

BY THE BOARD:

For better understanding between Nisei & Sansei

CHICAGO. — The EDC MDC convention is now history, but to an old timer it has been quite an eye-opener.

The kind of preparation and thinking had a professional touch, one that makes you think and reminisce after it is all over. Chairman Kumeo and his aides, Shig and Abe exemplify the type of leadership and serious thinking in our JACL that certainly augurs well for the future.

This was the first time I had the pleasure of seeing our National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa in action and it certainly warmed my heart to see a sincere and far-sighted leader at our helm. He and the aforementioned men typify the newer generation, the leaders upon whom we must entrust the guidance of our younger generation. These are the men that must help mold the future leaders by setting an example.

All this leads to the fact that the Sansei attending the convention were by no means too far behind. In talking to several of the Sansei, they were quite impressed with our leadership just as much as we were of theirs. I hope that this sort of get-together will create a closer tie and bond between the Sansei and Nisei far more than it was between the Issei and Nisei.

After seeing the Sansei in action at the forum, I am thoroughly convinced that they deserve a place in our program at our national conventions. The local chapters should make it one of their projects to find ways and means of sending their Sansei leaders to our confabs.

There are amongst some of our Sansei an effort to try and hide the fact of being Japanese. We Nisei have had that experience too. The sooner they realize that we cannot escape our personal heritage, a great deal of their frustrations can be solved.

Since we cannot escape our heritage and by the same token we cannot es-

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JACL stand on U.S.-Japan argued

U.S.-Japan affairs as a matter of policy for the Japanese American Citizens League has been a subject of pro & con discussion since the organization sought "New Horizons" and "Changing Perspectives," themes of the 1954 and 1956 national conventions, respectively.

This past fortnight, an emotional outburst by Southwest Los Angeles chapter president Kango Kunitsugu in his weekly column, "Benchwarmer" in the Sept. 20 Crossroads, a Li'l Tokio weekly, was followed by response from Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, who submitted his letter to editors of local Japanese vernacular newspapers.

Kunitsugu, a sincere JACLer who believes the organization should be not involved in international relations, has taken issue with any extension of the 1954 JACL Policy on International Relations.

Fears Groundless

The fears as expressed by Kunitsugu in his Sept. 20 column that JACL would become lobbyists for Japanese business interests were

declared groundless in Dr. Nishikawa's reply.

"The mere idea of JACL in such a role is abhorrent and unreal," the national president declared. He also disclosed that the national JACL board, at its informal meeting Sept. 3 in Chicago, recognized U.S.-Japan problems of a strictly commercial nature were not within JACL jurisdiction.

Certain problems, however, affecting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, such as immigration and naturalization, soldier brides, vested property, and temporary farm laborers, are within the legitimate interests of the organization, according to Dr. Nishikawa.

"In other areas, political, cultural, social, etc., there were no decisions made," he added.

And further clarification of the 1954 resolution, if these are necessary, should be discussed and explored at the district council level, the National Board has advised, so that chapter delegates would be in a position to vote upon the matter at the 1958 national convention in Salt Lake City.

'Benchwarmer' asks; Nishikawa answers

Text of the letter replying to Kango Kunitsugu's column in the Sept. 20 Crossroads by Dr. Roy Nishikawa is as follows:

Dear Editor:

In the Sept. 20 issue of Crossroads, in his "Benchwarmer" column, Kango Kunitsugu wrote of his fears that the National JACL might become "a lobbyist for Japanese industries." To me, both as National JACL President and personally, the mere idea of JACL in such a role is abhorrent and unreal.

Mr. Kunitsugu's apprehensions that the National JACL may become a spokesman for Japanese Business for the purpose of receiving "oreis," or that the JACL may become "a mere tool for special interests, a mere voice in Washington which will speak for private interests and not for public interest must be allayed because they are as repugnant to us as they are to him.

I am submitting the following point for point replies to the questions that Mr. Kunitsugu has raised in his article with the hope that they will help to correct any mistaken impressions about the National JACL which his article may have created.

Questions & Answers

Mr. Kunitsugu's questions and my answers:

Q.—Will JACL become a lobbyist for Japanese industries? A.—The answer is simple and clear cut: No.

Q.—Will JACL become a propaganda machinery for the administration's foreign policy? A.—Again, No. Should JACL express any opinion on international relations it will do so on its own accord whenever it feels it is proper and necessary and only within the framework of authority granted to it by the National Council.

Q.—Will JACL become recognized as a propaganda voice for

(See Page 5 for resume of the "Benchwarmer" column being answered by Dr. Nishikawa.—Editor.)

N.Y. JACL office moves to Fifth Ave. building

NEW YORK.—The office of the New York representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, Sam Ishikawa, has been moved as of Oct. 1 to Suite 1103, 565 Fifth Ave., New York 17. N.Y., telephone OXford 7-8984.

Japan? A.—Never. JACL always has been and always will remain an American organization with the protection and promotion of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States as its primary goal.

Q.—Is the changeover in policy the way JACL members as a

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CURRENT STATUS OF YEN DEPOSITS EXPLAINED BY WASHINGTON OFFICE

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—Because of many letters expressing fears regarding yen deposit claims, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League secured clarification of the current status of these claims and of the administrative program from the Office of Alien Property in the Justice Department.

Last Jan. 31, a hearing examiner recommended a decision allowing repayment of these yen deposits at the rate of almost 25 cents per yen, or the exchange rate as of Dec. 8, 1941. Attorneys for the Office of Alien Property took exception to this recommended decision and appealed to the director of the Office of Alien Property, who is an assistant attorney general.

The OAP director has not yet ruled as to whether the recommended decision of the hearing examiner or the position taken by the government attorneys in the case should be controlling. In either case, it would have to be reviewed by the Attorney General himself.

Repayment Rate

In other words, the status of these yen claims is that the exchange or repayment rate is still to be determined.

At the same time, the Washington JACL office is aware that several yen claimants have written into the Office of Alien Property regarding alleged newspaper stor-

ies to the effect that unless they responded to some questionnaire by a certain date, their claims would be dismissed.

The Washington JACL office has learned that the Office of Alien Property is sending letters out to internees asking them to withdraw their claims since under the Trading with the Enemy Act internees and parolees are not eligible for the return of their sequestered property.

The Office of Alien Property is also sending out letters to certain claimants requesting additional information. They are examining all claims and those in which the information is not sufficient are being referred to the claimants for the needed additional information. These letters for information state that unless a reply is received by the Government within 30 to 45 days, depending upon the type of information requested, the Office of Alien Property would consider the claim to have been abandoned.

Urge Reply to Letter

The Washington JACL Office, on the basis of this information from the Office of Alien Property, urges those who have received letters to reply to them within the prescribed deadline.

Yen claimants who have not received any communication from the Office of Alien Property need have no fear that their claim is in jeopardy, the JACL office stated.

Negro, Japanese in U.S. compared

CHICAGO.—Comparisons of Japanese and Negro life in America have evoked a friendly controversy waged by readers of the Chicago Daily News in recent weeks.

It began in the Sept. 14 Letters to the Editor section, where John M. Taylor, commenting on an Urban League meeting on desegregation, suggested both the writer of the story and the Urban League "take time out with much profit to study the history of the Japanese people since coming to this country some 70 years ago."

The Taylor letter continues: "They present a living example of a race that has climbed to the top of the social and economic ladder while the Negro is still wrestling with the problem.

Binding Restrictions

"Among the binding restrictions placed on the Japanese: "They could not become citizens. They could not vote. They could not own land or marry Americans. They had to live in ghettos in Pacific coast cities. Only two jobs were available to them, that

of a railroad 'gandy dancer' or a fruit picker.

"Everything was done to keep them at the bottom of the social ladder. The Asiatic exclusion act had them bound body and soul.

"But later some Japanese women were permitted to land and they married and started to climb. Their children could own property.

"By hard work, honesty and clean living, by loyalty to the United States, they reached the top as first-class citizens, with no Urban League or pressure group to come to bat for them either.

"Every individual and racial group can study the Japanese Americans with much profit, for in the long run spiritual and moral values alone lift people upwards.

"No man or organization can stop such progress. The color of the skin has little or nothing to do with it."

Five More Letters

The Daily News in subsequent issues published five letters commenting on the Taylor belief that Japanese achieved its status by the kind of people they are.

While Taylor wanted to show the Negroes that as individuals they can learn from the experience of the Japanese Americans, Abe Ha-

giwara, national chairman of the JACL public relations committee, of Chicago added that the "Japanese people did not gain first-class citizenship by hard work, honesty and clean living alone," in his letter.

"We have always received encouragement and assistance from so-called pressure groups, which came from all quarters," Hagiwara's letter continued.

"For the last 27 years, the Japanese American Citizens League, a national civic and educational organization, has worked tirelessly to bring about better understand-

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Nisei picked for top Legion offices

PETALUMA.—George M. Miyano became the first Nisei ever to head the Cotati American Legion Post 103 of Sonoma County.

Commanding a group of 150 veterans, the Sonoma County JACLer served in a variety of cabinet positions before being inducted recently before a capacity crowd at the local Legion Hall.

Active participation in veteran affairs netted Miyano the 1956 outstanding citizen award of the Sonoma County JACL.

Johnny Hirooka was also installed as post adjutant. He is also serving as adjutant for the Sonoma County American Legion Council—another first for Nisei here. When he was elected student body president of Petaluma High in 1938, he was the first county Nisei to hold such a post.

Hirooka, now serving as Sonoma County JACL Bowling League president, was 1956 Sonoma County JACL's outstanding member.

TENTH NISEI VETERAN POST ORGANIZED BY VFW AT HUNTINGTON BEACH

HUNTINGTON BEACH.—Another Nisei VFW post has come into being in the state of California.

This new post is the Kazuo Masuda Memorial Post 3670, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Seiji Yamauchi was chosen as charter commander at an election meeting this past week.

The post meets on the first and third Mondays at the Huntington Beach Post 7368 hall.

It is the 10th Nisei VFW post in this state and the first new Nisei unit to be organized in the past several years.

EDWARD IDE ELECTED NAT'L JCCA PRESIDENT

TORONTO.—The national Japanese Canadian Citizens Association elected Edward Ide as its national president by acclamation at its executive committee meeting here Sept. 22. He has been active since it was organized nationally in September, 1947.

At the same time, the national office was officially transferred from Winnipeg to Toronto, with new headquarters located at 415 Spadina Ave.

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TOKYO TOPICS
 By Tamotsu Murayama

Tokyo Again

TOKYO.—After a hectic 'round the world trip that lasted some eight weeks, I'm back at the home-port. It would seem a globe-girdling venture would accomplish much, but the contrary happens to be the case. There were many speaking engagements that had to be cancelled while I was in the United States and hardly any time to revisit with old friends.

Important decisions of the scout jamboree were not made known to the professional scouting staff through the American press. The next world jamboree will be hosted by the Philippines in 1959 and an international scouting conference will be held in India, we might add.

Happy Delay in Hawaii

Our departure from Honolulu was delayed some 20 hours because of typhoon disturbances near Wake Island. It enabled me to visit with many friends of Hawaii.

Toraichi Morikawa, prominent scouter with a record of 30 years, flew from the Big Island to meet with me. His son, Lt. Ronald Morikawa, stationed in Germany, even flew into England to attend the jamboree. The Morikawa family has a record of five Eagle Scouts.

Back in Japan, many things were being bobbed as far as preparations for the international Nisei meeting. Gov. Seiichiro Yasui, who originally suggested the Nisei convention, is definitely leaving here for Europe and America on Oct. 10, and will not be able to open the meeting as scheduled. And our late October convention schedule had been set after consultation with his office. But with this change owing to Gov. Yasui's urgent matters in Europe, the convention committee had taken it with a "shikataganai" mood.

Welcome Planned

However, preparations are underway to welcome two U.S. dignitaries: Maxwell Rabb, secretary

BERKELEY CLER BOUND FOR TOKYO CONVENTION

BERKELEY.—Tad Hirota, former Eastbay JACL chapter president, is scheduled to leave for Japan on Oct. 10 to attend the International Nisei Convention, Oct. 24-27, in Tokyo. He is one of the banquet chairmen.



Iris Ogawa, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yosie Ogawa of Nampa (Boise Valley JACLers) has won the annual Canyon County (Idaho) Farm Bureau talent contest honors for two years in a row, playing an accordion and singing. She competed in the 6-12 age group. —Chapin Photo.

I rushed back to Tokyo to prepare for the International Nisei Convention, which will be held here on Oct. 24-27. (Murayama is co-chairmen of the convention.)

Even the last day in the States was a busy one. Ben K. Lerer, lawyer-friend in San Francisco, invited me to breakfast at the Fairmont Hotel, was good enough to telephone Randolph Hearst, Jr., in Los Angeles and inform him about my visit and arrange an interview at the Call-Bulletin for the Hearst press. Then he rushed me to the airport to catch my Japan-bound plane.

Complaint Registered

At the Call, I complained about the manner in which the American press handled the Moscow Youth Fiesta and virtually ignored the world jamboree of 35,000 Boy Scouts of 82 nations in England.

Whereabouts sought of missing claimants

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—The Japanese Claims Section of the Justice Department is seeking the present whereabouts of 11 claimants for evacuation awards, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims was informed and their cooperation requested.

The claims of these 11 evacuees are still unsettled and the Government requests that they, or any one knowing their whereabouts, communicate the information to Japanese Claims Section, Civil Division, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. Otherwise, the claims may have to be dismissed.

The 11 and their last known addresses are:

- Kay Kenichi Iwaoka, 129 W. Canfield ave., Detroit 1, Mich.
- Kumajiro Yuhashi, 1718 San Gabriel, Long Beach, Calif.
- T. Kato, P. O. Box 2213, Juneau, Alaska.
- Tomokichi Sakaguchi, 1391 Hamilton st., St. Louis, Mo.
- Ikuta Higashiyama, 917 K st., Renton, Wash.
- Seiichi Taketchi, 313 Commercial st., Los Angeles 12, Calif.
- Shintaro Yoshimura, care of M. Ohye, 124 S. San Pedro st., Room 219, Los Angeles 12, Calif.
- Tetsuo Watanabe, 1254 11th st., Denver, Colo.
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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

ARKANSAS INTERLUDE — It must have been about 1944 that I first saw Arkansas. There was an invitation to visit one of the relocation camps — McGehee or Rohwer, I've forgotten the name — not far from the Mississippi bottoms. Arkansas isn't the deep south, but Jim Crow lives there. It was the first time I'd met the original Jim Crow and it was distasteful, unpleasant and even a bit silly. It got to be ridiculous when whites of doubtful solvency insisted on standing in a bus rather than sit in the half-empty Jim Crow section at the rear.

Jim Crow is dying across the land and good riddance. But he was given a powerful shot in the arm in Little Rock a few weeks ago by a sly, crafty politician named Orval Faubus from Greasy Creek. In the end that shot in the arm will hasten Jim Crow's death, but temporarily at least he rode high.

Jim Crow became violent one Monday morning recently outside Central High school in Little Rock, the capital city of Arkansas. A white hoodlum backed by a mob of his kind jumped on a middle-aged Negro reporter, rode him to the ground, kicked him as he knelt.

There were other newspapermen and photographers on the scene. They reported what happened and took pictures of the assault. These were distributed around the world and published in newspapers everywhere so people could see Jim Crow having a final fling. No decent American who read those stories and saw those pictures could help but feel compassion for the Negro suffering pain and indignity, nor could he help but experience shame and anger that such a thing must be. And out of righteous anger will come the courage and strength to wipe the blot of Jim Crow from the land — including politicians like Orval Faubus who make pawns of democratic principles and human rights for their own selfish ends.

ABOUT BOOKS — A little man with a big name Kakuzaemon Nunokawa, dropped into town this week to talk about books. Nunokawa, retired head of the giant Iwanami Press in Japan, is going around the world on a Rockefeller grant. In the United States, his primary interest is seeing what can be done to spread information, through books, about things Japanese.

So far he has found that there's no point in trying to reach the Nisei and Sansei with Japanese language books. Reason: Most of them are illiterate so far as Japanese is concerned. What about books about Japan in the English language? People he talked to have told him that most such existing books are dull, poorly written or poorly translated, and too specialized.

Is there a need for well-executed books about life in Japan, Japanese arts and culture, and children's level books? Definitely. The Nisei and Sansei are becoming more conscious of their racial heritage, want to be conversant with the land of their forebears. But a far larger market for such books is present in the general American public.

Why this interest? A number of reasons: Hundreds of thousands of Americans have visited Japan in uniform, are curious to know more about it; Japan's astonishing recovery after crushing defeat in war has aroused general interest in knowing more about the nation; Japan is our only dependable friend (outside of the Philippines) in the Far East; currently we're going through a Japanese-influenced cycle in architecture, interior design, cameras, even fabrics and fashions.

Kakuzaemon Nunokawa went on his way considerably cheered by prospects for furnishing trans-Pacific understanding through the publishing business.

of President Eisenhower's cabinet; and Gen. Joseph Swing, commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Service.

In checking with the Japanese Foreign Office recently, no communication from the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C., had been received. While Counsellor Henry Shimanouchi in Washington is fully aware of the importance of this convention, it struck me strange that a "nothing doing" air is prevailing.

We're keeping our fingers crossed, hoping the proposed convention will be the success that it deserves.

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VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

'No Down Payment'

A NEW MOTION picture will dramatize the fact that Nisei still face discrimination in housing. The film is 20th Century Fox's "No Down Payment", the movie version of John McPartland's new novel of the same name.

The setting of "No Down Payment" is a housing development called Sunrise Hills in the Los Angeles area, complete with contemporary homes and palm trees. The story line concerns the relationships of four neighbors, Cameron Mitchell-Joanne Woodward, Pat Hingle-Barbara Rush, Tony Randall-Sherree North and Jeffrey Hunter-Patricia Owens.

The discrimination theme is one of many sub-plots in the film. Hingle is the manager of a hardware store in the shopping center adjoining the development and Aki Aleong is seen as his assistant, a Nisei war veteran.

One day Aleong as the Nisei referred to as "Ikko" in the picture comes to Hingle with a problem. He lives with his wife and children in a home across Los Angeles, an hour-and-a-half drive each way. He would like to move closer to his job and has applied for a home in Sunrise Hills. That was six weeks ago and it appears the builders have refused to sell to him.

Ikko asks Hingle's help in buying a home in Sunrise Hills. Hingle, faced with the ugly fact of discrimination, is evasive. He would like to help Ikko but is troubled by the kind of reaction he might get from the neighbors. He takes the problem home to his wife and they thrash it out.

After much soul-searching Hingle and his wife decide that they cannot rationalize a refusal to stand up for the Nisei family's right to buy a home. In the final scene of the picture Aleong and his family are shown attending church with the Hingles.

FULL-FLEDGED MOVIE STAR

Miiko Taka is a full-fledged motion picture star, even before the release of "Sayonara". Warner Brothers, after screening the film in which she plays opposite Marlon Brando, have signed the Los Angeles Nisei girl to a long-term contract. Warners is now looking for stories in which to use Miss Taka and, meanwhile, is giving her the big treatment.

So far, "Sayonara", from the James Michener novel about the love of a Japanese dancer for an American jet pilot, has been previewed in San Francisco and Riverside, Calif., and has drawn tremendous reactions. James Bacon of the Associated Press reported this week that Hollywood already is talking about Miiko's performance, Brando's and the picture for Academy awards. An INS dispatch, also this week, noted that there's some talk in Hollywood that "Sayonara" is the "greatest picture Hollywood has ever made".

An amazing point is that Miiko Taka "never had the desire to be an actress" and got into the movies by chance. Solly Baiano, Warners' talent scout, saw her at the 1956 Nisei Week Festival, in which she was street dancing in a kimono. He invited her to the Warners studio in Burbank for a test. Miiko ignored the invitation, but accepted when the studio contacted her again. She won the role, and the rest is movie history.

Miiko, a \$60-a-week travel agency clerk in Los Angeles a year ago, had the talent and the capacity to make the most of her big chance. In addition to enacting her role of Hana-Ogi to the complete satisfaction of Brando and Director Joshua Logan, she has displayed the poise to take on publicity assignments for the picture.

Publicity men at Warners organized a "Taka-thon" in which Miiko was on the telephone for 24 hours to newspapermen all over the world from her dressing room on the Warner lot. She started out with a call to a movie critic in Rome. Twelve hours later she was talking to Tokyo. She was connected with newsmen in leading cities of Europe, South America and Australia. The total phone bill for Warners was \$5,000.

Next on Miiko's agenda is a personal appearance tour—she's now in New York—of 40 U.S. cities. She'll meet newspapermen and make radio and TV appearances. After that she may make tours of Europe and South America as Warners' newest star.

"Sayonara", meanwhile, gets a world premiere at the Radio City Music Hall in New York City in early December. It will be Warners' Christmas and New Year's picture in Denver, Los Angeles and most big U.S. cities.

"Sayonara", incidentally, has a happy ending. As Director Logan tells it: "This is a story of a switch in the old maxim that East is East, and West is West, because the twain met and it is time both people realize it."

Miiko, meanwhile, is launched on what promises to be a long and exciting career. There's nothing definite in her future, as far as another film assignment is concerned, but Warners is working on it. There's some portent to the fact that Josh Logan, who had faith in her, has bought Richard Mason's new novel of a Chinese girl who has a romance with an American dervicist in the sleazy world of the back streets of Hong Kong. It's "The World of Suzie Wong", a current best-seller, and a property which Logan hopes to make into a musical before adapting it for the screen.

Miiko isn't worried. As she told the AP's Jim Bacon the other day: "I just live from day to day. The future takes care of itself . . ."

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JACL files 'amicus' brief supporting Issei in escheat case now in appeal court

Thirty years ago, some valuable orchard property in Sacramento County was purchased with funds jointly furnished by Henry Ishida, an Issei now deceased, and Lafayette J. Smallpage of Stockton.

The title was placed in the name of Smallpage because of the existence of the Alien Land law. When the Issei died in 1940 the interest in the property was acquired by his Issei wife, Mrs. Sue Ishida; and Smallpage then purchased Ishida's interest.

In 1942, escheat proceedings were instituted by the California attorney general's office against the property, naming both Ishida and Smallpage as defendants. Smallpage settled with the state for \$25,000 and then sold it for \$82,000.

In 1953, after the state supreme court declared the Alien Land Law unconstitutional in the cases of Fujii v. California and Masaoka v. California, the state legislature passed special legislation allowing escheat defendants who had compromised with the state beforehand to recover the amount paid to the state as settlement by petitioning in superior court.

Smallpage Paid

Both Smallpage and Mrs. Ishida filed to recover the amount paid. The Sacramento superior court

awarded \$25,000 to Smallpage.

But Mrs. Ishida filed an appeal with the district court, contending that Superior Judge Moncur did not properly interpret the 1953 statute, which permitted her to petition for compensation as a result of Alien Land Law inequities. She held that trial court improperly awarded the entire sum to Smallpage since she had a 55 percent interest in the total value of the property and that Smallpage had deprived her of her legal interest.

The Japanese American Citizens League this past week submitted a "friend of the court" brief on behalf of Mrs. Ishida with the case argued in Sacramento appellate court on Sept. 17.

Brief Explained

Frank Chuman, national JACL legal counsel, explained the brief points out the trial court had incorrectly interpreted the intent of the law, which allows the return of monies paid on settlement of escheat cases to the proper owners.

The JACL brief held that it was the express intent of the statute to award persons who had been injured by the existence and operation of the Alien Land Law; that is, the Issei.

In 1953, JACL-sponsored legislation was passed to provide a court was to award the compromise settlement paid to the state without regard to mere technicalities of title and have the court consider the equitable merits of the claim, regardless of who actually paid the settlement.

JACL Interested

Chuman stated JACL has a proper interest in this case to see that beneficial legislation arising from the unconstitutionality of the Alien Land Law is given proper judicial effect to express the legislative intent and purpose to benefit persons of Japanese ancestry.

JACL entered as amicus curiae at the suggestion of Mrs. Ishida's attorneys, Gordon H. Winton, Jr., of Merced; T. D. Itano and Tom Muraki of Sacramento; Sho Sato of Berkeley and Joseph Omachi of Stockton, all of whom are well-known in their chapters.

Research on the trial brief was performed by Sato, instructor of law at the Univ. of California Law School. Assisting on research was

Shonien applies for state child agency license

Shonien Child Welfare Center has applied for licensing by the state Dept. of Social Welfare as an agency qualified to offer full-time group care of children, director Mike Suzuki disclosed yesterday.

The granting of the license is expected as soon as requirements, such as installation of a heat activated fire alarm system, are completed.

Teriyaki booth planned for International Day

Helping International Institute, site of many chapter meetings and functions over the past years, will be the East Los Angeles JACL at their International Day celebration Oct. 12-13.

The chapter will again man the teriyaki booth, which last year raised \$96 for the Institute, with Sam Furuta in charge this year. The festivities will start at 1 p.m. on both days.

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Place \$120,000 sum in JACL endowment fund; donors cited

An additional \$22,000 is being transferred to the JACL Endowment Fund, making a total of \$120,000 in this account, the Japanese American Citizens League announced this week.

The transfer has been made possible through generous contributions from grateful recipients of evacuation claims checks during the past few months.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, publicly acknowledged contributions totaling \$1,913.59 received this past week from 22 persons listed below:

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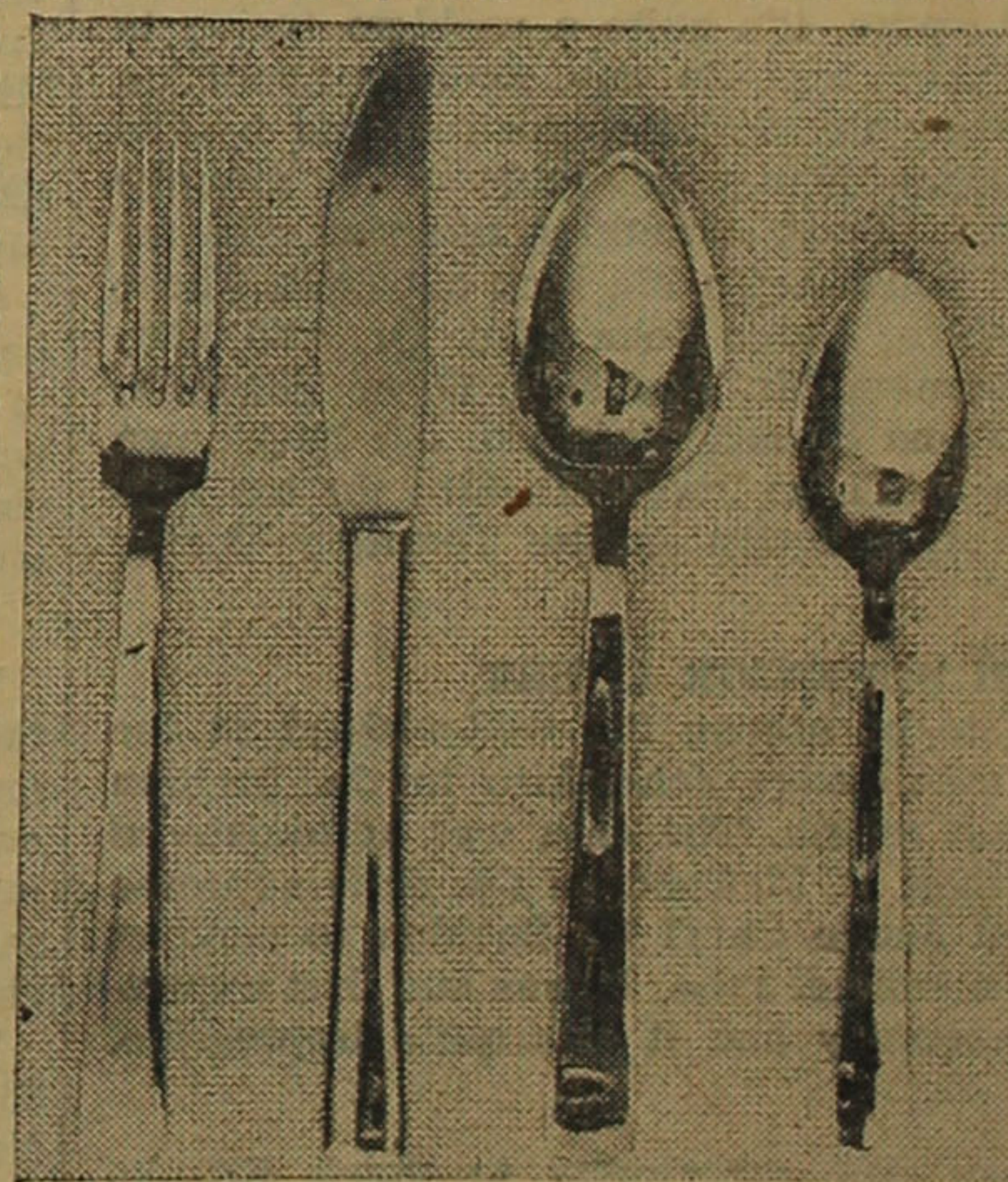
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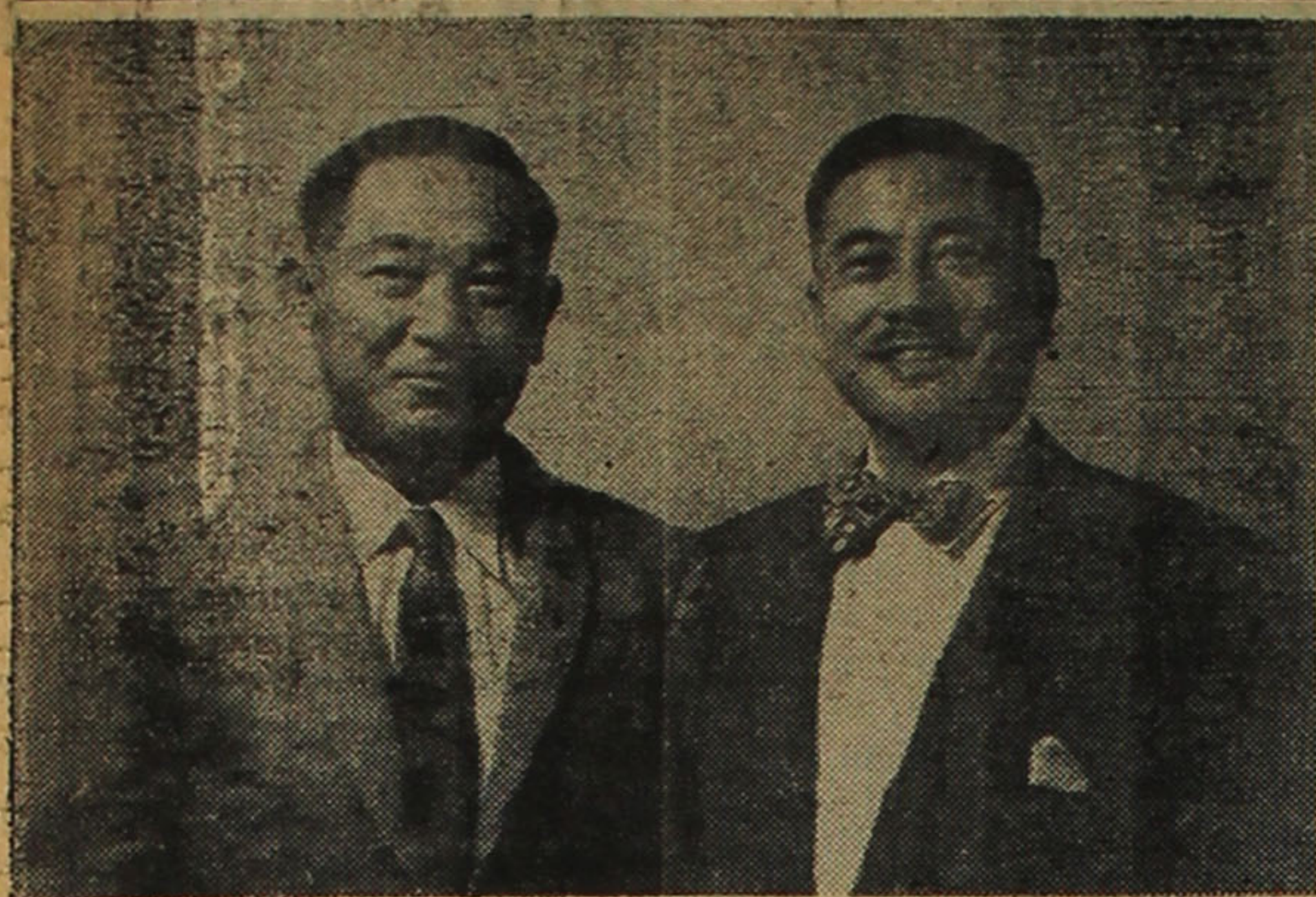
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Judge Benjamin Tashiro (left) of Lihue, Kauai, is the first Nisei to be nominated and confirmed by the U.S. Senate for a judiciary post. He was honored by JACL officers while visiting Los Angeles last week. With him is Judge John Aiso, only Mainland Nisei judge, now of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.



POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD

By Fred Takata

Housing Legislation

Future housing legislation in the California state legislature was discussed by the PSWDC legislative committee with Assemblymen Edward Elliott and August Hawkins at the Kawafuku Restaurant last week.

Members of the PSWDC housing sub-committee attending were Larry Park, Tom Shimazaki, Carl Tamaki and legislative committee chairman Kango Kunitsugu. Also in attendance were Roy Tamadera, East L.A. chapter president; and Frank Chuman, national legal counsel.

Frank pointed out there are many cases of discrimination against Japanese Americans by new housing tract developers, but many of the Nisei shy away from pursuing the issue further when rebuffed. Most of these cases usually arise at three points: the real estate agent, subdivider or loaning institution.

Since it is very difficult to pin down the exact point of origination in anti-Nisei housing discriminatory cases from these three points of the triangle, the committee is now planning various avenues of approach to combat and eliminate discrimination in housing. The PSWDC will study the situation and will pass on any constructive plan or information that may come from these studies to other JACL district councils.

JUDGE BENJAMIN TASHIRO VISITS

We were honored by the visit of Hon. Benjamin Tashiro of Lihue, Kauai, who is judge of the fifth circuit court of Hawaii. He stopped over for a week in Los Angeles before going to San Francisco, where he was to attend a class reunion at the Univ. of California Hastings College of Law. While in Los Angeles, Judge Tashiro was guest of the national board and staff at an informal get-together at Imperial Gardens on the Sunset Strip.

It was our first opportunity to visit George Furuta's Imperial Gardens with its beautiful Japanese decor. We never realized it was such a problem to eat while sitting on the floor. When you have a six-foot frame, it's quite a problem trying to find some place to put your legs—to say nothing about an aching back. But after eating the delicious food served by the charming gals, you soon forget about your problems and manage to overcome these obstacles. 'Twas something different and for those who haven't tried it, you'll get a big kick out of it. Those attending were Judge Tashiro, Judge John Aiso, Dr. and Mrs. Roy Nishikawa, Frank Chuman, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Yokozeki, Saburo Kido, Harry Honda and Blanche Shiosaki. Dr. Nishikawa expressed the gratitude of JACL to Judge Tashiro for his help in raising funds for the organization in the Territory during the ADC drives.

JUDGE AISO NOW WITH SUPERIOR COURT

We were very happy to be among the well-wishers at the induction of Municipal Court Judge John Aiso to the position of superior court judge last month. The oath was administered by Associate Justice Marshall F. McComb of the state supreme court. Judge Aiso selected Judge Caryl M. Sheldon to conduct his investiture of the black judicial robe. It was our first experience observing such a ceremony and it was quite impressive.

THANKS, RITZIE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ritsuko Kawakami, 1000 Club chairman of the East L.A. chapter, for inviting us to dinner. Ritz worked three days singing with a choral group for Warner Bros.' new picture "Sayonara". Since she became rich over-night, she invited several of us to a delicious dinner at the Smoke House to celebrate her good fortune.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER RESPONSE

The response on the special introductory PC offer has been really FRAGILE! We've been getting a few each day—but not enough, considering the amount of offer envelopes that have been distributed.

Two chapters that have really come through for us so far are Long Beach and San Francisco. Long Beach followed their distribution with personal phone calls, which has helped tremendously in getting members to send in their envelopes. We hope the rest of the chapters will pick up the ball and help us score that TOUCHDOWN!

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HAWAIIAN LUAU ATTRACTION OF 1000 CLUB FETE FOR NC-WN CLERS

A Hawaiian Luau celebrating the 10th anniversary of the National JACL 1000 Club is a "must" of the biennial convention of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council on Nov. 2-3 with Sacramento JACL as hosts, according to general convention chairman Bill Matsumoto.

The luau will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Lanai Restaurant. Program will feature chapter skits, entertainment and a dance.

On Sunday, in addition to important business sessions, will be a fashion show-luncheon sponsored by the Florin and Sacramento Jr. JACL groups, convention banquet attended by local civic dignitaries and a golf tournament sponsored by the host chapter.

NCWVND Chairman Akiji Yoshimura has called a regular meeting of his executive board this Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Sacramento

Nisei War Memorial Center to map out the business agenda for the convention and confer with members of the convention board on arrangements.

The Jr. JACL program in conjunction with the convention includes a Saturday night mixer, following which the Juniors will join in the convention dance, general assembly Sunday morning and discussion sessions in the afternoon.

Assisting on convention arrangements are Dr. George Takahashi, Ginji Mizutani, Percy Masaki, reg.; Ralph Nishimi, treas.; Toko Fujii, Mamoru Sakuma, Henry Taketa, banq.; Dr. George Kubo, Jack Hitomi, golf; Dubby Tsugawa, George Tambara, conv. dance; Joe Matsunami, Dr. James Kubo, Bill Matsumoto, luau; Coleen Masaki (Sac'to), Buster Sano (Florin), Jr. JACL; Tak Tsujita, tickets and program.

SAN FRANCISCO:

Over 50 women attracted to cooking class conducted by Sacramentan now of Tokyo

A Japanese cooking class sponsored by the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary at the local Buddhist Church kitchen on Sept. 18 attracted a crowd of over 50 ladies with Mrs. Hisako Komine, a

well-known cooking instructor of Tokyo, as guest artist.

Mrs. Komine, (the former Elaine Oki of Sacramento) recently conducted classes for U.S. Government personnel in Tokyo. Currently, she is making guest appearances on television and touring the United States with Mrs. Sata Ozawa, principal of the Ozawa Doll Making School of Japan.

In her demonstration, Mrs. Komine prepared an entire Japanese menu which she chose for its simplicity and savoriness. The menu consisted of Kinuito Osumashi (silk thread soup), sea bass smothered in rakkyo and mushroom, eggplant stuffed with minced chicken, and Ohitashi (spinach wrapped in sea weed). Mimeographed copies of the recipes were distributed to those present and Mrs. Komine revealed many priceless hints in the delicate art of Japanese cooking.

Helen Masuda and Bess Sonoda were co-chairman for the evening. Assisting Mrs. Komine and serving tea were Jane Omura, Elsie Uyeda, Mrs. Tomi Yasueda, Mrs. Kay Kyotow, and Mrs. Kay Okamoto.

After the demonstration, tea and refreshments were served over a short business meeting of the auxiliary presided by President Yo Hironaka.

SAN FRANCISCO:

Fashion-luncheon tickets

Tickets are now available for the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary luncheon-fashion show Oct. 26 at the spacious Peacock Court of the Mark Hopkins Hotel, according to Mary Hamamoto, ticket chairman.

Limited in number, the tickets are available at \$3.50 per person from Auxiliary members and Bay area chapters.

Mrs. Yo Hironaka, fashion show chairman, added that George Chan's Blue Notes Quartet will provide music for the guests during luncheon and show. Appointed to the committee recently were Georgia Tanaka, Jane Omura, door prizes; Emi Yokogawa, wardrobe; Mrs. Joyce Enomoto, tickets; and Thelma Takeda, favors.

SAN MATEO:

11-WEEK DANCE CLASS ORGANIZED BY CHAPTER

New series of dance classes are being sponsored by the San Mateo JACL at the College Park School auditorium on Sept. 20, according to Hank Kimura, chairman for the dance class program.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yamaguma are instructors of the classes which meet each Friday, 7:45 p.m. Eleven sessions are scheduled to run through November, Kimura said. Registration is being handled tonight for the full 11-week course. A slight fee will be charged to cover expenses of the classes.



SAN FRANCISCO.—An additional 29 new and renewal memberships in the 1000 Club were received at National JACL Headquarters during the second half of September for a total of 82 this past month.

The current total of 1000ers in good standing is 1,137 as compared with 1,131 as of Aug. 30.

NINTH YEAR
Esat L.A. — Yosh Inadomi.
Arizona — Shigeru Tanita.

FIFTH YEAR
Downtown L.A. — Harry M. Fujita.
Spokane — Dr. Mark M. Kondo.
Gardena — Henry J. Ishida.
Salinas — Tom Miyanaga.

FOURTH YEAR
Southwest L.A. — Charles Asawa, Mrs. Michi Asawa, Hank I. Masaoka.
San Francisco — Sumi Honnami.
Sonoma County — James T. Miyano, Roy E. Yamamoto.

Seattle — Dr. T.T. Nakamura.
Mid-Columbia — Mamoru Noji.

THIRD YEAR
Gardena — Frank J. Ishida, Frank M. Yonemura.
Portland — Jonn Ito.
Southwest L.A. — Matsushi Naruse.
Oakland — Oliver K. Noji (formerly Chicago).

Seattle — Howard B. Sakura.
San Benito — Joe Y. Shingai.

SECOND YEAR
Salinas — George Higashi.
Venice-Culver — Ryoza F. Kado.
Portland — Frank C. Kyono.
Twin Cities — George Rokutani.
Southwest L.A. — Dr. Bo T. Sakaguchi.
East L.A. — George Watanabe.
Dayton — Masaru Yamasaki.

FIRST YEAR
Southwest L.A. — George Hirata.

If it's time to renew your 1000 Club membership this month, remit directly to National JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

BERKELEY:

New JACL bldg. at Haste St. approved

The Berkeley JACL will construct a new building at 2117 Haste St. The present JACL building located at the same site, condemned five years ago by the city, is expected to be razed in 1958.

Proposal for a new building received majority vote from the board of directors at a meeting held recently. The final tabulation showed 12 in favor, 3 abstentions, and one negative vote. Frank Yamasaki is chairman of the building committee.

STATEMENT required by the Act of Aug. 24, 1912, as amended by the Acts of Mar. 3, 1933, and July 2, 1946 (Title 39, U.S. Code, Section 233) showing the ownership, management and circulation of the PACIFIC CITIZEN, published weekly at Los Angeles, Calif., for Oct. 1, 1957.

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[s] F.F. TAKATA
Business Manager

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Traditional CL 'hands-off' policy voiced

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Question: To mold
Nisei opinion or not

Unless persons of Japanese ancestry in America were directly involved, we have strained ourselves from commenting on news of national significance (like the Little Rock melee). It has been mandated the Pacific Citizen be a "house organ" type of publication. And the same rule is being asked (See today's Kunitsugu column) for JACL to follow on U.S.-Japan affairs in that the traditional "hands off" policy be honored. That is, unless welfare of Japanese Americans is involved, JACL should avoid international relations.

This past week, we were handed a stern observation by a reader that the Nisei are getting smug and content, oblivious to the tribulations of other American minorities and forgetting the assistance received in the past, because the PC has tended to avoid controversy or help wage the battle of other Americans.

To the contrary, the Nisei press has not been silent. JACL has acted in its own quiet ways, by joining other groups in the very thing we have been accused of reneging.

While it may seem the PC has relinquished its editorial leadership gained during the decade after evacuation, it is still cognizant of the social and political problems that challenge all Americans, regardless of race, creed or color.

But, abiding by the obligations of a "house organ" and the limitations of space within an eight-page tabloid, there is very little room to accommodate the sort of news and commentary which might expand the horizons or mold opinions for our Nisei reader.

Probably the 40 extra column inches to be gained by going four-page standard can alleviate the situation.

— Harry K. Honda

BY THE BOARD:

From Front Page

cape our problems as a group, we must learn to live with them and do what we can to contribute the better of ourselves.

Upon our JACL leaders depends the guidance of our youth so that they do not make the same mistakes we made.

— Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe
JACL Board Member

BY HARRY HONDA

Southern Californians who read the front-page "Benchwarmer" column in the Sept. 20 Crossroads were stirred out of their midsummer doldrums as it minced no words urging the Japanese American Citizens League to stay clear of U.S.-Japan affairs.

Columnist Kango Kunitsugu began very crisply: "Don't look now, but it looks as though the Japanese American Citizens League is planning to pull a switch in its national policy."

To explain the "switch in national policy", Kunitsugu quoted from the JACL Policy Statement on International Relations, passed unanimously by the 69 chapters present at the 1954 national convention. He referred specifically to:

"JACL will refrain from participating or intervening in any matters relating to the international relations of this Government, including those with Japan, except and unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States is directly involved, when such representations shall be through appropriate channels."

Traditional Attitude

This, Kunitsugu felt, expresses what he regarded as the traditional "hands off" attitude of JACL in the field of international relations, particularly in what he called the "ticklish area" of U.S.-Japan affairs.

The columnist then pointed out that JACL, originally organized to better the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry, wrote its "most effective pages in its history" and received its greatest support when it fought valiantly to fulfill that purpose.

However, with the accomplishments of its major legislative goals as set forth at the 1946 Denver convention—naturalization rights, evacuation claims, repeal of alien land laws, etc.—"the organization

VENICE-CULVER:

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PAYOFF DINNER SET

After months of postponement, the pay-off dinner of the Venice Culver JACL membership campaign will be held at the Buggy Whip restaurant on Thursday, Oct. 10. Following the dinner, chapter board of director and members present will convene with Steve Nakaji, chapter president, for a brief business meeting.

Members of the losing team are treating the winning team, headed by Louis Kado, to a filet mignon dinner. Others on the winning team are Yosh Hino, Margie Furuya, Betty Yumori, Martha Chikasawa, George Isoda and Sets Isoda.

Joe Owaki and Band will provide music for dancing and entertainment, which will follow.

RICHMOND-EL CERRITO:

Tour of Japan mayors in November to be aired

Agenda for the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL general meeting to night at the Kimoto residence, 6124 Rosalind Ave., East Richmond Heights, was disclosed by chapter president George J. Sugihara this week.

John Garvey, assistant Richmond city manager, will be guest speaker, telling of the various aspects of the day-long reception and tour of mayors from Japan to be held in November. Marvin Uratsu has been asked to chair this affair.

Bill Fujita will also speak on investment problems.

The chapter constitution authored by Shig Komatsu will be submitted for ratification.

Sugihara named Ruri and Sam Kitabayashi of Martinez, Chizu Iiyama and Shig Komatsu as chapter representatives to the United Crusade campaign, now underway.

MILE-HI RED CROSS DRIVE HITS 103 PERCENT

DENVER. — The Mile-Hi JACL chapter wound its 1957 Red Cross drive with a 103 percent record. Sue Akiyama, drive chairman, reported \$967.25 was collected.

has reached a sort of crossroad," Kunitsugu declared.

The question hence was "whither, JACL?"

Subtle Answers Charged

It was Kunitsugu's frank opinion that the national JACL leadership was "subtly but surely" moving to provide its own answer to that question with an "idea of direct involvement in Japan-American relations". He cited the selection of the 1956 convention main speakers and Mike Masaoka's remarks at the EDC-MDC forum to support his contention.

The two main speakers at the 1956 national convention—Edward J. Ennis and Maxwell Rabb—"no" very coincidentally put forth the idea that the Japanese American minority in the United States "has reached the position of maturity and experience and acknowledged loyalty that it can express . . . on the merits of any issue the same rights which larger minorities historically have exercised to influence the foreign policy of the United States in respect to issues involving the home of their forebears."

(Kunitsugu ascribes the last quotes to both speakers whereas the PC files show it was stated only by Ennis, Washington JACL Office legal counsel. Rabb, secretary to President Eisenhower's cabinet, had urged Japanese Americans to join in combatting the inroads being made by the Communists in Japan.)

Masaoka Misquoted

Regarded as another answer to

LONG BEACH:

Summer program for Harbor Area youth successfully concluded, basketball next

BY SUE JOE

Concentrating their efforts on youth activities spearheaded by a seven-member Youth Commission, the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL concluded a highly successful summer program, it was revealed by chapter president Tomizo Joe.

Two baseball teams organized by the local JACL were entered in league play. The 8-10 year-old Lil' Atoms were champs of the second series of the Long Beach Kid Baseball Association's Midget League. Co-sponsored by the Franco Italian Packing Company and the Harbor JACL, the youngsters had 8 wins with no losses. Baseball commissioner George Iseri

served as coach, assisted by Shig Kadota, Harry Nishimura and Mrs. Mary Okita, secretary.

The Yankees were entered in the Oil Field League of 12-13 year-olds and sponsored by Hydro-Test and Morrison Vacuum Trucks. The boys rang up a victorious 6 wins and 1 loss in the American League and were entered in the play-offs where they won all but the final championship game against the National League's top team.

Third baseman Masaaki Oda and pitcher Dana Takeuchi were selected to participate in the American League's All-Star team against the National League All-Stars.

Bill Hara, head coach, was assisted by Yuki Tatsumi, John Oda and Mrs. Nakako Takeuchi, secretary.

Three times a week, the teams have held practice sessions at the Silverado Playground in Long Beach with other youngsters of all ages. Dr. John Kashiwabara, athletic director of the chapter's Youth Commission, expressed the hope of the local JACL that sufficient teams will be organized by next summer to afford the opportunity to all of their young hopefuls to participate in league play. Among those who were unable to be entered in leagues this season were the "under 10" group of boys under the direction of coach George Matsushita.

Basketball Program

Hideo Yasumura was named basketball commissioner, replacing his brother, Hachiro, who resigned his double post as commissioner

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MONTEREY PENINSULA:

'Shower of Stars' talent . . show planned Oct. 12

Monterey Peninsula JACL will present a "Shower of Stars Spectacular" talent show on Saturday, Oct. 12, according to its recent newsletter.

Songs, dances and comedy acts will be included in the show. Talent will be drawn from the local community.

Americanization classes

HAYWARD. — Several Americanization classes are being held at the Arroyo High School, 15701 Lorenzo Ave., under the adult education program of the Hayward Union High School District, it was announced by the Eden Township JACL.

English classes for foreign-born are being held on Tuesday and Thursday, 7-9 p.m., with Mrs. Mary Tomita as instructor. Citizenship classes are held on Monday and Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., with Paul Tomita as instructor.

State fair champion

HOOD RIVER.—Joan Yasui, daughter of the Ray Yasuis of Hood River, won a championship blue ribbon in the 1957 state fair baking contest.

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"whither JACL?" by Kunitsugu were remarks made by Mike Masaoka at the EDC-MDC convention last Labor Day weekend in Chicago. The columnist wrote:

"Discussing the future of JACL, Mike Masaoka declared that 'the Nisei have come of age to see that Nisei welfare is not adversely affected by international problems' (see Sept. 6 PC) and the JACL should be legitimately concerned about the U.S. textile manufacturers' attempt to discriminate against Japanese goods and similar problems concerning the whole range of Japanese imports from toys to tuna."

(Kunitsugu has apparently used the Sept. 6 PC as his source for the Masaoka statement. However, there is no mention made in that Chicago story that JACL should be concerned with "the whole range of Japanese imports from toys to tuna" as indicated by the columnist.)

Radical Departure

Several questions came to the mind of the Southwest L.A. chapter president as he mulled on the proposed departure of JACL's traditional "hands-off" policy in international affairs.

These questions "must be answered to the satisfaction of the JACL membership, if not the general Nisei public", Kunitsugu said. Questions raised (and answered by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, in this week's PC) by Kunitsugu were:

(1) Will JACL become a lobbyist for Japanese industries?

(2) Will JACL become a propaganda machinery for the administration's foreign policy, something which can and does change with the change in administration?

(3) Will JACL become recognized as a propaganda voice for Japan?

(4) And finally, is the change-over in policy indicative of the way the JACL membership as a whole feels about JACL's future role or is it something a few leaders feel will be good for the future of JACL?

Bold Viewpoint

Kunitsugu unleashed his fears in blunt fashion if JACL's role enters the commercial field and turns lobbyist for Japanese industries, such as "textile, tuna, toy, shipbuilding, sewing machine, cameras."

"And I doubt whether National JACL is going to be doing it purely out of the goodness of its heart," Kunitsugu declared. "To put it bluntly and realistically, National JACL is not going to be averse to 'oreis' in such cases."

"It is true that Japan, in order to survive, must export, but at the same time, many individuals connected with the Japanese industries will line their pockets with American money. Just where do you draw the line?" Kunitsugu asked.

"As far as this talk of JACL, by helping improve Japanese industry also will keep Japan from going communistic, goes," Kunitsugu feels that "Japan's temper is against communism to begin with and if by a remote chance it goes communistic in the sense that China did, the fact that JACL did or did not speak for its industry in Washington will have very little to do with the decision."

"And meanwhile, back at the ranch, what will become of our effort to build up the Nisei as Americans of Japanese ancestry in the mind of the general American public?"

Heritage Not Denied

Kunitsugu conceded his arguments against JACL entering international relations might be construed as one of those Nisei "who are doing their darndest to deny their Japanese heritage."

"On the contrary," he assured, "I like being an American of Japanese ancestry. I am interested in Japan and things Japanese . . ."

But "what I am trying to point out here is that as far as the JACL is concerned, I do not feel that its future lies in the field of international relations."

"JACL was built up as an organization which would speak for Nisei in securing this minority a place in the sun, so to speak. By hewing closely to the line in its stated purpose, JACL has been often accused of being too conservative, but all admit that it was this singleness of purpose that enabled JACL to achieve what it set out to achieve."

"Now to steer the organization into a new course on the gossamer connection of ancestry does not strike me as being a strong enough reason for a changeabout in national policy," Kunitsugu concluded.

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THE NORTHWEST PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

'A great artist'

Seattle
 SHORT WHILE AGO, after a rigorous day of picnicking picture shooting, traffic bucking and dark room work, we did a rather sketchy inadequate piece about a little girl who has captured the heart of Seattle in a big way. We refer to Pat Suzuki, of course, the California Nisei girl who gave up a part in a "Teahouse" road company to sing at Norm Bobrow's Colony Club and is now in her third year at the old stand.

"A great artist!" is what Bing Crosby said of Miss Suzuki when he visited Seattle a few weeks ago. That is certainly true, but an artist without the baughty aloofness or "on stage" demeanor that sets one apart. Her bigness that comes from within expresses a warmth and love for the many friends in this frontier town who likewise return the feeling with an adoration beyond our ability to describe.

Pat's like the youthful girl friend on the block with a vivacity that seldom slows down to a walk. A mobile countenance that expresses a thousand moods, all of them bright, sometimes revealing a pixie-ish humor and a broad infectious grin that you just can't help but fall in love with.

But one is not to get the impression that there is lack of poise as an entertainer or command of the audience moods. Quite the opposite. This quality of the artist is outstanding. It is tender, warm, subtle, and as far reaching as an inspired imagination can make it. The listener is led into an entranced rapture that transcends all the worries and dull realities of this workaday world, and the listener loves it.

COUPLE NIGHTS AGO while in the reveries of delightful listening, we became aware that Miss Suzuki had swung into the Swanee River melody so familiar in the memory of the old timer. The tender clarity of the nostalgic rendition swept this old city dweller on a dream of plantation tranquility, of weeping willows, placid river, the old cabin door; almost to catching the fragrance of the magnolias. Then the change of mood to the booming refrain, and the enthusiastic applause brought us back to the reality of the supper club as the enchantress pranced off the floor. Someone at our table said, "Now you've seen Jolson eclipsed."

Oh sure, Jolson. Had been unaware that so many of the classic props were absent. No blackface. No cabin in the cotton costume. No rolling of the eyes. No clasping of the hands. No gesture to suggest the sluggish Suwannee. Was quite unaware that a genie with an Oriental face had transferred me to mammy land.

Many critics have said that she has a little bit of everything and they name a long string from Tucker to Merman and back again. But perhaps it may be that in some selections there is a coincidental similarity that reminds the listener of the best that he has seen in some of the stars of the past.

One thing for sure, Suzuki is not the —"My only love left me withering on the vine..."—type of night club singer. Like a brush artist works with delicate shades, intricate line and detail, then with bold strokes and vivid color, so does Suzuki with her vocal renditions, even to injecting humor into a moody subject.

THERE IS NO QUESTION about the Suzuki versatility. She did some impromptu clowning in a gay nineties number with a talented visiting quartet known as the Dempsey Sisters. This one was hilarious and full of whoopee.

And then when the Shrine circus was in town, just for a little spare time relaxation she undertook the difficult and specialized job of donning the paint and joining the clowns.

Earlier last month Suzuki's parents were visiting Seattle and ringsiding at the Colony. In honor of the occasion, Pat did a light number in Japanese. It went over big but Papa Suzuki helped to bring down the house with his remark: "Huh! She still sings with an American accent."

SELECTED AT random over the past several weeks from Seattle Post-Intelligencer columnist Emmett Watson are these fine bits of trivia.

"Pat Suzuki, the little Colony singer who had Eastern sports writers pounding out reams of copy over her talents, plays a clown in the Shrine circus this week."—Sept. 12.

"To most of us, Elvis Presley is no more than an irritant, like hives or a bad cold, but to Mr. Haruo Fujino he is practically a disaster. Fujino is the manager of the Presley Hotel, 6th and Weller. During the performer's Seattle stand (or wiggle) the hotel got so many calls from teen-agers wanting to know if Elvis was at the Presley that Mr. Fujino had to change the phone number."—Sept. 10.

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Idaho high school hires Nisei as its head football coach

CALDWELL, Idaho.—George Nakano, who hails from Carlsbad, Calif., was hired as head football coach at Middleton High School here, it was announced by School Superintendent John Cramer.

A 1948 graduate of Carlsbad High, he served a two-year hitch in the Army as an athletic recreation specialist. He graduated this spring from College of Idaho, where he participated on the C of I football and boxing program.

Nakano's parents still live near Oceanside, Calif.

YAMASAKI'S 684 TOP KEG SERIES FOR SEATTLEITES

SEATTLE.—In north, central, and south alleys Nisei bowlers won a variety of distinctions this past week.

Kaz Yamasaki at Queen Anne Bowl rolled the top single game of the season in the city to date with games of 287, 174 and 223 for a total of 684.

Bill Yamasaki (no relation to Kaz) at Seattle Rec ran up another "biggest" as far as carbon copy stunts go—a 203 triplicate

At Fred Takagi's Main Bowl George Miyazaki was high man with a 675—233, 199 and 225. Aubrey Funai led the ladies with a 628.

Basketball —

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and chapter third vice-president to join the U.S. Army.

The Mighty Atoms basketball team will continue to hold open weekly Wednesday practice sessions for the boys at the Stephen's Junior High gym. The girls' weekly practices will be discontinued during the school term due to conflicting dates.

An invitational basketball tournament is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29 and 30, co-sponsored by the local JACL and the Harbor Hi-Co. General chairman will be Dr. John Kashiwabara with Frank Kishiyama assisting.

Hi-Co Organized

Seventy-six high school and college age youths have signed up as members of the newly organized Harbor Hi-Co, sponsored by Long Beach-Harbor JACL.

President Albert Eddow heads the group of young people who recently held their first installation banquet at the Long Beach Hawaiian with National JACL president, Dr. Roy Nishikawa as guest speaker. "Toot" Uchida served as toastmaster.

The affair was followed by a dance at the local Community Hall, attended by a record number of members and friends, including Dr. and Mrs. Roy Nishikawa, chapter president Tomizo Joe, youth commissioners Mrs. Joe, Mas Narita, Dr. John Kashiwabara, Hi-Co adviser Frances Ishii, Dr. and Mrs. David Miura and Dr. and Mrs. Katsumi Izumi.

Results of the chapter's three-month long "Operation Youth" fund drive will be revealed at the first membership dinner meeting Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Lafayette Hotel.

Proceeds are for the purpose of establishing a fund for the exclusive use of the Harbor chapter's many youth activities.

The dinner meeting will be followed by "The Queen's Ball" in honor of the chapter's winning candidate in the Nisei Week Festival's title race, Nisei Queen Miss Mitzi Miya.

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PROMOTED: Coach Pete Elliott made five changes in the University of California football line-up during the week in preparation for Saturday's clash with the nation's second-ranked team, Michigan State. He switched sophomore full-back Pete Domoto up to the starting eleven. Domoto is one of three sophomores to be elevated for the important clash.

Nisei and Sansei gridders figure strongly in Los Angeles city school's football fortunes this coming season. L.A. High boasts no less than three starters in Bill Ozawa and Ken Nakano in the line, and Bob Iwasaki in the backfield. L.A. is one of the favorites in the city. Fremont High has a strong candidate for all-city honors in lineman Ken Sasaki. Frank Miyoshi, returning all-leaguer for Venice High is rated as one of the city's top passers.

Reedley College's all-victorious football team continued to roll along crushing Sierra College 32 to 0 under the crushing cleats of halfback Larry Iwasaki and Tom Tonai. Iwasaki is one of the explosive runners in Central California J.C. football. He got away for two touchdown jaunts last week. Reedley has four Nisei cavorting on the squad. In addition to Iwasaki and Tonai, there are Hideo Sakamoto and Bill Oba, the latter a place-kicking specialist.

SMALLEST: The distinction of being the smallest high school varsity first stringer in the country probably belongs to Yukio Manabe of Stockton, California's Edison High School. Lefthalf Manabe rings the scale at 118, dripping wet.

Ken Fujii passed 32 yards for the University of Nevada's lone touchdown as they were being swamped 40 to 6 by the University of Idaho.

Dave Tamura of Orange Coast College of Costa Mesa is regarded as one of the finest runners for the Eastern Conference champions. A returning veteran from the '56 title team, Tamura displayed his aggressive running style by scoring both of his club's TDs as they eked out a 13-12 win over Contra Costa College.

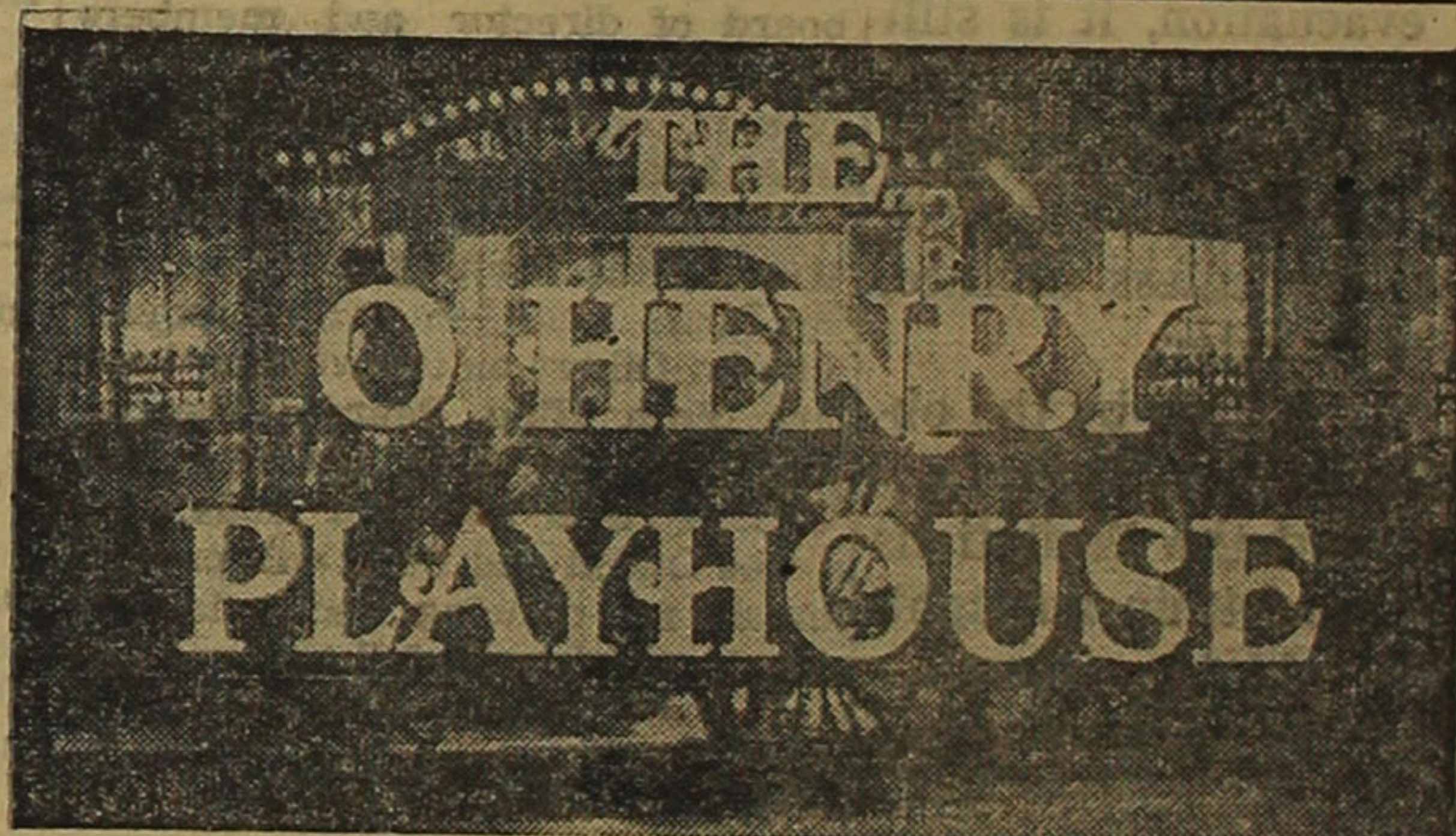
ODD & ENDERS: Quarterback Jerry Kanada connected with a 50-yard, run-pass play to give his Ceres High team a 13 to 13 standoff with Amador. Yukio Manabe averaged 6.5 yards per carry as his Edison of Stockton High beat Manteca 19 to 13. The Los Angeles Travelers, only Nisei AAU basketball team in the United States, and national Oriental cage champs, open their new season by meeting the Mexicali, Mexico All-Stars, Saturday at Hollywood High. The Mexican team are the runners-up in the Republic of Mexico national tournament.

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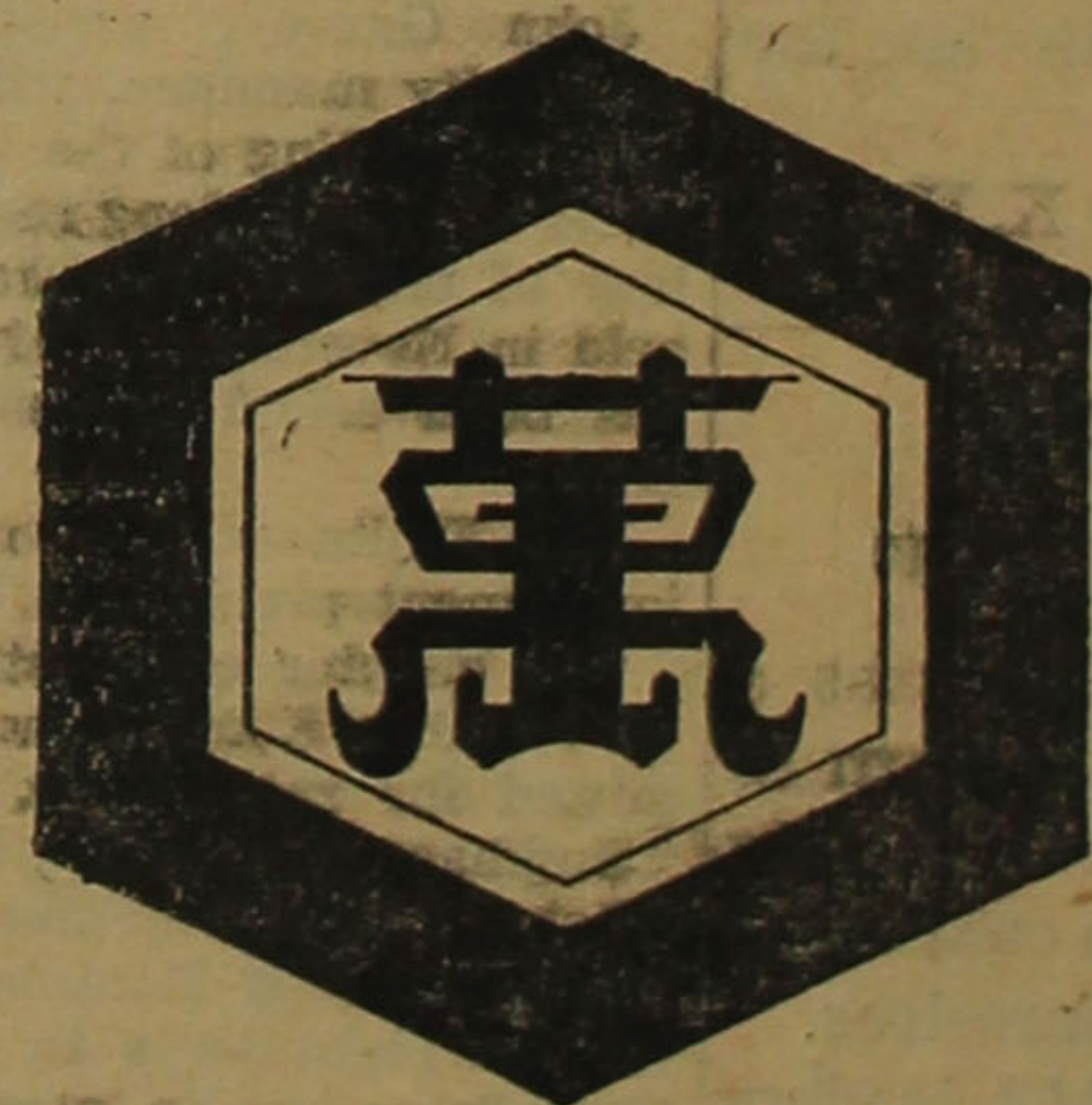
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER
By Henry Mori

Old Folks Home

THANKS TO our "few" friends who thought we had Asian flu because of our absence last week. It seems the fall guy also included Elmer Ogawa of Seattle. It was simply just too many ads in the Sept. 27 issue of PC to accommodate us. We had one sympathetic supporter, however, in George "The Horse" Yoshinaga, the man who lino-types the heads and columns for PC. He said a lot of things happened in Los Angeles the other week. He thought there should have been space made for by-liners who cover timely topics.

While the Shonien board of the new Japanese American Childrens Home is having its difficulty untangling red tape for its much overdue opening of its center, one other organization is ready to open its doors to the indigent Issei of the community.

In mid-October, the Nishi Hongwanji Old Folks Home is expected to be put into operation for about 15 Iseei at 2226 Michigan Ave. in East Los Angeles. The Issei board, headed by Masami Sasaki, which directed the financial drive earlier in the year was happy to learn of many \$1,000 donors who believe the problem of taking care of the old is becoming acute each year.

It would seem that even the Nisei who are completely isolated from the Japanese community understand the woes of a lonely Issei without relatives to take care of him.

Where some may be reluctant to contribute to a project providing temporary shelter for youngsters of broken homes, they show keen interest in programs which can help the oldsters. This was well indicated in the response to their fund drive.

The new institution, valued at \$70,000, would mean that homeless Issei can find haven close to Li'l Tokio and receive home care at the same time. Many who have been "farmed" out to outlying old folks homes say they miss the Japanese-prepared foods and cannot commute easily into town because of distance. About the only entertainment these men find would be the Nipponese show, and a good bowl of noodles after it.

There should be movements by other organizations to follow such a program. For 10 years from now there will be more of them in need of assistance.

Well, the backyard incinerator went out of business as of Oct. 1. The Air Pollution Control decided on the ban to minimize smog in the Los Angeles basin.

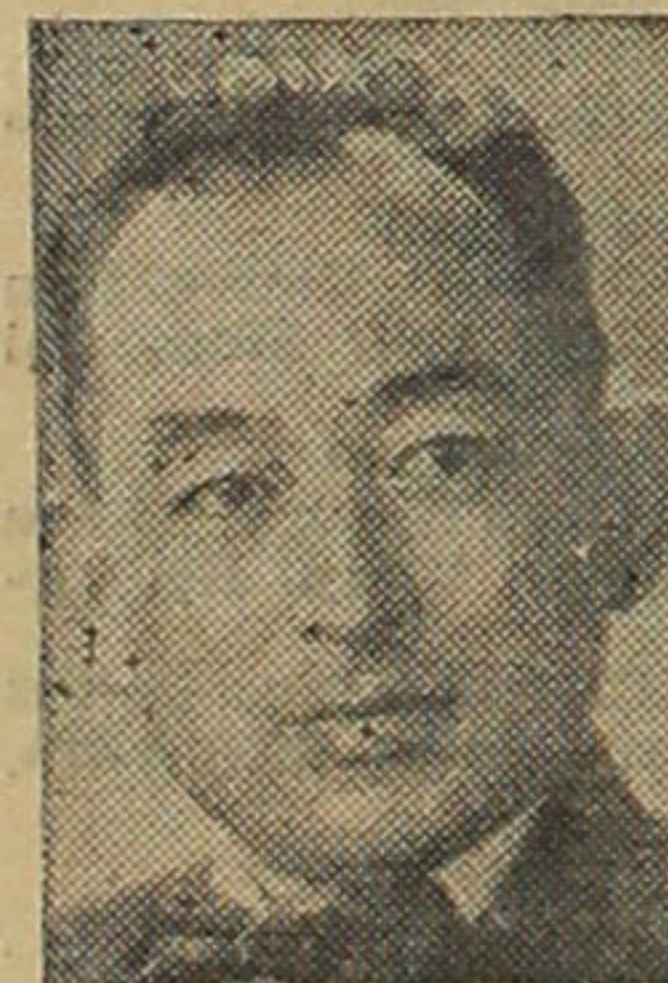
We would be the last one to say that smog will not be with us because the burning of waste at home has been eliminated. We don't think it'll make too much of a difference. But the APC had the final say so, apparently.

Aside from the inconvenience of lugging around unsanitary accumulations from house to backyard, then to the rubbish collector once a week, we'll miss that "clean feeling" we used to enjoy when burning combustible wastes.

It was a wonderful Sunday morning ritual to stand by the incinerator and watch the pile of torn up market lists, the paid-up bills and throw-away advertisement sheets disappear into ashes.

We have always maintained that the smoking spiral from the backyard incinerator doesn't have that vicious bite that the true smog has. But then the scientists and research men must know more.

Anyway, we're really unhappy about the whole thing. By way of footnote, this is for Fred Takata, regional director, who has a backyard barbecue pit. You can burn your papers there, Fred, since the order included only the open-type incinerator.



CHICAGO CORNER
By Smoky H. Sakurada

Sakada Golf Trophy

Chicago

OVER 200 GOLFERS representing 10 Windy City golf clubs participated in the all-city affair at St. Andrews Sept. 15—a day which looked dismal at dawn but turned out to be one of the best. Jiro Ikeda of Hawaiian Club walked off with the top three honors: his 76-11-65 was the best low gross, low net and championship flight score.

Topflite's five-man team won a leg of the Randolph Sakada team trophy with a net total of 371, with Eagles 10 strokes behind. The Topflite quintet tally: Masa Taketoshi 76, Mas Harada 74, Tai Nuro 72, Seichi Okubo 79 and Kaz Tsunemura 70.

Other flight winners were Stan Karikomi of Rainbows, 84-18-66 in the "A"; Art Hironaka of Hawaiian, 90-23-67 in the "B"; and Ariye Oda, net 81 in the Women. Ben Nagata and Fred Fujii were tourney co-chairmen.

The following Sunday at Olivia Villa, Chicago JACL had its first golf tournament with Tom Horita of Rainbow, runner-up in the Nisei all-city, winning with 79-14-65. S. Nakano won low gross with 76. Winners of other flights were: A—Hal Noguchi, 85-20-65; B—Sam Nitahara, 90-24-66; Women—Tazy Domoto 105-31-74. And last Sunday, the local 1000ers had their tournament at Mohawk.

CHICAGO CHATTER—At Olivet Institute Oct. 12, Abe Saperstein's Harlem Globetrotters meet Ex-College Stars in a benefit game, starting at 8:15 p.m. . . . Teruko Akagi, violinist, and Haruko Suyama, pianist, were presented in the Society of Fine Arts sonata recital last week at Art Institute. Miss Akagi is a member of the St. Louis Symphony orchestra, while Mrs. Suyama is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Music.

Vital Statistics

DEATHS

ARAKI, Nobuyo, 32; Los Angeles, Aug. 9 — (h) Harry T., (s) Daryl, Robert, (m) Fumi Mishima.
ISHIDA, Koyo, 58; Gardena, Aug. 12 — (h) Frank J., (s) Henry, (d) Kazuyo Masunaga, Maria Uyeda, Frances Kuraoka, Grace Hachimonji.
KAJITANI, Kuma, 65; Los Angeles, Aug. 1 — (h) Daikichi, (s) Shigeru, (d) Clara Nakadate.
KAWAMURA, Tokutaro, 66; Los Angeles, July 28 — (w) Nobu, (s) George T., (d) Marie Shiba, Kiyoko Sakamoto, Thelma Sato.
KOMOTO, Joe M., 55; Los Angeles, July 28 — (w) Yukiko, (m) Mitsuno, (b) Takizo, Masato, Takumi, (s) Masuno Hashimoto, Michiko Katsuyoshi.
MIYAKE, Peter Y., 43; Los Angeles, July 29 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Toramatsu, (b) Shinpei, (s) Terue Yamanaka, Mirry Fujita.
SAKO, Eitaro, 83; Lindsay, July 20 — (w) Shizuyo (d) Chiyeo Chikarashi Asako Oda, Harumi Nakamura.
SHIGEI, Ann M., 15; San Pedro, Sept. 6 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Shigei, (s) Kiyomi.
SHIMA, Taki, 65; Los Angeles, Aug. 4 — (h) Shinkichiro, (s) Shingo, Fred, George.
TANAKA, Josuke, 81; Santa Barbara July 21 — (s) Dr. Akira, (d) Rev. Mother Margaret Mary, Rev. Mother June Therese.
TSUTSUI, Eba, 33; Los Angeles, Aug. 11 — (h) Walter S., (s) Douglas, Philip, (m) Moto Yamashita, (b) Masaru, (s) Yaeko Nagaishi, Michi Yamashita, Anna Matsumoto, Sally Okazaki.
TOYOSHIMA, Asakichi, 73; Los Angeles, July 24 — (w) Tsuru, (s) Tadao, Tsumoto, (d) Mary Tanaka.
YOSHIMOTO, Yayoi, 59; Los Angeles, July 31 — (h) Seiji, (d) Mary Yamada.

Inagaki honored by nat'l investment co.

National investment honors, the Financial Industrial Funds (FIF) President's Club membership for 1957, were won by George J. Inagaki, district manager with offices at 3060-11th Ave., Los Angeles.

Announcement was made by Alfred J. Lee, FIF regional manager here this past week. The award recognizes outstanding performance in sales and service of FIF shares. The past national JACL president was also judged as the outstanding single salesman in California for personal sales and district management.

Inagaki was appointed district manager in August, 1956, and in less than a year has accomplished an enviable sales and managerial record from a national standpoint.

Greatest single contributing factor for success with FIF shares has been his ability to help clients initiate monthly investment plans, Lee stated.

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SOUTHLAND BUDDHIST TEACHERS TO CONVENE

SAN DIEGO.—The local Buddhist church is hosting the 10th annual So. Dist. Sunday School Teachers conference this weekend with Ben Honda as chairman. The Rev. Taitetsu Unno of Berkeley will be the main speaker.

Nisei secretary nearly faints, receives mail with two checks worth over \$28,000

(This interesting "news" report appeared in the San Francisco News, Sept. 25 in Donald Canter's daily column "Heritage" in which he wrote news about the different racial communities in the city—Editor.)

By DONALD CANTER
San Francisco

It doesn't happen every day that the postman delivers you an envelope containing two checks apparently worth more than 28,000 bucks.

Especially when it comes from the 6th Army in Japan.

Kaye Uyeda, secretary of the American Cancer Society here, almost fainted when she read the whopping amounts on the checks she received yesterday (Tuesday) from Yokohama.

At first she thought it was a joke. But the checks drawn on the First National City Bank of New York, Yokohama branch, clearly marked her as the payee.

Moreover they bore the signature of Major Harold Phillips, custodian of the U.S. army welfare fund.

Adding to the mystery was the fact that the checks came in unopened envelopes enclosed in a big manila envelope from a Japanese newspaper, (Tokyo Yomiuri) for which she is the correspondent here.

In Japanese the checks bore the remark: For rendered services.

There was no service Kaye could recall she'd rendered the U.S. army in Japan. But there were two little details she had overlooked:

1. The checks weren't made out in dollars but in yen, reducing their value to a mere \$80.

2. One of the checks in the amount of ¥23,500 gave as payee K. Uyeda, but the second check for

¥4700 was made out to K. Uyeda, Jeweler.

Apparently it amounts to a case of missent mail and mistaken identity. But these questions remain:

1. How did the checks get to Kaye's newspaper?
2. What service did jeweler K. Uyeda give to the U.S. army worth ¥28,200?

Nisei woman, 73, born in San Francisco dies; father immigrated in 1864

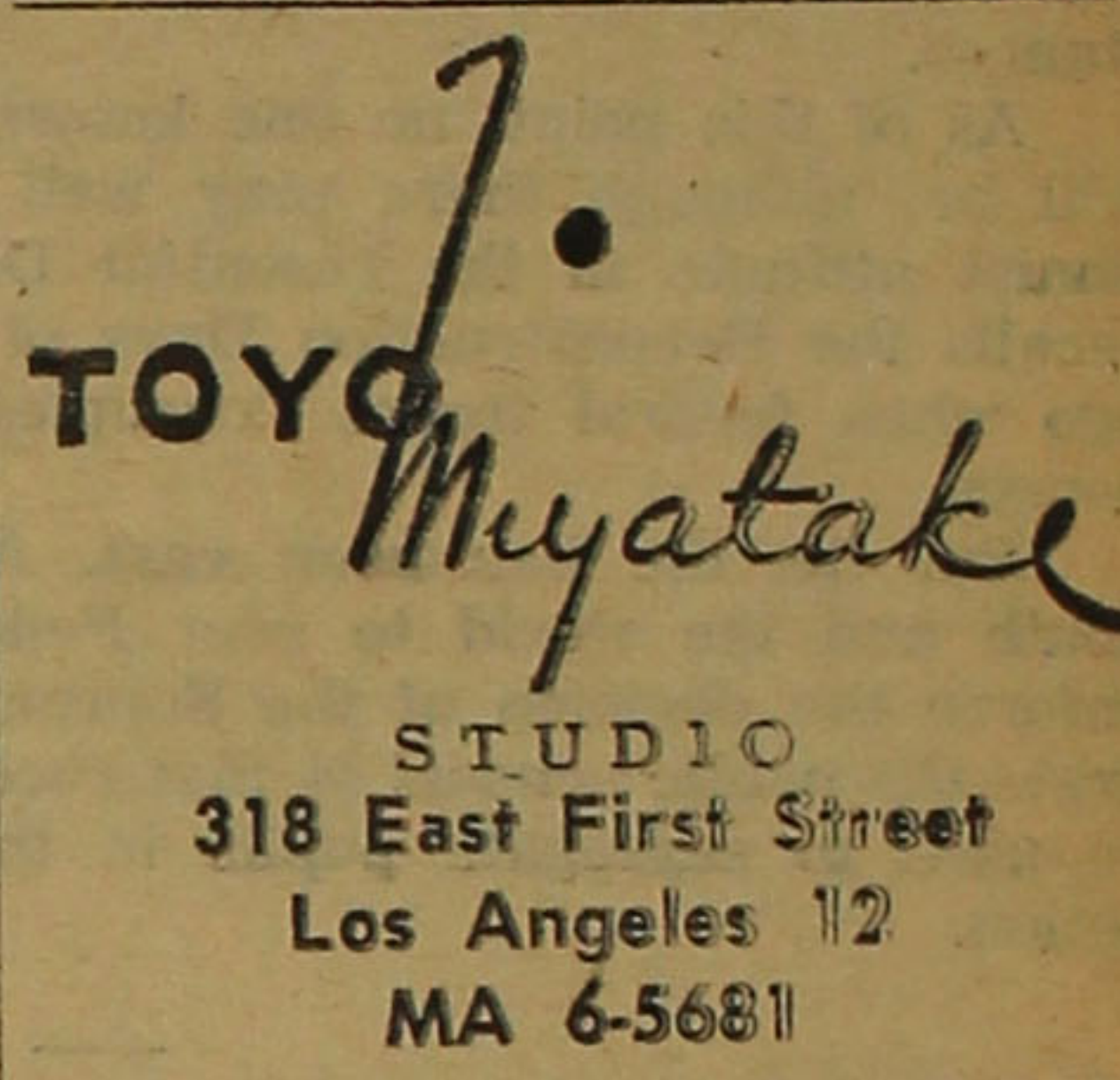
A Nisei born in San Francisco 73 years ago on April 21, 1884 was buried at Evergreen cemetery last week.

Mrs. Hannah Arai, the first Nisei born in the continental United States died at the Los Angeles Japanese hospital Sept. 20 after a brief illness.

Her parents, Chuemon and Take Okubo Akabane were among the first Japanese immigrants to this country. Her father arrived in San Francisco in 1874.

He died in 1932 at the age of 79.

Mrs. Arai is survived by her husband Kumata, 82, three sons and four daughters.



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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

Little Rock

Washington, D.C.

The tragedy of Little Rock is the tragedy of a nation which, though far advanced among nations in its treatment of all its citizens, still has been unable to match its professions with its practices. Nevertheless, the President's action, regardless of whether one considers them tardy or hasty, demonstrates that this nation will use troops to enforce the rights of all its citizens, even though the particular citizens in question may not be of the dominant group. This, it seems to us, is the heart of the situation, that federal force is utilized to protect the minority from the majority when that majority attempts to put itself above the law of the land.

We think that the President put it properly when he stated last Friday: "When a state, by seeking to frustrate the orders of a Federal Court, encourages mobs of extremists to flout the orders of a Federal Court, and when a state refuses to utilize its police powers to protect against mobs persons who are peaceably exercising their right under the Constitution as defined in such Court orders, the oath of office of the President requires that he take action to give that protection. Failure to act in such a case would be tantamount to acquiescence in anarchy and dissolution of the union."

As expected, the South deplored the use of troops, while the rest of the nation generally applauded, taking the realistic view that the President had no alternative under the circumstances.

As of this point, no one knows what the ultimate outcome will be, although there may well be a stiffening of segregationist attitude in the resentful Deep South that all too well recalls the Reconstruction Days of three-quarters of a century ago when federal troops "occupied" the then defeated Confederacy.

But the die has been cast. And, it is there for all the South and the world to see: Federal troops will be used to enforce the decision of the Supreme Court if need be to integrate the public schools so that race and color and creed cannot be used to segregate pupils in the public classrooms of the nation.

Washington observers are already predicting that the use of troops in Little Rock will overshadow all other issues in the next session of the Congress, perhaps to the exclusion of other issues and even perhaps as an excuse for failure to act on other momentous matters.

Northern liberals will undoubtedly propose more civil rights legislation, pointing to Little Rock to illustrate the necessity for greater enforcement authority for the National Government to cope with such efforts to frustrate the civil rights of all our citizens. They will probably seek to limit the filibuster also, since this has been the most potent weapon in the Southern arsenal against civil rights and "liberal" legislation of all kinds.

As their counter-offensive, it is freely predicted that the Southerners will demand legislation curbing the authority of the chief executive to use troops in the enforcement of Supreme Court decisions.

Because of Little Rock, there is a feeling here that the "moderates" or "middle-of-the-roaders" will, next time, line up with the "liberals" in enacting civil rights legislation and restricting the use of the filibuster, instead of comprising the balance of power that they did in the last session to write the "watered-down" version of a voting rights bill that they did.

Certain active "civil righters" are saying that Little Rock has done more for the cause of civil rights legislation than anything that has happened before in American history.

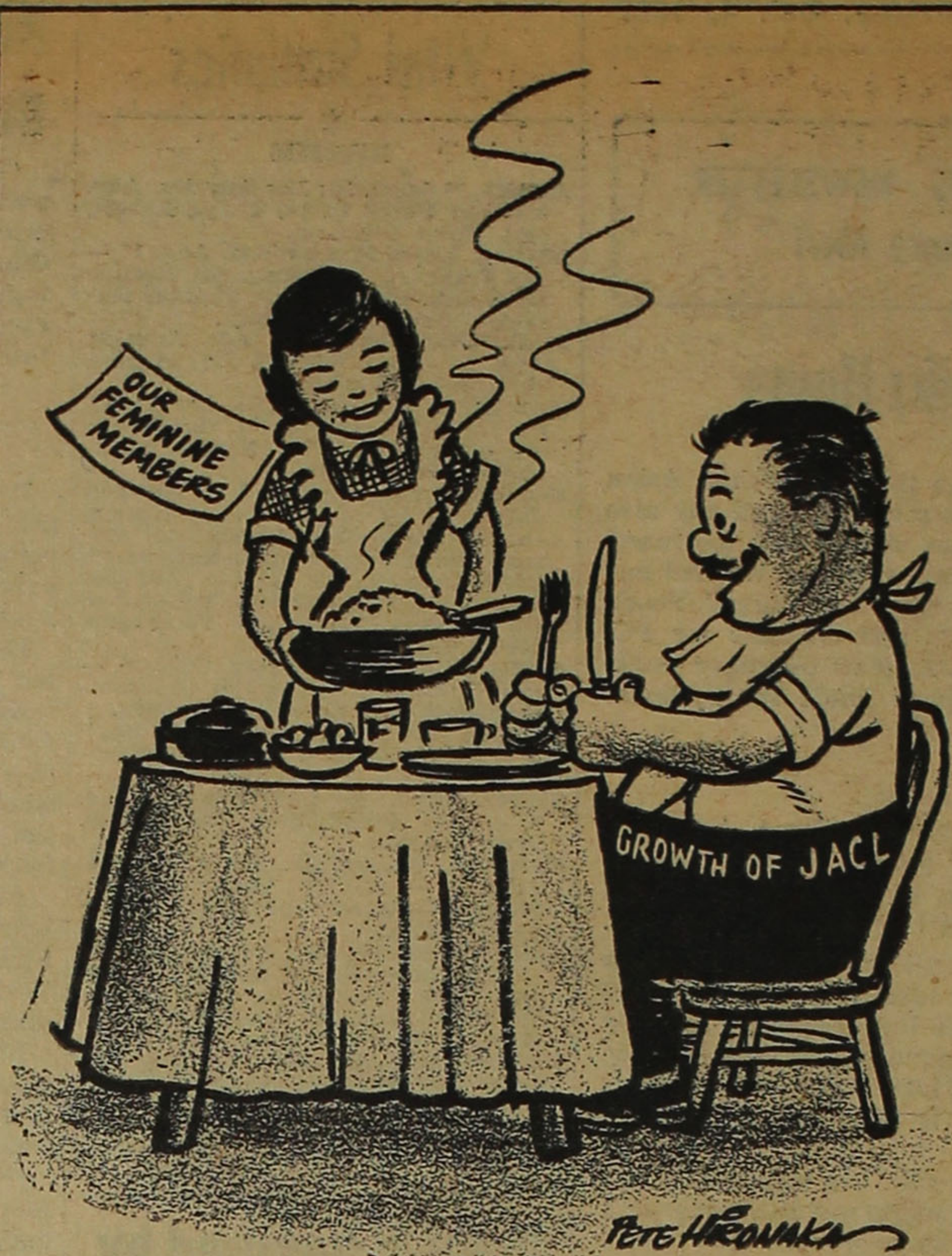
Though politics may well have played a part in the Arkansas Governor's activities, politics did not dictate the President's course. Nevertheless, politicians are assessing the President's action in terms of the 1958 congressional and the 1960 presidential elections.

There seems to be general agreement that the Republican Party will suffer in the South as a consequence of the President's action, especially among the so-called "white" GOPsters who until recently were so hopeful of establishing a two-party system in the states of the Old Confederacy. On the other hand, it is expected that Negro voters who hold the balance of power in many Northern, Midwestern, and Western states will continue to shift over to the Grand Old Party. In balance, especially in terms of the presidential elections, it is generally conceded that the Republicans gained materially, while the Democrats lost substantially.

But, 1960 is still three years away, and much can happen in three years to change the tide of political fortunes. The Northern and Western Democrats may well take the initiative in ridding itself of the Dixiecrat bloc and assuming the leadership for far-reaching civil rights legislation.

Talk of a third party, built around the Southern conservatives, has again mushroomed. The real hope for any third party, however, is based not so much on the school segregation issue alone but on the feeling among many that the conservatives in this country are tired of "Modern Republicanism" and "Liberal Democratic Leadership" and would be willing to vote for a truly conservative ticket in 1960. Such a third party, even if it materialized, could hardly hope to win the White House; it could, at best, hope only to throw the election to the House of Representatives and thereby influence the election of persons who probably will be more acceptable to them than the probable 1960 candidates of either major party.

Next year's congressional elections are the more immediate objectives; therefore, the maneuvers in the next session of the Congress which convenes January 7 should be an interesting spectacle, for both parties will seek to exploit the tragedy of Little Rock into political capital. The big question, however, will be just how the Southern and Northern Democrats will reconcile—if they choose to do so—their fundamental differences in such a way as to present a united front in next fall's elections.



Unsung Heroines

Lack of Japanese community media may be good sign, says new Mile-Hi editor

DENVER.—The picture-loaded and newsy Mile-Hi JACL Bulletin resumed operation under new management this past month, according to Leonard Uchida, chapter president, who was delighted to announce Kayko Matsuura of the Denver INS Office would be editor, succeeding Joan Tolentino.

Miss Matsuura, recent Colorado University journalism graduate, is assuming the task "cold"—with little JACL background, Uchida added. She was asked to consider the assignment by Ted Saito, NICC president.

The new chapter bulletin editor commented in her first column: "Noticed a few issues ago when Min Yasui was editor he mentioned the lack of a community communication media. Perhaps the lack of Japanese community media is a good sign."

"Our community is no longer the Nihonjinmachi—if Denver has a real one, at that—but our community is Denver or Brighton, perhaps Harvey Park or Englewood.

"Losing touch with the Japanese community may seem like a sad lonely process, but for us the Nisei, Sansei and future it means a wider perspective and a wider world.

"But as long as there is a remnant of community interest and identification, the Colorado Times and the Bulletin will go plugging along."

The past editor and her husband Zeke had put the Bulletin issues to bed almost single-handedly, Uchida revealed. "We want to thank Joan and Zeke for their efforts and commend them for their fine job," he said.

Japanese and Negro life —

Continued from Front Page

ing and good will in behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry in America.

Corrective Legislation

"Many of the legislative changes correcting some of the gross injustices leveled at persons of Japanese ancestry and other Oriental groups have been initiated by our organization in Washington and in some Western states.

"As compared to the Negro, Japanese Americans are a small group (150,000), but we have had our share of opportunities," the Hagiwara letter concluded.

One writer in Skokie, whose initials were A.C.G., pointed out one "binding restriction" that wasn't placed upon Japanese but which the Negroes had to cope with for several hundred years. "It was that of being brought to this country and used as slaves—a stigma that isn't erased overnight."

The same person added that other restrictions mentioned in the Taylor letter still apply to the Negro, such as being unable to vote in some sections of the country, forced for the most part to live in ghettos and confined to menial jobs and still discriminated against.

Negro Loyalty Upheld

"I do not believe (Taylor) would deny that a great many Negroes work hard, are honest and live clean, but he certainly cannot deny the loyalty to the United States of the many thousands of Negro soldiers who served in our armed forces," A.C.G. emphasized.

Richard R. Lewis in his letter informed Taylor that "American Negro has produced hundreds of national figures through the years," observing that Taylor had done a disservice to a tiny minority by calling for a factual comparison of it with a large one. Lewis was commenting on the "Japanese have climbed to the top of the social and economic ladder while the Negro is still wrestling with the problem."

"Negroes are native-born American citizens and as such the most humble among them are entitled to their constitutional rights and privileges without being expected to perform any special heroics," Lewis concluded.

Negro Agrees

Mrs. Dorothy Forde, who admitted in her letter her Negro ancestry, was gratified to see Taylor's letter published. "Far too little recognition of the cultural and social achievements of the Japanese people have been brought to the attention of the American public," she wrote. "Their exemplary conduct as citizens, both social and moral, earns for them an enviable status."

Then there was Laverta Johnson's letter, which tried to impress Taylor that the first Negro landed on this continent with Columbus and "is as much a part of this country as any white man."

"I dare say there is no other racial group that has greater loyalty to the United States. The Negro has no mother country to divide his loyalty," it noted.

whole feel about JACL's future role or is it something a few leaders feel will be good for the future of JACL? A.—First, Mr. Kunitzugu should understand that there is as yet no official policy change. This can be brought about only by the National JACL Council. In answering the second part of his question, just as he and his cabinet must take the lead in his local chapter affairs, so must the National Board and staff take the lead in affairs of the national organization.

Extent of Problem

At the Labor Day Convention in Chicago, the discussion on Japan-America affairs by the National Board may be summarized thusly: There was recognition of the fact that in certain problems affecting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States (e.g. immigration and naturalization, soldier brides, vested property, temporary farm laborers) the JACL could and should take a legitimate interest. In other areas, particularly those which are strictly commercial in nature, it was recognized that it was not a problem within JACL's jurisdiction.

In other areas, political, cultural, social, etc. there were no decisions made. In order to further clarify all aspects of this problem, the specific recommendation made by the Board was that the problem be further discussed and explored on the district level so that chapter delegates would be in a position to vote upon the matter at the 1958 Salt Lake City National Convention.

The JACL as a democratic organization always welcomes objective and factual criticisms of its policies or methods. The National Council freely discusses any topic with areas of disagreement in a spirit of mutual tolerance and understanding. This "give and take" is the factor which has given the organization strength and unity of purpose and has enabled the JACL to speak without hesitation and to act effectively on matters pertinent to the welfare of Japanese Americans.

— ROY M. NISHIKAWA

NISEI WEEK ATTENDANT WINS WALTERIA AWARDS

Mary H. Yoshioka of Torrance, who represented Gardena Valley in the recent Nisei Week queen race, scored as queen of the first Walteria Festival held last month by polling the most votes. She won a two-foot trophy and \$200 cash prize.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 5 (Saturday) West Los Angeles — Pre-Holiday Hop, Elk's Hall, 2015 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, 9 p.m.
- Oct. 6 (Sunday) Sacramento — NC-WNDC Convention Board meeting, Nisei War Memorial Center.
- Oct. 10 (Thursday) Venice-Culver — Membership Drive dinner-dance, Buggy Whip Restaurant.
- Chicago — Jr. JACL meeting, Olivet Institute, 7:30 p.m.; Abe Hagiwara, spkr.
- Oct. 11 (Friday) Chicago — General meeting.
- Oct. 12 (Saturday) Pasadena — Benefit Japanese movies, Monterey — Shower of Stars talent show.
- East Los Angeles — Dinner-dance, Scully's Restaurant, 7:30 p.m.
- Southwest L.A. — Bridge tournament, St. Mary's Episcopal Church hall, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 12-13 East Los Angeles — International Day, International Institute, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 13 (Sunday) Philadelphia — Bazaar.
- Salt Lake City — Auxiliary skatefest, Normandie rink.
- Oct. 18 (Friday) Hollywood — General meeting, Shonien, 8 p.m.; Y. Clifford Tanaka, spkr.
- Oct. 18 - 19 Sonoma County — JACL Bowling tournament, Santa Rosa Bowl. (Entry deadline: Sept. 30.)
- Oct. 19 (Saturday) Tulare County — Talent show, Lindsay Memorial Bldg., 7:30 p.m.
- Long Beach — Dinner-dance, Lafayette Hotel.
- Oct. 26 (Saturday) D.C. — Election meeting
- Pasadena — Halloween party.
- San Francisco — Golf tournament.
- Sonoma CC.
- San Francisco — Auxiliary Fall Fashion-Luncheon; Mark Hopkins Hotel, 12 n.
- Oct. 27 (Sunday) Sonoma County — Nisei Memorial Day service.
- Berkeley — Children's Halloween party Berkeley Y., 2-5 p.m.
- Nov. 2 (Saturday) Sacramento — 1000 Club Luau, Lanai Restaurant.
- Nov. 2-3 NC-WNDC — Biennial district convention, Sacramento JACL hosts.