michi (Okamoto) Kobi and Reiko Sato, played it on the road. Shizu Moriya won accolades for the role of Miss Higa Jiga, a part which a number of other Nisei actresses have portrayed.

One member of the New York company, incidentally, was Dick Akagi, former Chicago representative for the JACL. Dick played one of the villagers of Tobiki for nearly three seasons with the "Teahouse" company. "Now that my career in the theater came to a timely and much-deserved end, I'm doing sports and entertainment promotions for Look magazine," Dick wrote the other day. "Promotions," according to Dick Akagi, is "public relations" in a three-button suit.

"Teahouse of the August Moon", John Patrick's comedy from the Vern Sneider novel of American occupation of Okinawa, is available this year for the first time to summer stock and amateur groups and the demand is great for performers of Japanese ancestry. When the Phoenix little theater put on "Teahouse," a Nisei cast was used and John Hirohata had his first stage role as Sakini. He did so well in the difficult part that he was later honored for the "best performance" of the Phoenix season.

### CALIFORNIA PRODUCTIONS ENGAGE NISEI

This past week a little theater group in Alameda, Calif., has sent out a casting call for 25 Nisei for their production of "Teahouse". "We want to cast all these parts as authentically as possible," said Tol Avery of the Alameda Little Theater, "especially, Sakini, the most important part." The Alamedans will present "Teahouse" on four weekends in September. Meanwhile, a dozen Nisei students at Sacramento State College are currently appearing in the Sacramento Little Theater's production of "Teahouse".

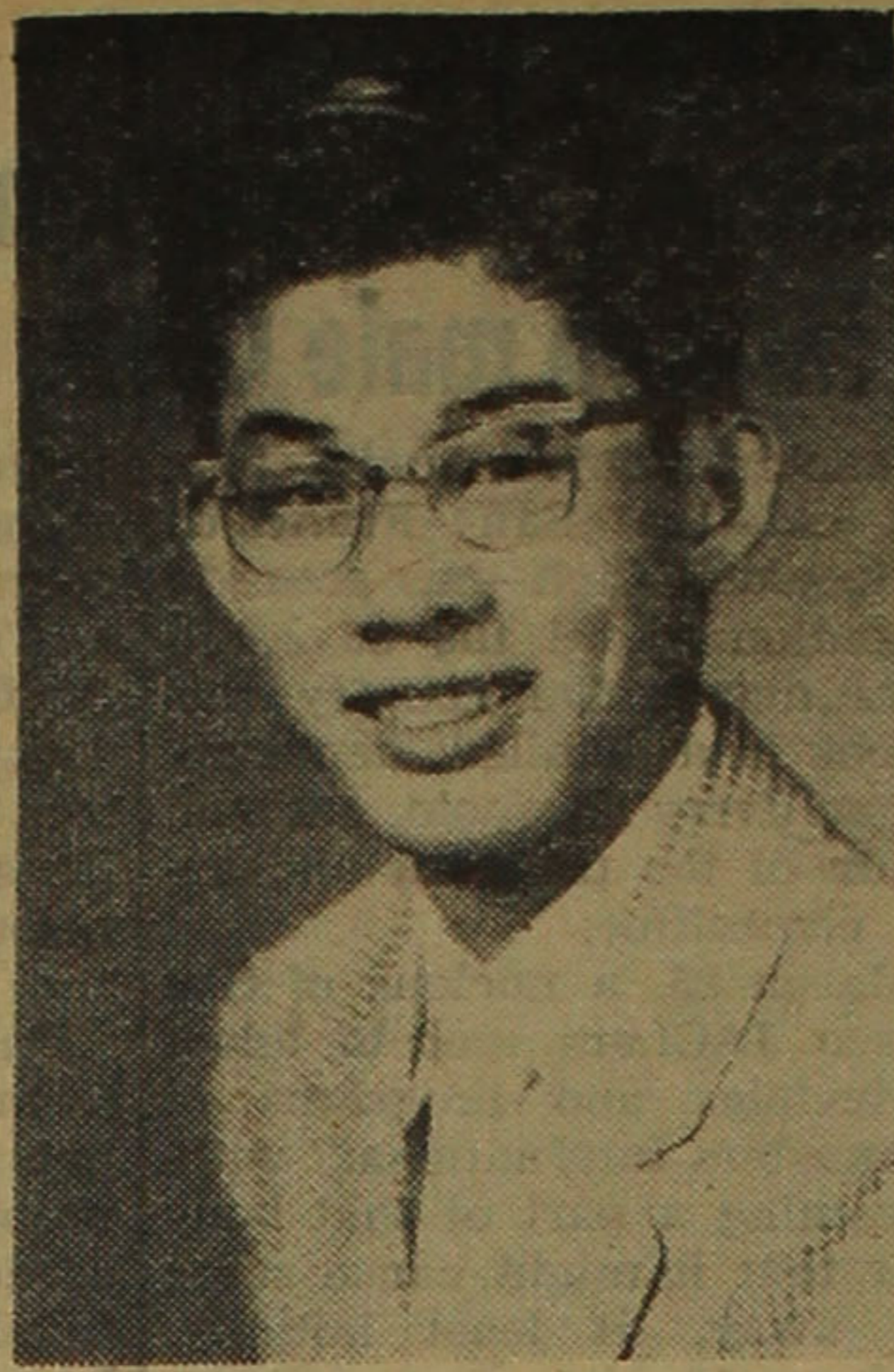
In Denver, the nation's oldest summer theater, Elitch Gardens, now in its 63d continuous year of professional stock, is considering "Teahouse of the August Moon" as the final production of its season. Elitch's has two major reasons for considering "Teahouse". One is the availability of players of Japanese ancestry in Denver, as proved by the 23 children who made such a hit in The Denver Post Opera's production of "The King and I" before an audience of some 100,000 for the six nights in Cheesman Park. The other is that this year's Elitch company includes the comic talents of Joel Marston, a TV-movie personality, who would be ideal for the role of Sakini. If Elitch's decides to do "Teahouse" a casting call will be sent out shortly.

"The King and I", of course, featured Yuriko Kikuchi and Michiko Iseri as dancers in the Broadway production, and they appeared, along with other Nisei, in 20th Century Fox's movie version. Yuriko and Michiko repeated their ballet sequence, "Small House of Uncle Thomas", for the movie. Last season in Aqua theater production of "The King and I" in Seattle, Carolyn Okada (daughter of ex-JACL national prexy Hito Okada) danced the role of Eliza. She is appearing in this season's Aqua theater presentation of "South Pacific" in her first dramatic role as the Tonkinese girl, Liat, whose ill-starred romance with the American lieutenant, Joe Cable, is one of the poignant moments of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical.

### OTHER ASIAN THEMES MAY BE GROOMED

The success of "Teahouse" and "The King and I" probably will inspire other theatrical productions with Asian themes. One such, last season, was "Shangri-La", a musical version of James Hilton's "Lost Horizon", in which Shirley Yamaguchi had the feminine lead. Unfortunately, "Lost Horizon" lasted for only a few performances on Broadway.

"Teahouse", meanwhile, has had at least one imitator on the screen. That is the current Universal-International comedy, "Joe Butterfly", in which Burgess Meredith, as a sort of genial Japanese con man, has a role not unlike that of his Sakini. In this picture the leading femme role was taken by Keiko Shima of Tokyo, but a Nisei actress, Sheri Kuni, appeared briefly as "Tokyo Rose". Miss Kuni has longer roles in RKO's "Escapade in Japan" and in Universal-International's "Lady Takes a Flyer" which stars Lana Turner and Jeff Chandler.



Mutsuo Shinoda of Orosi Union High School has been nominated by the Tulare County JACL for the 1957 Pvt. Ben Frank Masao-ka memorial scholarship. The all-"A" student was recently honored as the "boy personality of the week" by a local newspaper. His favorite subjects being physics and trigonometry, he plans to major in science or mathematics at college in the fall.

## Nisei 40 et 8 named Legion post leader

IDAHO FALLS.—Sam Sakaguchi, 32, active JACLer here, was recently elected commander of the Idaho Falls American Legion Bonneville Post 56 and will be inducted on Aug. 5.

Owner and operator of a 120-acre irrigated farm west of the city, he is married to the former Martha Yamasaki of Idaho Falls and they have four children.

Sakaguchi has participated in Legion activities since his return from service shortly after the end of World War 2 with service in the Army Intelligence corps in Tokyo.

Last year he was chairman of the annual War Bonnet Round-up, largest rodeo event in eastern Idaho. He is also first Idaho Nisei of the 40 Et 8, honorary group of Legionnaires.

The Bonneville Post boasts a membership of 250.

## Nisei win high honors in largest Seabrook class

SEABROOK, N.J.—In what was the largest graduating class in the history of Bridgeton High School, four Japanese Americans were among the 331 seniors receiving their diplomas at spectacular outdoor commencement exercises last month.

Ayako Matsuda won top honors by being selected class valedictorian. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kuniichi Matsuda, who came here with the Peruvian Japanese contingent following World War 2.

As the highest ranking scholar, Miss Matsuda pursued a science course in school and aspires to become a teacher.

The other graduates were Misao Iwata, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shigezo Iwata; Toyoko Muro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ginzo Muro; and Vivian Morinaka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morinaka.

Both Miss Iwata and Miss Muro also ranked among the highest one-fourth of the senior class in scholastic standing.

## Success story of Japanese agricultural workers in Orange County cited by Hillings

WASHINGTON.—Last week, Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) inserted into the "Congressional Record" for the information of his colleagues in the Congress a feature article from the Los Angeles Times on the so-called temporary Japanese agricultural workers program, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

The California Republican was a member of a special two-man Subcommittee that visited California last April to conduct hearings and investigations into the new program for the House Judiciary Committee.

In placing the article into the official record of the Congress, Congressman Hillings declared that "the Japanese nationals brought into our country as temporary farm workers under our immigration laws are playing an important role in California agriculture. The Judiciary Committee recently reported on this program and concluded that it was operating satisfactorily and urged a limited expansion of it."

He then noted that the Los Angeles Times of June 23, 1957, carries an interesting article on what the Japanese nationals are doing in the Orange County area. It is important to note, Mr. Speaker, that Japanese nationals cannot be employed in any case where American farm workers are available; they must be paid the prevailing wage in each agricultural community; they do not interfere with the continuation of our Mexican labor program."

The article inserted by Congressman Hillings was written by Helen Johnson and is entitled: "Japanese Helping County's Farmers".

It begins by stating that "an Orange County farm and America's foreign relations may seem to be subjects far apart. But put a Japanese man to work on that ranch, give him a chance to see what this country is like, and international understanding begins."

"That is what is happening on all county ranches taking part in a new program developed through the Federal Government to ease the farm labor shortage in California."

## Dinner honoring ex-Gov. Sprague set for Aug. 25

PORTLAND.—Dinner for ex-Gov. Sprague has been set for Aug. 25 at Salem, it was disclosed this week.

The dinner is being co-sponsored by the Portland and Gresham - Troutdale JACL chapters, which will honor the wartime National JACL sponsor with a scroll for "meritorious service". Sprague was unable to be present to accept the award when two other Oregonians were similarly honored earlier this year.

Full details are to be announced. Those desiring to attend, however, can make reservations with Shiz Ochiai (CA 3-7317).

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The article notes that 150 of these Japanese are employed in Orange County, most of them by members of the Orange County Vegetable Growers Association, many of whom are Nisei members of JACL.

Tom Keeler, secretary-manager of the Association, is quoted as saying that the 1,000-man quota of the Japanese program amounts to less than one per cent of the number of Mexicans brought in for farm work.

Another Santa Ana, Jack J. Miller, manager of the California Farm Labor Association, is reported to be in favor of bringing in some 2,000 Japanese men this year.

### Mexican Labor Lauded

"I'm very well satisfied with program from practically every respect," Miller is quoted as saying. "Those workers who are being brought in from Japan fill a need in agriculture that is difficult to fill by domestic or other foreign labor. The Mexican worker has been a good and loyal worker for us and the Japanese program will never replace the Mexican. But we're going to have a shortage in agricultural labor and we need to have another source of supply available should the economy of Mexico develop to such a place that we won't get workers from south of the border."

"The Department of Labor has taken the position it doesn't want to approve the Japanese program on the basis that the Mexican labor is adequate," he added. "But the farmers would like to have a choice of selection."

The feature article concluded with this paragraph: "Testimony at the hearings conducted by Representative Hillings in Los Angeles indicated that a Japanese prefecture expected to go communistic in its last election voted the opposite way because of reports of America sent home by Japanese farm workers in California."

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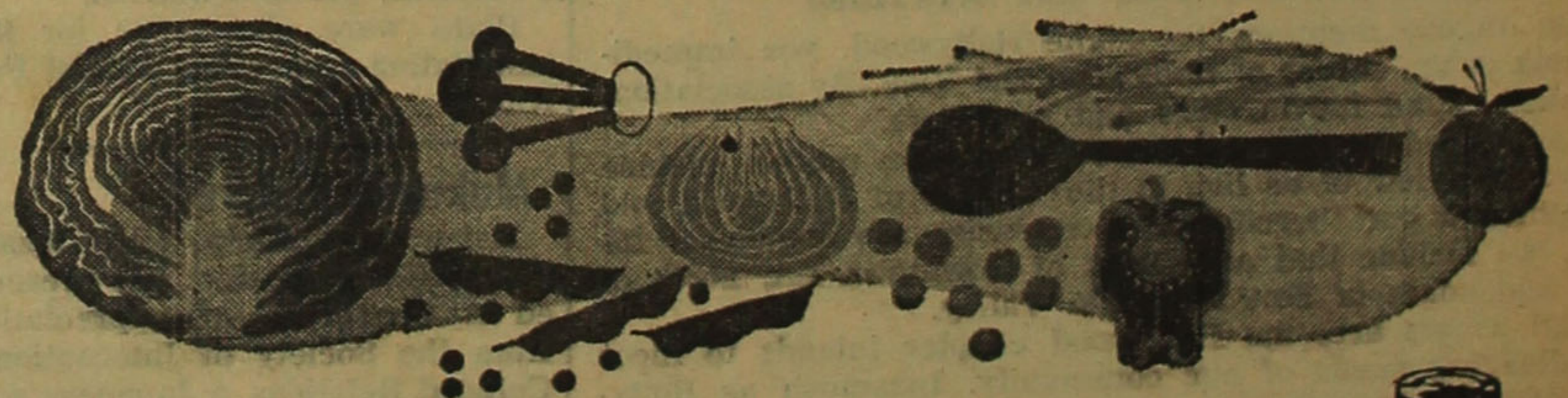
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## POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD

By Fred Takata

## CSO 10th Anniversary

We were very proud to have been able to represent JACL at the 10th Anniversary celebration of the Community Service Organization, during its convention here last week at the Biltmore Hotel. The CSO is an organization of Mexican Americans, very similar to JACL, and it has chapters throughout California, Arizona and New Mexico.

At the convention banquet, City Councilman Ed Roybal, founder of CSO, was guest of honor. Ralph Richardson, member of the Los Angeles Board of Education and professor of political science at UCLA, presented the Eastside area councilman with a plaque on behalf of CSO. During his speech in response, Roybal mentioned that Tetsu Sugi, a Nisei who contributed a great deal to CSO, served as first chapter president of the Lincoln Heights Area—which was of particular interest to me. We wish to thank CSO President James J. Rodriguez for inviting us.

## FRIENDSHIP DAY CAMP

A wonderful experience in seeing people working together at the Friendship Day Camp in Griffith Park was ours last week when Ez Weintraub, camp director, asked us to visit the children's camp.

Sponsored by non-profit organizations in the community, the Friendship Day camp is operated over two periods: the first being July 2-27, the second from July 30 to Aug. 24, for children of all nationalities and cultural backgrounds to help them learn the true meaning of democracy. Ez informed us that the main purpose was not only to develop good citizens but to make them equally proud of their heritage.

Each day, the camp presents different programs showing the costumes, dances, songs and customs of various countries with many of the campers participating.

We were happy to learn that the Southwest L.A. Chapter had contributed \$100, which partially assists four youngsters in their community to attend his camp. Mr. Weintraub was also interested in getting some Nisei counsellors for next year's sessions to help guide children in their various activities, which include boating, hiking, swimming, camping, etc.

The camp is like planting the seeds of friendship and understanding among our coming generation.

## WHITTIER INSTITUTE ON HUMAN RELATIONS

While attending the Whittier Institute last week, Lt. Harold Bauduit of the U.S. Navy, the Negro Annapolis graduate who met housing discrimination in Garden Grove, gave an interesting talk of his experiences since moving into Orange County.

When he was transferred to this area, like other men in the service, he bought a home from the officer he was replacing. The day the Bauduits began moving in, they were met by a committee of some 40 people gathered on the front lawn, asking they stay out because it would cause the value of property in the neighborhood to drop. They even offered him an extra \$3,500 if he bought a home elsewhere, but as the Negro naval officer explained at the Institute, Negroes have been forced to pay a premium for their homes because of private restrictions. Ministers in the community hearing of the plight came to the aid of the Bauduits, as well as the Orange County Daily News, to help relieve some of the pressure that was being applied. Today the Bauduits have been accepted into the community and have not had any further inconveniences.

Discussion followed on the practice of some agents and sellers who capitalize on the fact that minority groups have difficulty buying a house of his own choosing in an area of his own liking. Institute members, in attempting to discover an answer to this peculiar problem, were told that the Los Angeles County Conference on Human Relations (of which JACL is among the 60 community organizations composing the conference) can be of some assistance.

It was suggested that when a party is going to move into a new district and his papers are already in escrow, he should contact one of the member organizations of the LACCCR or the LACCCR directly, which in turn would contact agencies in the particular area. This would be followed by calling upon churches and leading citizens in the neighborhood to organize a welcoming committee and help discourage any violence that may arise. If a disturbance does arise before the LACCCR is notified, the entire force will do all it can to eliminate it.

## RECENT VISITORS IN L.A.

The past fortnight saw quite a few visitors dropping in to say "hello" . . . Mary Minamoto of San Francisco . . . Miki Gotanda, dance instructor for the Nisei Week Festival . . . May Ishii, last year's Miss East L.A. candidate for Nisei Week . . . Mrs. Tami Kamei of Downey and former East L.A. member . . . Pete Hironaka and family of Dayton, O., cartoonist for the PC . . . and my "dad"—Tats Kushida.

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## THIS IS HOLLYWOOD: by Paul 'Kaz' Kawakami

When anyone mentions the name Hollywood, you immediately think of the corner of Hollywood and Vine. By association, this makes us all movie stars and producers.

Very few of us are connected with the motion picture industry. Very few of us live in the vicinity of Hollywood and Vine. Although our "territorial" boundaries are somewhat ill-defined, we include that area west of Downtown LA, north of SWLA, and south of San Fernando Valley.

Small as we are, the Hollywood chapter intends to meet the challenging needs of our community. Inasmuch as Hollywood JACL is about the only organization which encompasses the interests of our entire community, we feel that we must take the initiative and responsibility to bring about closer ties among individuals and groups. It is for this reason that we joined with the board members of the Hollywood Community Center to co-publish a community wide newsletter. Although two issues have already been published, we are still in the organizational stage. Very shortly, "Memo from Hollywood" will become a regular monthly. And, of course, we hope the recipients will anxiously await each forthcoming issue. Since

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## Speakers club along format of Toastmasters International makes big hit with male CLers; organization at chapter level told

A chapter project only four months old—the San Francisco JACL Speakers Club—has come to the attention of all the 85 JACL chapters across the country this past week in a detailed memorandum from Jerry Enomoto, national chairman of the program and activities committee.

On March 25, a nucleus of San Francisco JACLers met to adopt the principles and programs of "Toastmasters International" without becoming a part of that body for fear that it might cause some to shy away, at least initially.

On June 10, its first officers were installed: Yone Satoda, pres.; Steve Doi, treas.; Kaz Watanabe, sec.; and Jim Noda, member of the Skyline Toastmasters, of San Mateo, adv. The local group is composed of about 20 men who meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Buchanan St. "Y".

When the chapter board of governors sanctioned the project, it was envisioned that a Speakers Club along the lines of the Toastmasters would (1) assist JACLers secure a maximum degree of self-confidence in communicating with others on social and business levels through improved speaking ability, (2) provide another source of contact whereby fellowship and good will might be enjoyed and (3) provide a constructive and worthwhile program activity for the chapter.

Those who proposed the idea then decided to contact personally a small group of individuals, sound them out as to their interest and invite them to a planning meeting.

In this way a "core group" was established. A nucleus of persons already acquainted with others added a sense of "at-homeness" which would guarantee a successful launching of this program.

The idea of immediately forming a "Toastmasters Club" was set aside, feeling it might cause some to "shy away", at least initially. However, the principles and program of Toastmasters International did embody the kind of things that were desirable and

## GARDENA VALLEY:

## PECK PARK SITE OF COMMUNITY PICNIC

A community-wide picnic sponsored by the Gardena Valley JACL, gardener's association, Judo and Kendo clubs will be held this Sunday, Aug. 4, at Peck Park Areas No. 3 and 4.

Miss Japan of 1957, Kyoko Otani, will be among honored guests. Mary Yoshioka, local Nisei Week queen candidate, will be introduced. Also being invited are Fred Takata, JACL regional director; Paul Koga, S.C. Gardener's Federation president; and Kiyoshi Umekawa, local Bank of Tokyo manager.

## SEQUOIA:

## Sr. Tri-Villes elect officers for coming year

June Sugimoto was elected Sr. Tri-Villes president for the coming year. Other new officers are Midory Kanazawa, v.p.; June Kawakami, rec. sec.; Dorothy Fujihara, cor. sec.; June Kumagai, treas.; Jane Kuwano, ath.; and Nancy Taniguchi, parliamentarian.

Plans were also made for the installation dinner and annual Fun Nite.

## Mukaeda honored

Katsuma Mukaeda, active Southern California leader, was presented a certificate of appreciation from the Society of International Cultural Relations, a Japanese governmental agency, for his promotion of understanding of Japanese culture abroad for many years.

## FRANK MATSUMOTO NAMED FOREIGN VICE-MINISTER

TOKYO.—Harvard-educated Frank Takizo Matsumoto was named parliamentary vice-minister of foreign affairs, the appointment by cabinet being made July 17.

stimulating.

The committee obtained the cooperation of Jim Noda, active in a Toastmasters Club, to attend the first meeting, outline the philosophy and program of Toastmasters International and he has continued to meet with the group in a resource and consultant capacity.

## Pattern of Meetings

Patterned after the Toastmasters format, the semi-monthly meetings feature extemporaneous talks, prepared speeches, evaluation of speeches, etc. Various roles to be filled are alternated among members to insure participation by all.

Enomoto commented: "It is, of course, too early for an evaluation in the real sense of the word. Yet it would appear significant that a consistent group of approximately 20 men have attended each meeting, and most important, have displayed active interest and enthusiasm."

"It is hoped that this number

will increase.

"The most important aspect of the project is felt to be the philosophy of self-improvement that guides it. The emphasis is upon group inter-action through mutual criticisms to attain that philosophy."

"Learning how to make speeches is only a by-product of this program."

## Potentialities Noted

Expected to be of interest to all JACL chapters, a Speakers Club has been pointed out by Enomoto to contain obvious potentials in training and preparing chapter members to assist in the public relations program of the local chapter.

Such a project would provide speakers to other Nisei groups to explain the purposes and functions of JACL as well as filling requests to non-Nisei groups which want to know about Japanese Americans.

## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT SET FOR DEC. 8 MASS INSTALLATION

DINUBA.—Kaz Komoto of Parlier was named general chairman for the Central California JACL District Council convention at Hacienda Motel in Fresno Dec. 8.

Komoto was appointed to the convention leadership at a meeting of the district council July 10 at Dinuba Buddhist Church.

Plans for the event include a mass installation of JACL chapter officers and a public relations dinner.

A bowling tournament will be held on Dec. 7 at Visalia Bowl, with the Tulare County JACL in charge. Only singles events will be conducted this year. Entries are to be submitted to Tosh Sadahira, 12064 Ave. 424, Oroquieta.

Named as nomination chairman for the district convention was Johnson Kebo of Sanger.

Dr. George Miyake of Fowler will handle the "chapter of the year" award. The presentation of the award at the banquet will be made by Jin Ishikawa, immediate past chairman.

During the district council meeting, James Matsumura of Tulare County, chairman of the group studying the possibility of forming a Junior JACL, announced that a survey of high school and college age students is presently being made. He said he had received re-

ports from Tulare County, Selma, Reedley and Fowler chapters.

The district's quota for non-chapter areas should be completed by Aug. 31, Dr. James Nagatani of Delano, quota chairman, announced. Chapters were also urged to seek renewal of memberships in the 1000 Club by Kenji Tashiro, chairman of that committee.

The next quarterly session will be held Sept. 25 at Kingsburg.

## CHICAGO:

## Weekend outing by Wisconsin lake planned

The weekend of Aug. 9-11 has been selected as the dates of the Chicago JACL chapter's summer outing to be held at George Williams College Camp in Lake Geneva, Wis. Plans for a full but enjoyable weekend are being outlined by a committee headed by Frank Okita.

Activities for the weekend include swimming, boating, golfing, riding, tennis, badminton, cook-outs, dancing and boat excursions. Rates range from \$5.50 to \$12.75 per day American plan. Reservations are now being accepted at the Midwest JACL Office, MO 4 4382. Those desiring transportation should so indicate.

## WANTED

STORIES AND PICTURES OF

## LONG TIME CL-ERS

LAST YEAR, we honored some of the old-timers in JACL in our mammoth Holiday Issue. These were the men and women who have been active in JACL for at least 20 years, or JACLers who were outstanding before evacuation and still support the organization, though they relinquished to the younger generation, the more vigorous reins of chapter responsibility.

AS WE start the second half of the year, our attention focuses on the 1957 Holiday Issue — soliciting original short stories, chapter reports that will point out the most unusual or most successful events of the year, holiday greetings from the community and readers and human-interest yarns of old-time JACLers.

WE HOPE this announcement will come to the attention of our JACL chapters across the country in selecting personalities they'd like to see featured in this year's special edition. We'd appreciate hearing from them at this time, indicating who they have in mind.

PACIFIC CITIZEN

IDAHO FALLS:

# Intermountain District convention, 1000 Club 10th Anniversary reunion preparations well underway for Thanksgiving holidays

BY YOSHIE OCHI

While the Idaho Falls JACL has had a phlegmatically-inclined reporter and it is time JACLers be informed, it is not an indication of the thought and planning which has already sparked the chapter which will host the annual Intermountain District Council convention over the Thanksgiving holidays (Nov. 30-Dec. 1) this fall.

Enthusiasm has doubled for this convention since it will also mark the first reunion of 1000 Clubbers who celebrate their founding here of 10 years ago.

Joe Nishioka, chapter president, has selected all of his IDC con-

vention committeemen and much correspondence has already passed many hands to assure those attending a good time.

The program has been set; speakers chosen and commitments in most cases already received.

### Convention Site

Convention headquarters will be situated at Rogers Hotel, one of the favorite spots recommended by gourmet Duncan Hines. Many of the social activities will be held at the White Elephant Supper Club, largest dining spot in eastern Idaho.

Idaho Falls has been traditionally known throughout the country

to show convention guests the best of everything and local JACLers are equally confident that 1000ers and IDC conventioners will be pleased completely.

The past six months under Nishioka have been active. Every holiday, whether it be Mother's Day or Memorial Day, found the chapter particularly busy in service.

For instance, all mothers and fathers were honored on their "day" with specially imported movies and refreshments.

### Traditional Programs

Memorial Day found committee members from the chapter placing floral pieces on all the Issei and Nisei graves at the two local cemeteries. Were it not for the JACL here, some of these graves would go undecorated year after year.

The Idaho Falls JACL participated in the Boys State sponsorship project by sending Garth M. Hurley this year.

Karen Yamasaki, popular Idaho Falls High School co-ed and two-term president of the colorful marching team in school, was named as chapter candidate for the 1957 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship.

Hundreds from nearby communities as well as families from Montana, Utah and Wyoming attended the annual chapter picnic on June 9.

One of the most distinctive services performed recently by local JACLers was the manning of posts along the banks of the turbulent Snake River to serve watch for the body of a drowned Idaho Falls boy, Bill Wakeman. Eighteen JACL members volunteered to watch for three nights. The body was subsequently recovered downstream. These are a few of the recent activities of the chapter, which is proud of its long record of service to the community.

### Summer Trek

Many members are taking a summer respite from their crop growing activities. A group has packed their fishing and camping gear, hitched their trailers and headed for Last Chance and Yellowstone National Park—Old Faithful and Morning Glory Pool.

They will unhitch their boats on the shores of Yellowstone Lake at West Thumb for a day of fishing and then camp overnight before trying their fishing luck again at the cool and blue Jenny Lake near the \$6,000,000 lodge in Jackson Hole country of the craggy Tetons.

The route home will be over Teton Pass with its many breath-taking hairpin bends, and across Palisades Dam, the greatest earth-filled dam in the world.

This summer trek is a family event that has grown in number and popularity each year.

### PASADENA:

#### ANOTHER COOL IDEA: SLATE BREWERY TOUR

Summery pastimes of outdoor picnic and steak barbecues have been made history for Pasadena JACLers, but with the weather still hot the chapter executive board has reserved Aug. 15 for tour of the Pabst brewery in Los Angeles with Ken Dyo, PSWDC 1000 Club chairman, in charge.

Other dates determined at the cabinet officer's meeting which met at the home of president Harris Ozawa were Aug. 20 as the next executive board meeting at the home of vice-president Joe Kuramoto, 1739 Casitas Ave., and Oct. 5 for the chapter Japanese movie benefit.

With the membership drive about to be concluded, the losing team members were going to be reminded of the dinner bet.

#### GARDENA VALLEY GIRLS IN SOCIAL-SERVICE CLUB

GARDENA.—Myrtle Atsumi was elected president of the Rei-Jo's, service-social girl's group. Phyllis Ono, 1956 Miss Nisei Week, is vice-president.

## CLAIMANTS THANK JACL IN 'OREI' TO ENDOWMENT FUND

Grateful evacuation claims recipients have this last week donated a total of \$2,228.70 to the JACL Endowment Fund, Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, National JACL President announced Monday as he publicly acknowledged and thanked the following contributors:

### CALIFORNIA

Fresno—F. Y. Hirasuna \$324.06, Kiyu Yemoto \$35; Los Angeles—Mrs. Aiko Hori Kaneko \$110, Robbin S. Kaneko \$80.85, Mrs. Callie M. Kaneko \$73.75, Sadaichi Kubota \$35, Mrs. Setsu Takamura \$5, Harry B. Takeuchi \$50, Mrs. M. Uyenishi \$3; Oakland—E. J. Kashiwase \$86.13, Umeno Tamura \$5; Salinas—C. C. Yamaguchi \$25; San Diego—Moto Asakawa \$203.75; San Francisco—Mrs. H. Yamane \$5; San Jose—Susumu Sakamoto \$20; San Pedro—Yasutaro Tanaka \$25; Santa Monica—Rinye Matsu-miya \$297.55; Stockton—Shoji Ishimaru \$625; Torrance—Ototaro Yamamoto \$9.75; Turlock—Kazumi Miyamoto \$81.22.

### COLORADO

Colorado Springs—Harry S. Kawamoto \$45.

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Chicago—H. M. Fukuhara \$35.

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### WASHINGTON

Seattle—Hiroshi Goshu \$125, U-majiro Imanishi \$10.

### SAN FRANCISCO:

## Hula dancers delight 1000ers frolicking at first get-together

Over sixty San Francisco JACL 1000 Clubbers and friends enjoyed a full day of frolic and gaiety at their first get-together at Morton's Warm Springs in Kenwood. Early goers enjoyed a picnic lunch on the rolling green lawn. The warm waters of the swimming pool attracted many of the picnickers.

The steak barbecue was prepared by general chairman Hatsu-ro Aizawa, assisted by Sam Sato and Ki Tanamachi, the newest 1000 Club member.

Mrs. Alice Nishi and Jerry Enomoto led the group in a songfest. Emcee Doc Tokuji Hedani, with the voluntary assistance of fun-loving Marshall Sumida, did a bang-up job of introducing the various talents which were displayed for the very first time.

### Winning Quartet

Eight barbershop quartets vied for honors. The "Three Hits and a Miss" ensemble of Yas Abiko, Jerry Enomoto, Ben Okada and Yo Hironaka had to concede top honors to the masterful harmonizing of the "High and the Mighty" singers featuring well-known artists Ki Tanamachi, Dr. Carl Hirota, Judge John Aiso (visiting from Los Angeles), and Mrs. Alice Nishi. Their rendition of "In the Good Ole Summertime" won them hilarious gag prizes.

Received amidst much applause, guffaws, and laughter, were the delightful hula dancers. Attired in hula skirts fashioned from the colorful Sunday comics section, and colorful leis, the troupe swished briskly to the strains of "The Hukilau", Hawaiian fishing song. Displaying their shapely legs and graceful hip movements were Marshall Sumida, Sam Sato, Jerry Enomoto, Dr. Tok Hedani, Hatsu-ro Aizawa, Yo Hironaka and Daisy Uyeda.

All the Thousanders then joined in on the "Yakyu-ken Ondo", the Japanese baseball dance.

Mrs. Grace Yonezu and Marie Kogawara won lovely Japanese lamps, donated by Kai Matsuoka, as holders of the lucky door prize tickets. Other prizes were claimed by Dr. Carl Hirota, Mrs. Alice Nishi, Thelma Takeda and Todd Endo.

Social dancing in the outdoor pavilion completed the day's festivities.

### VERY TRULY YOURS:

'Semi-annual' report from JACL chapters

We are indebted to persons unknown for having asked a neighboring chapter: "Where's all the news about the so-called Idaho Falls chapter?" The result has been akin to a "semi-annual report" for PC readers.

The last time we heard from Idaho Falls was in January when Mas Sato visited with the group and of their successful carnival. This week's report shows that it has been as active as the other chapters which have been consistent in their reporting — only in this case, the publicity chairman was saving the items for one big splash.

With chapter activities at a minimum during the summer, there is a dearth of stories to fill the center spread of JACL chapter news. It is an opportune time for chapters which haven't been getting their share of coverage till now to rush their "semi-annual" reports.

We have a passion for printing names, still adhering to a basic principle in journalism that "names make news." A housewife recently commented that she enjoyed the PC because "often we see names of friends we have lost track of and not seen or heard from for years."

So the "semi-annual" reports from chapters which haven't been in print in recent months should remember this tip.

We are heartened by the response thus far for our Introductory Offer of 25 issues for \$1 to new readers. Chapters are cooperating with us and we think our readers can help.

Details will be announced next week.

And let's close by calling attention to the Calendar on the back page. We try to list chapter-sponsored events and meeting notices at least one month in advance.

A postcard listing the particulars is all that is needed. Street addresses and starting times should be noted. If a speaker is engaged, his name and subject should be added. Jr. JACL and Auxiliary events also qualify for this popular PC feature. Tentative dates are also considered for insertion, but let us know when they're definite. — Harry K. Honda.

### DENVER:

## Mile-Hi chapter deserves 7 stars in membership campaign, booster says

Former Mountain-Plains JACL regional representative Min Yasui believes the Mile-Hi JACL is entitled to SEVEN STARS.

"We believe that no other chapter in the United States can match the consistent record of the Mile-Hi JACL," he wrote to the Pacific Citizen this week. "Memberships have been expanded for every year since 1949, with the exception of one year!"

Yasui was referring to a feature story published in the July 19 PC which mentioned the chapters with the most consistent record in surpassing previous year membership totals. Each "star" as shown on the official JACL Membership Bulletin issued by National Headquarters indicates previous year totals were bettered.

The PC article further pointed out several chapters were on the verge of gaining their sixth star—an envious achievement for topping their previous year membership for six consecutive years. The

### SALT LAKE CITY:

#### FAMILIES TO BRING BUN AND BURGER, CHAPTER TO FURNISH ALL TRIMMINGS

Lindsey Gardens, on the corner of M St. and Ninth Ave., has been reserved for the Salt Lake chapter hamburger fry on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 2-10 p.m.

Each family is expected to bring their bun and hamburger only. Sandwich trimmings such as relish, mustard, dressing, tomatoes, onion, lettuce, will be provided by the chapter as well as corn on the cob, watermelon and soft drinks.

The locale has cooking facilities, children's playground and cool shades on the lawn. Games are being planned for both young and old.

Auxiliary members on the committee are Amy Doi, Maurea Terashima, Chiye Aoyama, Tomi Murakoshi, Lily Sekino, Rae Fujimoto, Josie Hachiya and Alice Kasai.

#### Ishimaru top man of sales for second year

SAN FRANCISCO.—Insurance man Haruo Ishimaru is the top man of his company for the second consecutive year, it was announced by William J. Hardy, vice-president in charge of West Coast Life Insurance agencies. Ishimaru last year achieved membership in the Million Dollar Round Table in his first year of business.

Ishimaru will preside at the company's convention in September to be held at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, B.C. Also qualifying for the convention are Bill Matsumoto, Bill Teramoto of Sacramento; Ted Yamanaka, Santa Monica; Norman Mineta, San Jose; George Mukai, Tacoma; and Hideo Nishiyama, Los Angeles.

#### NISEI WINS SCHOLARSHIP FROM CALIFORNIA GRANGE

YUBA CITY.—Harvey K. Harada of Yuba City will major in pomology at California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo on a \$250 state Grange scholarship.

PC record books also show several chapters missed one year to break their string of a possible six-star category and so noted them.

Mile-Hi was one of these chapters, having missed by 52. (It is our understanding Headquarters will accept back-year memberships at \$2 per member, in which case the PC membership campaign records will be brought up-to-date with proper credits.—Editor.)

The Mile-Hi membership record:

1949—137 members	
1950—277	1954—602
1951—486	1955—551
1952—537	1956—616
1953—588	1957—625

The Pacific Citizen has on hand a cumulative membership report from 1946, prepared by Daisy Uyeda of National JACL Headquarters, and it appears several chapters can work for a 10-star standing.

In the meantime, the Mile-Hi chapter can be recognized as a seven-star chapter in the PC books by making good the one year it missed. And in view of the revised compilation from headquarters, the recently announced chapters with "near misses" are advised to anticipate a recheck soon.

### FOWLER:

## Resume chapter interest in Fair

The Fowler JACL will again participate in the preparation of the Fowler community booth at the Fresno District Fair this fall.

The local chapter will be returning after a year's absence on the planning group. It had co-sponsored the community booth for several years previous with the local Chamber of Commerce. The booth has been among the top winners at the fair.

Last year, when the chapter felt it was unable to help, individuals of the JACL continued to give their support and served as various committee chairmen.

Frank Sakohira will be general chairman this year for the community booth. Kay Hiyama will be in charge of the local chapter's contribution of preparing the vegetables and plums display.

Other groups participating will be the Farm Bureau, Grange, St. Gregory Men's Club, Iowa Community Club and Future Farmers.

### Fashion show sold out

OAKLAND.—The local JACL fashion show and luncheon held last Sunday at Lake Merritt's Sailboat House was a sell-out attraction, according to Marie Sato, general chairman.

JUDGE ALSO ATTENDING RESERVE OFFICER'S SCHOOL SAN FRANCISCO.—Judge John Aiso of Los Angeles, who holds a reserve commission of lieutenant-colonel, is attending summer school for Army Adjutant General Department reserve officers at the Presidio here.



**THE NORTHWEST PICTURE**  
By Elmer Ogawa

**Seafair Pageantry**

Seattle

When the good old summer time comes around, life is just one continual merry-go-round of outings and outdoor fun. Whereas each city has its own type of major events, and Los Angeles its Nisei Week, Seattle has its ten-day extravaganza of pageantry and salty fun called the Seafair, which will be well under way by the time that this edition is put to bed.

Davy Jones and his pirates take over the city, burn King Neptune's ship and have a high old time in general. Parades and sports events, everything from the roaring hydros in the gold cup event to a tournament of tiddly winks. Well, maybe not tiddly winks, but this is where the name of the minor sport will have to be changed in order not to offend its followers.

**BON ODORI AND NISEI DRUM & BUGLE CORPS**

Principal contribution of the Japanese community during Seafair Week is the two evening stand of the Bon Odori in front of the Buddhist Church. Although some small groups and individuals put on their special acts, one to watch will be the superlative drum and bugle corps of Troop 252 of the Buddhist Church, which will have its unit active in all the major Seafair parades.

The Chinese community has its own special night with a major parade featuring the nationally known Chinese girls drill team in their elaborate plumed costumes, and the 102-foot dragon plus many other attractions.

The Negro chowder and marching clubs have a week of Mardi Gras carnival in the East Union, East Madison district, and their own parade presided over by a queen, as does the Chinese community.

The Japanese community does not have a queen these days. Some of the community fathers decided some years ago to enthrone the previous year's queen all over again. When the big squawk arose from some quarters, the matter was quickly changed, but the enthusiasm for queens gradually subsided—too hard to get candidates.

**FIRST-RATE CHAPTER PICNIC**

In the list of outings, the annual JACL picnic at Gaffney's Lake Wilderness has now passed into the limbo of past events. Fewer people attended this year, although the event was first rate in every respect concerning the program, fun and weather, and it was impossible to make oneself a stranger in the group.

Perhaps the weatherman's slightly pessimistic forecast had some effect on the attendance. Perhaps it may have been because the Shoyukai held a big one at Wilderness the week before, as did Cathay Post, and these two big weekends were just too close together for the entire community to help swell the ranks of the JACL stalwarts.

It was a fine family get-together, though, and former Seatleites and PC readers will recognize many of the names of those present, such as: the Sakaharas, the Mimbus, the Jim Matsukas, two branches of the Sakura family, the Kelly Yamadas, the Kubotas, Chick Unos, Yamaguchis, Kashiwagis, Ed Natoris, Harry Takagis, Ken Nogakis, Frank Hattoris, Paul Kashinos, Mac Kanekos, and — well forgive me — I can't remember everything. And Amy Hara won the top prize in the raffle—an 8 mm. turret movie camera.

Biggest one of the summer will be the Nisei Vets annual at Foss' Shadow Lake on August 25. The department of vital statistics in this organization had decided to triple the usual generous order for ice cream, pop and prizes for the kids.

**POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD: by Fred Takata**

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the first issues were received very favorably, we feel that we will gain momentum as we go along.

The recently concluded door-to-door Shonien fund drive was successful in more ways than one. Financially, we exceeded all expectations. Further, this gave us the occasion to work closely with other groups in our area as a team. The teamwork was wonderful. It fills us with great pride to think that we were partially responsible for the extra-wide smile that Mike Suzuki sports these days.

The Hollywood chapter numerically is a relatively small organization and, most likely, will remain small. Nonetheless, we hope to expand our activities, especially on the community level.

A few weeks ago, PC Editor Harry Honda nearly gave us his "Medal of Honor." Harry commended our record of ever-increasing membership. This timely praise gives us further impetus to increase our rolls, if only by one. By many more, we hope. Vacation's over Hide (Izumo, Membership VP), we need 50 more members!

Being chapter president is fun. You delegate all the work, you blame all the vice-presidents for all the mistakes you make. If the critics pan this half-column, Miss Miwa Yanamoto, our Publicity VP, will get the blame. She refused to ghost-write for me.

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**Cler wins station wagon in fish derby**

SAN DIEGO.—Kats Tanizaki, 528 Fifth St., landed a 21 lb.-6 oz. bluefin tuna in the final Yellow-tail Derby fishoff last Sunday that was worth a new station wagon. The hook-up came when the San Diego JACler heard the judge announce that only three minutes remained for legal fish to be caught.

Thirty-five minutes later, the stocky gardener brought the tuna alongside where it was gaffed and stowed in a wet burlap bag. "He played it perfectly," remarked New Mascot skipper Mel Shears.

Rolla Williams, San Diego Union outdoor writer, said: "In a way it was a curious fishoff. A 26-pound fish was required to qualify, yet a 21-6 won the top prize. Tanizaki qualified with a 26-13 albacore."

Tanizaki used a 10½-ft. fiberglass rod, spinning reel, 15-lb. test monofilament line and a No. 6 hook. It was his first fishoff, his first bluefin, and baited an anchovy. The payoff fish was landed from the ribbon kelp lying off South Coronado Island.

Shorty Endow of Anaheim was one of the lesser prize winners with his 20-3 yellow, getting a rod-reel-line combination.

**SEVEN C.L. BOWLERS COMPETE IN KOSOF ENDURANCE TOURNAMENT**

POCATELLO.—Seven local JACL bowlers are Ogden-bound to compete in the third annual Maxie Kosof endurance classic, vying for a \$2,500 first prize in the 20-game team event. Kosof is featuring the singles endurance tournament as in previous years but the five-man team event is a new addition.

Local keglers making their bid for top money are Ace Mori, Tuff Nelson and Joe Sato, who will team with Buzz Fazio of Detroit and Billy Welu of Houston.

Comprising a second team from Pocatello are Stan Commons, Al Pederson, Les Perry and Dan Crawford. A fifth man is to be named.

They will bowl 10 games a day for two days.

The singles endurance classic consists of 40 games without any time-off in between, usually lasting 12 hours.

Joe Sato, who ended fourth high scratch last year, is making his third appearance. Mori, Nelson and Crawford are competing for a second time.

**Florin nine champs**

FLORIN. — Florin captured the 1957 Sacramento Valley Nisei Baseball League championship this past week by shutting out Riverside 3-0. Winning pitcher Jim Tsukamoto allowed four hits, fanned eight batters and did not issue a single walk.

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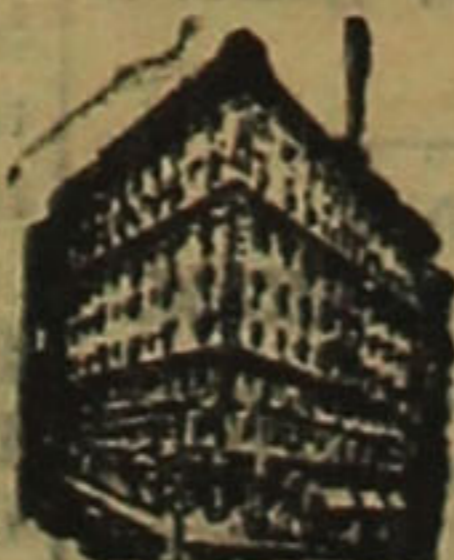
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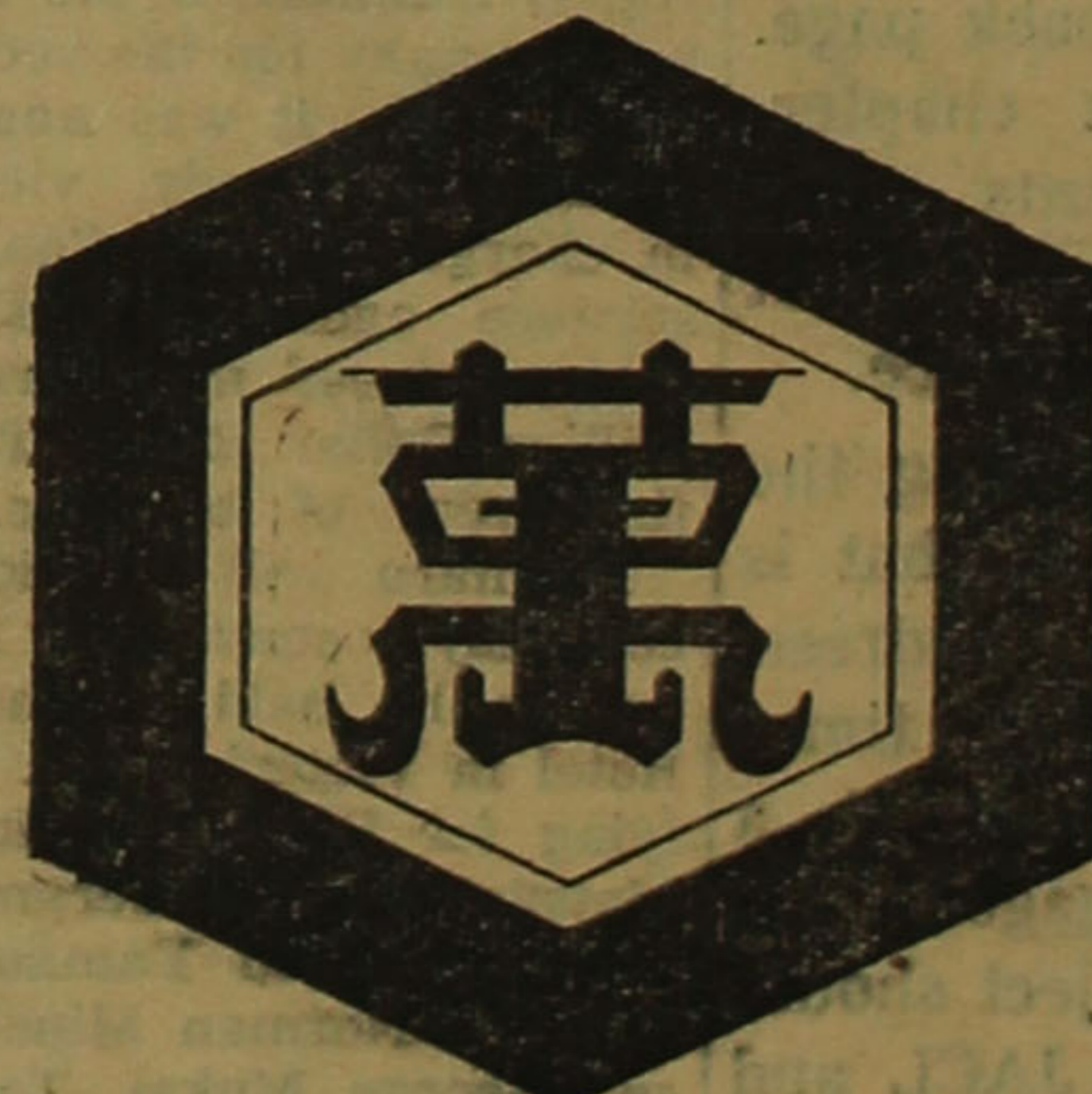
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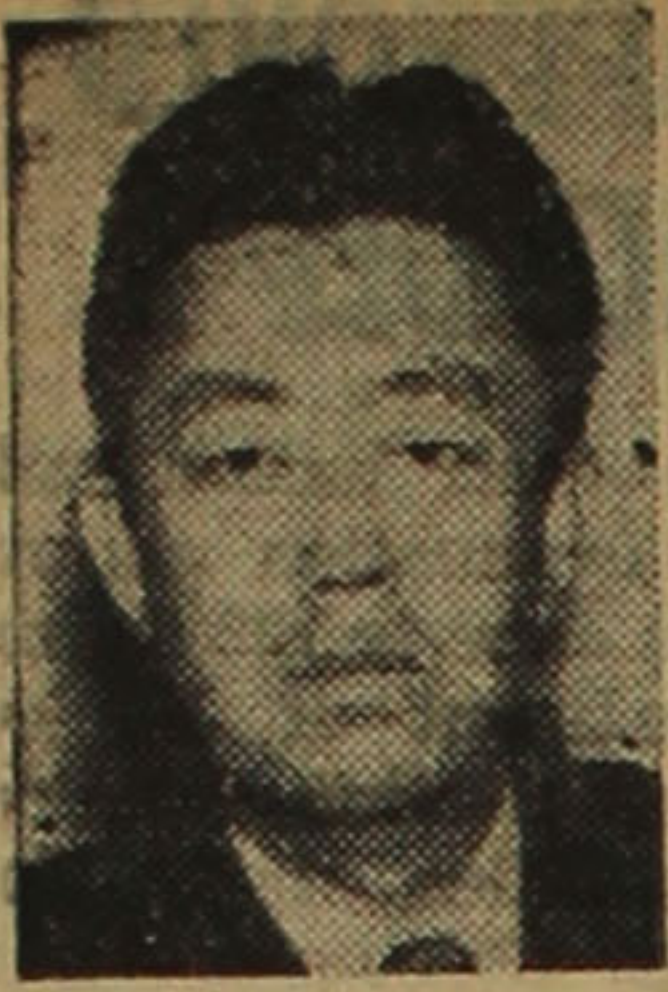
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER  
By Henry Mori

Storm Drain Hazards

Two weeks ago Japanese American residents in the newly developed, ultra-modern community tract of Leimert Park (southwest Los Angeles) petitioned Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, requesting the county take immediate action in removing the hazardous conditions surrounding the construction of storm drains on Norton Ave.

The complaint pointed out their children are "in constant danger" of falling into the poorly guarded excavation 25 feet deep and 22 feet wide. This past week, the county ordered the contractors to place a fence four feet high against the single wooden guardrail that had been placed as a caution for pedestrians and motorists.

Hahn, meeting with a citizens committee at the home of the Pete Mitsuis last week, admitted the dangers existed on Norton Ave. even after he had ordered the installation of "kick boards" just five days earlier.

The efforts of petitioners in this nearly all-Oriental community of 50 homes is likely to set a precedent in that similar construction hazards in the city may be lessened by such action. Among homeowners who worked on the committee included Dr. Ryo Munkata, Mmes. Chung Moy, Jimmy Wong, John Tomita and Mitsui.

This project is not confined to Norton Ave., between 39th and Coliseum Sts., but will gradually extend westward where more Nisei families live in good numbers.

NISEI ACCEPTS HEAD PHYSICIAN POST

Dr. Lloyd T. Iseri, a former Detroit resident and a native Angeleno, has accepted positions of head physician in research at the Rancho Los Amigos hospital and associate clinical professor in medicine at the College of Medical Evangelists. There are a handful of aged Issei who are confined at Los Amigos, many of them placed there since their return to the west coast at the close of relocation centers.

Dr. Iseri will undertake a limited practice in internal medicine and cardiology, continuing his research involving diseases of the heart, circulation and kidneys. He began his medical education at the Univ. of California school of medicine and finished his senior year at Wayne University college of medicine in Detroit during World War II.

During the past two years, he served as major in the medical corps and chief of the cardiology section of the U.S. Army Hospital at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

GOT LOST GOING TO PICNIC

There must have been at least a dozen picnics held last Sunday. The East Los Angeles JACL held its annual outing at Belvedere Park while Southwest members were having theirs at Ladera grounds. Others were the Kenjin Kai outings.

It turned out that while ELA's function was just a stone's throw away from the Mori Million mansion on Twickenham Ave. we decided to overwork our family buggy to attend the one sponsored by Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion—through the kind invitations of commander Frank Omatsu, Downtown 1000er, and post bigwig Soichi Fukui, also 1000 Club supporter.

It never fails how we lose our sense of direction when we're in a hurry to free-load somewhere. Peck Park, where the "boys and their wives" had one of the best barbecue outings ever, was not in sight. We overshot our destination and landed at Point Fermin Park by the sea. We backtracked in time to say this much about the picnic: All we can say is that spaghetti was really, really delicious.

And, of course, pat on the back goes to chairman Chester Sugimoto, a very friendly host.

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Civil rights—

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proved legislation has been cut out of the bill, Masaoka urged that no further concessions be made to the Southern opposition so that at least a meaningful voting bill will be enacted by this Congress.

Pointing out that there are no constitutional guarantees of a jury trial in contempt proceedings, the Washington JACL representative declared automatic jury trials in all contempt procedures would defeat the remedial purposes of the bill. In most Southern states, Negroes are not registered as voters; therefore, few, if any, of them would be members of any jury that would try those accused of denying voting rights to other Negroes. This means that in all probability those in sympathy with those charged with contempt would be the jurors.

Jury Trial Proposal

In this connection, the JACL lobbyist quoted from an analysis of the proposal for jury trials by Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.), leader of the so-called "liberal" Democratic bloc:

"The constitutional right to equal protection of the laws and the protection of the right to vote are also fundamental. The proper use of injunctions and contempt proceedings to protect these rights is in accord with due process under the Constitution. The aim of these provisions in the civil rights bill is prevention of violations or deprivations of constitutional rights, not punishment. To equate these provisions with criminal prosecutions is to confuse and misread their meaning and effect."

In terms of JACL chapter membership, the Washington Office announced that, of the 34 Democrats who voted last Wednesday (July 24) to restrict the bill to voting rights, ten are from states in which JACL has chapters. They were Senators Anderson of New Mexico, Bible of Nevada, Byrd of Virginia, Chavez of New Mexico, Church of Idaho, Hayden of Arizona, Mansfield and Murray of Montana, O'Mahoney of Wyoming, and Robertson of Virginia.

Of the 18 Republicans who voted for the limitation, eight are from states in which JACL has chapters—Senators Barret of Wyoming, Bennett of Utah, Bricker of Ohio, Butler of Maryland, Curtis of Nebraska, Dworshak of Idaho, Goldwater of Arizona, and Malone of Nevada.

Senators Against Cut

Of the 13 Democrats who voted against the restrictive amendment, 11 are from states in which there are JACL chapters—Senators Carroll of Colorado, Clark of Pennsylvania, Douglas of Illinois, Humphrey of Minnesota, Jackson of Washington, Lausche of Ohio, Magnuson of Michigan, Morse and Neuberger of Oregon, and Symington of Missouri.

Of the 25 Republicans who voted against the amendment, 15 are from states in which there are JACL chapters—Senators Alliot of Colorado, Beall of Maryland, Case of New Jersey, Cooper of Kentucky, Dirksen of Illinois, Hruska of Nebraska, Ives and Javits of New York, Knowland and Kuchel of California, Morton of Kentucky, Potter of Michigan, Thye of Minnesota, Watkins of Utah, and Wiley of Wisconsin.

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ASAWA, Charles (Michi Kataoka) — girl Kazuo Jane, June 28.  
DITTA, Frank (Frances Hashimoto) — boy Preston, Apr. 26.  
DOI, Thomas (Yoshie Murata) — girl, Apr. 21, Glendale.  
HIGA, Yoshiharu (Natsumi Oban) — boy Gary M., Apr. 29.  
HIRONAGA, Dennis H. (Miriam Kunitake) — boy Denny Yoshi, Apr. 27.  
KARIYAMA, Takeshi H. (Susie Fukutomi) — girl Donna L., Apr. 27.  
KOMOTO, Yoshito A. (June Sato) — boy Roy J., Apr. 19.  
KUBOI, Francis Y. (Anges Luk Lew) — boy Dudley Hideo, Apr. 9.  
KURASHITA, Jame (Betty Shiofani) — boy Dean K., Apr. 26.  
MINAMI, George N. (Seiko Maeda) — boy Edward Seiji, Apr. 26.  
NAKAMURA, James H. (Jean T. Wada) — girl Sharon M., Apr. 25.  
NAKAOKA, Kiyoto (Kimiko Irimajiri) — girl Joy Sumi, Apr. 25.  
NISHIDA, Roy S. (Michiko Akagan) — girl Amy Emiko, Apr. 29.  
OHNOKI, Harry H. (Toshie Akata) — boy Donald L., Apr. 22.  
ROBERT, Forret C. (Cisco Ohashi) — boy Gregory F., Apr. 22.  
SAMESHIMA, Nobuo (Angela Sameshima) — boy Mike Osamu, Apr. 11.  
SATO, John M. (Mei Watanabe) — girl Michele Kei, Apr. 28.  
TAKASHIMA, Kazuo (Reiko Onuki) — girl Nami, Apr. 22.  
TAKATA, Thomas M. (Sylvia Look Yu) — girl Elaine G., Apr. 24, Whittier.  
TAKENAKA, Yoshiharu (Mabel Funai) — girl Holly Hisae, Apr. 26.

ORANGE COUNTY

KUSUDA, Mitsugi — girl, July 1, Garden Grove.  
OSUMI, Takashi — girl, July 18, Huntington Beach.

SANTA MARIA

KOGA, Mas — girl Patricia L., June 17  
**FRESNO**  
ZENIMURA, Kenso — girl, June 15.  
**WATSONVILLE**  
NAKAYAMA, Masayuki (Alice Takamuni) — twin girls, July 14.  
YAMAMOTO, Ben (Aiko Tsuda) — boy, June 28.  
YAMAMOTO, Henry (Emi Takata) — girl, June 30.

OREGON

HACHIYA, Ted — boy Neal Toshiyuki, June 9, Portland.  
KASAI, Hugh — girl Deanne, Apr. 15, Portland.  
KONDO, Fred — boy Donald F., July 6, Portland.  
TAKAMI, Albert — boy, June 18, Ontario.  
YOSHIDA, Bud — boy Steven A., July 4, Portland.  
YOSHIMURA, Taro — girl, June 21, Ontario.

DENVER

FUKAYE, James (Helen Nishimoto) — boy, Henderson.  
IWATA, Ira (Sumi Shiramizu) — girl.  
KARAKI, Susumu — girl.  
KAWAMOTO, James M. — boy.  
KOHAMA, Harry W. — boy.  
MATSUNO, Shiro — boy.  
MIKAWA, Roy (Setsu Kuyano) — boy, June 18.

NEBRASKA

NOCHI, Edwin — girl, June 2, Lyman  
YAMAMOTO, Ted — girl, June 4, Min-tare.

CLEVELAND

OSHIMA, William (Helen Ackerly) — girl Jennifer Toki, May 1.  
WORKMAN, Barry (Mary Machida) — girl Helen M., May 12.

WEDDINGS

PAJESTKA-YAMAMOTO — May 11, Stanley and Shirley, both Cleveland.

DEATHS

AMAMOTO, Kenzo, 70: Culver City, May 29 — (w) Utako, (s) Kenneth, Joe, (d) Mmes. Grace Yugi, Irene Iwasaka, Elma Takahashi, Edna Go-ya.  
ENDO, Tozo, 70: Los Angeles, June 6 — (w) Ei, (s) Jerry, Bill F., Takuo, Jim T., Itsuo, George K., (d) Miyoko, Mmes. Yaeko Nagai Nancy T. Miyagishima, Mitsuko Tonal.  
IGASAKI, Mashi, 93: Los Angeles, June 13 — (s) Tadaichi, Masao, Toshio, (d) Mrs. Matsuyo Tanaka.  
IMAI, Tadashi, 72: San Fernando, June 20 — (w) Shizuyo, (s) Seiji, (d) Mrs. Mary Nakano.  
ITO, Kiyotomi, 72: Los Angeles, May 28 — (w) Sayo, (b) Masanao, Tokuyoshi.  
IWAHASHI, Tomozo, 58: Los Angeles, June 17 — (w) Ayako, (d) Sachio.  
KANASHIRO, Kosaburo, 57: Los Angeles, June 5 — (s) Kosei, (d) Kimiko  
KAWAGUCHI, Taiji, 62: San Fernando, June 4 — (w) Tochi, (s) Mike K., Henry H., Koki, (d) Mmes. Yoshiko Kaneko, Taiko Fujinami.  
KAWAHATA, Masaichi, 67: Los Angeles, June 22 — (w) Chiyoko, (s) John T., Ben I., (d) Esther Fumiko, Alice Y., Mmes., Michiko Moriuchi, Hamayo Tamaki, Otome Horita, Tazuko Iida.  
KAWASAKI, George G., 77: Los Angeles, June 14 — (s) Patrick, John, (d) Mrs. Sheila Hynes.  
KAWAZOE, Tose, 89: Los Angeles, June 14 — (s) Misao, Mitsuo, Tetsuo.  
NANYA, Kazu, 57: Los Angeles, June 24 — (w) Helen Kiyoko, (s) Joe K., (d) Lillian K., Marian S.  
NOMURA, Shinkichi, 63: Los Angeles, June 13 — (stepsons) Harry Shiochi, Frank Hata.  
SATOW, Junjiro, 86: Los Angeles, June 20 — (w) Hisa, (s) Mark, Thomas, Jack, (d) Mmes. Kayoko Mori, Masako Yoshitomi, Emiko Itakura, Toshiko Ikeda.  
TANABE, Yoshimi, 63: Los Angeles, May 25 — (s) George, Gerald, (d) Pauline T., Mmes. Kimiye Watanabe, Asayo Hiraizumi, Yoshinori Katsuyama.  
UMEDA, Genjiro, 73: West Los Angeles, May 30 — (w) Kiju, (s) Masanori, Tsuginori, Yoshinori, (d) Mmes. Mitsuye Okumura, Chizuye Yoshioka, Yatsuye Tomooka, Yoshiye Okumura.  
YAKAHI, Seikoku, 72: Los Angeles, June 19 — (w) Fumi, (s) John, (d) Mmes. Hisa Aruso, May Kusada, Mar-ion Matsuo.  
YAMAJI, Tanejiro, 81: West Los Angeles, June 12 — (w) Yasu, (d) Mrs. Aiko Yamaji.

Issei not affected by veto of Calif. old age pension bill

SAN FRANCISCO. — A measure which would have expanded state old age assistance to aliens was vetoed by Governor Knight July 17, but its failure does not affect many Issei, it was understood.

The governor killed the bill and 221 others by pocket veto when he refused to sign them by the July 17 deadline.

AB 1738, introduced by Assemblyman S. C. Masterson of Richmond, was to clarify an earlier measure which benefited alien Issei. He was author of the 1955 bill which extended old age assistance to those ineligible for citizenship prior to the 1952 U.S. immigration and nationality act.

There were reports last year that some Issei applicants had been refused pensions because the 1955 law required them to have lived 25 years continuously in the United States and state pension authorities ruled they could not have left the U.S. during those 25 years. In order to clarify the intent of the legislature, Masterson last January introduced AB 1738 to change the word "living" to "residing".

Meanwhile, Assemblyman Bruce Allen of Los Gatos introduced a bill to extend pension rights to all aliens living in the United States for 25 years or move up to Jan. 1, 1957.

Both Masterson and Allen bills were passed by the Assembly and combined in the Senate, which added a section requiring all recipients to show annually that they had attempted to gain American citizenship.

As far as Issei alien applicants are concerned, it was learned that state social welfare agency had eased its requirement on residence and the governor's pocket veto does not affect them.

National JACL Headquarters noted that a Los Angeles Issei applicant was denied her pension because she had visited Japan several times during her over-25 year's residence in this country. It was appealed and the social welfare board upheld the Issei's plea.

Any similar cases of state pension difficulty concerning Issei alien applicants may be referred to JACL Headquarters through any of the local chapters.

Nisei appear in Sac'to 'Teahouse' production

SACRAMENTO.—Hope Omachi of Loomis, language arts major at Sacramento State College, is playing the lead role of Lotus Blossom this week in the state college theater workshop production of "Teahouse of the August Moon".

Mary Tsukamoto of Sacramento enacts Miss Higa Jiga. Sakini is portrayed by George Tomajan, Sierra College drama instructor.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

Voting Rights Bill

Washington

When the Senate on July 24, by a decisive margin of 52 to 38, voted to eliminate all federal enforcement of the guarantees of the 14th Amendment, it in effect reduced the so-called civil rights bill from that for the furtherance of human dignity to that for the safeguarding of the rights of the franchise, or those assured by the 15th Amendment.

When the House was considering the original bill, the President endorsed all of its provisions as moderate and minimum "meaningful" civil rights. Administration support was credited with securing the needed votes for final passage.

In the Senate, however, with almost a month of consideration over, what was once called the Eisenhower civil rights bill is now being referred to as the Russell voting bill, after Senator Richard B. Russell, Georgia Democrat who has so successfully maneuvered the so-called Knowland-Douglas coalition of Republicans and "liberal" Democrats that it now appears virtually certain that the final Senate legislation will be confined only to voting rights, and even then with some concession to jury trials for possibly cases involving "criminal" contempt.

The bipartisan civil rights commission and the new Assistant Attorney General to head up a new Civil Rights Division in the Department of Justice will be included in the final Senate version with Russell sponsored amendments, since the South does not consider these provisions to be major ones.

The long heralded filibuster-to-the-death by the Southern opposition has failed to materialize thus far, because the South is gaining their points without having to resort to this desperation tactic. And, if they secure some kind of compromise authorizing jury trials for "criminal contempt" this week, the Southern bloc will probably allow the voting rights bill—for that is all it is now—to come to a vote and be passed, possibly even without a token filibuster.

So complete is the Southern victory thus far that it appears that the bill that will be sent to the White House for presidential signature—the legislation that is being presently hammered out in Senate debate and which will probably survive House-Senate Conference—will be one with which, according to opposition leaders, the South "can live" without too drastic a change in its pattern of life and operations.

All this is not by way of repudiating a voting rights only bill as a sham and a fraud that ought to be rejected by civil rights advocates, for even this concession by the Southerners represents substantial progress for our Negro citizens if the protection of the franchise is not so circumvented by amendments this week and next that it will be meaningless in actual practice. After all, this will be the first "civil rights" bill to be passed by the Congress since Reconstruction Days more than 75 years ago.

But, contrasted to the high hopes of a month ago—when the possibilities for a meaningful civil rights bill that included injunctive authority to enforce the laws of the land as determined by the Supreme Court relating to the desegregation of public schools and in public places of entertainment and in public transportation were considered better than ever—present prospects appear far short of what was so recently considered as minimum civil rights.

What was hoped to be a far-reaching mile-stone toward assuring human dignity for all Americans has now become only a first step toward that goal. The congressional struggle over civil rights will only have begun with this session.

JURY TRIAL AMENDMENT

The debate this week concerns amendments extending the jury trial to alleged cases of voting violations.

The House-passed bill carried no such assurance—authorizing the judge without a jury to fine or imprison violators of voting rights—since there is no constitutional guarantee of jury trials in contempt proceedings.

The crucial Senate vote is expected to be on an amendment not for jury trials in all cases but only in "criminal" contempt proceedings—as distinguished from "civil" contempt actions.

Similar, though not identical, amendments have been offered along these lines by Senators Joseph O'Mahoney of Wyoming and Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, both Democrats and presently considered in the "moderate" category.

No jury trial would be required in cases of civil contempt, under either amendment. This means that a judge on his own motion, for example, could fine or even jail a registrar who failed to carry out the judge's orders to register a Negro voter. In such a case, the registrar could free himself at any time, however, by simply complying with the court's mandate.

As the Wyoming lawmaker explains it, criminal contempt "would be a case in which, after a person ordered by the court to perform a certain act or abandon a particular course of action, wilfully refused, and in which the act or omission was also a violation of federal or state criminal law . . .

"It would be prosecuted like any other criminal offense, and under present law such a defendant, on demand, is entitled to trial by jury."

The Tennessean explains his amendment a little differently, explaining that the difference between civil and criminal contempt stems mainly from the purpose the judge has in mind.

"He may want to punish the registrar for his offense (in refusing to register a vote as ordered). If so, he must offer the registrar the right of trial by jury . . . On the other hand, the judge may simply want to secure compliance with his order. There is no criminal charge in such an act—it is merely civil. He would have the power to jail the offending registrar but only until he complied with the order. The registrar would have the keys in his pocket, so to speak."



Fore!

HOUSE SHELVES HAWAII STATEHOOD BILL; SENATE GROUP TO CONSIDER

WASHINGTON.—The Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee unanimously approved Tuesday morning the bill for Hawaii statehood. Motion to approve was made by Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D., N.M.) and seconded by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.).

Sen. Gordon Allott (R., Colo.) voted for the Hawaii measure but said he had some reservations on the question of Communist influence in the territory and reserved the right to object to the bill if those doubts are not resolved by the time it comes up to vote in the Senate.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), chairman, subcommittee on territories, which conducted hearings on statehood, told Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, he hoped that the Senate would be able to consider and to pass the bill early next session.

No action is expected this session prior to adjournment because that might well jeopardize the prospect for enactment of the long-overdue measure, Masaoka said. JACL has long been on record favoring statehood for the deserving territory of Hawaii and Masaoka testified before both the Senate and House subcommittees on territories this spring urging early and favorable action extending statehood to Hawaii.

WASHINGTON.—While the bill for Statehood for Hawaii has apparently been shelved in the House for this session, it is possible though unlikely that the Senate may take some action on this legislation this year, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced following a check with the House and Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committees, which have jurisdiction over the statehood measure.

The Hawaii Statehood bill is still pending in the House Interior Subcommittee on Territories and last week's decision to postpone House action on the companion Alaska Statehood legislation until next session dooms the Pacific Islands' chances until at least next year.

Last Friday, July 26, Chairman Leo W. O'Brien (D., N.Y.) of the Territories Subcommittee announced that a rule for debate and vote on the Alaska Statehood bill which was reported by the full Interior Committee some time ago would not be requested of the Rules Committee until after Congress convenes in its Second Session beginning Jan. 3, 1958.

Since it is understood that the House will act on the Alaska bill before it considers the Hawaii bill, last week's action shelves Hawaii Statehood for at least another year.

Senate Action

On the Senate side, the Interior Subcommittee on Territories chaired by Sen. Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) has approved both a bill for Hawaii and for Alaska. These companion bills are currently pending before the full Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, whose chairman is James Murray (D., Mont.), a long-time advocate of statehood for both of the remaining territories under the American flag.

Hawaii VFW delegation in strong statehood bid

HONOLULU.—Hawaiian delegates to the annual encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Miami Beach, Fla., Aug. 25-30, will again present a strong resolution on behalf of statehood for Hawaii.

At the recent territorial encampment, a strong resolution in favor was adopted. The VFW here is the first patriotic organization to carry the fight for statehood to a national convention.

NISEI NAMED TO HAWAII STATEHOOD COMMISSION

HONOLULU.—Attorney Wallace S. Fujiyama, 32, was announced last week to fill a vacancy in the Hawaii Statehood Commission. He is a graduate of the Univ. of Cincinnati school of law where he was associate editor of the Cincinnati Law Review.

Buddhist publication edited by playwright

SAN FRANCISCO.—The "American Buddhist", official publication of the Buddhist Churches of America edited by a promising playwright Hiroshi Kashiwagi, will be made available on a subscription basis with the September issue, it was announced this week.

Heretofore, it has been distributed without charge to all paid church members of the BCA.

On the staff are: Rev. Taitetsu Unno, Rev. Seiki Ishihara, Robert Jackson, Elson Snow of the San Francisco Chronicle, Eugene Sasai, and Allan Asakawa (bus. mgr.).

Radio announcer

WINNIPEG.—Cary G. Sugimoto of Carman, Man., has been announcing news and sportscasting since June 1 to become the first Canadian Nisei in radio broadcasting at a Portage la Prairie station.

\$26,000 EVACUEE CLAIM APPROVED BY JUSTICE DEP'T

WASHINGTON.—Over half a million dollars in evacuation claims were awarded in June to 122 claimants, the Department of Justice Japanese Claims Section notified the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

In all, \$523,037.46 in claims were awarded last month. The average claim totaled \$4,287. The largest award was for \$26,190 to a claimant residing in Mount Vernon, Wash.; while the smallest claim was for \$30 awarded to a Seattle claimant. Twelve of the awards were for sums over \$10,000.

June awardees reside in California, Illinois, Colorado, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, New York, Michigan, and Texas, according to the government list.

Non-profit corporations awarded claims include the Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin of Los Angeles, the Buddhist Church of San Diego, the Livingston Church Corporation, the Japanese School of Newcastle, the Linden Japanese School of Stockton, and the Buddhist Church of San Francisco, all in the State of California.

These non-profit corporations, as well as business corporations, certain internees and late filers, became eligible for awards only after enactment of a special amendment sponsored by JACL and COJAEC last year. Previously, their claims were determined to be non-compensable.

An effort will be made to try to have the Congress approve all awards made in June this year by passing the necessary appropriations prior to adjournment, the Washington JACL-COJAEC Office declared.

Fresno racial study group designates hearing dates

FRESNO.—The standing Fresno committee to study alleged racial discrimination in employment, as appointed by the city commission, has designated the fourth Monday of each, starting from August, as regular meeting day.

Mike Iwatsubo, a Nisei member of the committee, explained the group is charged with bringing about the end of racial discrimination by persuasion and education, although it has no power to enforce the findings that result from its hearings.

CALENDAR

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- Aug. 3 (Saturday)
  - Orange County—JAY's executive meeting, Asari's.
  - Florin—JACL and Jr. JACL picnic, McKinley Park, 4 p.m.
  - Salt Lake—15th Biennial Convention Board meeting.
- Aug. 4 (Sunday)
  - IDC—Summer Quarterly, Mt. Olympus JACL hosts; Andy's Smorgasbord, 3350 Highland Dr., Salt Lake City, 1-9 p.m.
  - Gardena Valley—Community picnic, Peck Park No. 3-4, San Pedro, 11 a.m.
- Aug. 9 - 11
  - Chicago—Summer Outing, George William College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wis.
- Aug. 10 (Saturday)
  - Mt. Olympus—JACL Outing, Storm Mountains, North Area, 5 p.m.
  - Monterey Peninsula—Pre-NC-WNDC Quarterly dance, San Carlos Hotel.
- Aug. 11 (Sunday)
  - Salt Lake City—Summer Outing, Lindsey Gardens, M and 9th Ave., 2 p.m.
  - NC-WNDC—Summer Quarterly, Mark Thomas' Inn; 11:30 a.m., regis.; 12:30-3, business; 5:30, banquet. Golf, 7 a.m., at Del Monte.
  - San Francisco—Chapter bowling tournament, Downtown Bowl, 1 p.m.
  - Richmond-El Cerrito—Community picnic, Marsh Creek.
- Aug. 15 (Thursday)
  - Pasadena—Brewery tour, Pabst's, Los Angeles.
- Aug. 18 (Sunday)
  - PSWDC—Summer Quarterly, Hollywood JACL hosts.
  - East Los Angeles—Fishing derby, Joe Martin's Landing (22nd St.), San Pedro, aboard Emerald.
  - D.C.—Annual picnic.
  - Philadelphia—Chapter outing.
- Aug. 20 (Tuesday)
  - Pasadena—Cabinet meeting, Joe Kuramoto's.
- Aug. 24 (Saturday)
  - Twin Cities—Steak Fry.
- Aug. 25 (Sunday)
  - Portland-Gresham-Troutdale—Dinner honoring ex-Gov. Sprague, Salem.
- Aug. 31 (Saturday)
  - Orange County—JAY's picnic, Irvine Park.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1
  - Long Beach—Community carnival, Harbor Community Center.
  - EDC-MDC—Joint convention, Sheraton Hotel, Chicago.