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BY THE BOARD:

Interest of youth in JACL inspiring

With Washington's birthday upon us, we think of the many accomplishments of our founding fathers, the hardships and criticisms in organizing a great government. In a small way, I can't help but think of our own JACL.

Looking back a quarter century ago, JACL's future is getting brighter than ever before. This is certainly a new perspective. To us who are at an age when the waistline becomes misplaced and the infirmities of old age gradually find root, to know that our youth have taken an interest in the JACL is most gratifying.

There were days when JACL was accused of being run by a clique of old foggies. But look at the age of our new national officers. Here you have a new younger generation of very capable men, that can instill new hopes and aspirations for JACL. This same caliber of people is taking hold of the organization at chapter levels.

Clinching eye opener was the Junior JACLers meeting at our last national convention. Twenty-five years ago we could not even talk JACL to that age group.

Perusing the Pacific Citizen it seems that this movement is catching on in various communities, which is a credit to JACL. I've always contended that if JACL did nothing else than to help mold leadership, existence of our organization was well justified.

The psychology of our youth and their better integration into community life at large will bring about a better public relation media.

This does not mean the old timers should forget JACL but to get back into the fold and be as active as our infirmities allow. All of us still have a stake in JACL and the problems of the future. To many of us our children are now becoming active so let's give them a boost and make JACL what we dreamed it should be.

— Dr. T. T. Yatabe
Past President

Deadline seen for claims compromise

Dec. 31, 1958, target date planned as government confers with attorneys

BY HARRY K. HONDA

West coast and midwest attorneys and Japanese Americans concerned with evacuation claims and the so-called renunciant programs have been advised this week by two ranking government officials that procedures for administrative relief may be terminated by Dec. 31, 1958.

Asst. Attorney General George C. Doub, heading the civil division in the Dept. of Justice where evacuation claims and "renunciant" programs are handled, revealed the department's proposal to expedite remaining claims by compromise and discussed procedural methods to attorneys representing evacuee claimants and renunciants.

A final policy announcement is expected upon Doub's return to Washington next week.

Nature of the proposals for both programs are reported below. Accompanying Doub was Enoch E. Ellison, chief of the Japanese Claims Section. They conferred in Chicago Monday, in Los Angeles Tuesday, in San Francisco yesterday and will meet with attorneys in Seattle next Tuesday.

The tour was ostensibly to "put steam behind the claimants" in liquidating the evacuation claims program, which began 10 years ago, and the "renunciant" program, which was considerably liberalized last August.

3 steps offered in gov't proposal for 1,700 claims still pending

Three avenues for winding up the administrative compromise phase of the Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act of 1948, as amended, were proposed by Asst. Attorney General George C. Doub and Enoch E. Ellison, Justice Department officials visiting the west coast and conferring with claimant attorneys this week in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The proposal concerns some 1,700 cases still outstanding, excluding those so-called "re-opened" claims belonging to internees, etc., under the 1956 Hillings amendment, of which there are about 2,000, according to Doub.

It was the Dept. of Justice's hope that settlement of the 1,700 cases would be effected in one of three ways by a proposed target date of Dec. 31, 1958.

The purpose of the west coast tour, Doub added, was to discuss with claimant attorneys the procedures for accomplishing the liquidation of the evacuation claims program by the end of 1958.

The first method concerns cases in which an offer of settlement or a counteroffer of the government is outstanding. According to the

Justice Department, a notice will be given requesting acceptance (a "yes" answer), rejection ("no") or a counteroffer based upon additional information ("I'll take, instead of X dollars you offer, Y dollars") submitted with the counteroffer within 30 days of the date of the notice.

The time may be extended to a maximum of 60 days upon a showing of extreme hardship. Such an instance might be described as a client being in Japan at the time notice is received, or where the present whereabouts of the client is unknown.

Attorneys were informed, further, that administrative files will be closed with respect to any case in which the action requested is not taken within the period of time stated.

Failure to conform will automatically result in terminating compromise proceedings and in the issuance of a statutory notice to start the limitation period (of 90 days) for filing in the Court of Claims, according to the Justice Department proposal.

The second method concerns

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Liberalized policy for renunciants to restore citizenship revealed

Currently available to Nisei renunciants seeking restoration of citizenship under the liberalized policy of the Justice Department in effect since last August are three classes of procedures as outlined to attorneys this week by Asst. Attorney General George C. Doub, presently visiting the west coast.

Briefly, they are (1) application for passport, (2) request with the Immigration and Naturalization Service office for exemption from duty as an alien, and (3) court action.

(The announcement of the second class, whereby a renunciant may apply for a request to be exempt from filing his annual address report, was generally regarded by Los Angeles attorneys as something "new".)

In applying for a passport, the renunciant seeks determination through the State Department, it was explained, which then forwards papers for clearance by the Justice Department. This procedure is available to renunciants in the United States or in Japan.

For practical purposes, Doub noted that renunciants in Japan would find this method more suitable,

since administrative relief would be less expensive and faster than litigation through the courts.

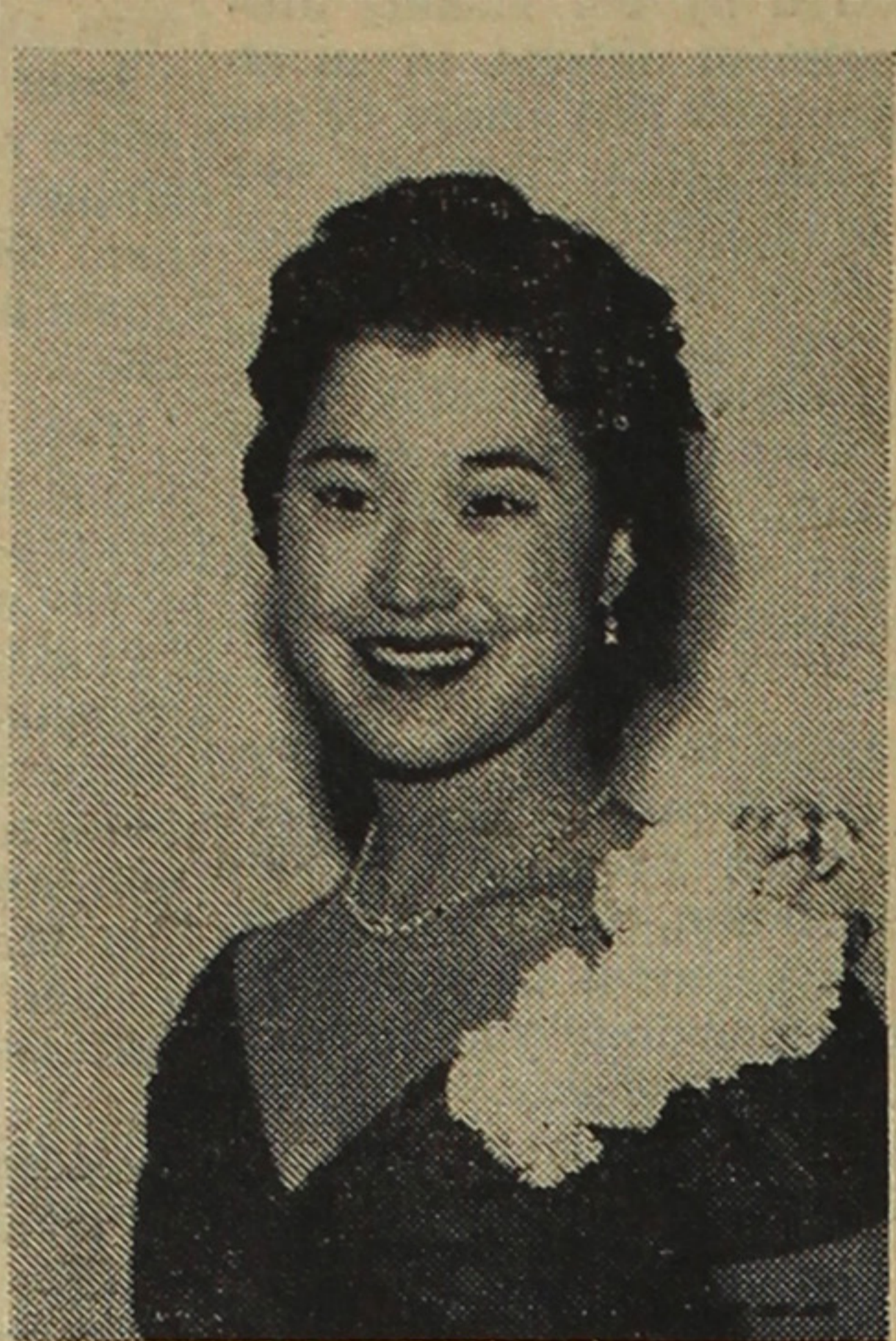
Those concerned in the United States seeking this method can file passport applications with the clerk of the local U.S. District Court. When the question of perjury arose since a renunciant had no immediate intention of travel and use of the passport, Doub assured there would be none, since the government views a citizen as every right to obtain a passport.

Most practicable for the majority of the 2,645 renunciants, whose cases are pending in the Justice Department at the present time, is the second category for administrative relief.

Viewed as the quickest and best approach by the government, the renunciant should file an application with the Immigration and Naturalization Service office of the district in which he resides, asking for exemption from duty as an alien.

The request, which is accompanied by an affidavit, is then forwarded to the Justice Department for final administrative action.

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Katherine Kitajima, 20, representing the Oakland JACL, was selected queen of the 11th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament, which opens with a mixer Mar. 5 and concludes with the award banquet on Mar. 10. Born in Los Angeles, she has completed her secondary school in Oakland and plans to become a certified public accountant after attending San Francisco State College. She stands 5 ft. and weighs 95 lbs. Her favorite sport is not bowling but tennis.

—Utsumi Photo.

80 MEN, 24 FEM TEAMS READY FOR JACL KEG CLASSIC

ALBANY.—The 11th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament will draw over 500 participants at the Albany Bowl between Mar. 5-10 as Mo Katow, tournament director, this week announced the roster of 80 men's and 24 women's teams coming here for the most coveted of Nisei championships.

Schedule of events will be published next week.

Indicating the rise in Nisei caliber since the JACL classic in 1947, Chick Sarae of Los Angeles comes with a 200 average to lead the men, while Chiyo Tashima of Los Angeles paces the women with a whopping 194 average.

There are over 30 bowlers sporting 190 averages followed by 59 others with 185 or better in the men's division. Among them are Delmar Ah Leong (Hawaii), Art Nishiguchi (San Francisco) 198; Hank Aragaki (Los Angeles), Fuzzy Shimada (San Francisco) 195; Jun Kurumada (Salt Lake), Jim Yasutake (Montebello) 194; Angel Kageyama (Sacramento), Yon Takahashi (East Bay) 193.

(Additional comments are in Mas Satow's column.—Editor.)

Among the top 15 women kegglers with 170 averages or over are Judy Seki (Los Angeles) 182; Nobu Asami (East Bay) 181; Aya Takai (Sacramento), Lois Yut (Seattle), Dorothea Kodani (Hawaii) 178;

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Pasadena chapter to fete 1957 cabinet tomorrow

PASADENA.—The Pasadena JACL will install its 1957 officers at Carpenter's Santa Anita Restaurant tomorrow night at 7 p.m. A dance will follow with music supplied by a Nisei combo.

Harris Ozawa, who was re-elected 1957 president, presided at a board meeting Feb. 4 at his home to prepare the membership drive, which is being conducted by two teams.

ANTI-NISEI FILM ON TV PROTESTED BY C.L. OFFICIAL

'Now it can be told! An amazing plan for betrayal—that almost succeeded!'

These 13 words caught the eye of readers perusing the women's section of a Los Angeles metropolitan newspaper last Saturday morning in advertising the TV showing of "Betrayal from the East", an RKO production available nationally, on KHJ-TV (9).

The film has been described in the Pacific Citizen as among six films that are anti-Nisei. Larry Tajiri, former PC editor and now drama editor for the Denver Post, has reminded on several occasions (as late as Jan. 11, 1957) that the loyalty of Nisei is impugned in "Air Force" (Nisei treachery at Pearl Harbor when there were none), "Across the Pacific" (Nisei secret agent for imperial Japan plotting to blow up the Panama Canal), "Little Tokyo, U.S.A." (which relates alleged Nisei treachery to mass evacuation), "Behind the Rising Sun" (where a Japanese student returns from China) and in "Black Dragons" (a cheap picture about the Japanese Black Dragon society in New York after Pearl Harbor).

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I&NS extends alien pre-exam method for status change

WASHINGTON.—Pre-examination procedures to facilitate adjustment of immigration status has been extended for another year, the Immigration and Naturalization Service informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League this week.

First instituted two years ago, the present extension is the third successive extension granted by the Immigration Service and applies to all aliens who entered the United States prior to January 1, 1957.

Under this procedure an alien who desires to seek an adjustment of status if otherwise eligible may be pre-examined by the Immigration Service, depart for Canada to receive an immigration quota number or nonquota status, as the case may be, and then return to the United States with an adjusted status.

Under the old procedure, these aliens if they were of Japanese nationality had to return to Japan before being given either quota numbers or nonquota status. The new procedures, therefore, not only facilitate the adjustment of status but also reduce the expenses involved considerably.

JOINT EDC-MDC CONFAB DATES ANNOUNCED

CHICAGO.—Under chairmanship of Kumeo Yoshinari, a convention board has been busy developing plans for the second joint EDC-MDC convention to be held here Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at the Sheraton Hotel.

In addition to council sessions, the tentative program includes an opening mixer, convention luncheon, forum, workshop, 1000 Club Whing Ding, convention banquet and ball.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa
 Denver, Colo.

NISEI TIME—The dinner on the other side of town was set for 6:30 p.m. I got held up at the office, arrived home behind schedule. We started five minutes later than we should have to make the dinner on time. Traffic was heavier than usual. By the time we parked the car and entered the restaurant, we were 15 minutes late. Feeling terribly self-conscious about being so tardy, we slipped into the dining room. We needn't have.

The room was nearly empty. A small group, no more than three or four couples, sat disconsolately in one corner. There were rows of unoccupied seats. Then we recalled that this was a Nisei gathering. Nisei dinners, programs or whatever never start on time.

At 7 p.m., only a third of the seats were occupied. At 7:30 p.m., there was still a sprinkling of empty places. Finally, at 7:40 p.m., an hour and ten minutes after the appointed time, there were enough persons on hand to get the dinner under way. By then, the early comers had eaten up all the crackers in a futile effort to stave off hunger pangs.

EVEN THE YOUNGER ONES—This deplorable Nisei habit of chronic tardiness is not confined to the older members. Not long ago I happened to be a judge for a Nisei student queen contest. The time was set for 7:30 p.m. At that hour, the only persons present were two judges and three committee members still stringing up decorations.

The contestants began to drift in about 8 p.m. At 8:15, the contest chairman, obviously embarrassed, suggested that it was about time the judging got under way. The last of the contestants arrived at 8:20, 40 minutes after the scheduled time, looking quite serene, unruffled and unapologetic.

NOBODY LOST FACE—Back before evacuation, the west coast Japanese-American communities ran on a sort of daylight saving time in reverse. No event ever started at the appointed hour, and this being the case, no one ever made the mistake of showing up on time. It was an unwritten code of conduct, understood by everyone, that a half hour's delay was in good taste as well as being almost mandatory. In fact, it was considered almost rude to be prompt because promptness embarrassed others. The communities lived by "Japanese time," which was anywhere from 30 to 60 minutes behind Pacific Standard.

This custom caused some difficulty when the Nisei first began to invite Caucasian friends to their functions. But a solution was quickly found. If the wedding invitation said 3:30 p.m., the Nisei would tell the Caucasians that the printer had made a mistake. "It's really supposed to be 4 o'clock," they'd say with tongue in cheek. That way, both Nisei and Caucasians would show up at approximately the same time and nobody lost face.

AN ARCHAIC CUSTOM—I suppose "Japanese time" is an old country custom born in the days when one walked wherever he went, and punctuality was an impractical virtue. And I suppose the practice had a certain appeal in the leisurely, low-pressure society of the prewar "Li'l Tokyos."

But today, tardiness would seem to be a luxury that we can ill afford. One can do so much more today with minutes that they have become infinitely more precious than they used to be. It is presumptuous to waste them for others by making them wait for you. This, then, is one man's protest against the perpetuation of "Nisei time."

U.S. admits 5,200 from Japan in 1956, mostly as GI brides

WASHINGTON.—A total of 5,255 immigrants from Japan were admitted into the United States during the fiscal year 1956 for permanent residence, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed by Scott McLeod, State Dept. administrator for security and consular affairs.

From July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956 (fiscal year 1956) 79 quota immigrants and 5,176 non-quota immigrants were admitted from Japan. The reason that more quota immigrants were not admitted under Japan's annual quota of 185 was that up to half of the regular quota was mortgaged to take care of Japanese aliens in the United States who had their status adjusted in fiscal 1956 and whose adjustment was charged against Japan's annual quota.

Among the 5,176 non-quota immigrants admitted into the United States during this period, less than a thousand were orphans and about another 500 were refugees authorized under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. The remaining were spouses and unmarried minor children of American citizens, mostly service personnel.

Total figures for fiscal 1956 reveal that 828,586 visas were issued, including those for visitors, as against 689,99 in fiscal 1955, both records since World War II. Immigrant visas totalled 332,499 in fiscal 1956, another record.

Fiscal year totals for the past decade indicate a rising total of immigration every year — Fiscal year 1946, 337,388 admissions; 1947, 459,028; 1948, 477,985; 1949, 472,493; 1950, 522,889; 1951, 526,117; 1952, 608,835; 1953, 542,895; 1954, 627,413; 1955, 689,909; and 1956, 828,586.

Cortez Clers discuss social calendar for year

CORTEZ.—A tentative Cortez JACL program for 1957 was presented by social chairmen Ruth Yoshida and Miye Baba at the general chapter meeting held last week at Cortez Hall.

In addition to regular meetings, scheduled are a snow outing at Pinecrest, joint social with Livingston-Merced JACL, graduates' outing at Lake Yosemite, March-April fishing derby, potluck dinner in honor of those who helped on Prop. 13, and the community Christmas party.

Albert Morimoto, who attended the NC-WNDC quarterly meeting with new president Hiro Asai, reported on the Sacramento affair. He also announced that Cortez had placed second in the Chapter of the Year competition.

At the suggestion made at the NC-WNDC meeting, Florice Kuwahara and Frank Yoshida were appointed institutional representatives for the Young People's Club of Cortez to help them in an advisory capacity.

Citizenship

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 The third category—court action—is also available to renunciants in the United States as well as those in Japan. The advantage of this particular procedure, Doub pointed out, is that this recourse is available if previous application made through the first or second category were denied. The disadvantages, he added, were of expense and long delay to the litigant.

Administrative relief as contained in the first and second classes for renunciants, however, may be terminated by Dec. 31, 1958, it was declared by the visiting Justice Department official, in an effort to speed up this phase of the program that grew out of the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast.

It was his opinion that the liberalized policies set forth last Aug. 13 should have accelerated the program, but that only 107 applications were received with only 4 requests being denied subsequently.

In an effort to clear up the remaining 2,645 cases, the target date has been proposed. "There is no justification," declared Doub, "for the government to accord an indefinite opportunity for them to obtain U.S. citizenship." If the target date policy is set by the Justice Department, those failing to clear their citizenship question by Dec. 31, 1958, administratively can apply through the judicial method.

He earnestly hoped that this question is cleared up as soon as possible. He understood the reluctance of some renunciants, now residing in the United States, who feel they are doing well in spite of their status.

The Pacific Citizen recalls that there were 5,537 renunciants, of which about 4,700 have sought to regain their citizenship after the war. In January, 1951, Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman approved

4,315 applications but the government, then trying to win as many cases as possible, appealed and close to 2,200 applications were only granted.

However last August, the government attitude was liberalized to permit renunciant to have his citizenship status clarified, provided the renunciant took the first step toward restitution by a loyalty declaration at Tule Lake WRA center, then served or offered to serve in the U.S. armed forces, and was able to satisfy the Dept. of Justice that he renounced through fear of apprehension. In the case of wives, they were to show that renunciation was due to coercion and had acted in unison with the husband.

Doub revealed out of the 2,645 cases still pending, 1,845 are in the United States, the balance in Japan. Of the 2,645 cases, 1,707 litigants are represented in San Francisco.

The status of renunciant concerns those few Nisei, because of evacuation and hysteria that ensued in the camps, were granted by federal statute an opportunity to renounce their citizenship. The government technically regards them as aliens, although since the war ameliorating factors concerning the act of renunciation were shown in the courts and citizenship restored in individual instances.

Today, remedy is available to renunciant claimants in and out of court.

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VAGARIES
By Larry S. Tajiri

'Boxcar in the Sand'

Denver

In February, 1942, Laurence Hewes, who had just been named Department of Agriculture's representative to the Western Defense Command, told an Army representative that he was opposed to the evacuation.

He got probably the bluntest words heard in his long career as a government official: "As I look at it, you, too, have now been given an order; it's a properly authorized order, given through official channels in time of war. To be perfectly frank, I don't give a good God-damn how you feel about it. All I want to know is whether you intend to obey."

Hewes obeyed, but in doing so, he helped make a humane procedure out of one of the many unpleasant phases of the of the enforced wartime evacuation.

The story is told in Hewes' book, "Boxcar in the Sand," published this week by Alfred Knopf.

Until Pearl Harbor, he had considered his government work "stimulating adventure," with "an ethical purpose behind the works which elicited my best efforts." He had been with the Federal Land Bank and supervised the lending of money to depression-stricken farmers; as Farm Security director for the San Francisco area he worked to better the conditions of the Okies and other migrants. "My first lesson in administrative adversity was a forced participation in helping to accomplish the cruel and unnecessary evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast," he writes.

For a time Hewes had discounted the possibility of any enforced evacuation, but he soon became aware of a bitter contest between Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt and Attorney General Biddle:

"DeWitt, in charge of West Coast defense, demanded more measures against the Japanese, but the Department of Justice stood firm for arrest only of individual suspects. Of course, none of it was my business; but the whole affair had taken on a sort of New Deal vs. anti-New Deal character and I was a New Dealer. I saw that Biddle's position was in accord with standards of due process while DeWitt's position, even if militarily justified (which I doubted) was supported by race-baiters and lynchers. It seemed to me that this was not a time to forfeit constitutional principles —"

Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, which gave DeWitt a free hand to proceed with the evacuation caught Hewes by surprise. He was just as surprised, in view of his attitude, to learn that he was to act as the Department of Agriculture's representative to Western Defense Headquarters.

Hewes and his staff had a special job — that of transferring Japanese-operated farms to persons who could keep the farms operating. He had, on the one hand, to see that all of the property remained productive. On the other, he had to protect the rights of the Japanese Americans, for the difficult situation of the Nisei and Issei had "attracted a vulturelike hovering of confidence men." Because of their vigilance, the Department of Agriculture men were soon labelled "Jap-lovers."

"So we were 'Jap-lovers,'" writes Hewes. "But this too had its bright side in solving our desperate employment problems. When a call came from one of our staff offices somewhere in southern California requesting authority to hire Nisei, American-born Japanese, I was about to refuse; then I thought again and the suggestion made more sense the more I thought. An idea was born. I phoned Bendtsen, who had now become a Lieutenant Colonel; he saw no harm in the idea and soon we were staffing the job everywhere with competent Nisei. "Results were little short of marvelous. We found the cheerful young Nisei women extraordinarily competent.

"These contacts greatly broadened our liaison with all Japanese communities; soon we were working closely with the Japanese American Citizens League, a remarkable organization of patriotic young Americans of Japanese. They helped to plan night meetings with farm people; sometimes I attended these meetings as principal speaker."

By August of 1942 the job was done. Farm land totaling a quarter of a million acres had been transferred to Caucasian hands. About four million dollars had been loaned to persons taking over the farm operations, and other costs had amounted to \$226,857.53.

There were many men in government of Laurence Hewes' persuasion, men who did an unpleasant job efficiently and well and in such a manner as to protect, insofar as they could, the remaining privileges and rights of the evacuated people. They brought humanity and justice to an unjust, inhumane situation and surely a measure of hope as well to thousands of persons who were, for a while, without hope.

Civil rights legislation urged by JACL as 'most effective, expeditious method to discourage, minimize' bias violation

WASHINGTON.— The Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League urged the early enactment of meaningful civil rights legislation in a statement submitted last week to Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights.

The subcommittee is presently conducting public hearings on the administration's civil rights program as well as on some 15 other proposals submitted by the various senators.

As in the case of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Rights hearings, JACL also joined with 48 other national organizations affiliated in the leadership conference on Civil Rights in recommending early passage of meaningful bills for human rights.

The JACL letter, signed by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, declared that "the JACL is submitting this statement, endorsing meaningful civil rights legislation for inclusion in the record, rather than presenting oral testimony in order that these hearings may be expedited as much as possible and the Senate be given an opportunity to consider this vital subject matter in the immediate future.

"Ever since JACL was founded in 1930 as the only national organization of Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country, we have been engaged in the struggle for 'equal rights and equal opportunities', and against prejudice and persecution based upon arbitrary considerations of race, color, creed and national origin.

"As Americans of Japanese ancestry, we have been subjected to discrimination because of our race in our immigration and nationality laws; because of our color in certain legal, social and economic matters; because of our creed insofar as thousands of our Buddhist Americans are concerned; and because of our national origin in World War II when we were forced to evacuate our west coast homes and associations and to be incarcerated in virtual concentration camps.

"Thus, out of our own experience through the past several decades, we have learned what it means to be denied basic human dignities. We have also learned that meaningful legislation can contribute much to the elimination of discrimination and persecution. We are, therefore, as an organization and as individuals committed to the proposition that legislation is the most effective and expeditious method to discourage and to minimize violations of civil rights.

"At the same time, we have learned too that those who would deny civil rights—whether it be the right to the franchise, to the security of person and property, to the opportunities of employment and education—are strong in their convictions, powerful in their in-

fluence, and skillful in their ways.

"Mindful of these factors, we urge that these hearings be completed as quickly as possible and that meaningful civil rights legislation that will rally the most support be reported. Then, it is our hope that under inspired bipartisan leadership the pledges of both the Democratic and Republican Parties, made to all the people last fall, will be redeemed and the Congress will enact long-overdue civil rights legislation in this session.

"To this end, JACL offers its every facility."

Claims —

Continued from Front Page cases in which the government is prepared to make an offer without further information. Offers will be made by the government within the next 60 days with a notice requiring acceptance, rejection or a counteroffer within the following 60 days.

Failure, in this instance, will also culminate with the claimant suing through the Court of Claims. Claimant then has 90 days in which to institute action in the Court of Claims.

It was Doub's belief that a majority of the claims to be compromised fall into the third method, which deals with cases requiring further information to enable the government to submit an offer.

Attorneys were informed that the government will mail notices about Mar. 1 to all claimant attorneys, notifying them that they must submit by June 1, 1957, all evidence and supporting affidavits upon which the claimant relies, together with their best proposal of compromise.

(Some attorneys questioned the June 1 date, asking that the Justice Department consider a later date if there are compelling reasons in specific claims.)

So as to assist the claimant, the government has necessary forms for the listing of the classes of items of claims, which have been and are available at the offices of the Japanese Claims Section, Dept. of Justice, Washington 25, D.C.; their field offices in Los Angeles at 711 Haas Bldg., 219 W. 7th St.; in San Francisco at the Federal Bldg., 50 Fulton St.; and

with the offices of the U.S. Attorney in Chicago and Seattle.

Upon receipt of additional information requested in the third category, the government will forward a notice accepting the proposed offer or making a counterproposal of settlement subject to acceptance within 60 days.

Again, failure to complete these compromise negotiations will mean settlement through the Court of Claims.

Doub advised attorneys that claims in excess of \$100,000 that will not be compromised be pushed through the Court of Claims at once.

He also disclosed that the claims section field offices will be authorized to settle cases up to \$10,000 under the proposal. At the present time, the limitation is \$5,000. Under the 1956 Hillings amendment, which was sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, the compromise limit was raised from \$2,500 to \$100,000.

The 1956 amendment became effective last July 9, in the hopes of expediting the final determination of some 1,700 claims still unsettled. The 2,000 cases re-opened by the same amendment, in the meantime, are being restudied by the Justice Department at the rate of 200-300 cases per month and should be finished by May 1.

It was revealed that 24,000 claims have been processed and \$30,000,000 paid since the program started 10 years ago. For the remaining 1,700 cases, which involves some \$50,000,000, very little action has been shown by claimants (no action by 1,600 claimants) to support their claims, according to Doub.

While it was argued that the 1956 amendment would expedite the claims program, the Justice Department has been disappointed by the delay and decided upon the tour of midwest and west coast this week to speed up the program.

The government's position is that there is no need to extend the claims program indefinitely and it has proposed a Dec. 31, 1958, closing date for compromise. If the procedural deadline is set, the claimant can still sue, if dissatisfied with the compromise, through the Court of Claims.

Colorado senate in unanimous approval for extending FEPC to private business

DENVER.—Without a single dissent, the Colorado state senate approved Feb. 14 a broad new fair employment practices bill extending authority of the state anti-discrimination commission to private employment.

Sen. George Brown (D) of Denver, who sponsored the bill along with eight other Democrats and Gill, explained that it would ban discriminatory employment practices where it could be proven that an applicant, otherwise qualified for a job, had been rejected solely because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry.

It would apply to all public or private employers who have more than five persons on their payroll. The aggrieved party would file a written complaint with the state anti-discrimination commission which would conduct an examination and request a written answer to the charge.

A convicted employer could appeal to the courts, but if he failed to comply or obtain relief through appeal, he could be found in contempt of court.

Colorado's existing FEP law, adopted in 1951 with Gill's sponsorship, applied only to public agencies. The new bill would make it unlawful for any employer, public or private, to "refuse to hire, to discharge, to promote or demote or to discriminate in compensation" against any person otherwise qualified, if it is done solely because of race, creed, or ancestry.

It also would be unlawful for an employment agency to refuse to list and properly classify an individual otherwise qualified, for discriminatory reasons or to comply with a discriminatory request for help by an employer.

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT
By Masao Satow

Hail to Philadelphia

San Francisco
Congratulations to our Philadelphia Chapter which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this weekend. Mike Masaoka and National Treasurer Aki Hayashi will be on hand to give National's blessing. During our first year on the National staff we were assigned to get a chapter started there. After two visits we were not quite sure of success, but after a lot of misinformation and misunderstanding has been cleared up, the chapter got going under the presidency of Tets Iwasaki. That chapters should get organized in those days where an appreciable number of Nisei had resettled is a tribute to the far sightedness of the original JACL leaders who met to form the National organization and spell out its objectives.

JACL LAY MEMBERS HELP CARRY THE LOAD

National 1st Vice-President Shig Wakamatsu and Midwest DC Chairman Abe Hagiwara have again been representing us in installing new officers in their area and giving sendoff messages to the chapters. Eastern DC Chairman Bill Sasagawa has been doing likewise. Our sincere appreciation to them and to standbys like Dr. Roy Nishikawa, George Inagaki, and Frank Chuman in Southern California, for whom this has become an annual thing. Up here in Northern California we find NC-WN DC Chairman Akiji Yoshimura, former regional directors Joe Grant Masaoka and Haulo Ishimaru, and Sacramento attorney Mamoru Sakuma, giving of their time to assist in these installations.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

We ran down to Gilroy to give President Tom Obata and his cabinet a sendoff. Gilroy is one of our newer chapters, starting on its fourth year. We are impressed with the number of articulate JACLers who are being uncovered in local chapters to do the toastmastering chores, and Tak Shiba of Gilroy is our latest find. Special guests were Gilroy Councilman Rush and Bill Ventura, an active supporter of the local chapter.

A special word for the Alameda Chapter, which through last year's president George Ushijima, volunteered to host the May 19 meeting of the NC-WN District since there were no takers for this meeting. George is set to emcee the National Bowling Tournament Awards Banquet. His Growers Produce team which he sponsors and on which he bowls has not missed a National Tournament in the past several years.

FIRST 1000 MEMBERS FOR 1957

On the membership front, San Luis Valley Chapter of southern Colorado is the first to surpass its 1956 membership with 117 as compared to 93. Ft. Lupton, Cortez and San Benito County have thus far turned in almost as many members as last year. Other chapters turning in a substantial number of members on their initial report are Sacramento, Sonoma County, Richmond-El Cerrito, and Denver.

DEBIT—TWO CHAPTERS DEACTIVATED

On the debit side, we regret to announce that two of our chapters have disbanded: Northern Wyoming and Albuquerque. Northern Wyoming with its sparse population is unable to muster enough active members to keep its activities going, while Albuquerque has found local conditions not suited to carry on. In disbanding, Albuquerque has turned over its treasury balance of \$210 to our National JACL Endowment Fund.

CENTRAL CAL

The Fresno meeting to push for a California FEPC was well attended by representatives of fifty organizations in the field of human relations. State Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins of Los Angeles was present. He is the key sponsor of AB 2000 and AB 2001 which would establish a Fair Employment Practices Commission for the State. The fact that he has secured 42 other State Assemblymen to co-sponsor these bills assures their passage in the lower House. JACL was represented by National 1000 Club Chairman Kenji Tashiro, Central California District Council Chairman Tom Nagamatsu, and Mike Iwatsubo of Fresno, who served on the Fresno City Commission to study racial discrimination in employment.

It was a long day for Tom Nagamatsu who presided over the CCDC meeting that same night in Selma, and an even longer one for Kenji Tashiro who drove us down to Los Angeles to attend the PSWDC Chapter Clinic the next day. All credit goes to the CCDC for its fine record of having met its national quota every year. This District Council operates as a unit so far as the national quota is concerned, some chapters taking up the slack where other chapters have a bad year.

PSWDC CLINIC

The PSW 4th Annual Chapter Clinic crammed into one day about as much as it was possible for one to learn about JACL and local chapter operations in that time. The small informal discussions were lively and fruitful. Our session with some of the new chapter presidents assured us that the chapters are in good hands guided by alert minds. Tut Yata, one of our former YMCA boys did a good job of chairing the Clinic, our old "Y" sidekick Jimmie Yamanaka ably briefed the group conveners, and who should turn up as the banquet speaker but one of our oldtime "Y" campers, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hats off to the East Los Angeles Chapter for being named PSW "Chapter of the Year." We are impressed with the variety of manifold activities carried on by this chapter as reported in its well turned out chapter bulletin.

STORY OF NISEI COMEBACK

A salute to Bill Steif and the San Francisco News, currently running his special feature articles on the comeback of Japanese Americans in the San Francisco area. The San Francisco News has always treated sympathetically the problems and adjustments of minorities. Bill Steif dropped in to Headquarters originally to get some statistics showing the comeback of JA's, but we told him these were not available and that he could get a better picture by talking to a number of people. And this energetic reporter did just that to get his story.

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Southwest L.A. chapter of service to community protesting rezoning pleas

How a chapter came to the "rescue" of a community in a rezoning battle is told today by Kango Kunitsugu, new Southwest Los Angeles JACL president. Only in office a few weeks, Kunitsugu rose to the occasion and was able to approach the problem to the satisfaction of those concerned. It also points out a vital function each JACL chapter has in the community—in being ready, willing and able to meet the task before them. — Editor.

BY KANGO KUNITSUGU

The telephone rang on Wednesday morning, Jan. 23, at 10 a.m. It was Roy Iketani, past president of the Southwest Los Angeles chapter. He had just been notified by Henry Mori of the Rafu Shimpō that a group of Southwest businessmen were protesting a rezoning application in their area, and the final hearing was scheduled for 1 p.m. the next day.

Although it was quite apparent that the chapter itself could not represent the businessmen before the City Planning Commission, we agreed that the matter needed looking into from the point of view of the Southwest Los Angeles community as a whole; accordingly, an emergency meeting was called, and by noon on that drizzly day, advisory board members Mack Hamaguchi and Roy Iketani and I were closeted with Southwest attorneys David Yokozeki and George Maruya in the latter's office.

The facts of the case were, briefly, that the Hirsch Pipe and Supply Co. on Jefferson Blvd. between 12th Ave. and Norton applied for a spot rezoning of their property from a C-2 (commercial) to a CM (commercial and light manufacturing) designation.

As is the usual procedure of the City Planning Commission, those living within a 300-foot radius of the area to be rezoned were notified of the application and were asked to attend a hearing in the City Hall, if they had any objections.

Two hearings went by without any verbal protest on the part of the businessmen, although their lawyers had written letters of protest and gotten up a petition.

Through personal contacts, we learned that unless there was a concerted protest, the rezoning application was likely to be approved.

It should be pertinent at this point to explain why the Southwest chapter added its voice of opposition to the rezoning application. As explained in a letter to the City Planning Commission, the chapter pointed out that Jefferson Blvd. from Arlington Ave. to Crenshaw Blvd. has developed in recent years into a small shopping and professional services center,

FRENCH CAMP CHAPTER INSTALLATION FETE SET

FRENCH CAMP.—The French Camp JACL is holding its annual installation banquet at the California Hotel in Alustiza tomorrow, 7 p.m. Lydia Ota and Morey Egusa are co-chairmen of the event.

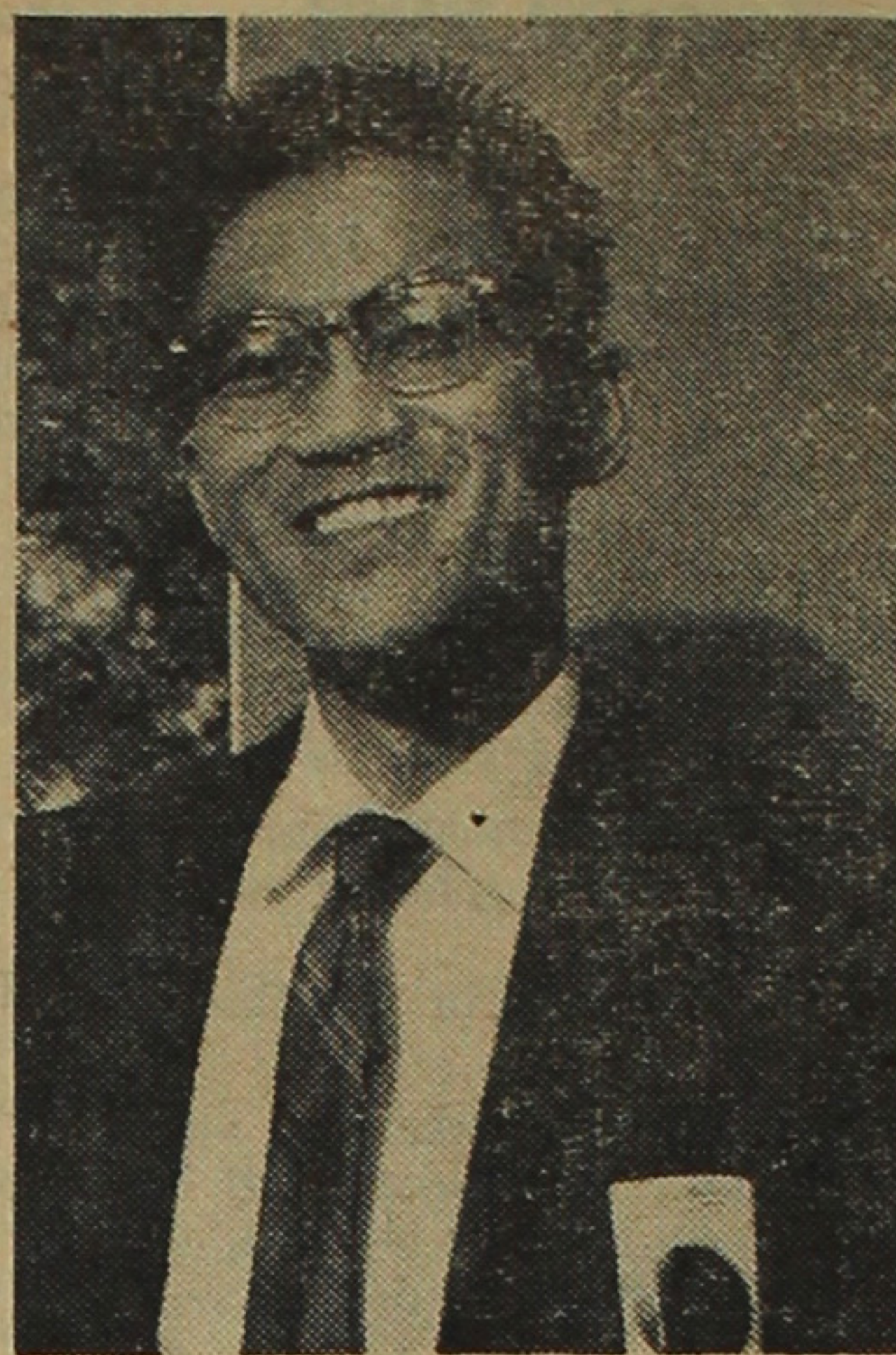
Assisting are Irene Takahashi, Tosh Hotta, Fumi Kanemoto, Mitzi Hatanaka, George Shinmoto, Fumiye Higashiyama, Bob Ota and Lawrence Nakano, reservations.

Parlier JACL honors naturalized citizens

PARLIER.—Six new citizens who recently passed their required examination were honored during the Parlier JACL membership party Feb. 9 at the local Buddhist Church recreation hall.

New citizens honored were Mrs. Y. Ida, Mrs. F. Takata, Mrs. F. Yoshida, Mrs. K. Kuroda and M. Sakata, who also became new chapter members along with Mac Okuma, Mrs. Haru Okuma, Mrs. Chizuko Kubo, Mrs. Violet Hiromoto and Mrs. Aiko Ikuta.

The Rev. Akira Ono of the Parlier Buddhist Church attended as a guest of the chapter. Some 80 members enjoyed the dinner prepared by the Auxiliary. Serving on the food committee under Mrs. Irene Kozuki were Mmes. Alice Migaki, Jean Kobashi, Mitzi Osumi, and Ito Okamura. Kengo Osumi and Mrs. Miyakawa were in charge of entertainment. Ralph Kimoto was general chairman.



Kango Kunitsugu, new Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter president, tells of the chapter's part in the recent Jefferson Blvd. rezoning battle.

reflecting the post-war trend of a growing number of Japanese and Negro homeowners in that area. The W. Jefferson Blvd. area is not strictly another Li'l Tokio, because Nisei- and Issei-owned shops and offices are integrated with Negro and Caucasian businesses in the general commercial zone. Most of the Japanese-operated businesses, therefore, do not limit their clientele to the Japanese but cater to the general public in the area.

Although CM zones have stringent restrictions on manufacturing, the fact remains that CM allows manufacturing, and whether light or light-heavy, manufacturing industries do not benefit the residents directly as a service to the area. Not only that but they also tend to discourage the growth of such services.

Unfortunately, manufacturing concerns have a tendency to move into older residential areas, often occupied by minority peoples who find it extremely difficult to obtain housing in newer developments.

The Southwest chapter's objection to a CM rezoning was that it would tend to bring manufacturing in too close a conjunction with residential areas, keeping the minorities always "living in the shadow of smoke stacks," so to speak.

With the chapter's interest in the matter thus clarified, we were still faced with the necessity of acting on a 24-hour notice. On advice of Rollins MacFayden, prominent Legionnaire who has benefited the JACL on numerous other occasions, we talked with Karl Ourston, head of the City Planning Department, and wrote a letter to the commission, asking for an extension of time. The request was granted.

We then advised the businessmen directly concerned in the rezoning battle to show up at the final hearing with as many supporters as they can.

A formal letter from the chapter was also sent to the commission, setting forth our interest in and stand on the matter.

The third and final hearing was held on January 31, and although I was ready to testify for the Southwest chapter, the matter was speedily resolved in favor of the Southwest businessmen.

The chapter is happy to have been of service to the community in this way. In less than a decade of operation, Southwest Los Angeles chapter has achieved the distinction of being the largest chapter in the history of the JACL. About a third of our membership is naturalized Issei. We feel that the rezoning case effectively pointed out an area in which the chapter can indicate its maturity by meriting the confidence of Issei and Nisei residents in the Seinan (Southwest) district in resolving community problems.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—National JACL Headquarters this week acknowledged 52 memberships and renewals in the 1000 Club for the first two weeks of February.

- TENTH YEAR
CCDC—George S. Mochizuki (Madera).
- NINTH YEAR
San Luis Valley — Roy Inouye.
- SIXTH YEAR
San Luis Valley — Charles Hayashida, Denver — William K. Hosokawa.
- FIFTH YEAR
Cortez — Nobuhiro Kajioaka, Sam Kusahara, Ernest Yoshida, George Yuge.
- San Luis Valley — Clarence Yoshida.
- FOURTH YEAR
Denver — George Y. Masunaga, Portland — Dr. Matthew M. Masuoka, Dr. Mitsuo R. Nakata, Richmond-El Cerrito — Minoru F. Mayeda, Heizo Oshima.
- Cortez — Ken C. Miyamoto, Joe A. Nishihara, Mrs. Chiyeo Sugiura, San Luis Valley — Mike Mizokami, Harry Sumida.
- Fort Lupton — Lee Murata.
- THIRD YEAR
Cortez — Mark Kamiya, Jack Noda, Fort Lupton — Floyd Koshio, Jack Tshura.
- Ogden — Minoru Miya, Monterey — Hoshito Miyamoto, Livingston-Merced — Frank Shoji, Alameda — George W. Ushijima.
- SECOND YEAR
San Luis Valley — Shirow Enomoto, George Kuniugi, Kichigoro Ono, Morris Tanaka.
- Cortez — Albert Morimoto, William N. Noda, Kiyoshi Yamamoto, Orange County — Frank Nagamatsu, San Benito — Frank Nishita, Fort Lupton — Tom Sugihara, Frank Yamaguchi, Chicago — Frank Y. Takahashi.
- FIRST YEAR
Fort Lupton — Hirato Ono, Marysville — Robert Kodama, George Nakao.
- San Benito — John T. Teshima, Sonoma County — George Y. Yokoyama.
- Orange County — Tommy Enomoto, Cortez — Joe Mattson, Howard Taniguchi, Alameda — Archie Uchiyama, George T. Yoshimura, Chicago — John E. Mertz, Charles Y. Yamasaki.

Sonoma County CL guns for 300 names

PETALUMA. — A house-to-house membership canvas is underway in Sonoma County JACL, which is planning to surpass its 1956 mark with a record count of 300 members for 1957, according to Sam Miyano, chapter president.

The present total is 163 with Jim Murakami, Fred Yokoyama and Johnny Arishita directing the campaign. The next report is due Mar. 1.

While other events are to be added, a tentative program for the year was outlined at the recent general meeting, starting with a perch derby in March. Dates have been set for the community picnic, July 7; benefit movie, Oct. 4-5; Nisei Soldier memorial service, Oct. 27; and Christmas party, Dec. 14.

George Hamamoto and Johnnie Hirooka are co-chairmen of the Stag Nite in April; the three directing the membership campaign will handle the community picnic in July; Ed Ohki, swimming party; Tak Kameoka, benefit movie; and Rue Uyeda, bass derby in November.

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Southwest L.A. JACL

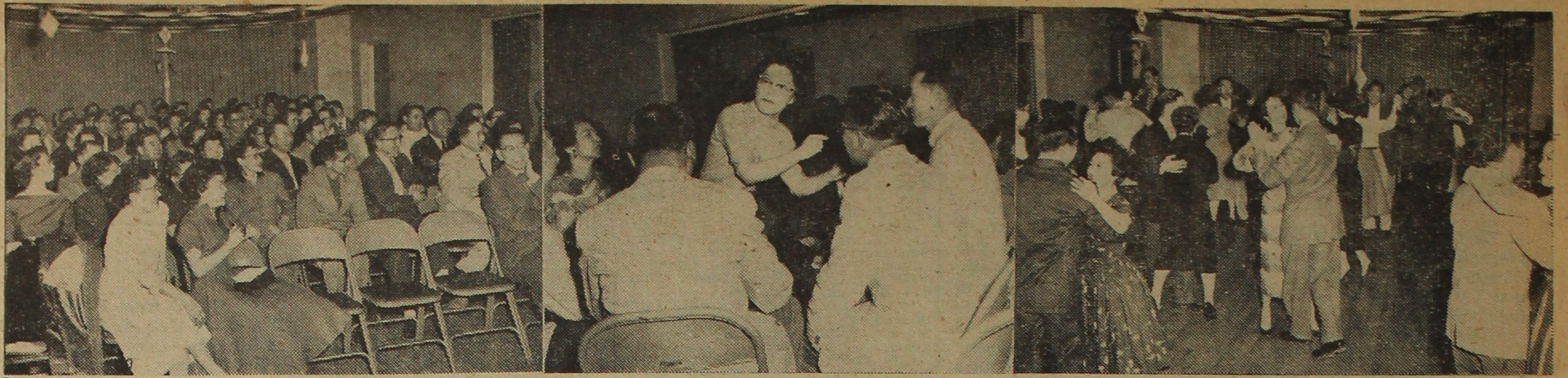
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In the first attempt for better relationship between two JACL chapters in Salt Lake county, a joint meeting was held by the Salt Lake and host Mt. Olympus chapters when national director Mas Satow of San Francisco was in town for the recent Intermountain District Council meeting. The rousing success of this meeting attested by the three photographs, which prove the Chinese proverb that a picture is worth 10,000

words. Left photo shows Mas Satow, members of both chapters, immensely enjoying themselves apparently over some funny line. The gaily decorated hall was the work of the Mt. Olympus chapter. The ice breaker and the highlight of the evening were the charades, as shown in the middle photo with (sitting around from left to right) former national secretary to the board Alice Kasai, Tom Aoyama, Harry Okubo, George Ta-

mura and Shigeki Ushio concentrating and trying to figure out what Jeanne Konishi is saying by actions. Dancing classes seem to be the rage with all chapters in the U.S. and Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus are no exception as they climax an enjoyable evening trying out new steps with each other in the right photo.

(All photos taken by Ben Terashima.)



VERY TRULY YOURS
By Harry K. Honda

Dr. Lee and the Nisei

Anaheim

● Sammy Lee, the good doctor who is "devaluating the property" in and around Orange County according to his critics, rates as the most entertaining speaker we have heard with a color of skin like ours. He's not a comedian, but his timing and choice of anecdotes rival Bob Hope. In his first address before a typically Nisei audience at the Orange County JACL dinner, he did reveal how prejudice and bigotry of one Korean American was prevented by Japanese Americans. As a youngster who remembered the Mar. 1 celebrations, when Koreans overseas reminded themselves of the plunder of their homeland by the imperialist Japanese forces, Sammy always suspected his Japanese American neighbor. No one told him there was a difference between imperialist Japan and Japanese American. It was not until he entered Luther Burbank Jr. High School that he became aware of a difference. George Nikaide, who had just graduated with highest academic honors, paved the way for Sammy, who was greeted with open arms by the teachers. The same thing happened at Franklin High School where Beach Shinoda's athletic prowess preceded him. The record of these two Nisei made it easier for another Oriental American.

● The ear-nose-throat physician regarded it a privilege to speak before a chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, which has done so much for all Oriental Americans—to paraphrase his statement . . . Bpt it was Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, who voiced the thoughts of all those who attended that it was an honor to have a man who won international fame as two-time Olympic champion, national fame as winner of the Sullivan Award, and served as President Eisenhower's personal representative during the recent Olympic games . . . Dr. Lee's closing message was once broadcast on Edward R. Murrow's "This I Believe" program. Our goal is like climbing a ladder; every step is necessary, and we can't feel discouraged, but feel lucky because our parents came to the U.S., so that we were able to be born in America. He believed defeats are necessary so that we may carry the burdens of success.

● Of his 35,000 mile jaunt through Southeast Asia, Dr. Lee noted Burma was the first country to "let bygones be bygones" in their relations with the Japanese. During a question period in the Philippines, someone asked him about discrimination in housing in America. Dr. Lee reminded that man 20 years ago his sister couldn't get a job in teaching, now there are many Oriental American teachers in public schools. Acknowledging discrimination in housing, he declared that the United States was the only country with "guts to advertise its shortcomings and do something about it."

NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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NATIONAL JACL PINFEST, MARCH 5-10

We dropped over to Berkeley where Mo Katow and his committee for our National JACL Bowling Tournament were busy lining up the program for the 104 participating teams. It's quite a stunt to schedule things so that no bowler repeats on the same alleys over 15 games of the sweeper, team, doubles and singles. This year's participants carry higher averages than in any previous tournament, with quite a few 190's and a raft of 180's.

A gala reception is being planned for the 15 teams from Hawaii upon their arrival at the San Francisco airport. Each team is a champion of its respective league, and the additional members of families will swell the total from Hawaii to 114. This should gladden the hearts of United Air Lines and Pan American Airways. Our sincere thanks to good JACLers Al Kosakura and Sachi Kawaoka of Pan American for making available Pan Am's colorful menu covers for the Tournament Award dinner.

In order to eliminate any distinctions between the Nisei and non-Nisei JACLers as to eligibility, we are proposing hereafter that all JACL members participating in regularly organized Nisei bowling leagues be eligible to participate in our National Tournament, and where there is no Nisei league as such, three consecutive years of JACL membership take care.

We look forward to a fine tournament in keeping with the high quality of bowling and good fellowship which our National JACL Bowling Tournaments have come to signify.

Marysville CL maps membership drive

MARYSVILLE.—The 1957 membership drive for 350 by the Marysville JACL got underway here last week. Drive chairman is George Okamoto, first vice-president, assisted by Roy Hatamiya and Terry Manji.

Twelve teams were named by Okamoto. They are:

Min Harada and Tosh Yoshimura, Colusa; Mosse Uchida and Anthony Tokuno, Oroville; Roy Hatamiya, District 10; Sam Kurihara and George Matsumoto, Marysville; Ben Fukui, Wheatland; Henry Marubashi and George Tanimoto, Gridley; Tom Hatamiya and Yutaka Nakatani, Live Oak; Tom Kurihara and Bob Kodama, North Sutter; Bob Inouye and Tom Matsumoto, Colusa Hiway to Lincoln Road; Frank Komatsubara and Harry Fukumitsu, Lincoln to Oswald, east of Walton; Bill Tsuji and Ichiro Yoshimura, Lincoln to Oswald, west of Walton; Arthur Oji and Roy Hatanaka, South of Oswald to end of Sutter County line.

Detroit chapter in bid for 400 members

DETROIT.—A month-long canvass on a door-to-door basis is underway for 400 JACLers in the Detroit chapter. The drive started last week with Paul Joichi and Charles Yata as co-chairmen.

Zone captains volunteering their services are Setsu Fujioka, Al Hatate, Ray Higo, Wally Kagawa, Roy Kaneko, Sud Kimoto, Dr. Ted Kokubo, Harry Makino, Harry Matsumoto, Art Matsumura, Joe Matsushita.

Kenneth Miyoshi, Paul Nakamura, Mrs. Joseph Sasaki, Jiro Shimoda, Mrs. Katherine Sugimoto, Minoru Togasaki and Frank Watanabe.

Other committee members are Peter Fujioka, 1000 Club chmn.; Mae Miyagawa, Kay Miyaya, Hifumi Sunamoto, sec.; Frank Watanabe, treas.

DETROIT.—The current session of the ever-popular class in ballroom dancing, sponsored by the local JACL, enrolled a record number of 65 members, according to Mrs. Mariko Matsura, social chairman. Margaret Page continues to teach the class which meets every Friday at International Institute. Mae Miyagawa and Tom Shibuyama are in charge.

East L.A. JACL picks 10-man board of governors

A 10-man board of governors was recently approved by members of the East Los Angeles JACL. They are Fred Takata, outgoing president; Wilbur Sato, George Watanabe, George Nomi, Fumi Ishihara, Mabel Yoshizaki, Mary Mittwer (PC "Smoglite" columnist), Sam Furuta, Ritsuko Kawakami and K. Hori.

Hori, who is the Issei board representative, has participated on ADC fund drives in the East Los Angeles area and was a former president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce here.

NEW YORK CL-ERS HEAR MEMBER TALK ON NETSUKE

NEW YORK.—Attorney Murray Sprung headlined the second half of the New York JACL general meeting held last week at the Japan Society offices in the Savoy Plaza.

A member of the local chapter, he spoke on "Netsuke—a Glimpse of Japanese Arts & Legends", and exhibited his personal collection. Professionally, he divides his time between New York and Tokyo and is honorary president of the Kyoto Jr. College of Foreign Languages.

Joe Imai, chapter board chairman announced Fujio Saito will be membership chairman and Francis Sogi in charge of publicity.

Chicago CL credit union declares 4%

CHICAGO.—A four per cent dividend was declared by the Chicago JACL Credit Union at its annual meeting held Jan. 25 at Younker's Restaurant.

Total income for the past year was \$7,601.04, expenses \$1,837.44; leaving a net of \$5,763.60 which was distributed as follows: dividends paid, \$4,338.87; guarantee fund, \$1,174; and undivided earnings \$250.73.

Fifteen board members elected were Michael Hagiwara, Hiro Mayeda, Joe Maruyama, Ruth Matsuo, Louise Suski, George Takaki, George Yoshioka, new members; George Kita, Thomas Masuda, Yurji Nakata, Ariye Oda, Thomas Okabe, Lincoln Shimidzu, Kay Yamashita and Ken Yoshihara, re-elected members.

Retiring president Lester Katsura presided at the business meeting. Lincoln Shimidzu was master of ceremonies. The Rev. George Nishimoto was presented with a set of luggage in recognition of 10 years' service.

Feature of the evening was the showing a credit union movie, "King's X", secured by the education committee headed by Kay Yamashita. Asa Oye, son of past president Tom Oye, was projector operator.

Dr. Frank Sakamoto elected chairman of Chicago JACL board

CHICAGO.—The Chicago JACL will have Guest Night at its Feb. 23 general meeting at the McCormick YWCA.

Members of various Japanese American organizations in the city have been invited for an evening of fun and fellowship and promote better relationships among the various clubs. Skits, mixers and dancing are planned.

At the first board meeting, Dr. Frank Sakamoto was elected chairman, assisted by Maudie Nakada, 1st v.c.; Tabei Matsunaga, 2nd v.c.; Hiro Mayeda, 3rd v.c.; Sat Takemoto, 4th v.c.; Kozo Fukuda, treas.; Nancy Ishikawa, rec. sec.; Ruth Kumata, cor. sec.; Frank Takahashi, aud.; and Betty Iwatsuki, hist.

The board also appointed the following chairmen of standing committees:

Program & Pub. Rel.—Harvey Aki, gen. mtgs.; Lillian Kimura, sp. activ.; Abe Hagiwara, publ. rel.; Fred Nomiya, promotion; Louise Suski, news releases; Gladys Ishida, recognitions; Fumi Iwatsuki, JACLer.

Membership—George Iwasa k i drive chmn.; Tom Okabe, 1000 Club; Mieki Hayano, Issei; John Okamoto, Jr. JACL.

Budget & Finance—Harry Mizuno, Holiday for a Year; Hank Morikawa, carnival.

Harold Gordon, legis. & legal; Mrs. Sumi Miyaki, schools; Tom Hiura, housing; Mrs. Ayako Kumamoto, hospitality & service; Kumeo Yoshinari, Jr. JACL liaison.

442ND FOX COMPANY REUNION TOMORROW

Original members and replacement of 442nd's Co. F will start their annual reunion at Frank Sotelo's residence, 3720 S. Norton, from 4 p.m. tomorrow, followed by a steak dinner at Scully's Restaurant, where the rest of the evening program is to be announced.

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1000 CLUB NOTES: by Kenji Tashiro

NC-WN, CC, PSW district councils highlight of February tour

Osro
The three California District Councils held the first of their respective quarterly meetings the first two weekends of this month.

The NC-WNDC quarterly held in Sacramento on Feb. 3 was one of the best of their always fine meetings. Bouquets go to Thousanders Bill Matsumoto, general chairman, chapter prexy Percy Masaki, Ginji Mizutani, Joe Matsunami and other committeemen too numerous to mention.

Other events requiring mention—DC chairman Akiji Yoshimura's smooth performance with the gavel at his first business session, Thousander Mamoru "Sak" Sakuma's impressive job of MCing the banquet at the Lanai and the presentation of a sapphire pin to Bill Matsumoto in recognition of his many years of selfless service.

On Friday evening, Feb. 8, Deacon Satow flew into Fresno preparatory to the statewide FEP meeting held the next day. Big guns of the CCDC, DC chairman Tom Nagamatsu, past chairman Jin Ishikawa, and 1000 Club chairman Tom Nakamura were on hand to greet him.

JACL was well represented at the FEP meeting by the Deacon, Tom Nagamatsu, Mike Iwatsubo and yours truly. Some fifty organizations, representing minority groups, religious, labor and political parties, met to map strategy for passage of FEP in this legislative session.

Following the FEP meeting, the Deacon and I drove down the 99 to Selma to give our respective reports at the CCDC first quarterly being held that night. DC chairman Nagamatsu very capably handled the responsibilities of his office and gave notice of his intentions for a more accelerated program of activities for the CCDC chapters.

It was good to renew acquaintances with our many staunch 1000 Club supporters in the southland. One of them is transplanted Chicagoan Ron Shiozaki. He has become a regular to these meetings and has ensconced himself as a stalwart of the Gardena Chapter. Chicago's loss is Gardena's gain.

And so ended my tour, and very enjoyable it was—all throughout I received assurances of continued support, and I am particularly gratified with the noticeably expanding enthusiasm shown for the 1000 Club.



THE NORTHWEST PICTURE By Elmer Ogawa

Major Transaction

Seattle
In one of the major Seattle real estate transactions in recent months, the Decatur Apartments, 1105 Spring St., has been sold for \$1,701,500 to the K. Shibayama Family of Bainbridge Island.

The 14-story building contains 148,562 square feet of floor space arranged into 146 apartments. It was designed by the late John Graham Sr., Seattle architect, with Miller and Ahlson as associate architects, and was built in 1950 by the J.C. Boespflug Construction Co., general contractors.

The property is being acquired by the purchaser from the estate of John Graham Sr. and O.A. Carlson, Seattle, as an investment, Miller said. In June, 1955, the property was sold to J.F. Biehl and Associates, who relinquished their interests to the Shibayamas in the new transaction.

The Shibayama interests were represented by Gentaro Takahashi of Togo Realty Co., and Toru Sakahara, attorney. The Shibayama family own and operate the Terry-Stewart Apartments, Dover Apartments, Montrose Apartments, Santelmo Apartments, the Rosslyn, and Lincoln Apartments, the O'Donnell Bldg., and other Seattle commercial properties.

Roster of Tournament Teams

The roster of teams by squads:

SQUAD ONE
Maxie Kosof Endurance (857) Ogden
Toyse Kato, Mits Koga, Jim Nakano Taro Yagi.

Kalakaua Motors (856) Hawaii—Joe Kami, Hiro Kiyabu, Regi Yogi, Mamoto Sato, Howard Henns.

Acme Mattress (86) Hawaii—Al Fong, Tom Au, Tuck Kee Yee, Jules Caldera Jim Woolley.

Selma JACL (821) Selma—Ray Nakagawa, Ben Tanaka, Jim Uyemura, Ban Yorizana, Tosh Namba.

Smith Canning Co. (810) Ogden—Yosh Miya, Uji Miya, Buster Miya, Yori Hamada, Yukio Miya.

Fresno JACL (827) Fresno—George Matsubara, John Nakamura, Charles Murase, Frank Matsuoaka, George Toyama.

City Cafe (807) Salt Lake City—Hiro Okada, Lou Nakagawa, Dixon Shiba, Ike Oki, Nick Tasaka.

Aoki Produce (832) Murray, U.—Huch Aoki, Shig Nagata, George Tamura, Kay Harada, Floyd Okubo.

Sonoma County JACL (863) Santa Rosa—Fred Yokoyama, Ed Kawaoka, Paul Otani, Sam Miyano, John Kasano.

All State (863)—Henry Konishi, Tom Nakayama, Max Hanamoto, Sharkey Sugita, George Obayashi.

New Emma Cafe (820) Hawaii—Fumiaki Kishii, Robert Kotaka, Richard Takeyasu, Susumu Mitsuda, Louie Mendonca.

Arden Farms (863) San Jose—Aki Hiroshige, Tom Mitsuyoshi, Isao Konodo, Tom Kawashima, Joe Tenma.

Eden Township JACL (840) San Leandro—Min Shinoda, Bob Okamura, Sus Niede, Tiny Tanisawa, Kuni Shibata.

San Jose NBA No. 3 (811) San Jose—Dick Inouye, Don Masui, Toru Hirose, Kurato Shimada, Tad Hashimoto.

Vince Hayes Midstaters (801) Fresno—Tom Mukai, Bob Uyesaka, Frank Uyesaka, Ben Isogawa, Kane Umamoto, George Umamoto (alt).

Kaimuki 750 Champs (852) Hawaii—Chick Stemka, Sakae Yui, Eugene Y'yu, Shigeo Fujioka, Melvin Kau.

Taggart's Liquors (835) East Bay—Yas Ishida, Martin Dickson, Cho Tanisawa, Min Ishida, Shig Nakayama.

Albany Bowl (790) East Bay—Ray Okamoto, Genjo Miyahara, Hayami Fujii, Rick Sumimoto, Roy Nakagawa.

Eastside Mowers (916) Montebello—Jim Yasutake, Ty Kajimoto, Meg Osa, Harley Higurashi, Hiro Kayasuga.

Stanford Cleaners (905) Pal o Alto—George Korenaga, Rich Namba, Vi Hirose, Tets Fujikawa, Jay Sasagawa.

Adachi Nursery (903) Los Angeles—John Iwata, Jerry Koi, Mikio Miyamoto, Tosh Ikegami, Sho Ichikawa.

Celebrity of Hawaii (914) East Bay—Mits Ikeda, Toe Yoshioka, Tak Miamami, Frank Takahashi, Yon Takahashi.

Elsie's Coffee Shop (910) East Bay—Rick Kurakazu, Mas Sonoda, Wat Watanabe, Mas Nakao, Skeets Inouye.

Pioneer Insurance (900) Los Angeles—Jun Mochizuki, Yosh Shimazu, Sus Ioki, Hide Mayeda, Tad Nakagiri, Mits Oba, (alt).

Denver Nisei (894) Denver—Bob Mayeda, Tom Ioka, Terno Odow, Dr. T. Mayeda, Aki Kitashima.

Main Bowl (910) Seattle—Jim Umemoto, Fred Takagi, Bill Yamasaki, Dan Mio, Frank Yokoyama.

SQUAD FOUR (Women's)
Arts' Mens Shop (714) San Francisco—Anna Matsumoto, Fumi Azuma, Rose Yano, Sue Yokoyama, Hedy Oka.

Sacramento-San Francisco (768)—Chiz Satow, Julie Sugita, Chris Nagata, Audrey Tsuruda, Lai Fong.

Dawn Noodle (708) Salt Lake City—Yuki Saiba, Edna Matsuda, Yeiko Nagasawa, Kimi Kojima, Koko Matsuda.

Grower's Produce (780) Oakland—Sumi Sasaki, Yuki Takei, Cookie Tarehita, Ayako Kurakazu, Asako Yoshimune.

Takamum (688) San Jose—Mary Kurasaki, Betty Ichishita, Mary Tanaka, Sumi Minato, June Kuwada.

Ken Ying Low (747) San Jose—Jean Yamauchi, Alice Shiraishi, Alyce Tashiro, Lucy Minamishin, Sachi Ikeda.

San Jose Bowling Assn. (688) San Jose—Mine Kusada, Tula Ochitani, Nancy Sakuda, Polly Sakamoto, Sachi Inouye.

Long Beach NBA (730) Long Beach—Saji Mibu, Toshi Tamura, Ruby Hasegawa, Lil Kawanishi, Janet Shimabukuro.

Golden Gate Shirts (801) Oakland—Kay Fujii, Sayo Togami, Masi Shimada, Terry Kuge, Nobu Asami.

Tashima Bros. (862) Los Angeles—Sets Nishida, Mari Matsuzawa, Mary Matsumura, Mas Fujii, Chiyo Tashima.

202 TRIPLICATE SCORED BY DENVER KEGLER

DENVER.—Aki Kitashima, a 179 average bowler, posted one of the highest triplicates ever recorded in Denver when he rolled three straight 202 games in the Nisei Scratch League at Derby Lanes recently.

Bowling—

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Ben Wong (Los Angeles) 176; Rosa Mayeda (Denver) 175.

But Gateway Bowl of Ontario, Ore., which is defending its 1956 title, ranked as the 31st team last year. Among the 34 teams sporting 900 averages, Gateway with its 906 is only ranked 25th this year.

Top team is H & F No. 1 with 959, followed by Ken Mar Bowl, 948, both from Southern California. Sequoia Nursery, two time champions, of San Francisco, boasts a 946 team. Marigold Arcade of Chicago, another two-time winner, ranks 26th with a 905.

In the women's division, Tashima Bros. of Los Angeles leads with an 862, then followed by Main Bowl of Seattle, 837; General Produce of Sacramento, 833; Major Bowl of Los Angeles, 828, and Royal Beauty Shop of San Francisco, 809.

Opening tournament social will be the mixer Tuesday night, Mar. 5, at the Club Kona, several blocks north of Albany Bowl.

The tournament is being co-sponsored by the five East Bay JACL chapters (Berkeley, Alameda, Eden Township, Oakland and Richmond-El Cerrito) and the East Bay Nisei Bowling Association.

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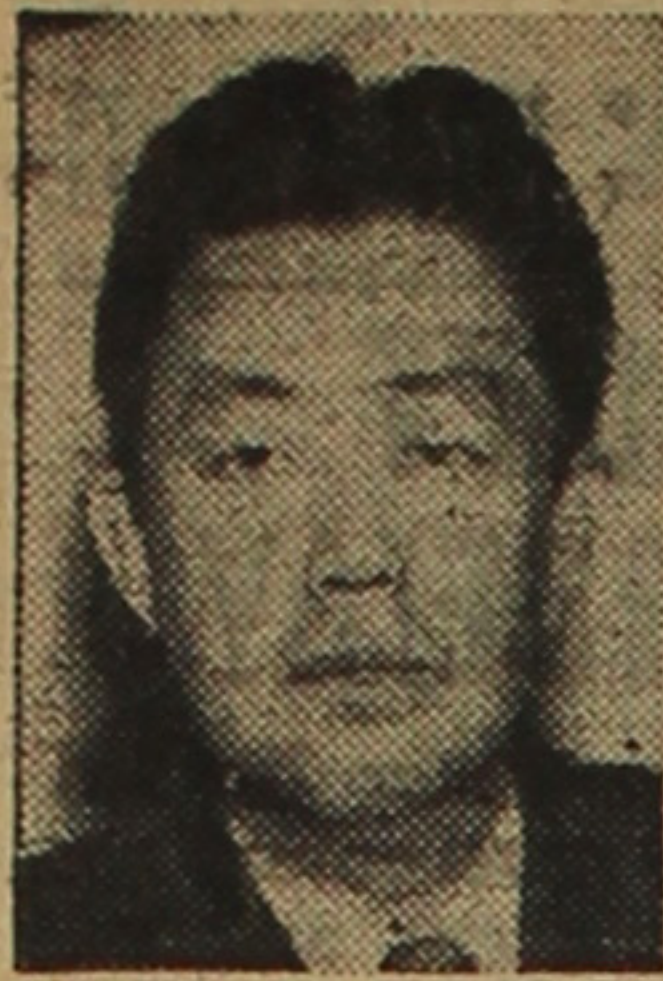
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

C. of C. innovation

EVERYONE WHO attended the last Friday's Japanese Chamber of Commerce installation dinner agreed that the acceptance speech made by attorney Kenji Ito, new president, was an innovation. It was the first time where the new head man spoke in English, not that Ito can't deliver in Japanese. He speaks both languages fluently and his oratory experience of his youth showed up brilliantly.

He "warmed" to the occasion by saying that a "new era" of the organization's aim must be created to bring in the younger generation into its fold.

Ito said the Nisei businessmen in Li'l Tokio as well as from other Southland areas must continue to support the organization and work aggressively with the Issei to perpetuate the group's half century record of cultural service.

While the Japanese Chamber of Commerce was delivering its gavel to a Nisei leader in Kenji Ito, a precedent in itself, there was an interesting view expressed by national JACL president, Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, before the banquet audience that night.

Dr. Nishikawa pointed out that while the membership can well afford to introduce "new blood" into their group with a Japanese American president, the JACL has already been able to enjoy the leadership of such men as Gongoro Nakamura, Masami Sasaki and Katsuma Mukaeda, who are members of the Downtown Los Angeles chapter.

Ito will have a lot of work cut out for him. He will have to shift the chamber's public relations to appeal to the so-called non-Japanese community.

He will have to smooth out some of the rough edges nagging his organization's old habits. And Ito will probably encounter certain amount of pressure from the old guard, whose time-worn ideas may not exactly go well with his.

THERE HAS been some loose talk around about an eventual merger with the Downtown Los Angeles chapter when the Chamber of Commerce outlives its usefulness.

Such idle chatter undoubtedly will never become a reality, although the spirit of cooperation by both the JACL and the Chamber of Commerce has always existed. There have been many projects in which the groups worked hand in hand to make their programs a success.

THE DOWNTOWN Los Angeles chapter is "going big guns" this year.

We aren't trying to take anything away from past president Kei Uchima when we say this, however. We've had a good 1956 year.

But it's something unusual when the Downtown members are called to two luncheon meetings within 30 days. This time, it seems that Yoichi Nakase, former New York JACLer, is vice-president in charge of programs and he's pushing the interest.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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Hawaii, was the first Nisei ever to be confirmed to the federal judiciary in 1954. Territorial Supreme Court Justice Masaji Marumoto was the first Nisei to be named and to be confirmed to the Supreme Court of Hawaii, another federal judicial position, in 1956.

Since both are Republicans and both outstanding jurists, either of them might well qualify as potential nominees except that both are Nisei and both are residents of a territory and not a state of the Union.

These three at least suggest that in the not too distant future a Nisei may well be considered and perhaps even nominated and confirmed to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, or of a Federal District Court or of a Court of Appeals.

STRICTLY PERSONAL

About one-third of the JACL chapters across the nation have been publishing newsletters from time to time. Some are issued regularly and others come when the circumstances justify. Be that as it may, some items are "too good" to be limited to the members of the particular chapter. Hence, we will place them in this column.—Editor.

Jean Kawanishi, Sumiko Spencer and Chieko Hardie will assist as hostesses in kimono at the opening of the Italian movie, "Mme. Butterfly", when it opens at Loew's Orpheum, Feb. 24.—St. Louis JACL "Newsletter".

ITEM IN THE PHILADELPHIA JACL NEWSLETTER: Pacific Citizen subscription rates are \$3 a year and \$5 for two years for JACL members. The rate is \$3.50 a year for non-members. Send your orders to the treasurer (May I. Watanabe), together with the dues. Remember, the chapter gets a small commission if you send your order through the chapter, but it doesn't get a red cent if you send the order directly to the P.C.



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LOS ANGELES
BRODSKY, Seymour (May C. Fukugawa) — girl Carole A., Jan. 11.
ISHIDA, Allan K. (Misako Goto) — girl Ellen Tami, Jan. 12.
KAMEI, Henry M. (Chiyoko Deguchi) — boy Richard G., Jan. 11.
SAKAMOTO, Douglas K. (Joyce M. Matsuda) — girl Lynn Chiemi, Jan. 8.
TAMURA, Kazumi (Sachiko Sawada) — girl Teren V., Jan. 3.

WATSONVILLE

KATSUYAMA, Toshiya (Mitsuye Okimoto) — girl, Jan. 25.
MANN, Joseph (Mieyko Isogawa) — girl, Jan. 15.
TSUMURA, Junjo (Teruko Miura) — girl, Dec. 11.

SAN JOSE

AKINO, Robert — boy Randy G., Jan. 5, Santa Clara.
EGAMI, George — girl Wendy Lou, Jan. 4.
MIZOTA, Fred — girl Janet Kikuye, Jan. 9.
NAKAMOTO, Shozo — boy Rodney Shoji, Jan. 12, Morgan Hill.
NAKASHIMA, Harry — girl Janet Hiromi, Jan. 24.
ONISHI, Tokio — boy Steven Kiyoshi, Jan. 3, Campbell.

SAN MATEO

HIGAKI, Harry — girl Audrey K., Jan. 11, Redwood City.

SAN FRANCISCO

HANDA, Katsunori — girl, Jan. 1.
ICHIYASU, Kiyoshi — boy, Jan. 5.
INOMATA, Shozo — boy, Jan. 17.
ISERI, George — boy, Jan. 12.
TAKASUGI, Kanji — boy, Jan. 22.
TAKESHITA, Kenji (Helen Akashi) — girl, Feb. 2.
TANI, Hisashi — boy, Jan. 26.

ALAMEDA

FUKUI, George — girl Susan Hiroko, Jan. 9, Irvington.

SACRAMENTO

IKEDA, Robert — boy, Jan. 12, Davis.
KAIHARA, Rusty — girl, Feb. 4.
KONO, Sam — boy, Jan. 2.
KUBO, Kay — boy, Jan. 14, West Sacramento.

OKABE, George — boy, Jan. 15.
NAKAO, John — girl, Jan. 22.
NISHIO, Mitsuru — girl, Dec. 18.
YOSHIDA, Richard — girl, Jan. 14, Walnut Grove.

PLACER COUNTY

HAYASHIDA, George — boy, Jan. 31, Loomis.
KAGETA, Frank — boy, Jan. 28, Loomis.

MARYSVILLE

MATSUMOTO, Shurei — boy, Jan. 25.

IDAHO

MAEDA, George — girl, Jan. 14, Payette.

SEATTLE

HARADA, Tad — boy, Dec. 11.
HIGASHI, Teddy — boy, Dec. 10.
IMANISHI, Fred Y. — boy, Jan. 18.
ISHINO, Louis — boy, Dec. 20.
KANZAKI, Satoru — girl, Jan. 16.
NISHIDA, Shigeru — boy, Jan. 29.
SAIKI, Larry — boy, Jan. 16.
TAKEMURA, Taro P. — boy, Jan. 18.
YAKI, Sumio — girl, Dec. 23.
TAKEUCHI, Katsushige — boy, Jan. 21.
TAKISAKI, James — girl, Jan. 29.

CHICAGO

NAKAO, George (Rose Niirp) — boy, James Kiyoshi, Jan. 3.

Jr. JACL questionnaire pushed by Sonoma County

PETALUMA.—A questionnaire has been mailed to Sonoma County JACLers to determine whether sufficient interest exists toward forming a Jr. JACL for teenagers, it was announced by Sam Miyano, chapter president.

Interested young Nisei and Sansei have been also asked to express their opinion to Beth Yamoka, in charge of the survey.

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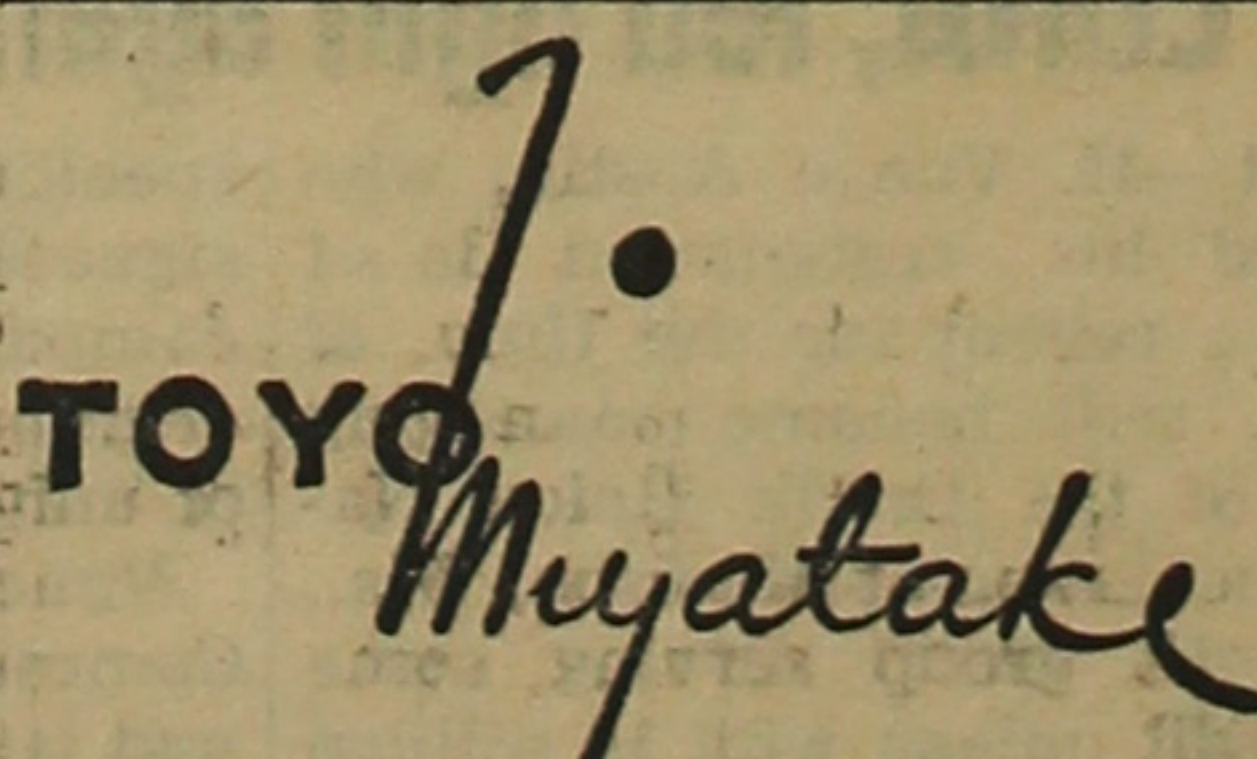
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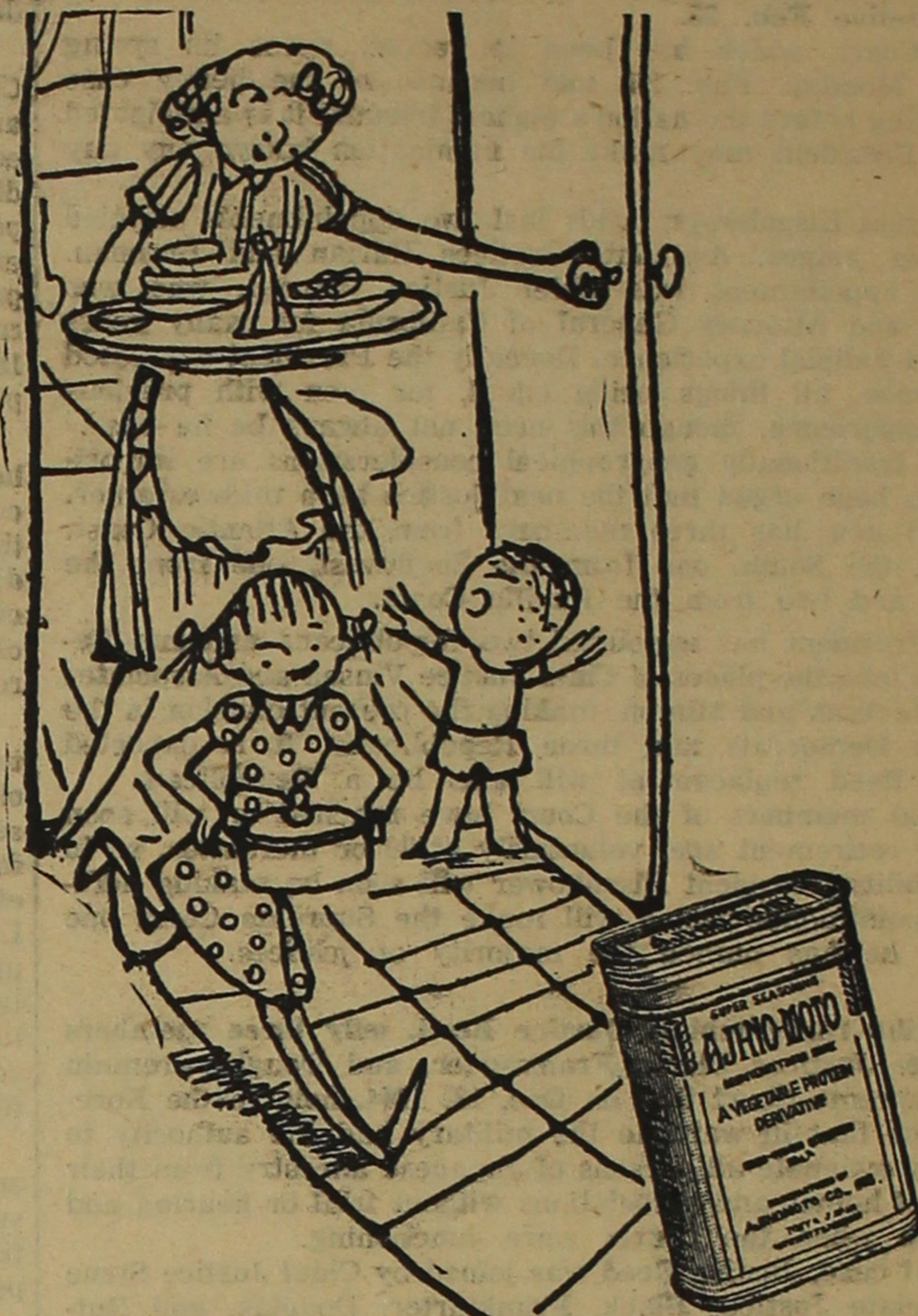
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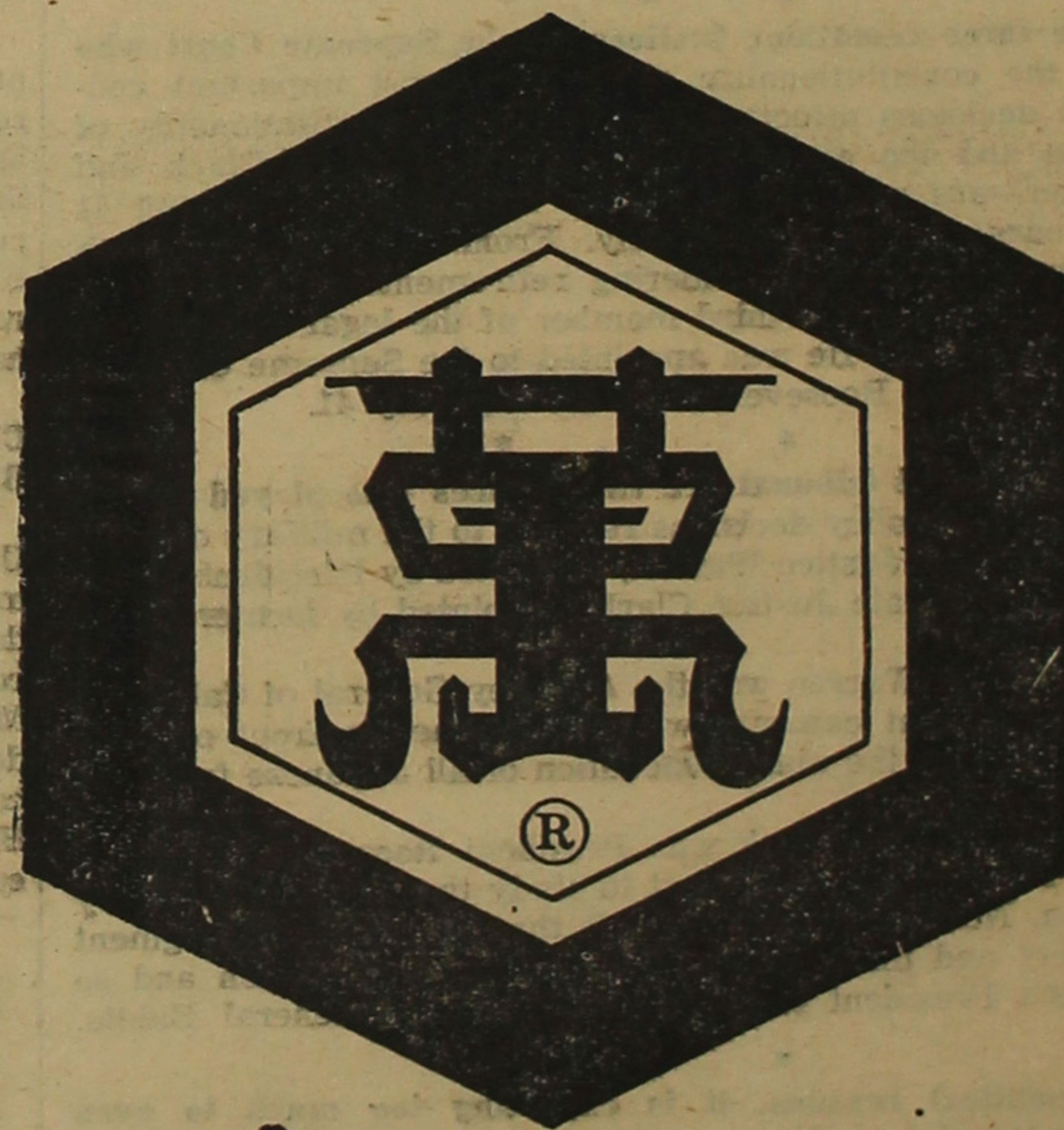


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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

Supreme Court Justice

Washington

President Eisenhower is expected to make his fourth appointment to the United States Supreme Court soon, filling the vacancy to be created by the retirement of Associate Justice Reed effective Feb. 25.

The Court, which has been in recess, opens its spring term on Monday, Feb. 25, and because of the heavy case load pending before the nation's highest tribunal it is anticipated that the President may make his nomination known any day now.

President Eisenhower in his last two appointments selected outstanding judges, Associate Justices Harlan and Brennan. His first appointment was Chief Justice Warren, who was Governor and Attorney General of California for many years but lacked judicial experience. Recently the President expressed a preference, all things being equal, for men with previous judicial experience, though this need not always be the case.

Since traditionally geographical considerations are important, it has been urged that the next justice be a midwesterner. The Court now has three members from the Atlantic Coast, two from the South, one from the Southwest, one from the Midwest, and two from the Pacific Coast.

The President has appointed two Republicans and one Democrat to take the places of Chief Justice Vinson and Associates Justices Jackson and Minton, making the present division in the Court six Democrats and three Republicans. It is expected that the Reed replacement will also be a Republican.

Several members of the Court have reached or will soon reach the retirement age, voluntarily at 70 or thereafter, so in all probability President Eisenhower will soon be making additional appointments, which will make the Supreme Court one in which he has named the majority of justices.

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With the retirement of Justice Reed, only three members—Associate Justices Black, Frankfurter, and Douglas—remain of that Supreme Court that on Dec. 18, 1944, held in the Korematsu case that in wartime the military had the authority to arbitrarily evacuate all persons of Japanese ancestry from their West Coast homes and associations without trial or hearing and at a time when the courts were functioning.

In that case, Justice Reed was joined by Chief Justice Stone and Associate Justices Black, Frankfurter, Douglas, and Rutledge in the majority opinion upholding military power in wartime. It was in this decision that "guilt by association" received legal validity, for it was stated that because Americans of Japanese ancestry had an "affinity" with the Japanese enemy they too could be suspect.

Associate Justices Roberts, Jackson, and Murphy dissented. All three are now dead.

That same day, however, this same Court held unanimously in the Endo case, that loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry could not be detained against their will in the so-called war relocation centers.

In another "key" decision affecting Americans of Japanese ancestry, Justice Reed wrote the dissenting opinion, in which he was joined by Associate Justices Burton and Jackson, in the Oyama case, decided Jan. 19, 1948.

In this case, Chief Justice Vinson wrote the majority opinion, in which Justice Frankfurter concurred. Justices Black and Douglas concurred in a separate opinion, as did Justices Murphy and Rutledge in another separate opinion. The majority opinion in the Oyama case held that an American citizen, even though of Japanese ancestry, was entitled to the same rights as any other American citizen. This decision paved the way to later decisions by the Supreme Courts of Oregon and California to rule their respective alien land laws unconstitutional.

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Of the three remaining justices on the Supreme Court who ruled on the constitutionality of the two most important constitutional decisions affecting the Nisei, the constitutionality of evacuation and the alien land laws, two—Justices Black and Frankfurter—are over the voluntary retirement age, being 71 and 75 years of age, respectively. From time to time, both have been rumored as considering retirement soon.

Justice Douglas, the third member of the legal triumvirate, is only 59 years old. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by the late President Roosevelt when he was only 41.

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On the present tribunal are two justices who played prominent roles in the policy decisions relating to the military evacuation of 1942—Chief Justice Warren, appointed by President Eisenhower, and Associate Justice Clark, appointed by former President Truman.

Chief Justice Warren was the Attorney General of California in 1942 and in that capacity was among the forefront of state authorities urging the mass evacuation of all Japanese from the west coast.

Associate Justice Clark was President Roosevelt's personal representative on the west coast to study the need for arbitrary evacuation. Needless to say, he felt that the military judgment was correct and that evacuation had to be undertaken and so advised the President and the then Attorney General Biddle.

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For political reasons, it is expecting too much to even think that the time has come when a Nisei may be considered for the Supreme Court. And yet, when the Oyama case was heard ten years ago, there were no Nisei judges anywhere in the land. Today, there are three.

Judge John Aiso of the Municipal Court of Los Angeles was the first mainland Nisei ever to be named to the bench. He was nominated by the now Chief Justice Warren in 1953 as one of his last acts as Governor of California. Republican Judge Aiso has a distinguished record as a citizen, attorney, and judge that would well qualify him for nomination to the United States Supreme Court except for the facts that the Chief Justice is also from California and that he is of Japanese ancestry.

Territorial District Court Judge Ben Tashiro of Kauai,

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Government to appeal rule allowing prewar rate on yen deposit; recommendation by independent examiner asks 23.4c per yen

WASHINGTON.—The government will appeal the decision of an independent hearing examiner allowing payments of their yen deposits in prewar Japanese banks at the Dec. 8, 1941, exchange rate, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed by the Dept. of Justice Office of Alien Property.

The JACL office made the inquiry at the request of many yen depositors who have written into Washington about the favorable decision.

On January 31, 1957, George W. Carr, an independent hearing examiner, submitted his recommended decision to Dallas Townsend, director of the Office of Alien Property and Assistant Attorney General, that yen certificates be repaid in dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on December 8, 1941, namely \$.234, or 23.4 cents per yen.

The director has announced that he will file exceptions to the recommended decision, which means that a court will probably have to decide between the Director's exceptions and the recommended decision before a final decision is reached.

In 1943, the Alien Property Custodian, predecessor to the Office of Alien Property, vested in himself all the excess proceeds after the liquidation by state authorities of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. and the Sumitomo Bank, Ltd. upon findings that both were in fact Japanese corporations and nationals of a designated enemy country having branches and offices in the United States.

Some 17,000 debt claims based on yen certificates of deposit issued by these banks have been filed with the Office of Alien Property.

The independent hearing examiner rejected the contentions that the claimants should be repaid at the exchange rates existing at the time of the purchase of the individual yen certificates and that interest after December 8, 1941 should be paid.

The examiner did, however, recommend that the exchange rate on December 8, 1941 should be used in the repayment of these deposits.

At the prewar exchange rate, the dollar value of the 17,000 claims will be an estimated 54 million dollars, and at the present postwar rate about \$615,000. At the same time, it should be noted that the Office of Alien Property has only about \$14,500,000 in Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. property and about \$1,500,000 in Sumitomo Bank Ltd. property available for payment of debt claims.

Some 3,858 claimants were represented by the law firms of Carrolin and McHugh in Washington and Gitelson, Coyle, Cooper and Savitch of Los Angeles. An Amicus brief was filed by the law firm of Wirin, Rissman and Okrand, also of Los Angeles on behalf of their claimants.

CHI ALPHA DELTA ALUMNAE BENEFIT SLATED MAR. 10

The Chi Alpha Delta alumnae of UCLA will hold its annual scholarship bride-tea benefit on Sunday, Mar. 10, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, it was announced by Mary Oi, alumnae chapter president. A luncheon meeting is being called at the home of Mrs. Mary Hokoda, 3970 Olmsted Ave., to discuss the benefit.

Univ. of Colo. regent resigns for post with CUNA; led fight against campus bias

DENVER.—H. Vance Austin, who announced his resignation last week as a regent for the Univ. of Colorado, will become managing director of the Credit Union National Association at Madison, Wis., a non-profit group serving some 22,400 credit unions with 10 million members.

(JACL credit unions are affiliated with CUNA.)

Though the attorney was reelected to his second six-year term on the CU board of regents in 1954, no

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES BY GOV'T CHARGED AS PART OF PROGRAM DELAY

Administrative policies on the part of the government are factors contributing to the delay in the processing of evacuation claims, the attorneys for claimants informed the visiting Justice Department officials here last Tuesday.

In a statement prepared by Frank F. Chuman, spokesman for the group in the Los Angeles area, for Asst. Attorney General George C. Doub and Enoch E. Ellison, chief of the Japanese claims section, the claimant attorneys cited eight points that have bogged down the compromising of remaining claims.

It was charged by claimant attorneys that the government has adopted a "final take it or leave it attitude", contrary to the spirit of give and take which is implied in a compromise settlement.

Also resulting in the stalemate of further negotiations, Chuman pointed out, was the government's attitude on the expert appraiser's

report (which is paid for by the claimant after the government selects its own appraiser) and arbitrary reduction of the valuation set by the appraiser. On this point, Doub said there was in the Justice Department an appraiser's section, which determines whether a report is good or poor, hence it does not presume this report to be final.

Other points alleged the lack of opportunity at the Washington level for claimants once negotiations are concluded by the field office; considerable delay (ranging from 6 months to one year) at the Washington and local offices; desire by claimant attorneys for a breakdown of the actual offer (so that losses can be discussed intelligently with the client); and lack of information on procedures for transferring claims to the Court of Claims after rejection of a compromise settlement offer.

The claimant attorneys, feeling their responsibility lies to the point where claimants actually receive their awards, asked that check be mailed directly or that notice of payment be sent to the attorney of record.

The final point concerned the payment with respect to corporation losses, either to the single officer or paid pro-rata among shareholders. A clarification was requested.

The firsthand discussion by the Justice Department officials with claimant attorneys last Tuesday in the Federal Bldg. proved fruitful, according to Doub and Chuman. It was the first conference by Washington officials with local attorneys.

TV movies

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In the film shown last weekend, a Japanese student, who is a cheer leader at Stanford, turns out to be a captain of the Japanese Imperial Navy and is the head man of an espionage ring.

The JACL regional office protested to the KHJ-TV station manager that the showing of "Betrayal from the East" would strongly suggest disloyalty of Japanese Americans. The manager regretted the picture would create misunderstanding and embarrassment and said that had there been more time, a substitution of films could have been made.

The station did announce later upon showing of the film that it was a "fictitious representation" at the start and end of the movie, in hopes of nullifying the anti-Nisei effect.

The JACL office had explained that the only Nisei cheer leader at a Pacific Coast Conference school before the war was Lt. Mo Yonemura, who was killed in action while serving with the 442nd RCT in Europe.

"Unfortunately, the picture begins with an introductory scene showing Drew Pearson at his desk and speaking earnestly explains that the picture was based on actual fact and that the story could now be told," Tats Kushida, regional director, added, "thus giving a very realistic and documentary impression to the film."

In the meantime, national JACL president Dr. Roy Nishikawa has initiated another nation-wide campaign to inform all TV stations on the nature of some films which are untrue and derogatory to Nisei loyalty, currently available in the TV market.

Tajiri pointed out in his Jan. 11 "Vagaries" that "release of pre-1948 major studio films to TV has resulted in a number of wartime anti-Nisei pictures getting a new life and a wider audience than they enjoyed previously for their hate-inspiring propaganda."

The JACL has found that TV stations are sensitive to complaints registered by individuals and organizations.

Issei history retold at Detroit meeting

DETROIT.—Walter Miyao traced the history of the Issei in America until their arrival in Detroit as one of four speakers addressing the annual meeting of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit last Jan. 22 at the Institute's Hall of Nations.

Theme of the four speeches was "In Our Adopted Country We Found the International Institute."

A capacity audience of 350 attended the dinner. Representing the Detroit JACL was George Nagano, 1st vice-president.

Miyao, who is personnel officer for the Detroit City Health Department laboratory and supervisor of specific departments, served as first vice-president in the 1956 Detroit cabinet. He is currently serving as a member-at-large.

CALENDAR

Feb. 23 (Saturday)
French Camp — Installation banquet, California Hotel, Alhambra, 7 p.m.
Stockton — Installation dinner, Clark Hotel, 7 p.m.; Mamoru Sakuma, spkr.
Orange County — JAYS snow hike.
Philadelphia — 10th Ann'y Installation, International Institute, 7 p.m.; Mike Masaoka, spkr.
Pasadena — Installation dinner-dance Carpenter's Santa Anita.
Feb. 24 (Sunday)
PNWDC — Winter meeting, Portland JACL hosts.
Portland — Chapter installation, Multnomah Hotel.
Feb. 27 (Wednesday)
CCDC — Special meeting, Parlier.
Feb. 28 (Thursday)
Fowler — Dinner meeting, Bruce Lodge, John Harness, spkr.
Salt Lake City — Naturalized Issei dinner, Dawn Noodle House, 7 p.m.
Alameda — General meeting, Methodist Church.
Mar. 2 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City — Membership Victory dance, Police Club House, 8:30 p.m.
Mar. 5 (Tuesday)
East Bay area — Nat'l JACL Bowling pre-tournament mixer.
Mar. 6-10
Nat'l JACL bowling tournament, Albany Bowl.
Mar. 8 (Friday)
Philadelphia — Board meeting, Y. Nakano residence.
Mar. 9 (Saturday)
Santa Barbara — Installation banquet, Kerry's Restaurant; Elmer Shirrell, spkr.
Richmond-EI Cerrito — Welcome social Richmond Memorial Youth Center.
Mar. 16 (Saturday)
Alameda — Benefit movie, Buddhist Hall.