

BY THE BOARD:

Where do we go from here?

A common desire to erase the harsh marks of discrimination was the initial banner of our organization. This ideal was not new to a nation born of factions. Still, the veterans proved the honesty of the cause, and paved the path beyond all expectations with the Herculean efforts of our Washington representative. Suddenly, the expectations are history.

In bitter adulthood the organization finds itself at the crossroads confronted with the issue of whether to find a policy of largeness and sweep appealing to the imagination, of engaging in matters of international implications or to continue its path of exterminating domestic discrimination or to determine whether avowed purposes of the organization have been accomplished.

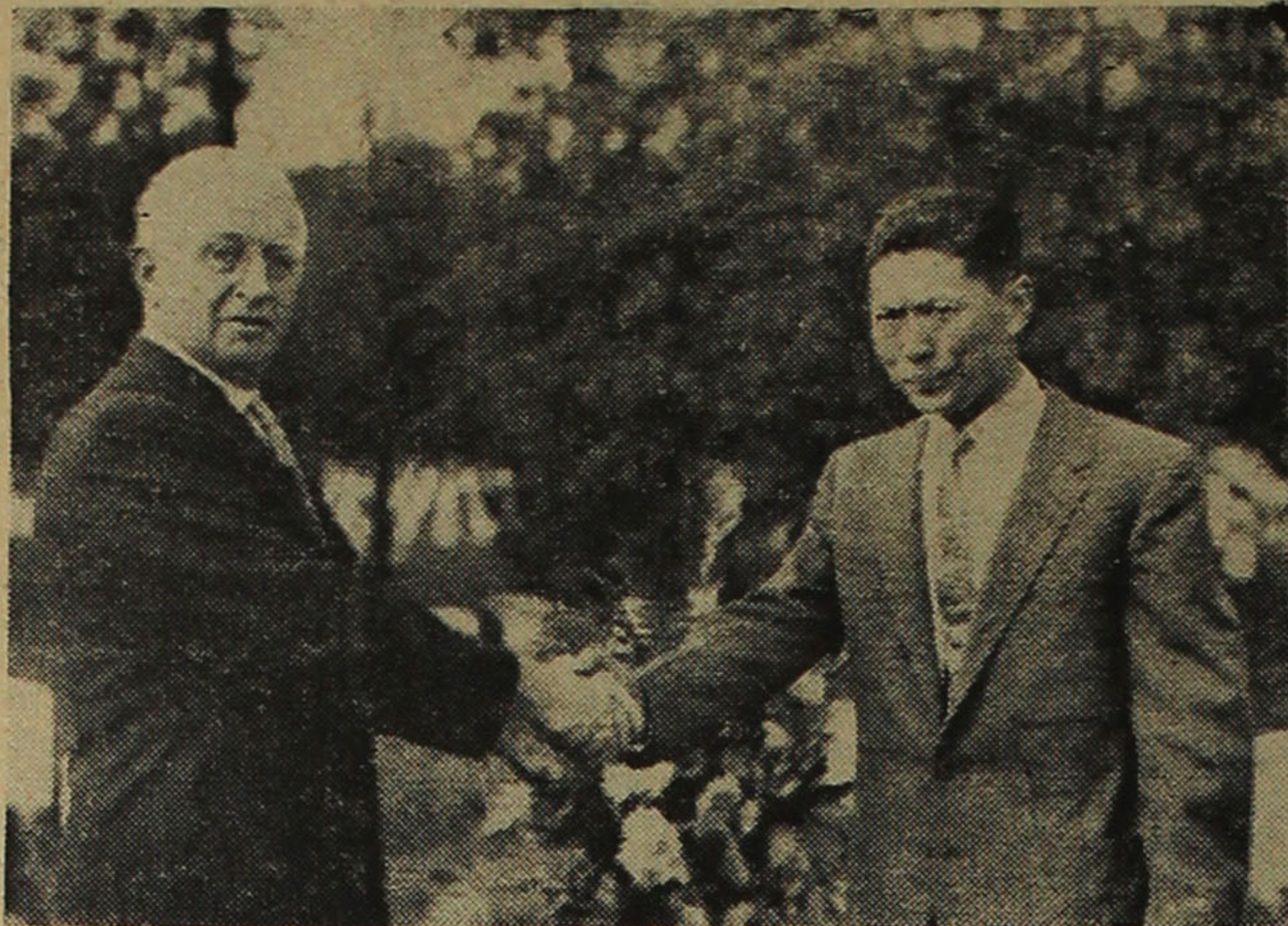
A few weeks last past, comment on this problem was expressed by Mr. Kango Kunitsugu, president of the Southwest Los Angeles chapter, followed by a criticism of this article by our national president. The opinions therein expressed in cold print are but skeletal residues of the reasons for projecting their concepts.

As a mere surmise, Kunitsugu was deeply concerned about the chapter and the district in that there are so many civic, sport, social and cultural organizations in this area that for our organization to retain its financial and membership support it is imperative that our policy meets with the wholehearted approval of the community.

On the other hand, the concern of our national president seems to have been more to maintain unity and harmony between national board and staff officers. The importance of their opinions lies in the fact that both are equally concerned about the organization per se.

Other ideas are necessary, however divergent they may be, in order to stimulate even more the thoughts of the entire membership in order to

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Col. Kai E. Rasmussen (left), who organized and administered the Military Intelligence Service Language Schools during World War II, was the main speaker at the Nisei Soldier Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. At right is Ira Shimasaki, national chairman of the JACL-sponsored event.

Col. Rasmussen recalls Gettysburg speech at Arlington rites for Nisei war dead

(JACL News Service)

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, Va.—Recalling that Abraham Lincoln called upon those assembled when he made his historic Gettysburg Address that "from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion", Col. Kai E. Rasmussen reminded participants at the traditional Nisei Soldier Memorial Day services here last Sunday morning that they must never forget and must practice that for which so many Nisei in World War 2 fought and died—equality, acceptance and full citizenship.

The retired Army officer was the principal speaker at the annual Nisei Soldier Memorial Day rites, which are sponsored by the national Japanese American Citizens League.

Col. Rasmussen organized and administered the Military Intelligence Service Language Schools during World War 2, which trained more than 7,000 Nisei from the continental United States and the territory of Hawaii for duty as intelligence specialists in the Pacific war and later as interpreters and translators for the Allied Occupation of Japan.

Opportunity Accepted

According to Col. Rasmussen, it was the evacuation and the decision by the Army against using Nisei in combat units in the original instance "which gave the Nisei the opportunity to prove not alone to the world and to his country,

Nisei picked as attendant to Bruin homecoming queen

June Shintani, 20, of East Los Angeles was among the four girls who were selected as princesses to Phyllis McKeen, UCLA homecoming queen. The court will reign this weekend at Westwood and at the UCLA-California football game.

Stella Nakadate, also of East Los Angeles, was among the field of 25 finalists. Both Sansei were chapter representatives of the East Los Angeles JACL in community queen contests.

NEGRO GIs WITH WHITE WIVES GET TRANSFERS

WUERZBURG, Germany.—The U.S. Army's 10th Division said it is already to help any Negro with a white wife transfer out of the division before it moves to Georgia next year. Under Georgia laws, mixed marriages are not recognized and the couple would not be allowed to live together, it was explained.

but to himself as well that he was as much an American as was a Smith, a Jones, or a Rasmussen. He proved gallantly and conclusively that a Japanese face combined perfectly with an American heart.

"This proof conclusively given and sealed in blood, in sweat, and in tears served as a final catalyst in the complete and unquestioned integration of this small ethnic group into the broad general stratum of American life and culture. Forever gone is the hyphenated Japanese-American, and the American emerged totally and completely for his fellow American to hail, to accept, and to live with peacefully and harmoniously," Rasmussen declared.

Ira Shimasaki, a World War II veteran whose brother-in-law Lloyd Onouye is interred at Arlington, is chairman of the National JACL Arlington Cemetery Committee. He opened the services by noting that the observances were the tenth since the National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1948 proposed such annual services to honor the Nisei war dead of World War II and to remind the American public generally of the Nisei contributions to the final victory. Shimasaki asked the assembled Nisei and Issei to live up to the sacrifices made by their fellow Nisei, sacrifices which have enabled the Japanese American minority to attain equality in and under the law.

Toshichi Mitoma, a recently naturalized citizen, gave the invocation.

Lived Next Door

Harvey Iwata, president of the Washington, D. C. JACL chapter, recalled that ten years ago last summer Pvt. Saburo Tanamachi and Pvt. Fumitake Nagato were the first Nisei to be buried at the National Cemetery. He remembered that the Nagato family resided next to his in Arlington at that time and that the members of the Nagato family, though saddened by his death with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe, were proud that his life had helped make the lives of all Japanese Americans better and more respected ones.

Col. Rasmussen then paid his tribute to the Nisei war dead by citing the publicized records of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

He declared, "The contribution of the Nisei in the Pacific Ocean Area is no less distinguished, though not so demonstrably spectacular. General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur and other distinguished military leaders have

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DETROIT CHAPTER ESTABLISHES \$10,000 EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

BY KAY MIYAYA

DETROIT.—The Detroit Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League announced this week the establishment of a \$10,000 educational loan fund to aid worthy Japanese students to further their education.

The fund, known as the Taizo Kokubo Memorial Educational Loan Fund, was created by the late Taizo Kokubo and bequeathed in trust to the Detroit JACL, to be administered jointly by the acting chapter president, Dr. and Mrs. Ted Kokubo, Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Horiuchi.

Any college student of Japanese ancestry, who is morally, mentally and physically worthy and competent, is eligible for a loan of not more than \$500 per semester and not greater than \$1,000 per student during his college career.

Win in Tax Case

In a hearing held Sept. 26, the Detroit JACL won judgment in its suit to recover an inheritance tax paid to the State of Michigan on the \$10,000 bequest from the estate of the late Taizo Kokubo.

Insetting the bequest, William Enright, attorney for the estate, had paid the 10 per cent state inheritance tax plus eight per cent accrued interest amounting to \$1,169.86 under protest.

The suit was brought in circuit court by Mrs. Guy Nunn in behalf of the Detroit JACL with finance chairman Charles Yata as witness.

The chapter had filed a certificate of incorporation as a non-profit organization in May, 1957. However, the non-profit status as of the date of probate of the

Kokubo will in 1955 was challenged. The chapter's non-profit, charitable, educational character was successfully defended by Yata.

Loan Committeemen

Wallace Kagawa was named chairman of the loan fund committee to handle inquiries and applications. Other permanent committee members are Judge Theodore R. Bohn, Mrs. Catherine Ishioka, Kenneth Miyoshi and Mrs. Toshi Shimoura. Current chapter president Yoshio Kasai and treasurer Frank Watanabe also serve on the committee.

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Nisei appointed cadet colonel of all Denver high school ROTC units

DENVER.—Tom Y. Yasuda, son of Mrs. Harry K. Hirahawa, 1960 Lawrence St., was named cadet colonel of all Denver high school ROTC units for the 1957-58 school year.

The selection of the Manual High student was announced by Maj. Martin L. Kline, Jr., professor of military science and tactics in the high schools. Yasuda was chosen from among 15 candidates—three from each Denver high school, and scored 27 out of a possible 30 points in written examination, command and instructor evaluation.

Last Saturday, Cadet Col. Yasuda joined the Denver Post Gallery of Fame "in appreciation for some recent public or private act of service or benefaction".

SUPREME COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS ON NISHIKAWA CITIZENSHIP CASE

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—The United States Supreme Court Monday heard oral arguments in three cases involving the extent of Congress' power to take away citizenship from native born Americans, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

One of the cases involved a Los Angeles Nisei, Mitsugi Nishikawa, born in Artesia, Calif., with dual citizenship, who, at the age of 23, went to Japan in 1939 for purposes of study. When his father died that year, he was unable to return to the United States for lack of funds and so he went to work.

In March 1, 1941, he was conscripted into the Japanese Army. While in the Army, because he was born and raised in the United States, he was asked what he thought would be the outcome of the war. He replied that Japan "had no chance to win the war". For this remark, he was given a thorough beating and after that was beaten about every day for a month and a couple days each month thereafter. He was nicknamed "America" while in the Japanese Army.

After the surrender, he was discharged. He was denied an American passport to return to the United States on the grounds that he had served in the Japanese Army.

The Nishikawa case was coupled with that of two others, Clemente Martinez Perez and Albert L. Trop, in the Monday arguments. All three cases were heard last year but the Court ordered additional hearings this session.

Perez, Texas-born, is charged with going to Mexico to avoid the American draft (Selective Service) and Trop is charged with desertion because he escaped from the Army stockade in Casablanca

during the war. He gave himself up after only a day and made no attempt to go over to the enemy.

Citizenship in Question

Lawyers for the defendants in all three cases argued that Congress has no authority to deprive a person of his citizenship. Government attorneys argued that the power to take away citizenship was an attribute of sovereignty and that Congress may exercise it when a person seeks to avoid the responsibilities of citizenship.

All three cases involve the Nationality Act of 1940, which lists various ways in which an American may lose his citizenship. There was no dispute in any of the cases over the fact that a person may voluntarily give up his citizenship (renunciation) or that Congress may require a person who voluntarily has pledged allegiance to another country to give up United States citizenship.

The cases turned in part on interpretation of the word "voluntary", whether a person gave up his citizenship voluntarily in each of these three instances. But the lawyers for the defendants contended that the issues went much further, to use of loss of citizenship as a criminal penalty without ben-

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LACCR TO CELEBRATE 11TH ANNIVERSARY NOV. 4

The Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations celebrates its 11th year of service at a dinner Nov. 4 in the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The LACCR, now having 60 church, labor, civic and business groups in affiliation including the Japanese American Citizens League, has won national recognition for its effective work in interracial and interfaith relations. Sen. Richard Neuberger of Oregon and his wife will be principal speakers.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

COMPLETING THE CIRCLE — Don't know who it was that invented monosodium glutamate, the crystal that enhances food flavors, but it was the Japanese through Ajinomoto who introduced it to the American public. Now a lot of folks know about the magic of MSG and it's being marketed under a variety of brand names.

One of the larger American manufacturers of MSG is the Great Western Sugar Co., which has refineries in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. Great Western makes MSG out of sugar beet pulp after the sugar has been extracted, and a lot of it is going into the Oriental trade.

Know who grows a large percentage of the beets which Great Western processes? Issei and Nisei farmers who coax exceptional yields year after year from the irrigated lands of the Mountain states.

SPUTNICK'S INFLUENCE — We used to talk about the "whole wide world" when, in youthful extravagance, we made reference to impossibly huge dimensions. But the rocket age is expanding the horizons of tomorrow's citizens. Yesterday, I heard our 7-year-old Christie crying in exasperation: "You mean I have to do everything in the whole wide universe?"

TOKYO NEWSLETTER — The Japanese aren't saying "Go Home Yankee" any more, our Tokyo informant reports. Too many have gone home already and the Japanese are beginning to feel the loss of Yankee yen.

The last U.S. soldier left the Sendai area about a month ago. The U.S. 1st Cavalry Division was stationed there. When the division was at full strength a few years ago, it employed 23,000 Japanese laborers, clerks and interpreters. Now the areas adjoining the camp have taken on the appearance of ghost towns. Bars and cafes stand empty, souvenir shops have closed their doors, laundries are idle. The gold is gone.

We may see some of the same sort of thing in the states if the Department of Defense continues to trim its ground forces. The latest flurry of reports about military cutbacks proves once again that government economy is fine if it doesn't affect your own home town. Colorado taxpayers would like to see military spending reduced, but they scream like stuck hogs at every hint that Fort Carson in Colorado Springs or Lowry Air Force Base in Denver might suffer under a retrenchment program.

BUY HIGH, SELL LOW — A year ago we invested in a second car, a jalopy of sorts, to take care of the family's expanding transportation needs. The car cost \$465. Obviously it had seen its best days, but it ran pretty good. Now it seems that the car is nearing the end of its economical life. Having traveled something like the equivalent of three trips around the world, it's understandably weary and threatens to become very expensive to keep up in the near future.

We priced it with some dealers and the best offer is a trade-in allowance of \$175 on the purchase price of a slightly less ancient car. Let's see, \$175 subtracted from \$465 is \$290 depreciation for the year. Quite a beating to take. But then it seems that the entire automobile industry is founded on this basic principle: That the consumer pays and pays through the nose for the privilege of buying an expensive and rapidly deteriorating vehicle in which to burn costly gasoline and get hopelessly trapped in a traffic jam.

If this sounds bitter, it's probably because we are a little fed up with being so stupid that we've perennially buying high and selling low.



Mayor Ed Rademacher (left) of Calipatria returns the key to the front door of Calipatria Drug Co. to Harry Momita, who returned this past week on crutches to find his business booming.

— Brawley News Photo

TAK MOMITA'S BACK IN BUSINESS, HOBBLING BUT ABLE ON CRUTCHES

CALIPATRIA—Two Mondays ago, the Calipatria Drug Co. opened its door, alive with concerned customers dropping in to see their friend, Tak Momita, on his first day of work since his tragic accident Oct. 5.

Still on crutches, Momita hobbled back and forth between the prescription counter and a chair in the middle of the store. Spending the day with him were his daughter, Mrs. Louise Kikawa of Gardena, and two grandchildren. At his home nearby, another daughter, Mrs. Elaine Morinaga of Long Beach, was tending to domestic chores.

A few volunteers remained in the drug store to help out until Momita is completely "back on his feet".

Flagpole Contributions

He said he received cards of sympathy from persons he did not know from many areas of the United States. Other interested persons have mailed contributions for the 184-ft. flagpole to be erected in honor of Mrs. Momita, who was killed in the accident. The town has donated close to \$400.

(PC readers wishing to contribute may send their donations to Tak Momita, P.O. Box 666, Calipatria, Calif.)

Nisei co-author of atlas on California

John C. Kimura, geography instructor at East Los Angeles Jr. College, is one of three authors of an atlas entitled: Patterns on the Land — Geographical, Historical and Political Maps of California, published by the Brewster Publishing Co. of Los Angeles.

Kimura, a graduate of Los Angeles State College, produced the 100-map atlas jointly with two Los Angeles State College geography professors, Dr. W. G. Byron and Dr. Robert W. Durrenberger.

"To my knowledge, no state in the country has a comprehensive atlas," said Dr. Byron. "The publication in map form accounts for physical environment, historical, political divisions, economy, population, road patterns and urban centers of the state of California."

"This atlas represents an intensive 1½ year research program in map-drafting.

"The work was originally designed for use in college classes which teach the history of California. However, we are finding to our pleasant surprise that the work is being well received by the general public."

While Momita was recuperating from the crash which killed his wife near Colton, Mayor Ed Rademacher, other civic officials and scores of ordinary citizens volunteered their time to keep the drug store open. Prescriptions were filled by a Brawley pharmacist, who traveled daily to work in the city's only drug store.

News Beamed Overseas

Stories of the friendly act toward Momita, who at one time was placed with his family in a relocation camp during the war with Japan, have appeared in national magazines, nation-wide telecasts, radio and have been beamed overseas by the U.S. Information Agency.

Momita, who sought to reactivate the Imperial Valley JACL chapter earlier this year, is still hopeful that the Nisei in the valley would organize.

Rep. Saund visiting Far East countries

TOKYO—Rep. Dalip Singh Saund, India-born congressman from Imperial Valley, Calif., arrived here last Monday on his first leg of a round-the-world trip to show people abroad "how democracy works in America".

Besides spreading goodwill, the first person of Asian descent to sit in the United States Congress is investigating the needs of countries abroad with emphasis on new nations in the Far East as a one-man committee of the House Foreign Relations Committee.

"I want to meet with as many cultural and political leaders as I can," the congressman said.

"I think that if I tell them my own story—how I was elected to office by a free vote of the American people in a very conservative California district against seemingly heavy odds—it will definitely prove there was no prejudice against me because of my ancestry."

He leaves this Sunday for Taipei, Hong Kong, Saigon, Jakarta, Manila, Bangkok, Singapore, Rangoon and India.

Joins Argonne lab

LEMONT, Ill.—Paul K. Kuroda, former chemistry professor at the Tokyo Imperial University, has joined the radiological physics division staff of the Argonne National Laboratory. He will study the problems of low-level radioactivity such as the occurrence of strontium-90 in nature and in bone.

Bits & Bites

Idea for the 442nd RCT memorial at Bruyeres began with the Pacific Citizen in the late summer of 1947 and two months later, a granite shaft with JACL's plaque was dedicated at the third anniversary ceremonies of the liberation of Bruyeres by men of the 442nd RCT. French and American government officials as well as brass from the French and U.S. armies attended . . . Nisei who have visited Bruyeres say it is not easy to get there from Paris, the trains being slow and the route requiring several changes. The townsmen have maintained the 442nd memorial all these years without much help from the outside . . . Selection of the last Sunday in October to observe Nisei Soldier Memorial Day is associated with the liberation of Bruyeres as well as rescue of the Texas "Lost Battalion" . . . The marker reads: To the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, U.S. Army, who reaffirmed an historic truth here . . . that loyalty to one's country is not modified by racial origin. These Americans, whose ancestors were Japanese, on Oct. 30, 1944, during the battle of Bruyeres, broke the backbone of the German defenses and rescued the 141st Infantry Battalion which has been surrounded by the enemy for four days. Presented by the Japanese American Citizens League . . . In 1948, JACL chapters sent CARE packages to the townspeople of Bruyeres and each fall, National JACL has sent flowers for the occasion. The large American flag flown at the ceremonies was presented by JACL through the good offices of Congresswoman Reva Beck Bosone of Utah in 1951.

Tak Momita, the one-man ADC campaigner in Imperial Valley during the years when JACL's legislative program was in high gear, is back at the old stand, dispensing prescriptions at his Calipatria Drug Store. He is still on crutches and spends the day in the store with one of his daughters, Mrs. Louise Kikawa of Gardena and Mrs. Elaine Morinaga of Long Beach, who are staying with him for awhile . . . Tak said he received cards of sympathy from persons he did not know from many areas of the United States. Other interested persons have mailed contributions for the 184-ft. flagpole to be erected in honor of Momita's wife, Helen, who was killed in a highway accident . . . One firm constructing flagpoles is also interested, says Tak, who revealed that one of the officials of this firm, upon reading the story, has consented to undertake the project at cost with no profit involved . . . On the front page of the Imperial Valley Press this past week, a four-column photo shows Tak at home with his daughters and two grand-daughters, Janice Kikawa, 5½, and Pamela Ann Morinaga, 5½, who appeared before TV and press cameramen with their grandfather earlier.

United Press has added and dropped a Nisei in their employ in recent months. Pete Asano, 25-year-old son of Shichinosuke Asano, president of San Francisco Nichibei Times, is a cameraman in the San Francisco office. Bob Kuwahara, well-known New York artist who had his "Marvelous Mike" daily cartoon strips in several newspapers, was dropped by UP Features . . . Both have contributed their talents to the PC in the past . . . Leo Kubo, Univ. of Wyoming graduate in journalism worked in Lander, Wyo., before joining a paper in Scottsbluff, Neb. Pete Yamasaki of Denver is employed by the Register, national Catholic weekly in the Mile-Hi City . . . Al T. Miyadi, ex-Crossroads editor, is with the Los Angeles Mirror-News. Larry Park, East Los Angeles JACLer of Korean ancestry, is with the Los Angeles Times engraving department . . . Jimmy Mayumi of San Diego, a scholarship student at Pepperdine, is working nights at the Los Angeles Examiner.



VAGARIES
By Larry S. Tajiri

Hollywood's Japan cycle

HOLLYWOOD'S CURRENT love affair with the Japanese people cannot help but react to the benefit of Japanese Americans as well. It come appropriately at a time when some of Hollywood's earlier efforts, hate films made during the war, are still showing on television.

In the next two months, three important films are being released nationally which use a theme of Japanese-American friendship. Meanwhile, a 20th Century-Fox film troupe is in Japan, under Director John Huston, to make the story of Townsend Harris, America's first diplomatic representative in Japan who, legend says, was deeply involved romantically with a geisha girl named Okichi.

John Wayne, one of Hollywood's biggest box office personalities, already is in Japan for the film, while Director Huston is testing various Japanese actresses for the role of Okichi. Miiko Taka, who becomes a star in her first film, "Sayonara", would be a possibility, except that she is under contract to a rival studio, Warner Brothers and is currently involved in a 39-city tour on behalf of "Sayonara".

Huston's dilemma was stated the other day: "I've seen a number of Japanese girls who are fine actresses, beauties and who can speak English, but to get all three in one is quite an order."

Warners faced a similar predicament last year when they sought to cast the role of Hana-Ogi, the girl who falls in love with Marlon Brando in "Sayonara", and conducted screen tests on three continents. They finally chose Miss Taka, a Nisei who was working as a clerk in a Los Angeles travel agency.

Huston may resolve his dilemma by sending to New York for Sono Osato, the dancer who has already proved in TV dramas and on the Broadway stage that she can act as well. Miss Osato has appeared in one film, MGM's "Kissing Bandit", in which she was Kathryn Grayson's rival for Frank Sinatra's affections.

Machiko Kyo, Japan's leading film actress (and star of "Gate of Hell", "Rashomon", "Ugetsu" and "Teahouse of the August Moon") undoubtedly has been considered, but Miss Kyo conceivably has other commitments. Keiko Awaji, who was Mickey Rooney's vis-a-vis in "Bridges of Toko-ri", has been tested while Miyoshi Umeki, who appears as Red Buttons' wife in "Sayonara" and is a popular singer in U.S. night clubs and on TV, may win the role.

Incidentally, whatever legend may say about the romantic involvement of Harris and Okichi, the script by Alfred Hayes and Charles Grayson will treat the subject with considerable delicacy, particularly since Huston and 20th Century Fox are aware that the Japanese extremely sensitive to American efforts to depict their culture and country in such earlier efforts as "House of Bamboo", in which Tokyo was portrayed as a operations ground for American gangsters.

"The Townsend Harris Story", scheduled for 1958 release, will be filmed mainly in the Kyoto area.

Meanwhile, Producer Jack Cummings is proceeding with plans to make "The Will Adams Story", which concerns the startling adventures of Adams, the first Englishman to visit Japan (in 1600). Adams settled down in Japan, married a Japanese girl and took a Japanese name. A recent biography of Adams will be used as the basis for the script, and the picture probably will be made for MGM.

MGM also is involved in "East of the Moon", a Roger Edens musical about an American girl who is brought up in Japan and falls in love with a member of a barnstorming Brooklyn (or Los Angeles) Dodgers baseball team. The picture was to have been started last July in Japan, but Doris Day, who is Edens' choice for the girl, wasn't available at the time. The project has been set ahead till next summer.

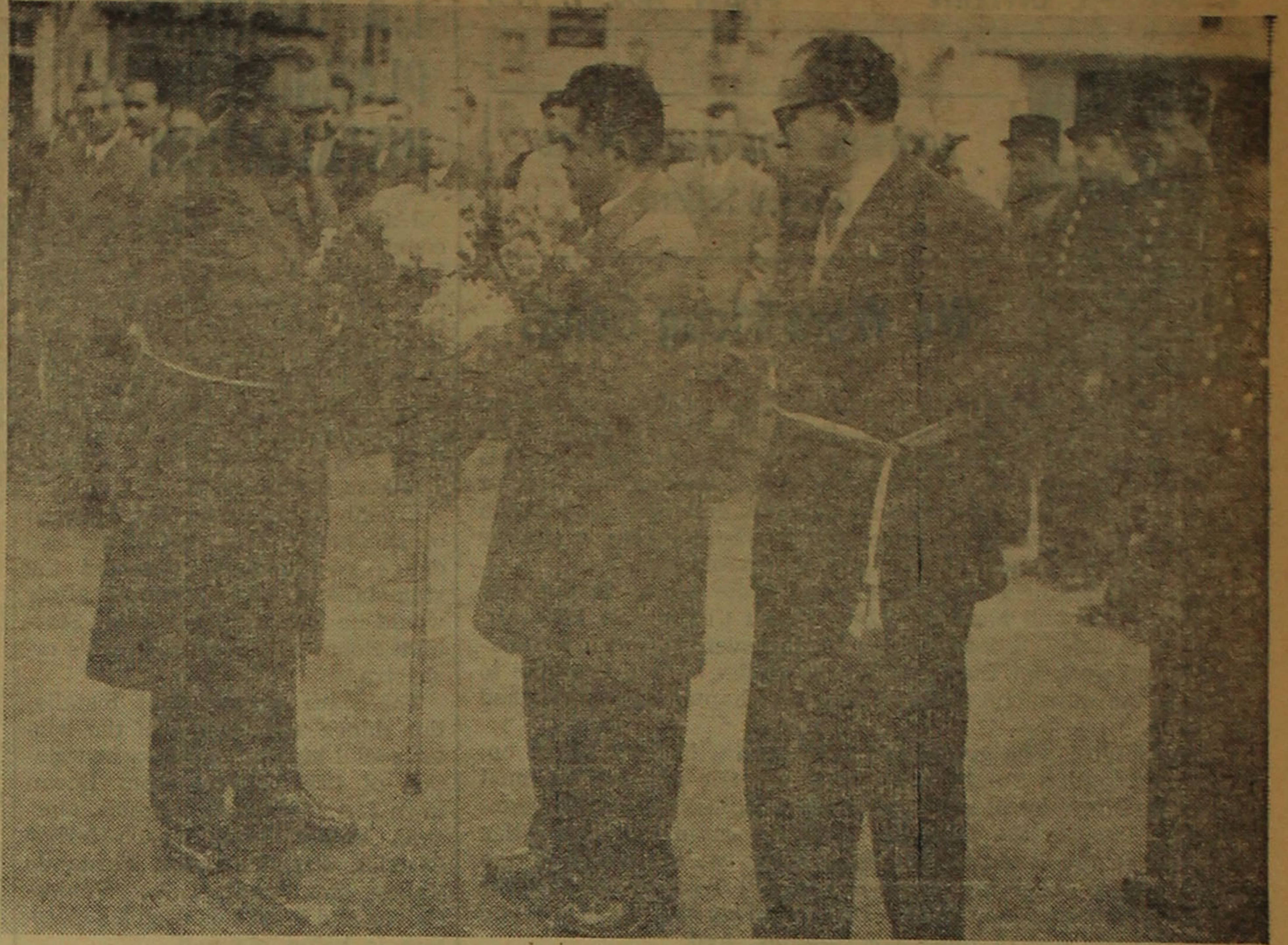
RKO'S "ESCAPADE IN JAPAN", the story of two very young boys on the run in Japan, and 20th Century-Fox's "Stopover Tokyo", a Mr. Moto adventure without Moto, are being released in November. "Escapade" had its world premiere recently in San Francisco and impressed its audience with its warm story and its magnificent settings in the widescreen Technirama process.

"Sayonara" also has been shot in Technirama, which combines color and wide-screen, while "Stopover Tokyo" is in CinemaScope and De Luxe color. "Sayonara", touted as Hollywood's most important picture of the year, will have its world premiere as the Christmas attraction at the Radio City Music Hall in New York and will be released nationally shortly afterward.

There are various reasons for Hollywood's Japanese cycle. One, of course, is purely economic. Many of the studios have used Japanese productions as one way of using yen surpluses which have been frozen in Japan. Incidentally, some of these blocked yen funds also have been lent by the American motion picture industry to Japan to help develop Japanese hydro-electric power resources.

Another factor, however, is Hollywood's desire to utilize Japan's photogenic backgrounds for its widescreen, color processes and the American filmmakers' awareness of the capabilities of Japanese movie technicians who are hired as members of technical crews. Such Japanese films as "Rashomon" and "Gate of Hell" have been highly honored in Hollywood, and have won Academy Oscars.

A notable point in Hollywood's Japanese cycle is the obvious attempt to inject the spirit of Japanese-American understanding in the films. "Sayonara", "Escapade" and "Stopover" all carry this theme.



Bruyeres Mayor Rene Drahon (left) hands over a wreath to Wilson Makabe, disabled 442nd RCT veteran currently visiting Europe and a past president of the Placer County JACL chapter, to be placed upon the monument in the city's public square honoring heroes of the first World War. Looking on is M. Valentin, assistant to the mayor.

Bruyeres celebrates its Liberation Day, tribute paid to men of 442nd; JACL monument now surrounded by Park

BY WILSON MAKABE
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

BRUYERES, France.—The city of Bruyeres celebrated its 13th anniversary of its Liberation from German occupation by the 442nd Regt. Combat Team on Oct. 20.

The "Fete de la Liberation" began with the traditional ringing of church bells from 9 p.m. Saturday till 4 a.m. Sunday and then renewed from 8 a.m. till the memorial Mass at 9 a.m. when nearly everyone in Bruyeres and from the surrounding villages in the Vosges attended.

The outdoor ceremonies started with a parade forming at the city hall and proceeding to the Place Stanislas, the public square in which stands a monument honoring the heroes of the first World War.

This writer was given the privilege of placing a wreath at this monument. Paraders then returned to the city hall from where participants were transported to the 442nd RCT monument in the forest. At 442nd RCT Shrine

This well-kept shrine stood out majestically in the lovely forest setting, the surrounding trees and shrubs in brilliant fall colors. Shortly after 11 a.m., the color guard mounted the steps and took their places around the monument as the municipal band, uniformed police and veterans lined the road immediately in front with local dignitaries.

After the Stars and Stripes were hoisted, the mayor placed a beautiful wreath of carnations. Mayor Drahon then praised the men of the 442nd as he recounted the historic days of the Liberation in 1944. Ceremonies were concluded with the band playing the national anthems of the United States and France.

Everyone returned to the city hall where a "vin d'honneur" (toast of honor) had been prepared. At noon, city councilmen and dignitaries, as well as this writer, joined in a four-hour banquet at Hotel Renaissance.

Solemn Ritual
Most touching and certainly impressive was the sincerity and solemnity of the entire program. The people of Bruyeres faithfully observe this special memorial ceremony each year so that no one here will ever forget the great sacrifices of the 442nd combat team.

The 442nd monument, originally made possible through the Japanese American Citizens League, is located high on a mountainside about two miles from the city. On days when weather permits and especially on Sundays, many walk the entire distance from Bruyeres to place flowers and pay their respects at the 442nd monument.

Erected on a site where many

trees were destroyed by heavy heavy fighting, there is a new vigorous stand of the young forest around it today. In front are beautiful, undamaged trees to form a park with many fox holes still perfectly intact.

The route to the monument has been considerably improved with the road partially completed with a crushed gravel permanent surface. Originally, the mountain trail ended just beyond the monument and being one-lane wide, there was a parking problem and turning around during Liberation Day ceremonies. The community has now pushed the road ahead, which circles back to the city creating a scenic one-way drive. A number of benches have been placed along the route, where one can enjoy the beautiful view of the valley

or the forests while resting from the steep climb.

Appeal Made

The officials had apologized for the fact that the entire route was not surfaced with permanent material due to lack of funds. However, it was assured that work and maintenance would be continued as they are justly of proud this project. It is the personal hope of this writer that 442nd veterans and JACLers can do their part in helping with the excellent maintenance of this project.

The revisiting of Bruyeres ranks as one of the most rewarding experiences thus far. The people of Bruyeres, at the same time, extend their standing invitation for others to come and assured a most welcome hospitality from the community.

NO NEED OF MASS EVACUATION IN WARTIME IN FUTURE, MYER SAYS

TOKYO.—There is no necessity for wartime mass evacuations and establishment of relocation centers such as the United States had for Japanese Americans during World War 2, according to Dillon S. Myer, wartime director of the War Relocation Authority.

Myer, a close friend of Americans of Japanese ancestry, added, "In situations such as we had in 1941, we should depend upon normal intelligence agency work to determine loyalty, such as the way we handled the Germans and others."

"I'm most skeptical about any mass evacuation operation." This opinion was expressed to Skip Trouelstrup, Asahi Evening News reporter, as Myer and his wife are visiting Japan for the first time.

Some Screening Perhaps

Myer added that perhaps ports or strategic areas should be screened of aliens and they should be moved only a few miles, but "relocation is conceivable as a first move but certainly should not be held in effect for four years as in the last war."

As director of WRA from 1942-46, Myer's leadership was so humanitarian that the Japanese American Citizens League honored him with a plaque at a civic banquet in New York in 1946, when WRA was closed.

Lt. Gen. John DeWitt, commander of the Western Defense Zone, ordered the original relocation.

"We took over from there," Myer said, "and we did everything but back the idea of continuing it. Soon the coast was clear and there was no need for it. Most of the scare stories were plain bunk."

Long-Range View

In retrospect, Myer said that

something that was inadvisable turned out, in the long-range view, to have been for the good and listed two points:

(1) It helped distribute what had been inbred communities so that others got to know Japanese Americans and the relocatees themselves got to know many other people. As a result they not only learned much but capitalized on it, especially the professional classes;

(2) Legislation on the state and national level was enacted and that killed off many local-level discriminatory acts, mainly among land laws. The immigration act of 1924, a product of an isolationist and misinformed U.S., was changed and Issei could apply for citizenship. They were no longer aliens.

Get Extra Breaks

"Now," Myer said, "racial origin does not dog them, and they are accepted everywhere. In fact, the term Nisei is giving them some extra breaks because of their widely publicized and valuable work during the war."

Especially notable was the Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the "Go-For-Broke" outfit that carved its loyalty record in blood on the soil of Italy, France and Germany, and others who served with combat intelligence in the Pacific.

"The directorship was a job I was delighted to have participated in," Myer said, "but I hope no other person ever has such a job again."

"I now have thousands of Nisei and Japanese friends all over the world, and the greatest pleasure of all is to see the wonderful adjustment they have made."

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POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD

By Fred Takata

We Were Mong Gongs

WE WERE GUESTS at the Long Beach JACL dinner-dance a couple of weeks ago, held at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach. We really had a bang-up time meeting members of this active chapter. One of the highlights of the evening was a color sound film on the Long Beach Chapter activities and youth program. It was very well done, and maybe someday a similar picture can be made of our entire organization.

Dr. David Miura was introduced to the group as the new president, who will head the Long Beach Chapter in 1958. Dr. Miura, who acted as toastmaster for the evening, did a wonderful job and we know that with his capability he will continue to carry on the wonderful tradition that his chapter has established this year.

Henry Mori, who must have been born with horse shoes on, won a "Operation Youth" prize of an electric vibrator. It must have done him a lot of good and made him feel at least 20 years younger, because the following week he came into our office with one of the loudest Aloha-type shirts we've ever had the opportunity of observing. Everyone in Li'l Tokio focussed their eyes on this young gent, as he strutted down the street. Maybe we should get one of those contraptions, too!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Tomizo Joe, and the Long Beach Chapter for extending an invitation to us. We remember back in those camp days in Amache, Colorado, when Tomizo and yours truly used to be on the same team in school called the "Mong Gongs". It seems strange after so many years that we find ourselves on the same team again, only this time it's the "JACL".

TOT BALL—This past weekend we attended the TOT Ball, sponsored by the Nisei Legal Secretaries Association, and Mrs. Pasenas, at the Fox Hills Country Club. Each year these two groups, made of many JACLers, sponsor this annual dance to raise funds for the Shonien Children's Home.

Mike Suzuki, director of the home and active Hollywood Chapter member, says that the home received \$2,000 from the proceeds last year. The Shonien is now in the process of installing fire alarms, and plans to open in the next few months for child care. Shonien is a child welfare organization, and has already been operating for some time, but will open up their child care facilities next. We certainly wish Mike a lot of luck with his new Children's Home because he's really worked hard to make it a reality.

UNICEF-DR. ASAKO MATSUOKA—This past week, we were invited by the L.A. Japanese Chamber of Commerce to attend a dinner in honor of Dr. Asako Matsuoka, UN representative of Japan. Dr. Matsuoka is with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, which provides food for the undernourished children of the world, and was founded some ten years ago by the UN. All the funds for UNICEF are made by contributions of different countries, organizations, and individuals, with 52 per cent of the total funds coming from the United States alone. Dr. Matsuoka explained that this alone has helped to create a greater understanding between her country and the United States.

Dr. Matsuoka representing Japan at the past executive committee meeting of UNICEF in September, said that a budget of \$16,141,936 was set up for the next year, which would take care of 49,000,000 needy children in the world. Of the total number of 600,000,000 children in the world, more than two-thirds of them are in need of assistance, and last year 113 countries benefited from this program. She also expressed her gratitude to the U.S. Government for sending \$23,000,000 worth of medical equipment to the Japanese hospitals for crippled children. Beginning from this November the United States has donated 3,000,000 lbs. of milk to Japan, with UNICEF picking up the freight charges that amount to \$68,000.

Dr. Matsuoka has stated that the young children, being educated in Japan today, are being taught to become their brothers keeper. They are being taught to help the welfare of their fellow man. She feels that such a program, as UNICEF, has helped Japan to keep the Communists from taking root in her country.

We wish to thank the Chamber of Commerce for inviting us, and letting us hear the viewpoint of a member of the UN, and the important part our country the United States of America is playing in this great organization.

SOMETHING LIKE A FLOWER IS GROWING—Several months ago, Richard Kayne and Tim Sullivan called on our office, saying they were interested in producing a play about the Nisei and Issei involved in the evacuation. We gave them old holiday issues of the PC and other material for background, and Kayne went to work writing the play. Mr. Sullivan called this week to say that the play was completed, that it was read to an all Nisei group to get an honest opinion on the contents of the play, and received an enthusiastic reception.

The title for the play is "Something Like a Flower Is Growing", with 21 parts in the play, with 11 of the parts going to Nisei. The play will be in three acts, the first act being in Downtown L.A., the second in Poston, Ariz., and third back in their old home again. The play will have its own theme song, and plans to open sometime in March or April, this next year. They plan to open in San Francisco, and then move on to Broadway. It's the first time such a story has ever been attempted for the stage, and will be interesting to see how successful it will be. Auditions for the Nisei parts will be announced soon, according to Mr. Sullivan.

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L.A. CHAPTERS
PLANNING MASS
INSTALLATION

JACL chapters in Los Angeles county combine forces for their installation dance on Saturday, Jan. 25, to honor 1958 cabinet officers, it was announced by Kaz Kawakami, Hollywood JACL president, and Kango Kunitsugu, Southwest L.A. JACL president, who are acting as co-chairmen of the L.A. JACL Coordinating Council, sponsors of the event.

Yoichi Nakase and Kei Uchima of Downtown L.A. JACL, general dance co-chairmen, reported the stag-stagette sports formal affair would be held at the Forum Starlight Room with Kenny Zwern's orchestra.

The sixth annual joint installation dance will be one of the winter social highlights. Mass installation of 1958 officers from Downtown L.A., East Los Angeles, Gardena Valley, Long Beach-Harbor District, Pasadena, San Fernando Valley, Southwest L.A., Venice-Culver and West Los Angeles chapters is being planned.

Other committee members include Hide Izumo, Danar Abe, Hollywood; Peggy Tanaka, George Nomi, Frank Okamoto, East Los Angeles; Tom Ito, Pasadena; and Terumi Yamaguchi, SWLA.

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES:

Stereophonic sound
demonstration feature

One of the most popular lecture demonstrations by a commercial firm here—"Adventure in Sound" by Pacific Telephone Co.—will be featured at the next Downtown Los Angeles JACL luncheon meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7, at San Kwo Low, it was announced by Duke Ogata, chapter president.

"Because of the very high interest in various forms of sound reproduction today, such as hi-fi, stereophonic and binaural, we negotiated for this meeting months ago," program chairman Yoichi Nakase revealed.

The program, with Stanton Gayle of Pacific Telephone as speaker, depicts the progress of sound recording and reproduction over the past 80 years. Novelty items include transcriptions of Alexander Bell's first telephone call and Edison's "talking machine".

Then using the newest electronic equipment with stereo sound, Gayle will demonstrate such tones as a train coming into a station, a ping-pong game, thunderstorm, a DC-7 airplane passing overhead with such realism that listeners usually duck.

The public is invited to the luncheon meeting starting at noon. Reservations may be placed with the JACL Regional Office, (MA 6-4471).

SAN FRANCISCO:

Chemise-look dominant in preview of
winter fashions at Auxiliary spectacular

The pink splendor of the beautiful Peacock Court of the Mark Hopkins Hotel provided a perfect setting for the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary fashion show this past Saturday. "Changing Face of Fashion" was presented by The White House before a capacity crowd filling the luncheon room before the appointed hour of 1 p.m., which gave guests an opportunity to renew acquaintances with friends who seemed to have come from every community in Northern California.

The Blue Notes played chamber music for the guests during the luncheon hour.

Mrs. Yo Hironaka, Auxiliary president and general chairman, welcomed the audience, and introduced as guests: Masao Satow, National JACL Director, and Mrs. Satow, and Jack Kusaba, San Francisco JACL President. Nancy Sargis, White House fashion coordinator and commentator was then presented.

Tweed Costumes

With brisk and animated strides, five professional models burst on to the runway in a galaxy of tweed

Kokubo fund —

Continued from Front Page

Inquiries may be addressed to Wallace Kagawa, 12011 Beaverland, Detroit 39.

The bequest to the Detroit JACL was contained as follows in the Kokubo will:

Trust Explained

"... I give and bequeath to the Detroit Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, in trust, the sum of \$10,000 to be used to help needy Japanese students in college who are morally, mentally and physically worth and competent, by giving loans to them in sums of not more than \$500 in any semester and the total loan to any one student during his college career shall not be greater than the sum of \$1,000.

"The said loan to be given to students selected by Dr. Ted Kokubo, Mrs. Ted Kokubo, Mr. Kenji Horiuchi, Mrs. Kenji Horiuchi, and the president of the Japanese American Citizens League of Detroit, Mich. Said loans to be repayable to the trustee in installment payments in amounts of not less than 2 per cent a month of the total amount loaned to said student, and said repayment installments to commence not later than one year after graduation of the student or from the date of his withdrawal as a student from said college. Said loans not bear interest until six months after student graduates or withdraws as a student from said college, and the interest on said loans to be at the rate of 4 per cent per annum."

costumes. This rapid pace continued with the entrance of the Auxiliary models. The eleven lovely Nisei models performed with professional aplomb and received spontaneous applause from the audience for their delightful flair in exhibiting the latest winter fashions, as well as for their great showmanship.

The chemise-look played a dominant role in these artistic creations. Designs by Oleg Cassini, Suzy Perette, Malcolm Charles, and Mr. Mort were especially outstanding.

A pink cocktail dress modeled by Jean Okubo was breathtaking. A stunning kelly green jersey backless chemise dress worn by Hana Abe was enhanced further by her interpretation of the "New York Walk". Very striking in a flame red chiffon dress was Kuni Hashimoto. Renee Kawakami displayed a pale blue wedding gown. Gladys Otsuki and Helen Oshima were outstandingly beautiful in various plaid outfits.

Nancie Moriguchi captivated the audience with her "Look! It's Raining Flowers" rain ensemble. Misa Hiroshima and Mary Miyagishima modeled fashion's newest overcoats. June Uyeda showed off a red wool jersey basic dress. Chiz Shiro looked demure in a beige wool dress dressed up with a leopard vestee and matching hat.

55 Numbers Previewed

The selection of costumes was vast and varied, and every item was a show stopper. An unprecedented total of 55 costumes was displayed. This rapid pace was maintained by the commentator by an elaborate and descriptive dialogue.

In keeping with its theme, "The Changing Face of Fashion", the show concluded with costumed animals in the shape of a panther and a large cat with Chiz Shiro peering out from within. A not too ferocious witch was comically portrayed by June Uyeda.

Lucky winners in a drawing for valuable door prizes contributed by leading local merchants included:

Mrs. Iwaki, Marie Kogawara, Mrs. Kay Okamoto, Mrs. Von Ruut, Mrs. Sawaya Futatsuki, Mits Umene, Helen Kodama, Hidako Hamasaki, Kaye Uyeda, Mrs. Betty Tanaka, Marie Sato, Mrs. Terry Furuta, Bess Sonoda, Margie Hirata, Ann Takamoto, Miss Stevens and Mrs. Matsumoto.

GILROY:

THANKSGIVING DAY DANCE
PLANS GOING FULL BLAST

Various committees are busy preparing for the fourth annual Gilroy JACL Thanksgiving Day dance here. Noby Iwanaga, chairman, promises this year's party to be the best yet.

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Each year the Seattle Nisei Veterans Women's Auxiliary helps close the season with a dinner for the team and families of the club-sponsored Little League team, "the Fighting Irish". Awards are presented including the "inspirational" and "most valuable player", both of which were won by Larry Matsuda this year. This photo was made just before the boys got their seconds on the turkey. —Ogawa Photo.



THE NORTHWEST PICTURE By Elmer Ogawa

'Fighting Irish'

Seattle

THE LITTLE LEAGUE program for youngsters who want to play baseball and football is by now a well-established, permanent fixture on the American scene. Through the invaluable help of sponsors, coaches, and adult boosters who give unselfishly of their valuable time and talents, and we might add, their worldly possessions, the athletic youngsters have been given a break the past few years. Besides the moral and physical benefits of organized team play, these youngsters set an example which may well be emulated by others in an era of such diverse juvenile personalities.

The proponents of hard clean organized team play are proving their points as opposed to the school of thought which wants Junior to avoid physical contact sports and go in for bird watching, finger painting, and folk dancing. The Little Leagues provide a well directed energy outlet for the irrepressible kids who would play football on the sly, sometimes harmfully, when left to their own devices.

And besides who was it that said the battles of the Empire were won on the playfields of Eton?

This corner may be very biased in viewpoint, but it really looks as if the Nisei Vet-sponsored Little League football team, the "Fighting Irish" is the most colorful in town. (The Vets also sponsor the Little League "Yanks" in baseball). It's truly a league of nations outfit usually made up of one third each, Japanese, Negro and Caucasians on the squad.

The Irish pay off in the victory column too. Until the first game this fall, they went through five seasons without a loss in scheduled league play. In 1952 the first Fighting Irish team went to the national playoffs in Las Vegas and lost out to couple of teams from Omaha and Amarillo. The championships are localized now, as it was decided that playoffs for a national title were too much for twelve year olds.

Although the 1957 season may be considered an "off" year for the Irish, (3 wins-2 losses) one event alone could be said to have made the season a huge success. It was at the Annual City wide jamboree.

IT HAPPENED that the San Francisco 49ers and the Chicago Cardinals were in Seattle for a game at the time of the jamboree. Some of the pros, Hugh McElhenny and Y.A. Tittle of the 49ers and Dave Mann, Ollie Matson and Paul Larson of the Cardinals were on hand to greet the 1,500 uniformly equipped youngsters from Pee Wee, Little, and Bantam leagues, representing the three age groups engaged in juvenile play. The pros said that there was nothing like this in their youthful days.

The professionals were scheduled to headline the halftime show of the round robin Little League games. But what group was selected to share the honors in the intermission show? The "Fighting Irish", of course.

They caught passes, chased punts, and were the envy of everyone there. And especially proud was Larry Matsuda who fell backward in catching a powerful Dave Mann punt, but nevertheless hung on to the ball.

You can bet that in years to come this bunch will be telling their grandchildren how they shook hands and talked shop, and played with the All-Americans and great pros of the middle 20th century.

THE VETERANS of the first Fighting Irish team in 1952 are now in high school and it was interesting to do a quick follow up. Dennis Sakamoto, O'Dea High halfback is the star of the parochial league. Four former "Irish" are on the Garfield High squad; Vic Shinoda, David Arai, Charlie Mitchell, and Kenny Gidlof. At Franklin High we find Gary Yamashita formerly of the '53 Irish team. A chip off the ol' block, he is the son of Frank Yamashita who won a football letter during the Phelan regime at the U. of W. in the '30s.

It must be mentioned however that there are many other Sansei youngsters on the high school squads. Some are veterans of other Little League teams; the Irish do not by any means have a monopoly on the Sansei players, and perhaps some of the six Sansei guards on the Garfield squad may never have been on a Little League team, but there should not be any doubt that the organized kid program has helped to improve the calibre of candidates at the high school level.

Judy Seki leads Chiyo Tashima in keg single playoffs

TORRANCE.—Judy Seki and Chiyo Tashima are two-three-in the local women's national Match Play tournament after the first 10-game series at South Bay Bowling Center last Sunday night.

They compete in the final series this Sunday from 7:30 p.m. The top four finalists will represent the area in the Minneapolis National Singles meet in January.

Merle Mathews, leader of the semi-final play, led with a huge 2,056 10-game series in the final eliminations followed by Judy "300" Seki with a 196 average for 10 games. Mrs. Tashima is third with an average of 200. Complete standings expressed in Peterson points are as follows:

1. Merle Mathews 48.06, 2. Judy Seki 47.35, 3. Chiyo Tashima 47.32, 4. Wilma Guillory 42.21, 5. Gwen Hyduke 42.10, 6. Bobbie Shaler 41.17, 7. Louise Estes 40.49, 8. Lynn Hunter 40.04, 9. Doris Porter 39.03, 10. Dottie Crouch 38.00

SEATTLE.—Two tournaments attracting a large number of bowling fans currently are the national Match Game eliminations with preliminaries at four local houses. Fred Takagi's Main Bowl is hosting women bowlers.

Vieing for berths representing Western Washington are George Ota, Tuk Mikami and Fred Takagi for the men's team and Fumi Yamasaki, Miye Ishikawa, Yoyo Konishi and Lois Yut for the women's team.

234 triplicate scored by Badger of Pocatello JACL

POCATELLO.—No doubt, Oct 17 holds tender memories forever for Pocatello JACLer Joe Badger who hit a 234 triplicate in league play here. His 702 series is the highest three-of-a-kind here and some men are wagering it is the best in the western states.

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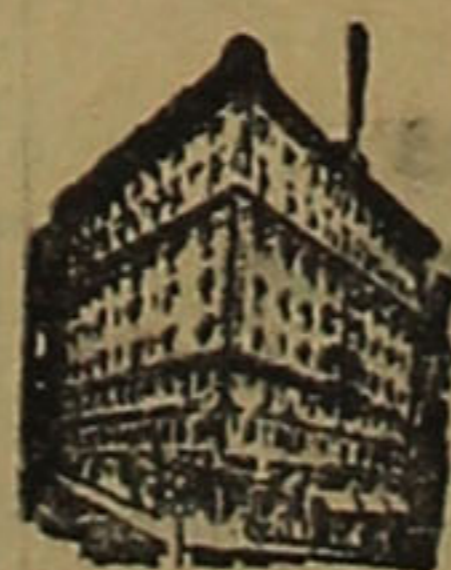
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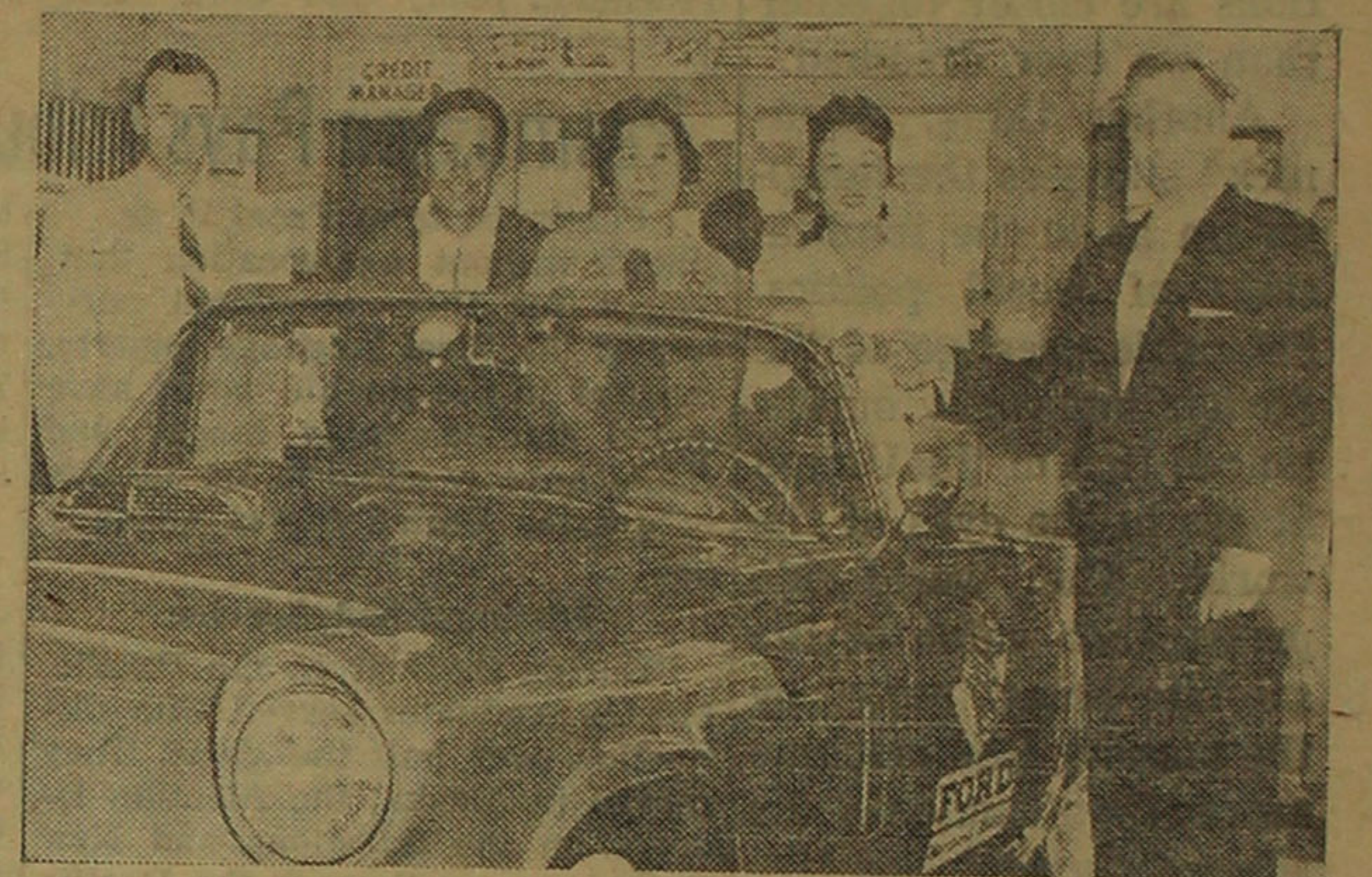
GOODWILL: Although several factors, tarnished the Nisei Travelers goodwill basketball series in Mexicali last weekend, the international event was well received by the sports fans below the border as they turned out in capacity sizes to watch the first all-Nisei team ever to participate in a sporting event in Mexico. The Travelers split the two games, winning their opener 53-44 and dropping the second 62-48.

In the opener, heated tempers on the part of the Mexican players caused the game to be halted for five minutes while the harassed Nisei players tried to talk to the Mexican referees who did not understand a word of English. The huge crowd was in an uproar during the ensuing argument and a wild search for a interpreter.

More ills beseeched the Travelers the second day when four of the players decided to go home. Five tired performers went all the way in losing the game to give the Nisei team their split.

Off the court, the players were wined and dined royally by the Mexican National Basketball Ass'n officials and by the Japanese Ass'n of Mexicali.

SO SOLLY: Our apologies to all concerned over the misinformation of Judy Seki's 300 being the "first in the United States" for a woman. However, she is the first on the West Coast; the first person, man or woman, to score a perfect game against the AMF automatic pin-setters, and the first Nisei woman to roll a 300 gam.



WINS T-BIRD — For bowling her 300 game, Judy Seki was presented with a new thunderbird auto by Les Bacon of Hermosa Beach (shown in photo with Judy and her parents).

Judy Seki's dad, George, is one of the leading Nisei golfers of San Diego, sporting a nifty 5 han dicap.

TWO FIRST — There were two firsts recorded last Saturday at Cincinnati as the University of Cincinnati was defeating College of the Pacific of Stockton, Calif. For one, it was the West Coast team's first loss of the season. For another, the game produced the first scoring effort in the gridiron career of Mitch Yamamoto of COP. The rugged center crash through early in the game to block a punt to give his tea mthe first two points. As it turned out, it was their final two points, as Cincinnati went on to win 7-2. Yamamoto, however gained national fame, having his named displayed prominently on wire service stories of the game.

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