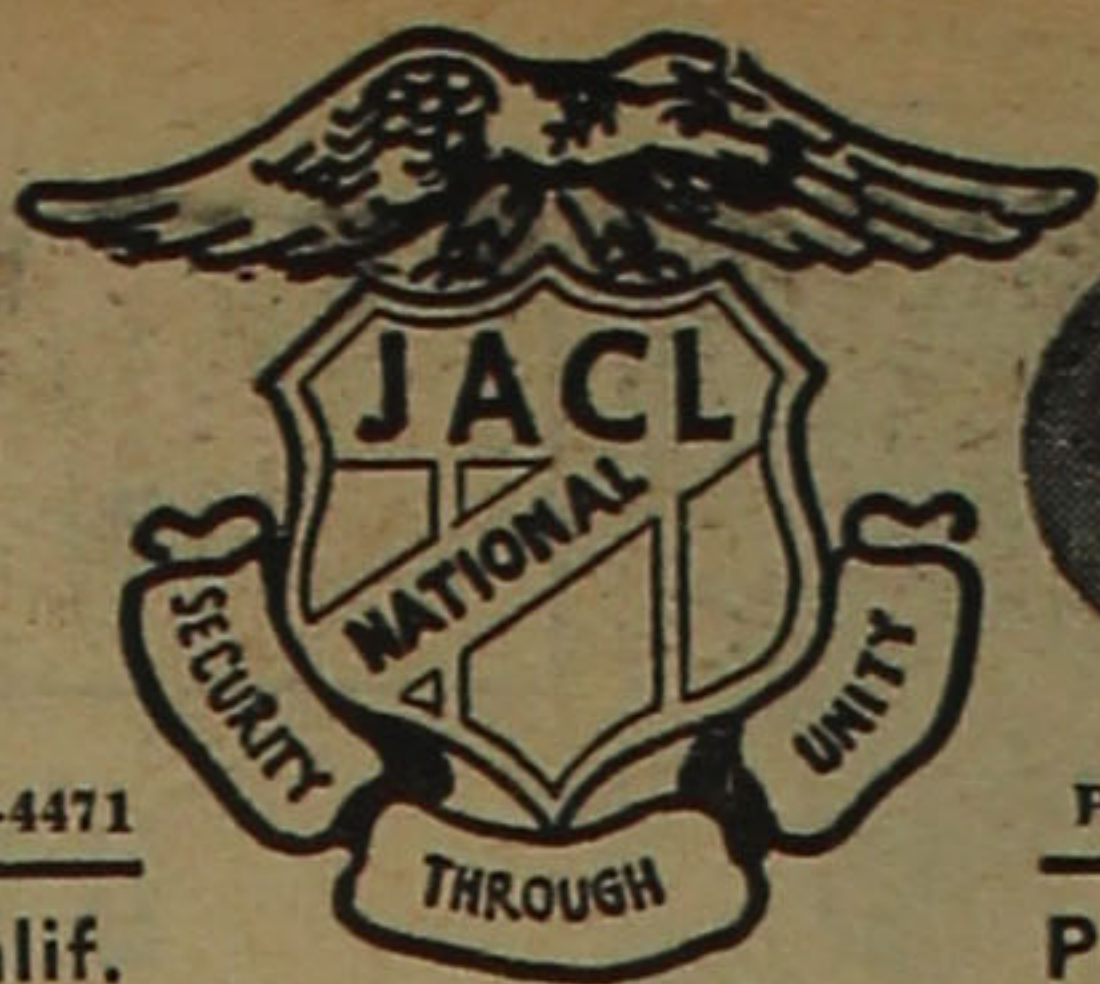


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President's Corner:

Nisei active in chamber of commerce

Recently Attorney Kenji Ito, Nisei president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California kindly invited us to the Imperial Gardens for the Chamber's annual introduction of new officers. Kenji is the first Nisei ever to head up this group. Having done such a wonderful job, the Chamber Board rescinded a prior ruling against serving for more than one term and re-elected him. His forte is his excellent command of both the Japanese and English languages.

Other Nisei members of the chamber include: George Kuniyoshi, Victor Ikeda, Elji Tanabe, Taro Kawa, Joe Ito, Ken Nakaoka, Willie Funakoshi and George Inagaki. These fellows are all staunch JACLers. Cooperation on matters of common concern has been close between the JACL and the Chamber. Speaker for the evening was Joe Yasaki, deputy attorney general and an active SWLA JACLer.

MRA to help 'remake the world'

Fred Wada, prominent Nisei businessman, invited us to a dinner and a showing of a new Moral Re-Armament play called, "He Was Not There." The play was headed for Baguio, The Philippines, and was to be shown before the Assembly of Asian Nations.

Mr. Wada informed us that he has been a member of Moral Re-Armament for nine years. From others we learned that the Los Angeles MRA Building formerly required 100 employees for maintenance. Now, it has only one paid staff member. All of the rest of the work is performed by the members. We understand that it would be a common sight to run into a corporation vice president vacuuming the rugs, or a debutante serving as a waitress in this democratic establishment. The Moral Re-Armament creed is based upon the four principles: Absolute Honesty, Absolute Fairness, Absolute Unselfishness and Absolute Love. The goal of MRA is no less than to "remake the world."

Covering Southland chapter installations

Although space does not permit a fuller discussion of these outstanding 1953 chapter installations, we would like to gratefully acknowledge our recent invitations to the Orange County JACL, the Long Beach-Harbor JACL, the West Los Angeles JACL and the Venice-Culver JACL. These chapters are headed respectively by Harry Matsukane, Dr. Dave Miura, Dr. Milton Inouye and Pete Furuya. At least two of these chapters will be in the running for Chapter of the Year Awards for 1953.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

\$7,250 FORD FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDED TO NISEI

PORTLAND.—May Ebihara, graduate student at Columbia University in New York, has been awarded a \$7,250 grant from the Ford Foundation for a year's study in anthropology in Cambodia.

Daughter of Tameyoshi Ebihara of Portland, she is a graduate of Reed College here and is preparing for her Ph.D. degree.

Under the foundation grant, Miss Ebihara will spend three months of linguistic study at Columbia to prepare for her study in Cambodia. She will spend some time in Paris for research and contact work prior to her departure to Southeast Asia. She will then leave on her research studies sometime in the late fall.

Upon completion of her work in Cambodia, Miss Ebihara is planning a visit to Japan before returning here.

SEPARATE GROUP TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ASKED

PHILADELPHIA. — Seventy-two persons braved the worst storm to hit the eastern seaboard in 35 years to attend the 11th installation dinner at the Broadmoor Hotel on Feb. 15.

The snowed-in event had Dr. Tom Tamaki as toastmaster, introducing Harry Takagi, national third vice-president, who outlined the program to be discussed at the National convention. Asserting that the aim of the JACL was to work itself out of existence, he felt that the chapters would have to adjust to less dramatic goals. One of these lesser but important program would be the promotion of U.S.-Japan good will.

Takagi voiced the opinion that the solution would be a formation of a distinctly, separate group that would deal with the international aspects. He quoted the 1954 National JACL policy that the JACL would refrain from action in U.S.-Japan affairs unless an American of Japanese descent was involved. In closing, he thought that with the maturing JACL, the aim of better relations would be advanced.

Installation of the new board was

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP SURPASSES 1,000 MARK FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

SAN FRANCISCO.—From a pure numerical standpoint, San Francisco JACL is leading the national membership race with its recent report that it has passed the 1,000 mark for the third year in a row. Mrs. Yo Hironaka, 1953 membership drive chairman here, said 1,002 members have paid their dues as of last week.

Many of last year's members are still being contacted, according to Mrs. Hironaka, and she expects the current drive will top last year's mark of 1,089. The 1953 goal of 1,200, expected to be topped by the end of this month.

The campaign has been waged by 13 solicitation teams. In the Mar. 5 tabulations published in the chapter newsletter, Mrs. Jerry

Enomoto is leading the individual race while the team captained by Tess Hideshima had the lead.

(The Chicago and Southwest L.A. chapters are on record this year as setting a membership goal in the excess of 1,000 but no reports of their progress have yet been received.—Ed.)

The chapter is initiating an eight-week dance class tonight at the Tulip Shop, 380-18th Ave., with Wil Maruyama and Tess Hideshima as class chairmen. Rosemary Bruce, who recently demonstrated several ballroom steps at the chapter mixer, will be instructor. Fee for the entire course will be \$5 per person or 75 cents per lesson for JACLers. Others will be assessed \$1.25 per lesson.

Auxiliary members have scheduled a visitation of the aged residing at Laguna Honda Home on April 20. Proceeds from its recent "Caribbean Holiday" dance are being used to purchase comfort articles for the Japanese residents. Tess Hideshima, chairman, is being assisted by Miye Magota and Miyuki Aoyama.

Transportation is being arranged with the group meeting at the JACL Office here at 1 p.m.

The regular Auxiliary meeting for April 10 will feature a home economist from the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. speaking on new ways of party-giving.

There were 32 ski enthusiasts

Pass 200 mark for best membership

REDWOOD CITY. — An all-time chapter membership mark of 230 was reported by the Sequoia JACL as of Mar. 7, according to campaign chairman Roz Enomoto.

The campaign was conducted by four teams, headed by captains June Miyasaki, Kiyo Nishiura (winning team), June Kumagai and Hid Kashima. The winners were treated to dinner.

The new mark surpasses last year's total by 51. There are also 14 1000ers as compared with eight last year. John Enomoto, chapter 1000 Club chairman, was in charge of the latter solicitations.

NISEI CONSULTANT FOR MODERN TOKYO APT.

TOKYO. — San Francisco Nisei Robert Sumiyoshi Yamanaka, consultant for one of the most modern apartments under construction near the Imperial Palace grounds, said the 12-story building would cater to foreigners making Tokyo their semi-permanent residence.

An earthquake-fireproof building, the ¥3-billion apartment hotel is expected to be completed by April, 1959.

Seattle Nisei named curate of Chicago church

CHICAGO. — The Rev. Paul Hiya-ma, who was ordained an Episcopalian priest last December, is curate of St. Paul's Church here. The Seattle-born Nisei war veteran began his study for the ministry after his return from Japan in 1947. He is a 1955 graduate of Univ. of Chicago Divinity School and Seabury Western Theological Seminary at Evanston.

He is married to the former Esther Hagiwara, sister of Abe Hagiwara, and they have one son, Stephen.

who enjoyed the chapter ski party over the Washington Birthday weekend at Squaw Valley. Tats Sumida, chapter program chairman, was in charge and prospects of a local ski club were being discussed.

For the men (that is, 28 and over and not in any active league), the chapter industrial basketball league gets underway the second week of April at the Buchanan St. YMCA. Mutt Matsumoto and Yukio Isoye, league chairmen, ad-

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SPONSORSHIP OF JUNIOR JACL TO BE QUESTIONED

WASHINGTON.—The question of whether the Washington, D.C., JACL should actively sponsor a Jr. JACL group is an open issue, according to chapter president Jack Hirose who has asked for opinions from the membership.

The problem was raised by Hal Horiuchi at a chapter executive board meeting last month.

"The crux of the problem is that in the area most Nisei families are scattered and so well integrated in the general community that their children—a large group of whom are in the 13-17 year group—have infrequent opportunities for getting together," Hirose pointed out.

Annual picnics, dinners and outings have provided some opportunities for the younger set of Washington to meet, "but the Sansei have expressed a keen desire for more frequent meetings, and a few parents have undertaken to sponsor socials in their homes."

As the teenagers grow, the need for organized socials appears obvious, Hirose noted. "Should the latter take the form of a JACL ancillary, i.e., a junior chapter, or should we as chapter members and parents attempt to provide something in the nature of cultural activities to make the youngsters aware of their cultural heritage?" he asked.

As the problem deserves serious thinking, Hirose wonders if the issue should become a major concern to the chapter.

In bid for record high of 250 memb.

ST. LOUIS.—Sights of the local JACL membership crew, headed by Henry Hayashi, have been raised to a record high of 250 for the coming year. Since its founding 10 years ago, the chapter rolls have fluctuated between 50 and 150 members.

A full program of events for the year was also announced following their successful Valentine dance on Feb. 22 at the Mid-County YWCA. An unexpectedly large turnout enjoyed the mixers and games arranged by Mrs. George Eto and her committee. Dick Henmi was emcee.

Other events being planned for the year include the Easter egg hunt in April, Japanese movies in May, barbecue in June, July 4 annual picnic, outing in August, Men's Night-Out in September, Halloween social in October, Fall Festival in November, inaugural dinner Dec. 6 and the New Year's Eve party.

Unemployment situation in California may stop resumption of temporary farm labor

SAN FRANCISCO.—Although U.S. government officials recently approved a move to resume importation of temporary farm workers from Japan, the possibility of any Japanese coming here under this program is growing remote.

This was the observation made by Consul General Akira Nishiyama who attended a three-day conference on alien farm worker programs held this past week in Sacramento.

He and Vice-Consul Shoichi Ban attended this meeting of state, federal and employer representatives as observers.

Discussions centered on the current recession and unemployment situation and the necessity of providing work first to jobless in America.

Long discussions were held especially between employer representatives and an U.S. Labor Department official on the curtailment of alien workers.

"We received the impression that there would be difficulty this year in securing job clearances from county employment offices," the Japanese officials reported

last Friday.

These clearances, showing need locally for additional workers from abroad, must be secured before the U.S. State Department will issue visas to temporary alien workers.

Temporary farm worker held for crossing border

SAN FRANCISCO.—For crossing the border to visit Tijuana, B.C., a Japanese temporary farm worker is here awaiting transportation

Assigned to a farm south of San Diego, S. Taniguchi arrived a year ago, took the chance to visit Mexico as all workers are warned they may get into trouble by crossing the border and was arrested by immigration authorities.

KEN DYU APPOINTED TO SEED RESEARCH STAFF

Ken Dyo, JACLer and president of the Pasadena Gardener's Association, was appointed special consultant to professional gardeners by O.M. Scott & Sons of New Canaan, Conn., to expand its lawn research program.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

BIG LEAGUERS — Been to the movies lately? Been watching TV or listening to the radio? Looked over the record counters? If so, you couldn't have helped but notice the names of such entertainers as Miiko Taka, Pat Suzuki, Michi Kobi, Miyoshi Umeki, Teal Joy and Sessue Hayakawa.

These girls and the lone gentleman, all of Japanese ancestry, are major leaguers in the American world of entertainment. They're top-notchers, sharing billing with the greats of the American stage, screen and night club circuit. And those of us Nisei who bask happily in the glory reflected by these personalities must feel much the way our Negro neighbors felt the year Jackie Robinson broke into big league baseball.

Not so incidentally, when is a Nisei ball player going to break into the majors? Anyone know of a likely prospect?

CLEANING THE MUFFIN TINS — Mike, our 17-year-old, recently discovered packaged mixes, the flour industry's magic that makes expert bakers of the newest bride. The other evening he opened a box of blueberry muffin mix, read and carefully followed directions printed on the package, and produced a couple of pans of very fine eating, indeed. Everyone agreed that he was a first rate packaged mix muffin maker.

What the directions on the box neglected to say was that once the muffins are baked, the job is only half over. There is, for instance, the mixing bowl to wash out, and the muffin tins to wash and dry and put away.

Since Mike had other business to occupy him, he went off after dinner and left the washing and cleaning to others. But the next time he wants to bake — if there is a next time — we will have to see that he does not neglect the second half of his responsibilities. Before he completes the process of growing up, he must learn that after the fun, there is usually the dirty, unglamorous, tedious and sometimes unpleasant job of cleaning up the mess.

NOTE TO MOM — Just before we went out the other evening, Christie, the 7-year-old, ran out to play. The last word she heard was to be sure and come in within a half hour since it was fast becoming dark.

When we got home late that night there was a penciled note in our room. It read: "Dear Mommy, I'm sorry I was late coming in. Please do not scold me in the morning and do not talk to me about it any time."

At least she's discovering early in life that the printed word is a most useful form of knowledge.

SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES — The last snowstorm was well mixed with rain, and the cold that followed it was comparatively mild. The lawn is greening under the mat of dead brown grass. In the back yard, buds are swelling on the lilacs and soon they will burst with fresh green leaves. The tulips are up a couple of inches, just daring the frost to nip them. We saw some robins the other day, and a flicker poking around in a pile of dried leaves for grubs.

These are signs of springtime in the Rockies where the heaviest snows of the year can be expected in late March and early April. But the surest sign of the new season, here or anywhere, is the sight of boys playing ball and their fathers winding up and tossing a few with them. It's happened in our family — a sore and tender shoulder keeps reminding me of my folly.

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TOKYO TOPICS

By Tamotsu Murayama

U.S.-Japan Trade

TOKYO. — "Fantastic Americans!", cry many Japanese who view the lopsided balance of trade between American and Japan. It is a problem that begs serious study as Americans are losing their friends in Japan.

It seems natural for Japanese businessmen to think Americans should buy some Japanese products. Japan buys a tremendous amount of American commodities including foodstuff, cotton and other raw material. Japanese industries are fixed in such a way as to utilize raw material, iron ore, and coal from America. Japan's economy depends upon American supply.

While the U.S. government is helping Japan in many ways, American buyers are in Japan looking for the cheapest price possible. I witnessed recently the transaction of a transistorized radio, which is sold for ¥12,000 (\$33) in Tokyo. A smart-looking fellow from New York wanted one for \$10. The Japanese salesman, bowing and begging, asked for \$15, explaining that wages must be paid in addition to patent royalties and cost of the material.

The American buyer knows too well that Japanese businessmen must deal with them as there are no other trade outlets. Hence, we see the Japanese almost crying at the feet of the American buyer. As humiliating this appears, Japan still stands firm with the American dollar, thankful that a sale was made in spite of unreasonable haggling over price. Americans are probably pocketing some extra change but, at the same, are losing a lot of sincere friends.

Sansei selected as pageboy in House for Florida rep.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Carl Omaye, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Omaye of Englewood, Fla., has been appointed a page to serve in the United States House of Representatives by Congressman Charles E. Bennet.

He will be on the government payroll while he serves under Congressman Bennett in May or June, when he will receive \$306.62 for the month he serves. This money will go toward paying his room and board and for supplying the necessary dark blue suits worn by all the page boys.

A 17-year-old junior at Englewood High School, he is an A honor roll student and leader in school activities. He is president of the Hi-Y and vice president of the student council.

Recently he attended the YMCA Youth and Government Program in Tallahassee as an Englewood representative.

His favorite subjects are math and science, and has already been offered a four-year scholarship to Florida Southern at Lakeland.

His parents are prosperous lettuce growers who in partnership with a Mr. Butsuyen conduct a 1,000-acre lettuce ranch. They also have five daughters, one of whom is a missionary's wife in South America.

REOPENING OF DENVER GAKUEN DISCUSSED

DENVER.—The Japanese Association of Colorado is on record favoring the reopening of a Japanese language school here under its sponsorship.

Arthur O. Iwasaki, having been named as one of the gakuen directors, suggested the problem of Nisei parents wanting to instruct their children in Japanese language and customs could be solved on this basis. "It is a natural thing to increase our knowledge and add to history," he added.

Meanwhile, American industry is hiking its campaign against Japanese commodities such as tuna, textiles and other negligible amounts of Japanese products through higher tariff and quota restrictions.

Friendlier Attitude Asked

Recently, a Foreign Office spokesman felt American business should be more friendly toward Japan. "American businessmen may think that they will be rich by buying Japanese commodities under the price. They know that Japanese business is slow and is in need of dollars. They put up any term to get Japanese goods as low as possible. Japanese business is thus forced to produce goods of low quality to meet the price. Then the Japanese are blamed for producing shabby goods. Americans must be more sympathetic with Japanese business instead of trying merely to make more money," the spokesman pointed out.

"The American government is trying to help Japan's economy and the American businessman is turning around ruining it here in Japan. Mass psychology is very difficult to understand.

"American businessmen know that Japanese business depends upon America. Japan must sell to America. That is why American businessmen are severe and stern in their dealings with the Japanese. The Japanese are smiling, but they are bitter in their hearts," the spokesman indicated.

"The question is how to let American businessmen understand this delicate situation. The Japanese are trying to please them, even entertaining them lavishly and spoiling them somewhat. Even at the cost of being humiliated, Japanese businessmen must sell to Americans, for fear that Soviet Russia and other communistic nations will slowly but surely penetrate Japanese economy. How can we ask American businessmen to be more reasonable? We don't know," the Foreign Office official in the economic bureau added.

Whittier College Nisei very active

WHITTIER.—The tiny band of 15 Nisei students at Whittier College with its 1,100 student body is doing quite well this year scholastically athletically and socially.

On the honor roll this year are three students from Hawaii, Clarence Mayeda, May Sato and Patsy Inouye; Sanae Ishida of Tokyo and missing by a few points were Yukio Hamada of Encinitas and Tom Marumoto of Santa Ana.

Hamada, who was student-body president at San Dieguito High and winner of a \$4,000 scholarship from the college and a \$600 California state scholarship, was elected vice-president of the frosh class and currently out for the college frosh baseball team.

The frosh football team concluded its '57 season with a seven-win no-loss record, bolstered by playing of end Ted Uyeda of Lancaster and place-kicking specialist Clarence Mayeda of Hilo. Mayeda is also pitching for the frosh baseball team.

Carolyn Shigetomi of nearby Baldwin Park is treasurer and yell leader of the frosh class. Al Tanabe of Hilo was recently picked president of the Lancers, campus men's social organization.

LIVINGSTON HIGH STUDENTS ATTEND 'FREEDOM' MEET

BALLICO.—Selected by the American Friends Service Committee to attend the high school conference on civil liberties at Asilomar recently were Mabel Morimoto, sponsored by the Livingston-Merced JACL; George Flood, Cortez JACL; and Miye Nakamura, Northern Merced County Democratic Club.

PC Letter Box

U.S.-JAPAN AMITY

Editor: — I'm happy today because our country and Japan are on friendly terms. As I am an American of Japanese ancestry, I feel it all the more through the following reason. In the past the reaction of other races of Americans against us who are Americans of Japanese ancestry has been treated accordingly with the friendly or hostile relationship between Japan and the U.S.A.

Maybe that is the reason why Dr. Nishikawa (see PC Feb. 28) felt we should burden ourselves by taking an active part to maintain a better understanding between our country and Japan.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."—Matt. 5:9.

M.O.

Los Angeles.

A JACL 'DISCOVERY'

Editor: — It may be news to your readers that Pat Suzuki, termed by Irv Kupcinet of the Chicago Sun-Times as the "hottest new girl singer in the land" is a JACL discovery.

Pat is the sister of Susie Saburawa, one of the early yeoman workers in the Chicago Chapter at the time I became a member in 1947. At the 1952 convention at San Francisco, at the outing, Susie introduced me to her sister Pat. We were gathered round doing some group-singing to the accompaniment of my uke, and when Pat began to sing everyone else quit and began to listen.

Later in the evening I led her to the bandstand where the orchestra was playing for the dancers, and she sang a few numbers. The assembled JACLers loved it and demanded encore after encore. We all agreed that she should sing professionally.

Pat appeared on Jack Paar's Tonight show all (of the Mar. 10) week, guests with George Gobel and Eddie Fisher on Mar. 25 and opens at the Black Orchid in Chicago on Mar. 30 and where she will appear all week with the Howard Miller show. Her new Vik album, "The Many Sides of Pat Suzuki" is the most.

TOKUZO

Chicago.

HOORAY FOR VENICE-CULVER

Editor: — Re: Article entitled "JACL successful in fight to keep community clear of pool hall-beer parlor" (Mar. 14, PC).

I am happy to note that the Venice-Culver JACL chapter is not only the watchdog of the rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry but also the watchdog of the morals, or commercial interests, of its members and all people of its community. That the chapter should fight to keep the community clear of pool hall-beer parlors (and other objectionable business enterprises, to be consistent in policy) is a worthy practical application of one of JACL's avowed purposes, namely: to promote better citizenship. For better Americans in a better America.

FLORENCE DOBASHI
San Francisco.

PAT OKURAS ACTIVE IN OMAHA CIVIC CLUBS

OMAHA.—Mr. and Mrs. Pat Okura, active JACLers here, have been voted to top positions in their respective service groups for the coming year. Pat, a three-year board member of the West Omaha Rotary, was elected secretary. His wife Lily was elected to a three year term on the Omaha YWCA board.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

A Week for Pat Suzuki

This has been the week of Pat Suzuki. The California-born Nisei girl, tiny with a gamin look, is the fastest rising personality in American popular music.

The full-throated eloquence of her singing had created a clique of Suzuki fans at Norm Bobrow's Colony Club in Seattle, a sophisticated night spot where Pat got her start. But it wasn't till the summer of 1957 that the word started getting around nationally about this little girl with the big voice. It started when Bing Crosby, probably her biggest booster outside of Bobrow, heard her.

Crosby, who grew up in Spokane was back home in Washington for the Peterson-Rademacher fisticuffs, and one night he and some friends went down to the Colony Club where Bobrow was said to have a new singer. Here are Crosby's impressions, from the album cover of Pat's first record ("The Many Sides of Pat Suzuki," Vik, \$3.98):

"The summer of '57 was the time the voice of Pat Suzuki happened to me . . . As some of you more faithful may know, the State of Washington and its environs is my bailiwick. I was way-faring through the fairways, side streets and seashores of Seattle when I was touted on to an off-beat bistro known as Norm Bobrow's Colony.

"Halfway between the chatter and the chateaubriand, the lights dimmed in their traditional theatrical fashion, the pianist played an arpeggio and a voice came zooming out of a half-pint gamin like the great locomotive chime. It roared over the trestle splashing its decibels against the walls—and I surrendered. I was surrounded. That voice had its own stereophonic sound.

"It was on my third visit to the night world of Pat Suzuki that Miss Pony-Tail, after her show, trotted over to my table and asked me what Bing Crosby would say to all this. Bing would say:

"There's a girl up in Seattle named Pat Suzuki, sings anything from jazz to light opera. Great bet for the big time. I really mean that."

"This was quoted in the newspapers.

"Recently I was asked permission to reprint this statement for the Notes of my first album. Not only would I give permission but if they wished I would write the notes. It's a pleasure to recommend Pat Suzuki to the world.

"I'm not strong for the large hysteric, the broad bravura. Just say, 'the summer of '57 was the time the voice of Pat Suzuki happened to me.'"

In "The Many Sides of Pat Suzuki" Pat sings a range of popular standards, from Cole Porter's "From This Moment On" to Duke Ellington's "Solitude" with a side trip to "Poor Butterfly."

The news this past week, of course, was that Pat Suzuki had been offered the lead role in Rodgers and Hammerstein's new musical "Flower Drum Song" after an audition in New York. Pat hasn't given the answer yet—she was busy in Hollywood rehearsing for the George Gobel TV hour of March 25 on which she was a guest artist—but she's set to meet Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein in New York the first part of May to discuss the role.

When the news came out, Eldon Barrett, a United Press writer in Seattle, recalled a conversation with Pat Suzuki two years before.

"Nothing will take me away from Seattle," Pat told Barrett at the time, "short of a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical."

Bobrow, the night club owner with whom Pat has a contract, discovered the Nisei girl in the summer of 1957 when the national company of "Teahouse of the August Moon," starring Burgess Meredith and Scott Mackay, was in the northwest city. One night, after the show, Pat and some friends dropped into the Colony.

Pat, who had a walk-on in "Teahouse" and had never sung professionally, got up at the urging of friends and sang a song just for fun. Bobrow heard her.

"I said 'Wow!' and signed her on the spot," Bobrow recalled this week.

Pat Suzuki was featured at Bobrow's spot for nearly two years until the night Crosby and his friends walked in after the Patterson-Rademacher fight. Then the word was out. Time Magazine did a feature on her, and Vik, a subsidiary of RCA Victor, called her down to Hollywood to cut an album with Henri Rene and his orchestra.

Pat's album has had the disc jockeys flipping of late, and she has also been a guest on a number of TV shows, including Club Oasis and the Jack Paar show for a week out of New York. She had to beg off from the Dinah Shore hour because of laryngitis last November and she'll be a guest on the Patti Page Big Record in New York and CBS on April 30. That's when she'll be in Manhattan for the meeting with Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Funny thing about Pat's audition with Rodgers and Hammerstein," Bobrow told the U.P.'s Barrett last week, "her voice croaked and cracked right in the middle of her number—A Rodgers-Hammerstein song, by the way. Pat said she didn't think it was fair to go on because it was such beautiful music and she was singing it badly."

But a few days later the producers of "Flower Drum Song," the role was Pat's if she wanted it. "Flower Drum Song," incidentally, is a story of San Francisco's Chinatown, and Yuriko Kikuchi (who did the solo in the "Little House of Uncle Thomas" ballet of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The King and I") has been offered one of the leading dancing roles.

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St. Louis Nisei part of trio talking on Brotherhood Week for 11th consecutive year; efforts believed paying off

ST. LOUIS.—February is widely known as "Brotherhood Month" and while everyone seems to talk about it during Brotherhood Week, some may feel no one does anything about it.

Three St. Louis residents who got together as a speechmaking trio for the 11th consecutive Brotherhood Week, are convinced that this talk does help. "It may not change the world, but it can do a lot to control plain human cussedness," noted the Post-Dispatch writer Clarissa Start.

Joseph Tanaka, Unitarian, and Nisei design engineer; Gerald A. Rimmel, a Jewish lawyer, and Gerald A. Koetting, Catholic market researcher, have spoken on Brotherhood, their favorite subject, to high schools, unions, ladies' aids and business men's clubs. They spoke under auspices of the Southern Illinois Conference of the National Council of Christians and Jews.

Their optimistic opinion: Brotherhood is becoming more of a reality not only for one week but for 365 days a year.

All St. Louis-Born

Diverse in background, Tanaka, Rimmel and Koetting have one thing in common—all were born in St. Louis so they have had an opportunity to observe the same changing scene. Tanaka, whose father came from Japan, grew up in South St. Louis and describes himself, with a grin, as "more sauerkraut than sukiyaki."

As a child, he recalls being taunted by playmates with such chants as "Chink-chink-chinaman" (even though he was not Chinese) and going home in tears. Now, the St. Louis JACL past president feels, the Oriental, once an oddity in Middle West America, is accepted.

The two Gerald's have something else in common besides their first name and middle initial. Both came from sheltered surroundings where, Rimmel pointed out, "You lived in a neighborhood with people who were compatible," and Koetting added, "Everything was stratified—certain people your social equals, certain other people the ones who came to clean for you." Both learned about people different from themselves when they went into military service.

Army Experience

"The Army came as a shock to me," Koetting admitted. "I came up against things I knew existed but had never seen. While I was stationed in Washington, D.C., I used to take a street car through a Negro neighborhood. On Saturday nights it would be noisy and crowded and I'd think, 'Well, that's the way those people are.' But on Sunday morning on my way to church I'd see little kids, starched and clean, men and women sedately on their way to church, too, and it struck me that in the same situation we're all pretty much alike. I got in a lot of arguments about it."

Meanwhile, Rimmel was stationed at a California air base where there were a few Negro officers.

"Someone got the idea of putting a sign on an old shack and calling it Officers Club No. 2," he said. "No one ever used it and it seemed like a foolish and needless thing to me. One thing you learned in the Army. It didn't make much

difference what color or racial background you had, it was what you did that counted."

Ex-442nd GI

Joe Tanaka, oddly enough, found himself thrown with people who were like him rather than different, and for him that was a change.

"I was in a Japanese American outfit and felt out of place," he laughed. "Where I was used to Schwartz and Schnaedelbach, I found myself with people named Yamamoto. After a while you can get sick of looking at nothing but blackhaired people."

After the war there were many more like him in St. Louis. Tanaka noticed that where, at first, there was resentment, that, "After a while, people would call up to tell you about an apartment for rent or a job opening. As far as the Japanese are concerned, St. Louis has been very kind."

All three of the men volunteered to speak for Brotherhood week when it first began. They came together by chance when Dora Burner of the Southern Illinois Conference asked them to be on a panel. They clicked, and have been making annual appearances ever since.

Click from Start

Last year it was 7 a.m. breakfast for business men in Collinsville. This year it was a dinner Sunday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall in East St. Louis. They never have a set format but speak informally, fitting their ideas to the type of audience. To a group of business men, for instance, they might stress the importance of brotherhood in one's job.

"We might point out that we all have our own opinions," said Koetting, "but opinions rigidly held can become prejudice, and prejudice can be negative and have a negative effect on ourselves, our country, the world. What we encourage is the control of the outward show of intolerance, the inflammatory statement. If a person consciously represses an overt act often enough he may change his attitude. Without changing basic human nature, we can improve human behavior."

To a group of high school students, they might emphasize the effect of prejudice on one's appearance.

"The person who suffers from prejudice is the person who has it," said Rimmel. "He may not suffer economically or physically, but inside, something is burning him up. And sometimes from thinking mean thoughts, he begins to have a mean look, too."

"We try to tell people," continued Tanaka, "that each of us has learned from our own experience that there is a positive result from human understanding. Others may not go through our experience but through us they can see that people with different backgrounds can get together verbally."

All Family Men

All three of the men are family men. Koetting, who lives in Normandy, has four children. Rimmel, who lives in Olivette, and Tanaka

who married the former Naomi Nakano of Philadelphia and lives in Crestwood, have three each. Tanaka works for McDonnell Aircraft Co., Koetting for Lincoln Engineering Co., and Rimmel for the law firm of Susman, Mayer and Willer.

They all agree that brotherhood begins in one's neighborhood and on one's job.

"Brotherhood is necessary for two reasons," Koetting sums it up. "First, because it's wise—just as it's wise to go to a dentist when you have an aching tooth. But second, because it is so—just as when my watch says five after one, it is five after one. We are brothers. Whether we like it or not, it is so. And at a time like this, when the United States is called on to exercise moral leadership, we can't teach other people to be better than we ourselves are."

Nisei doctors set to build hospital

GARDEN GROVE. — A third hospital for Garden Grove is in prospect today as the city council gave a green light for its construction last week.

Approval was given an application by doctors Victor and Sue Makita of Lynwood to rezone the R-1 (single family residential) to R-P (residential - professional).

The \$500,000 hospital will be constructed on seven acres at the southeast corner of Katella Avenue and Magnolia Street, and should be started about Sept. 1, Dr. Sue Makita said.

Mrs. Makita, who arrived at the council meeting just moments after the council approved her application, said plans call for an eventual 75-bed hospital, but that 50-beds will probably be provided in the beginning. Plans also call for a separate medical building and a pharmacy.

Bids are being taken for construction of the hospital, Dr. Makita said, and named the architects as Terasawa & O'Leary of Los Angeles.

Dr. Victor Makita is a 1000er of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL.

WEST L.A. LASS MADE HONORARY SHERIFF

Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz of Los Angeles installed Margaret Ohara, 17, senior at University High School as honorary sheriff during Girls Week ceremonies in his office on Mar. 18.

Besides being an outstanding student, Margaret is president of the girls league and is 1st vice president of the student body.

Miss Ohara is also active at her church, as she is secretary of the WLA Buddhist Sunday School teachers, and plays the organ for services. As for her future, her desire is to become a teacher, with her training to be furthered at UCLA.

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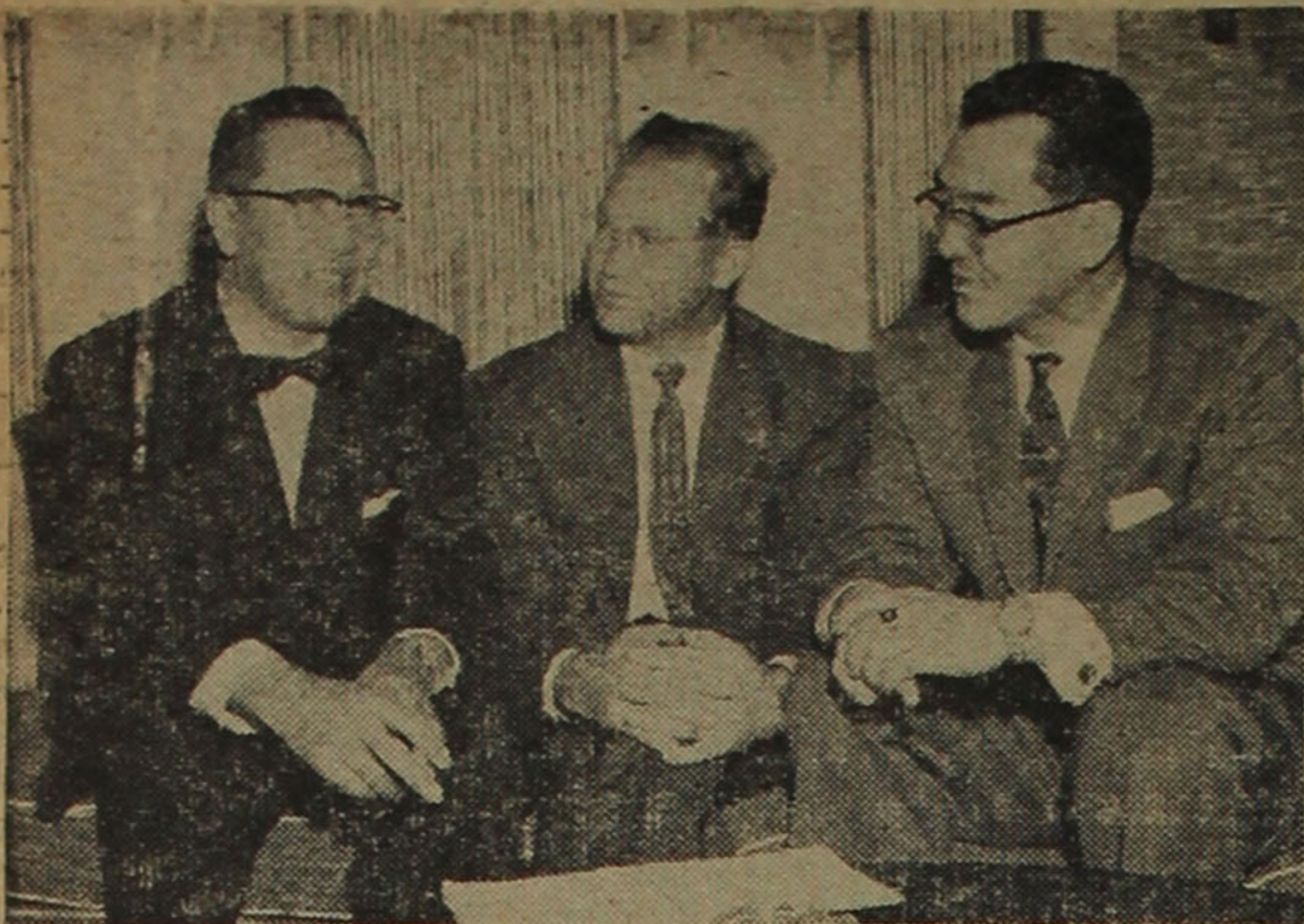
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POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD: by Fred Takata



John Yoshino (left), Leland Wilder, west coast regional director, President's Committee on Government Contracts; and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, meet at informal conference. — Toyo Miyatake Photo.

Lunching this past week in an informal conference were Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president; Kango Kunitsugu, PSWDC legislative-legal committee chairman, and yours truly with officials of the President's Committee on Government Contracts, Leland Wilder and John Yoshino. Wilder is regional director of its recently-opened west coast office and Yoshino, an active D.C. JACLer, of the Washington agency. They explained how the regional office will operate in trying to eliminate discrimination in employment by firms that discriminate against employees as far as promotions are concerned and added that there are many means of investigating these situations without the complainant jeopardizing his present job. We feel that there are a number of Nisei qualified for promotions but seem reluctant to report on possible discrimination. We suggest complaints be made with the President's Committee on Government Contracts, West Coast Office, 803 Federal Bldg., (MA 5-7411, ext. 616), for without them the situation cannot be improved.

NEW MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL

This past Sunday we were invited by the Maryknoll Sisters to witness the ground-breaking ceremonies of their new \$500,000 tuberculosis hospital at Monrovia. It was originally founded by Dr. Daishiro Kuroiwa in June, 1930, but the facilities since that time have become inadequate to accommodate the patients.

Through the generous donation of Patrick Frawley, former owner of Paper-Mate pen manufacturing, a new hospital will be erected to serve everyone regardless of race, color or creed.

The colorful ceremonies were emceed by Danny Thomas of TV-screen fame. Keynote speakers were Dr. Edward W. Hayes, Sr., medical director; and Mother Mary Columba, the superior of Maryknoll Sisters. In attendance were the Most Rev. Timothy Manning, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles; and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, director of Catholic hospitals and health agencies.

After the hospital is completed, an additional \$300,000 are needed to equip the facilities, and the Sisters, who receive thanks only through their work and God, are appealing to the public for funds for the very first time. Under the chairmanship of 1000 Clubber Kiyo Yamato, and assisted by George Yamate, Art Hiraga, Eiji Tanabe, James Mitsumori, and Ed Fukumoto, a Nisei committee is planning to solicit the Japanese community for contributions for this worthy project.

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FIFTEENTH BIENNIAL UNDERLINES

BY RUPERT HACHIYA

Salt Lake City

It may be that spring with its gift of renewed ambitions and a fresh interest in life is around the corner in this Rocky Mountain area or that convention fever is beginning to affect Salt Lake. Whichever it is, it has been our pleasant experience lately to hear from many local people regarding their desire to participate on the convention.

Naturally, we welcome with open arms this kind of "spring fever" this year. Our big job now is to contaminate 500 members with this symptom!

BUSY WEEK—This week has been filled with: (1) a meeting with budget director, Kay Terashima; (2) orchestra auditions with the Sayonara Ball chairman, Shiz Sakai; (3) picture posing appointments (to advertise the grand opening of our new two and a half million dollar Motel Utah where our Opening Ceremonies and Mixer will be held); (4) committee meetings with "Operation Fordnik" and Mixer; (5) assisting Chrmn. Watanuki select and order the Queen Contest trophies at Roy Omura's Nisei Jewelry; — all sandwiched in between chapter membership drive (now over last year's total of 402), children's PTA — not to mention some of the late season snow storms through which we had to wade.

In addition to these meetings, we've been pushing the chapter membership drive to exceed the last year's total of 402, so that we might reach an all-time Salt Lake membership record for the convention year. We've just about got it now!

We will attempt to give you more "inside" informations on our various committees in the coming weeks. The meetings to date have been mostly details and planning, but we shall soon be able to publicize them so that you can be kept informed as to the various convention events day by day.

HAPPY NEWS ON BOOKLET ADS—The Booklet Ad Director Henry Kasai reports that the first full-page district council ad came from our own INTERMOUNTAIN COUNCIL via Mas Yano, chmn., and George Iseri, treas. The first full-page chapter ad came from good ole IDAHO FALLS as submitted by their president Deto Harada. We are grateful to our district boys for their prompt support and are hoping others will come through as soon as their 1958 officers assume their duties.

PASADENA came through with the very first ad return and partial registrations of six delegates which includes Ken and Mikko Dyo, Tom and Mary Ito, Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, and Miss Eiko Matsui. Thank you, PASADENA, for leading the way! A chapter ad has also been received from VENTURA COUNTY, as ordered by president John Takasugi and remitted by Mrs. Grace Kurihara.

WATSONVILLE:

\$200 scholarship by chapter approved

BY RICHARD YAMAMOTO

In addition to the various monthly activities planned by the Watsonville JACL at their recent board meeting, a \$200 scholarship to a deserving Watsonville High School graduate has been announced this week. Frances Sukekane, chairman, and her committee will map out the details.

The current membership drive is being chaired by Tom Murakami. District captains are making the canvass against an April 21 deadline, at which time the final report will be tabulated at a dinner meeting.

Included on the '58 calendar are the membership drive in April, benefit movie in May, graduates' barbecue in June, "Goddess" contest and dance in July, United Crusade Drive in October, election of officers in November, and installation dinner-dance in December.

Serving on the chapter board are Fred Nitta, Min Hamada, Kenzo Yoshida, Masao Wada, Bob Manabe, Bill Mine, Hiroshi Sakuma and Tom Nakase. Shig Harano is chapter president.

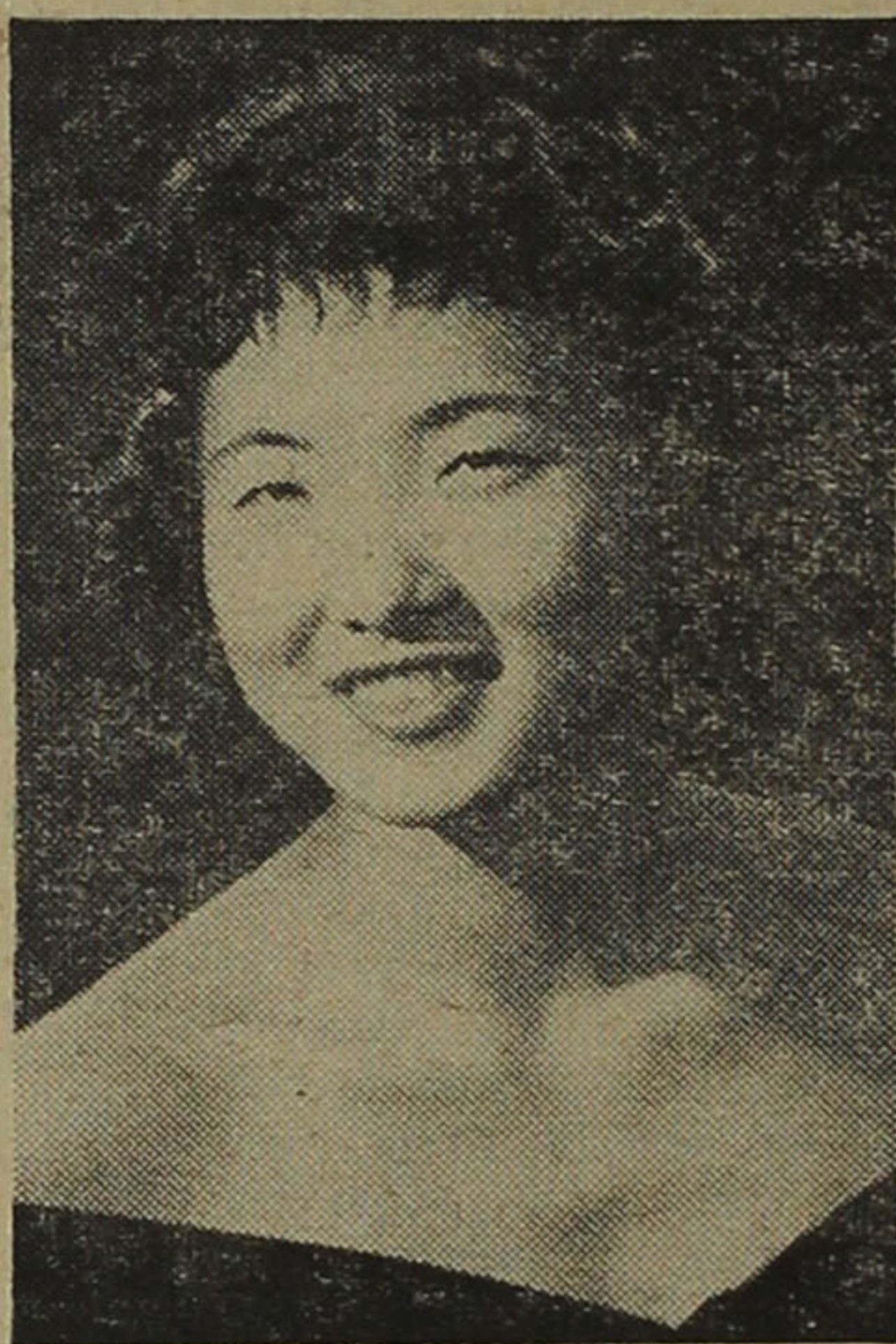
TULARE COUNTY:

TULARE COUNTY WOMEN FORM AUXILIARY UNIT

The Tulare County JACL organized its women's auxiliary at a special meeting chaired by Mrs. Ethel Tashiro on Mar. 5. Its first meeting was held Mar. 14 at the Visalia Buddhist Church Hall with Mrs. Mike Imoto as chairman.

Elections are scheduled for the next meeting on April 18.

Temporary district chairmen include Mmes. Morioka, Nii, Yamada and Imoto. Formation of the auxiliary was strongly encouraged by the chapter officers.



Karen Yamasaki represents Idaho Falls JACL in the selection of Miss National JACL to be made April 5 at Salt Lake City. Boyart Studio

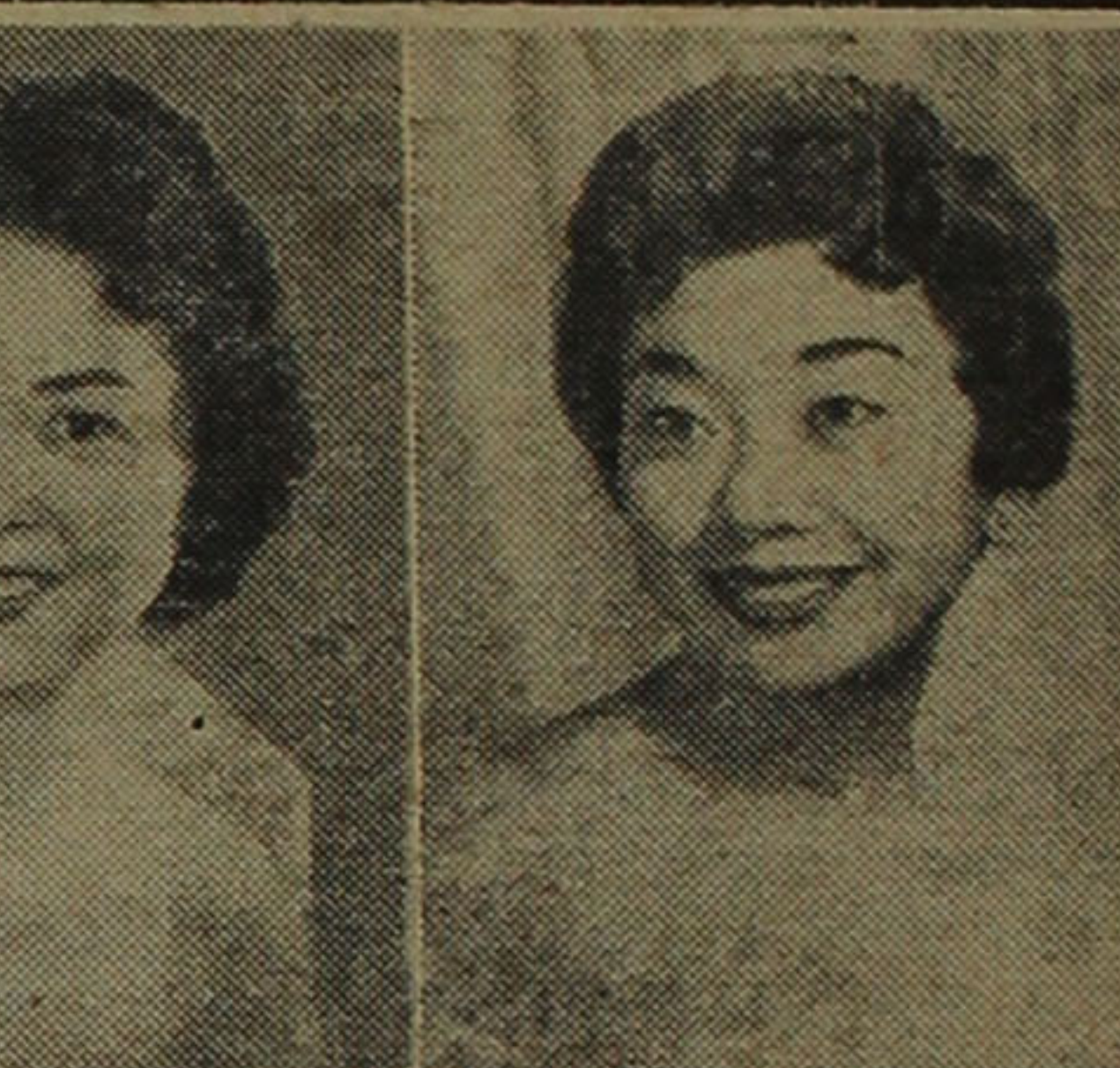
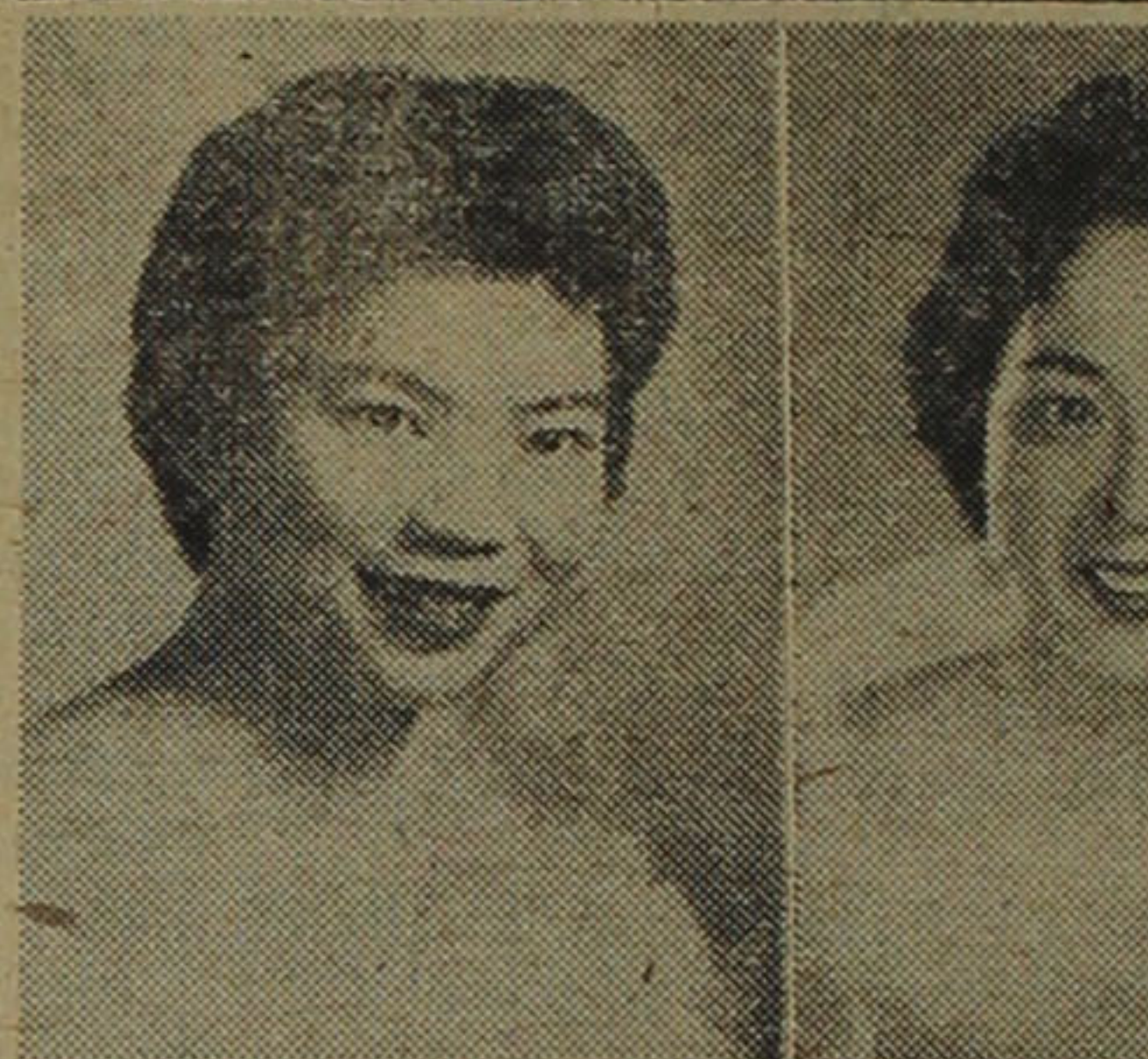
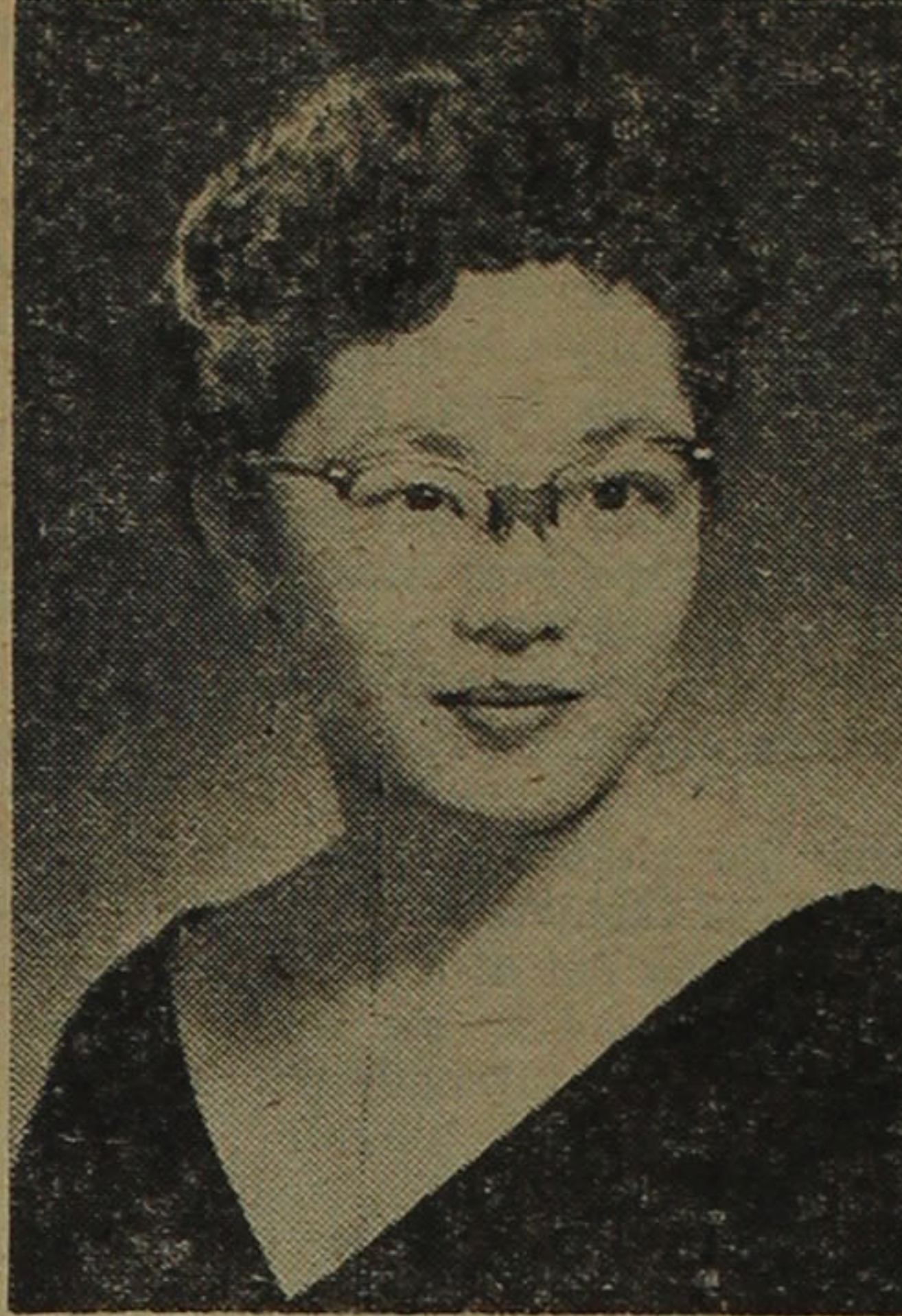
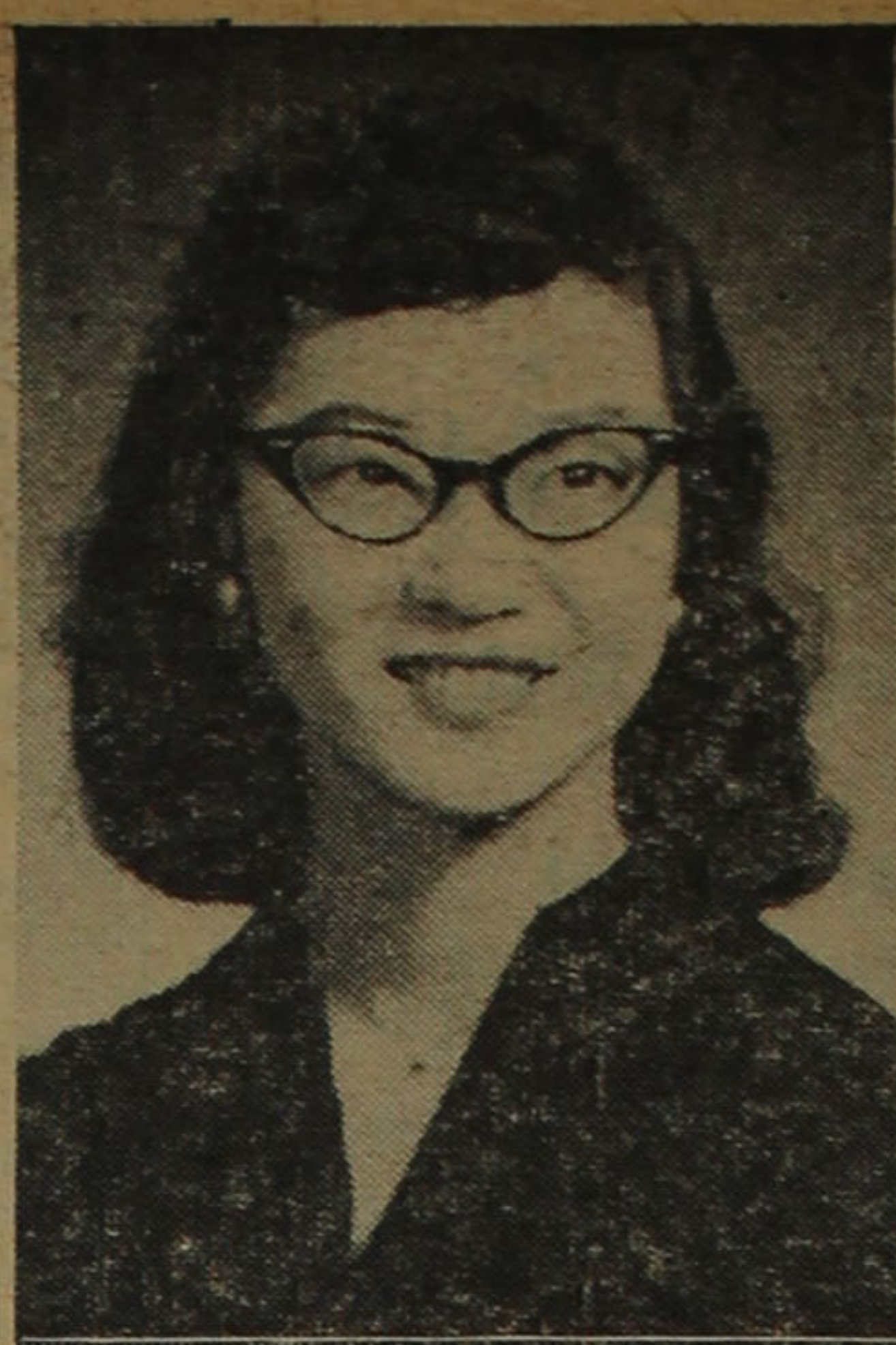
Idaho Falls JACL select candidate

MURRAY, Utah.—Mary Louise Shimata, 19, of Wahiawa, Oahu, and currently studying here was selected as "Miss Mt. Olympus JACL".

IDAHO FALLS. — Karen Yamasaki, who will turn 19 on May 31, was named to represent Idaho Falls JACL in the Miss National JACL—1958 queen contest to be held in Salt Lake City April 5.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yamasaki, Idaho Falls. Born here, she was graduated from the local high school where she was two-year president of the Tigerettes (marching drill team), secretary-treasurer of the Girl's Federation, a member of the Student Council, president's club, Future Teachers Ass'n, and ski club.

A freshman at the Univ. of Utah, she is active in the Air Force ROTC Sponsor Corps, Women's Recreation Ass'n and the Utorians. A member of the Methodist Church here, she is at present attending the Japanese Christian Church in Salt Lake.



Candidates for Miss Snake River JACL to be selected tonight at Ontario Japanese Community Hall are (Left to right): Top — Violet Morinaga, Alice Nakano; Middle — Nola Sugai, Shirley Sugahiro (these four photos by Estano Studio); Lower — Carol Sakahara, Sue Hasebe and Margaret Itami (by Harano Studio).

Eight Seek Snake River Title

ONTARIO, Ore. — Eight candidates are lining up tonight at the local Japanese Community Hall for honors as "Miss Snake River Valley JACL" to compete in the Miss 1958 National JACL contest. The national finals are to be held April 5 at Salt Lake City and beauties from other IDC chapters will compete.

In the local chapter contest are:

LONG BEACH:

8-week dance class for Harbor Area organized

BY MARTHA MOROOKA

An eight-weeks dance class under personal tutelage of Gene Parker will be sponsored by the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL on Wednesday nights at the Harbor Community Center, commencing next week, April 2, 8-10 p.m.

Cost of the full course, \$11 per person, should be paid in full by the first week of class and the group will be limited to those who sign-up in advance. Over 20 are already enrolled, according to Mrs. Barbara Miura, class chairman, who said registration can be made by calling her at GE 1-0404.

First bridge tournament slated for San Joseans

SAN JOSE.—Six trophies are being offered in the San Jose JACL bridge tournament April 5, 7:30 p.m., at Hotel de Anza, according to chairman Hank Hamasaki. Bob MacLean will be tournament director.

Assisting in the first such tournament here are Dr. Tokio Ishikawa, Tom Mitsuyoshi, Betty Ichisita and Phil Matsumura. Public is invited. Entry fee is \$1.50 for JACLers, \$2 for non-members.

Sue Hasebe, 20; secretary at Timerib, likes to bowl and sew; 5 ft. 4 in.

Margaret Itami, 18; Ontario High senior, likes to dance, paint and sew; 5 ft. 1 in.

Violet Morinaga, 20; typist at Cables Chevrolet, likes to dance and bowl; 5 ft. 1 in.

Alice Nakano, 21; beautician at Charm Beauty Salon, likes to dance, bowl, and collect records; 5 ft. 1/4 in.

Carol Sakahara, 18; Payette High senior, likes to sew, play tennis and debate; 5 ft. 1/4 in.

Nola Sugai, 19; secretary at Western Oregon Natural Gas Co., likes music art and bowling; 5 ft. 1 in.

Shirley Sugahiro, 20; beautician at Vogue Beauty Shop, likes music, bowling and dancing; 5 ft. 3 1/2 in.

Helen Yueki, 22; 4 ft. 10 in.

CHICAGO:

Industrial management experts to address Clers

The final two sessions of the Chicago JACL orientation series for new leaders and members as to the purposes, objectives and program of JACL since its inception are scheduled for Mar. 30 and April 13.

Speaker for both meetings will be Dr. B. G. Gross, executive secretary of the Northtown Industrial Management Club, who plans to use the questionnaire technique to help JACL leaders understand their role in working with other people.

The training seminars are being held at the Olivet Institute from 2 p.m. and organized under the joint program and public relations committees headed by Dan Kuzuhara and Abe Hagiwara, respectively.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

'What does JACL mean to me' contest theme

Nisei participating in the national JACL oratorical and essay contests are being asked to talk about 12 minutes or write a thousand words on the theme, "What Does JACL Mean to Me." If a youngster (contest is limited to Japanese Americans between the ages of 16 and 21) were to ask us, we'd emphasize first the basic philosophy of JACL. Without touching upon this fundamental concept, what JACL has done and may do in the future may appear shallow.

America, as we all know, is a land of many faiths, of people who come from all corners of the earth and whose skins range in color from black to white. It has been a constant challenge to American democracy to see that all have a chance to secure what has been proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence: "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," even though we know this American ideal still awaits complete realization.

Central theme of American heritage is the importance of the individual person. Every human being has an essential dignity and integrity that must be respected and safeguarded and that his welfare is the final goal of group life. It means each man must be willing to respect the rights of other men. It means recognition of a basic moral principle: all men are created free and equal. Stemming from this principle is the obligation to build social institutions that will guarantee equality of opportunity to all men. Without that, freedom becomes an illusion. Thus, our society accords respect, influence or reward to each of its citizens on the quality of his personal character and of his social contribution.

This concept of equality is most vital as America has no kinship with notions of human uniformity or regimentation. In our land men are equal, but they are free to be different. From these very differences among its people has come the great human and national strength of America.

This, then, is our way of starting the theme of "What JACL Means to Me." It is a broad basis on which all Americans stand — regardless of the factors of race, creed or

CHICAGO. —Use of the word, "Jap", by a Chicagoan on a local television show Feb. 9 on WNBQ (5) when he was incensed by the violations of the building code in the Southside slum area was admitted as a "regrettable", National JACL public relations committee chairman Abe Hagiwara disclosed this week.

Julian Levi, executive director of the Southeast Chicago Commission, was discussing Chicago's blighted areas and plans for redevelopment of the Hyde Park-Kenwood communities on the City Desk program.

When Levi was asked, "Who contributes to the overcrowded slum conditions on the Southside?", he replied that he knew of three individuals who were among the worst violators of the building code, that "one was a white person, one a Negro, and a . . . 'Jap'".

Several protests from Japanese property owners, tenants and others in the area were received by the Midwest JACL Office. Chief objection was his use of the word, "Jap", and the bad impression Levi's remarks may have left with the public concerning Japanese property owners.

Abe Hagiwara, Chicago JACL public relations chairman, pointed out how the chapter responded by (1) calling on William Ray, producer of City Desk, to verify Levi's remarks, which he did; (2) contacted the Anti-Defamation League and Chicago Commission on Human Relations for advice; (3) dispatched a letter of protest to Levi; (4) telephoned those who protested and reported on what JACL did about the matter, and (5) contacted several individuals living in the area to acquaint them with Levi's unfortunate remarks.

Regrets Use of 'Jap'

Recently, the chapter received a reply from the City Desk interviewer: ". . . I deeply regret the use of the word, 'Jap'. This particular program is . . . unrehearsed. On this particular question . . . I mentally reconstructed certain properties . . . as the worst in the area. When I came to the third, I was thinking about a specific property on — Avenue.

"I recalled the months . . . and years of effort to persuade the owner of this particular property. And I recall his complete disregard not only of law, but of elemental decencies. That feeling as to that particular person translated itself to the word I used. I regret having used it . . ."

The national public relations committee has also been particularly active in eliminating anti-Nisei "hate" movies from Chicago TV screens. Local civic and community organizations concerned with human relations were notified by the Midwest JACL Office of the national JACL campaign certain films which portray Nisei as saboteurs and spies during World War II, when government records are to the contrary.

Anti-Nisei Films on TV

The Chicago JACL, through its special committee headed by Ruth Kumata, followed up the national campaign by contacting each TV station with letters, and two enclosures, one listing the five objectionable films and another showing a selected reference file attesting to loyalty of Japanese Americans.

Result of the Chicago campaign was summarized by Hagiwara as follows:

"WNBQ (NBC) will cooperate with JACL's concern and has replied by expression their willingness to do so. We have no reply from WBBM (CBS), WGN and WBKB (ABC) have both explained that since these films have been purchased by the networks in a package deal, they must therefore be shown."

Depending upon the program director of the station, there have been instances where the announcer following JACL's suggestion, has attested to the loyalty of Nisei despite the theme of the film to the contrary, Hagiwara added.

Ward L. Quall, general manager and vice-president of WGN, Inc., said, "We feel sure that the members of our television audience are intelligent enough to appreciate the immense contributions to our cultural heritage made by persons of Japanese ancestry, as well as by persons of other varying racial and

national backgrounds, and to realize that loyal persons of all these . . . backgrounds, fought in our armies and navies. The fact that a villain in a motion picture film happens to be of a particular racial or national background could not, in our opinion, detract from this realization."

Unfortunately, Quall has oversimplified the problem by giving so much credit to the "intelligent audience," noted Hagiwara, for in reality the intelligent ones do not watch TV movies.

Sponsor Apologizes

On the other hand, Hagiwara said Jim Moran, auto dealer, apologized for any embarrassment or misunderstanding the film may have caused and has promised to cooperate with JACL's program.

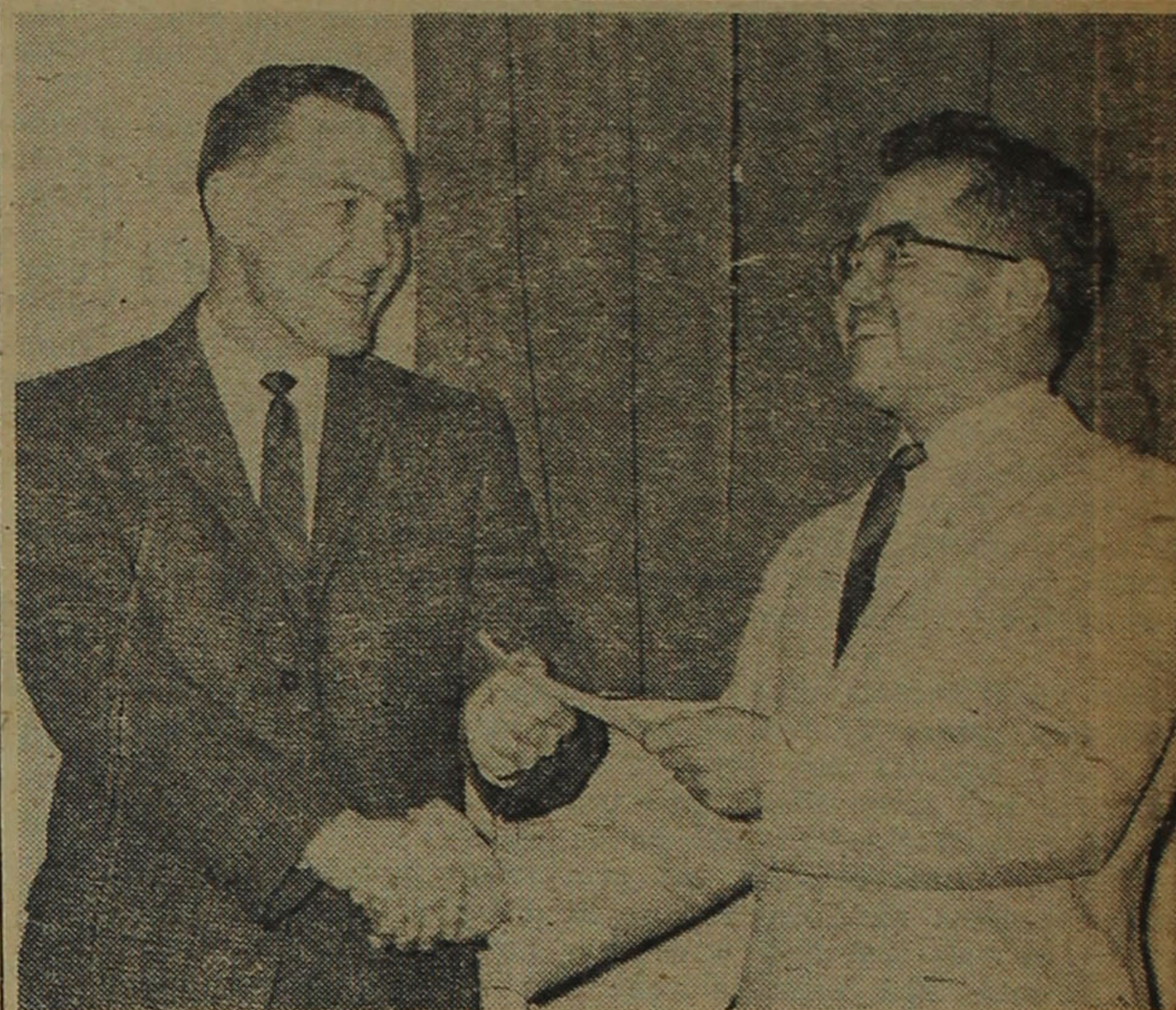
Sun-Times columnist Paul Molloy on Feb. 26 reported an editorial board headed by Elizabeth Bain to screen and censor movie films on TV was organized. Molloy

thought the board "a bit ridiculous."

"On that premise, we would have to burn up the history books," commented the columnist.

"In talking about wartime enemies, Molloy apparently is lumping all Japanese, whether they are Nisei or not, as enemies," thought Hagiwara, recalling that JACL has steadfastly objected to having Nisei portrayed as enemies.

JACL has not objected to every wartime propaganda film made depicting Japanese as spies or enemies, he added. "The public must distinguish between those who made great sacrifices as loyal Americans and those who fought against the United States. If the public is unable to make this distinction then it becomes imperative that JACL must remain strong, active and prepared for unfavorable public opinion caused by circumstances beyond our control."



Andy Christensen (left), president of the Blackfoot, Idaho, Chamber of Commerce, accepts \$40 check from Hero Shiosaki, Pocatello JACL 1st v.p., for the Blackfoot Airport Park. A similar sum was donated last year by the chapter. Airport Park is a community project rapidly nearing completion. Christensen, who spearheaded the Airport Park drive, is active in various organizations and this year added the Pocatello JACL to his long list. Presentation was made at the chapter general meeting held at Stan's Grill in Blackfoot on Jan. 27.

— Bill Yamauchi Photo.

POCATELLO:

'300' kegler, city gal turned farmer's wife named Pocatello personality o'month

Bowling star Joe Sato and a secretary-turned-housewife and mother of three daughters, Mrs. Mary Yoden, were honored as the Pocatello JACL Newsletter personalities for the month of February.

Sato, 30-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sato of Pocatello, lettered in baseball, track and football while in high school and was the first Nisei selected to play in the state prep all-star game in '47. He also served as senior class president, was active in debating, school senate and boys' council.

He worked for Growers Produce, Oakland, after graduation and began bowling, was married to the former Alyce Abe in 1951 and returned to Pocatello. They have one son and three daughters.

300 Perfect Game

Among his laurels in bowling is a 300 game in 1956, participating in the '56 all-star tournament and selection on the Maxie Kosof all-American team. A five-step delivery, hook artist, he is a member of the "700" club, held a 195 composite average for three leagues last year, and serves as league

secretary.

The female personality of the month, Mrs. Bill Yoden (nee Mary Haruko Nishisaki), is a staunch JACLer, a JACLyn member, active in the PTA, a pre-school age teacher at her church and member of the Delta chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi.

She attended the Pocatello schools, graduating in 1938 and then enrolling for two years at Hiroshima College for Women. She returned in 1940, continued her business studies at the Univ. of Idaho, Southern Branch, and worked for the WPA and OPA during the war years. She met Bill Yoden, then of Omaha, and was married in 1943; moved to Nebraska to work at the Omaha YWCA, accompanied her husband who had enlisted in the 442nd to Camp Shelby until he went overseas.

In 1954, the Yodens purchased a farm in Blackfoot where they now reside. "For a girl who has always been a city gal with all its advantages, she quickly adopted herself as a wonderful farmer's wife," the Newsletter commented.



Newly-elected officers of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary pictured in front of the 30th Anniversary cake at the recent chapter installation are (left to right) Lucy Adachi, cor. sec.; Kuni Koga, rec. sec.; Thelma Takeda, pres.; Miyuki Aoyama, v.p.; Sumako Fukumori, treas.; and Louise Koike, pub. — Larry Kanzawa Photo.

San Francisco—

(From Front Page)

vised team rosters should be turned in by April 4. Several East Bay teams have indicated interest this year.

Tid-Bits

New Offices—Dr. Carl Hirota has moved his dental offices to 2340 Sutter St. And occupying the vacated office at 1797 Sutter St. is Toshi Kataoka's Aki Travel Bureau . . . **Visitors**—From Los Angeles recently were Tats Kushi-da, former JACL regional director; Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Kido, son-in-law Edison Uno; and who were house guests of their George Inagaki, past national president, who has recovered from a painful slipped disc . . . **New Residents**—Welcome to Toshi and Arnold Fujita, art director for a local advertising company . . . **Sick List**—Al Mamiya is recuperating from a slipped disc . . . **Wed-**

color. Take that away and you have no basis for JACL. How well the younger generation can state it personally and convincingly might determine the difference between first and second prize.

—Harry Honda.

ding Bells — Newsletter editor Elsie Uyeda and Edward Chung were married Mar. 22 at the San Francisco Buddhist Church.

SOUTHWEST L. A.:

NISEI PERSONALITY TEST RESULTS TO BE REVEALED

Steve Abe, staff psychologist at the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk, will speak on Nisei personality traits at the Southwest Los Angeles JACL's first general meeting of the year, April 1, 7:30 p.m., in the Centenary Methodist Church social hall, according to Arnold Hagiwara, chapter program chairman.

Abe, who has given carefully prepared personality tests to some 207 Nisei in California and Utah, will speak on the findings and conclusions he has reached from an analysis of the test results. The articulate psychologist will "tie in" his findings to problems faced by the Nisei in his every day social relations.

Based on his preliminary report at the PSWDC Clinic meeting in Long Beach, Abe's talk will be humorous as well as informative and understandable to the layman.



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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

QUEEN OF JACKSON ST. COMMUNITY

Seattle

This cosmopolitan community as represented by the Jackson Street Community Council is going to make another try at the queen business. Although the successful candidate may not be Nisei, it would be very appropriate, and gratifying to some of us, to see a kimono-clad girl attain the top honor.

At its last meeting the Council Board decided to sponsor a queen contest. The "Miss Jackson Street Community" when selected would vie for the all-city title of "Miss Seattle-Rainier." Top prize will be an all-expense vacation climaxed by a stop at Monaco to meet Prince Rainier and Princess Grace Kelly. As you may have guessed, sponsor of the whole thing is the Rainier firm of such brewing and baseball popularity. Aside from the usual age 18 requirement, candidates will be screened by a panel of judges on poise, personality, intelligence, and of course, feminine pulchritude.

Miss Seattle-Rainier will also be one of the candidates in the selection of Seattle's SEAFAIR Queen, which is just about the most coveted honor of the kind that a young girl could wish for in this Pacific Northwest.

Being Queen of the Seas must be a lot of fun. She welcomes visiting firemen, officiates at civic functions for a year, and does no little bit of traveling, too.

Frankly, the community does not have too much of a record in selecting Nisei Queens, as such.

The first Nisei Queen which we had for the Northwest District JACL conclave some eight years ago was a charming U.W. coed, willing to help out in this service, and with the kind of intelligence that is not influenced by the ideas of self-effacing backwardness that afflicts so many in Seattle. She also reigned as Miss Japanese Community in the International Festival of the Seafair, and was on hand with a court to greet visiting queens from Japan at the first Trade Fair.

But when Seafair time came around again, some of the community elders wanted to use the same Queen all over again. That was the time some of us tore our hair out trying to explain that those things just couldn't be done no matter how letter perfect last year's queen was.

Well, by some cajoling and arm twisting, another swell queen and court were rounded up in a hurry. Looking back, we're quite sure that they were very happy about the whole thing, because that was the year that Tommy Dorsey and band played at the Coronation Ball. This camera toting backstage observer can tell you that the girls were quite thrilled with the evening, and it was just one of many.

The following year, the community's choice was a young lady who had just moved to Seattle from out of town; and therefore probably braver and without the characteristic 1896 false modesty type concepts.

When the International Festival broke up the following year, thanks to the mismanagement of the "Improvement Association" they had formed, the incentive was just not there to dig up more Nisei queens. The Negro group set up their own Mardi Gras in the East Madison district; Miss Chinatown and her loyal followers took over the whole show in the Jackson-King street area, and there just wasn't much place for a Filipina queen in the picture any more.

But with the changing of the years, hope springs eternal, as the saying goes; so now we're back where we started, trying to pick a Miss Jackson Street. Of course, Miss J. S. could be from any one of the several ethnic groups in our neighborhood, under the guidance of the impartial council, but a lot of us would be mighty proud to see a bright and sharp Sansei lass make the grade. We dare say she'd have a very good chance to go the whole route.

POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD: by Fred Takata

Continued from Page 4

Many of us recall those hectic days in camp during the evacuation, when the Maryknoll Fathers and Sisters came to visit us and brought movies and good cheer to make life a little more meaningful. This may be a good way to express our token of appreciation to these wonderful people of Maryknoll.

HOLLYWOOD CHAPTER'S SPAGHETTI FEED

We ended that Sunday afternoon by attending the Hollywood Chapter spaghetti feed, and we ate so much that it was coming out of our ears. The evening concluded with colored films on Mexico and Japan screened by Ted Kojima of the Pan American World Airways. We certainly want to thank Hide Izumo and the Chapter for a real pleasant afternoon.

VISITORS THIS WEEK—A. Ronald Button, treasurer of the State of California, and John R. MacFaden, who told us he had known Ben Kuroki during the war days and was quite surprised to find his name mentioned in the book, "Boy from Nebraska", which we had presented to him after hearing his story . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sasagawa of Philadelphia and their charming little daughter Pamela, dropped in to say hello.

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Eight teams ready for Salt Lake Nisei basketball tourney

SALT LAKE CITY.—Eight teams from the West Coast and Intermountain areas are vying in the 23rd running of the Salt Lake Nisei basketball invitational tournament this weekend at the Judge Memorial gymnasium.

First round games were held last night with semi-finals tonight at the championship round tomorrow followed by a tournament awards dance.

Returning to defend its title won last year are the Travelers from Los Angeles and contending are champions of three local leagues: Seattle Baptists from the Northwest, San Jose Zebras from Northern California, and the Pagoda Centaurs of Salt Lake.

Replacing the colorful San Francisco Chinese Saints is another all Chinese-American Kow Kwong five from Los Angeles. Another newcomer is the Oakland YBA Rams. The other participants are the Yellowstone JACL, regarded as one of the best teams in Idaho, and Salt Lake All-Stars being coached by ex-Univ. of Utah flash Wat Misaaka.

The tournament dates back to 1936 when the local JACL sponsored the first series with Joe Kurumada, Shigeki Ushio and Yukus Inouye in charge. The local area tournament was expanded in 1942 as tourney chairman Yosh Kojimoto made it a national invitational.

NISEI KEGLERS ROLL 3135 TEAM SERIES; HAZAMA SCORES 290

ARCADIA.—A Nisei team, Duke's Landscaping, rolling in the Arcadia Men's Major (an 890 scratch league) last Monday night, laced their 1051-1033-1050 games for a walloping 3135 series. Outstanding was Mits Hazama's 290 game which began with a spare and 11 strikes in a row. Sam Tajima scored 247-221-258 for a 726, the league's season best series.

Long Beach Mixed League awards to be presented

LONG BEACH.—The awards for the Long Beach JACL Mixed League will be made at an informal chapter membership mixer tomorrow, 8 p.m., at the Harbor Community Center. Easy Fujimoto, past president and prominent kegger, will be emcee.

Major Bowl won the inter-house perpetual trophy over Circle Bowl on aggregate scores of 42,434 to 42,218. Tournament champions include:

TEAM — Tom Enomoto's 2967, Leo Kawamoto's 2956, Ryo Mukai's 2948
MEN'S SINGLES — Hiro Kavasuga 750; WOMEN'S SINGLES — Kayko Matsumoto 729; MEN'S DOUBLES — Tets Takeuchi-Haj Fukumoto 1289; WOMEN'S DOUBLES — Susie Tanouye-Marion Iwata 1176; MEN'S ALL-EVENTS — Dick Enomoto 1960; WOMEN'S ALL-EVENTS — Kayko Matsumoto 1946; MIXED DOUBLES — Saji Oda-John Ishii 1308.

Shofu-Ryu arranger

ST. LOUIS.—Mrs. Sachiko Eto, an active St. Louis JACLer, has been certificated to teach the Shofu-Ryu style of Japanese flower arrangement and given the professional name of Shoji An, Shun Sui, meaning Spring Water, the chapter newsletter reported.

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The San Kwo Low Lords, So. Calif. cage kingpins, kept its state Nisei basketball championship by handing the invading San Jose Zebras, No. Calif. league titlist, a 61-53 pasting before a trim audience of 250 fans at the Los Angeles City College gym last Sunday. Forward Mickey Yoon and center Ken-go Yamamoto paced the winners with 16 points each while guard Hank Nose scored 13 for the losers.

An all-Oriental amateur golf tournament is being given serious consideration by the No. Calif. Nisei Golf Association. The proposal came last week from Dr. Walter Wong and Tommy Yee of the San Francisco Chinese Golf Club. Plans call for the match to be played at Pasatiempo over the Fourth of July holidays, and tentative arrangements are understood to have been made to reserve the course for the next five years to develop the tourney as the largest Oriental golf meet in the country . . . Torachi Nakamura, all-Japan champion, and fellow Japanese Koichi Ono are headed for the famed Masters tournament to be held at Augusta, Ga., next weekend. Both surprised the world by beating Sammy Snead and Jim Demaret in last October's Canada Cup play in Tokyo. The two Japanese attracted viewers as they practiced at San Francisco's Olympic Lake course last week. The Japanese pros plan to join Snead on an exhibition tour of Eastern courses after the Masters.

NISEI OLYMPIC PLANS DISCUSSED, DATE MAY BE JUNE 8 AT KEZAR

SAN FRANCISCO. — Preparations are underway for the San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics again this summer, it was learned this week.

Preliminary planning for this sixth annual Nisei track and field meet was started earlier this month at the chapter's executive board meeting.

John Yasumoto was appointed as chairman for the 1958 meet by Jack Kusaba, chapter president, who reported that an initial committee meeting will be held shortly.

The date for the meet will be announced as soon as arrangements are completed to secure Kezar stadium for the coming meet.

The annual JACL Olympics is usually held soon after the running of the CIF state championships in order that Nisei high school athletes will still be in trim for the running and field events at the all-Nisei meet.

As the CIF state meet will be held on May 31, probably in Long Beach, it was indicated that Sunday, June 8, will probably be selected for the 1958 Nisei Olympics.

Sacramento JACL youth cage meet cancelled

SACRAMENTO. — The proposed first annual Sacramento JACL Nisei youth basketball tournament has been called off, according to Toko Fujii, tourney director.

This event was to have been held April 5 and 6, but Fujii said that the tourney was cancelled because Lincoln Junior High gym was not available. Local public schools have a rule closing all facilities during holidays and therefore the gym cannot be used over Easter weekend.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

TWO LI'L TOKIO LEADERS DIE

If at present, the average life's span is 75, deaths of three prominent Li'l Tokio leaders within the short time of 40 odd days must be considered tragically premature, indeed. It was Koroku Hashimoto, operator of Mikawaya confectionery, who succumbed to a heart attack the morning of Feb. 12. He played an important role in keeping Issei interest alive in supporting all phases of the JACL program.

And suddenly last Saturday, death came to Jutaro Narumi, 71, whose civic achievement as a businessman are too numerous to mention. He, too, died of a heart attack.

Narumi was one of the partners of Asia Company before the war. He had been operating an appliance store since the war's end. He was a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Tokyo, the L.A. Japanese Hospital, Nichi Bei Kinema and Taiyo Securities.

Then, Sunday afternoon, Soichi Fukui's father passed away as a result of a heart attack.

Hitoshi Fukui, veteran of World War I, who served in Belgium and France and who was reported to have been gassed during that conflict was taken by death all too suddenly after all his friends had thought he had fully recovered from his recent attack.

Mr. Fukui was 65 and was born in Hawaii. He was one of the organizers of the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion just after World War I and also served as its commander. He was responsible for the reactivation of the group after the return of Japanese Americans to the coast after 1946.

Today's high-tension living, coupled with business pressure, is taking the toll of leaders who are still quite young, physically speaking.

WEST COAST PCGC OFFICE

The west coast office of the President's Committee on Government Contracts is now in business. John Yoshino, compliance officer from Washington, D.C., was in town last week to put the finishing touches on the operation of the new office, which is headed by Leland Wilder.

Of interest to the Nisei is that the employed secretary for Leland is a Japanese American, a former Sacramento girl named Thelma Hyogo. She was with the Occupation Forces in Japan right about 1948 and had been overseas for quite some time.

NISEI WEEK CORONATION BALL

Imagine holding the Nisei Week Festival coronation ball at a site yet to be completed. Of course this sort of publicity is aimed to tell the people what a nice and streamlined affair the 18th annual dance is to be.

The locale will be the Beverly Hilton Hotel in its International Ballroom. The new hall is expected to be completed by Aug. 2 when the shindig takes place, under the co-chairmanship of Duke Ogata and Yoichi Nakase. Manny Harmon and his "Miss Universe" orchestra have been signed with a three-piece combo to fill in the intermission.

The International Ballroom will have a cocktail lounge, a terrace balcony area, a coffee shop and pool.

What the pool is for, for the dancers, we still can't figure out. Unless, it's for swimming!



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By Wendy Watanabe

MEMBERSHIP COMEBACK!

Chicago

Come all you comers — Chicago challenges any and all chapters to an out-&-out membership duel! (Are you listening San Francisco, Los Angeles?) Vice Chairman Hiro Mayeda and Membership Campaign Chairman Joe Sagami have been scuttling in an all-out effort eyeing the golden goal of 1,000 plus members for the Chicago Chapter. The Windy City dares the Land of Fog and Smog to outdo us! With National Director Mas Satow acting as judge (that is, if he doesn't mind), the Chicago Chapter has high and confident hopes of emerging triumphant as the largest JACL chapter in the country.

We're waiting for your reply California (or anyone else interested), or do you concede at this point?

Shig Wakamatsu has generously offered to donate a perpetual trophy to the winner. Let's call it the "Ichiban Chapter, By Shig!" trophy.

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MIDWEST MERRY-GO-ROUND—Have tux, will travel. Our enterprising and ever efficient MDC Chairman Kumeo Yoshinari didn't quite make it around the world in 80 days, but he did make it to all Midwest Chapters, with the lone exception of Cleveland (which he is keeping in reserve for the Memorial Day weekend when he plans to attend the MDC meeting there at the Hotel Statler) to preside at inauguration ceremonies in Twin Cities, Cincinnati, Detroit, Dayton, St. Louis. Just back from Milwaukee (his last stop on his trip around the Midwest) to install their new cabinet headed by President Sat Nakahira, Chairman Yoshinari's busy compiling notes. His personal contacts with the Midwest Chapters will surely result in bringing the Midwest family ties closer together than ever with fresh and new inspiration and guidance to carry out the JACL program in 1958. Hats off to you, Mr. Kumeo Yoshinari.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

STOCKTON
HAYASHINO, Henry K. — girl, Feb. 4, French Camp.
KABA, Takeji — girl, Jan. 24, Lodi.
SHINMOTO, Hiroshi — boy, Dec. 13.
WATANABE, Kazuto — girl, Jan. 30, Lodi.

SAN MATEO
SHOYAMA, Shui — boy, Feb. 2.
MARIN COUNTY
OKAMURA, Arthur — boy, Feb. 12, Sausalito.

ALAMEDA COUNTY
HAMAJI, Roy S. — girl, Dec. 6, Berkeley.
HANDA, Hachiro — girl, Dec. 23, Alameda.
HIRATA, Edward M. — girl, Jan. 28, Berkeley.
KASAI, Hideo — girl, Jan. 6, Mt. Eden.
KAWABATA, Toshiro — girl, Jan. 4, Hayward.
MORIKAWA, Frank T. — girl, Nov. 25, Berkeley.
MORIZONO, Sunao — girl, Dec. 16, Oakland.
NAKABAYASHI, Herman N. — boy, Dec. 22, Centerville.
ODA, Gene — girl, Nov. 24, Hayward.
SAKAI, Tetsuma — boy, Dec. 25, Hayward.
WAKIDA, Thomas — boy, Feb. 24, Berkeley.

SACRAMENTO
ARASE, Sam — girl, Feb. 7.
GOTO, Arata — boy, Feb. 8.
HIRAI, Tomichi — girl, Jan. 25.
HIRONAKA, James — boy, Dec. 31.
INOUE, Takaji — boy, Feb. 7.
IWATA, Roy — girl, Feb. 13.
KAMADA, Kenneth — girl, Jan. 4.
KAMINE, Takashi — boy, Jan. 29.
KANEKO, Samuel — girl, Feb. 22.
KUMAMOTO, George — boy, Jan. 11.
MIYAGAWA, Starr — boy, Feb. 5.
MIZUTANI, Edwin — girl, Feb. 6.
MURAMOTO, George — girl, Feb. 5, Del Paso Hts.
MURAMOTO, Kay — boy, Feb. 24.
NAGASAWA, Fujio — boy, Feb. 19.
NAKAGAWA, Calyton — boy, Feb. 7.
OHTA, Edward — boy, Jan. 23.
OKINO, Tatsuo — girl, Nov. 25.
SANJO, Frank — girl, Feb. 9.
TAHARA, Shig — girl, Feb. 11, Florin.
TAKETA, William — girl, Feb. 15, Florin.
TATEYAMA, Nobuoru — boy, Feb. 22.
TSUKAMOTO, Sam — girl, Jan. 4, Florin.
WAKAYAMA, Mitsuo — boy, Jan. 23.
PLACER COUNTY
HAMASAKI, Noboru — girl, Jan. 23, Newcastle.
MAKIMOTO, James — girl, Feb. 16, Loomis.
UYENO, Mitsugi — girl, Feb. 10, Penryn.

TULARE COUNTY:

Stocks, bonds subject of Tulare dinner meeting

Wayne Hogue, Visalia representative for Dean Witter & Co., will be the guest speaker at the Tulare County JACL meeting this Monday, 6:30 p.m., at Tagus Ranch on Highway 99. He will speak on the objectives of stock, bonds and investments.

CORTEZ:

'First R' talk topic

Mrs. Maud Edmondson, reading consultant for Merced County schools, spoke on the "First R" at the Mar. 14 meeting of the Cortez JACL. Her address covered many phases of reading by phonics and sight and its importance to high school students of the ability to read well. Mark Kamiya, chapter president, presided.

SHONIEN COTTAGES CONVERTED TO OFFICE

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Career tips for Hi-Co Conference goers to be provided by prominent leaders

A liberal mixture of academics and recreation is embodied in the Hi-Co Conference for Japanese American youth to be held April 12-13 at the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Conference Grounds, co-chairmen Bert Yamasaki and Grace Okuno revealed this past week.

The lighter side of the weekend conference schedules a recreation hour in the midafternoon Saturday, April 12, followed by campfire singing, skits and games after dinner and a social and folk dancing.

The serious side calls for participation by delegates who hail from Southland high schools and colleges. The Saturday morning panel discussion touch upon (1) advisability of performing military service before entering college, (2) liberal arts vs. specialized education, (3) large universities vs. small colleges, and (4) how to get the most out of college careers.

Professional people, graduates and students will serve on the panel.

The heart of the Hi-Co conference comes Saturday afternoon with "Tips on Your Career" provided by people prominent in their respective fields and student leaders. The seven fields to be covered include health service occupations, teaching, physical-earth sciences, social sciences, business-commerce, law-government, fine arts and humanities.

Health service covers the field of medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, optometry, nursing, physical and occupational therapy with Dr. James Hara, ear-nose-throat specialist, as resource personnel.

Broiled chicken dinner greets new members

PARLIER.—Bill Watamura, Parlier JACL president, welcomed and introduced new members who were honored at a recent banquet at the local Buddhist Church hall.

A delicious charcoal broiled chicken dinner was served and games were played under leadership of George Tsuji. The banquet was chaired by Noboru Doi with the Women's Auxiliary in charge of the dinner. Assisting were:

James Kozuki, Gerald Ogata, Hank Tanouye, Noboru Doi, Bill Watamura, chefs; Rose Komoto, Mary Kashiki, Sue Miyakawa, Betty Doi, Ito Okamura, Alice Migaki, Flora Doi, and Irene Kozuki (Auxiliary) assts.

The membership drive was conducted by Ralph Kimoto and the following members:

Tom Hirakawa, George Tsuji, Hideo Kobashi, Sam Hirakawa, Jay Nishida, Norman Miyakawa, Ronald Ota, Bill Tsuji, Min Doi, Ted Katsura, Richard Migaki, Kaz Komoto and Tak Kimoto.

The 1000 Club membership, chaired by Harry Kubo, now boasts two life members and 23 current members.

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In teaching, journalism instructor Ted Tajima of Alhambra High School and Grace Okuno, Folsom St. School teacher, will serve as resource. Tajima, in his 10th year of teaching, was recently named to the board of education's public relations committee.

Resource personnel for the broad field of physical and earth sciences, which includes engineering, biology, chemistry, physics, and math, are to be named.

Serving as resource for social sciences, covering social work, psychology, personnel work, history and sociology, are Shonien Director Mike Suzuki, social worker Dixie Stallings of American Friends Service Committee, and Bill Marumoto, former Whittier College student body president.

Other resource personnel include Joe Yasaki, deputy state attorney general, for law-government; and Kango Kunitsugu, fine arts and humanities.

Deadline for registration has been extended to April 4, according to registration chairman Frank Kawase, 2845 Guirado St., who is accepting applications which must include \$2 in part payment of the \$10 fee covering three meals and overnight lodging.

PLACER COUNTY:

COMMUNITY PICNIC RAINED OUT, DATE RESET

Because of rain and wet grounds, the 10th Annual JACL community picnic, originally scheduled for last Sunday at the JACL Park, was postponed one week and will be held this coming Sunday, Mar. 30.

In case rain forces another postponement next weekend, the picnic will then be held on the Sunday after Easter, April 13.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Hawaii Statehood Hopes

Washington, D.C. **THIS THURSDAY**, congressional champions of statehood for the Territory of Alaska were scheduled to urge the influential Rules Committee to clear the bill for formal House action. The advocates were led by Democrats Clair Engle, chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, and Leo W. O'Brien, chairman of the Interior Subcommittee on Territories, the legislative units that approved the statehood measure.

Statehood for the Territory of Hawaii adherents were hopeful of speedy clearance, with resulting enactment in both the House and the Senate. Then, they were positive that their statehood pleas would be granted too.

EARLY THIS SESSION, statehood hopes for both Pacific territories mushroomed when powerful Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn came out in favor of Alaska. Although he has not mentioned the subject publically since, it is hoped that he will inform the Rules Committee that he feels that the bill should be allowed to be debated and acted on its merits. Such endorsement would almost assure favorable Rules Committee action. The Speaker, incidentally, has not yet announced his position on Hawaiian statehood, although up to his Alaska pronouncement he was known to oppose both territories in their ambitions to join the sisterhood of states in the Federal Union.

The chairman of the Rules Committee is Virginia's influential Democrat, Howard W. Smith, an outspoken opponent of both statehood bills. Other Democratic members are William M. Colmer of Mississippi, Ray J. Madden of Indiana, James J. Delaney of New York, James W. Trimble of Arkansas, Homer Thornberry of Texas, Richard Bolling of Missouri, and Thomas P. O'Neil of Massachusetts. Republican members are Leo E. Allen of Illinois, Clarence J. Brown of Ohio, Henry J. Latham of New York, and Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania.

The Rules Committee is supposed to act as the traffic manager in determining when and under what conditions bills reported by the legislative committees are to be debated and voted on by the House. As a matter of fact, however, it more often than not also attempts to pass judgment on the merits of the legislation themselves by attempting to pigeon-hole—and successfully in most instances according to the record—bills that it feels are not in the "public interest" as they interpret the phrase.

CHAIRMAN ENGLE, a long-time advocate of statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator from California, has threatened to invoke a seldom-used rule and to bypass the Rules Committee if that unit fails to report the Alaska statehood bill within a reasonable period.

TIME IS RUNNING out on the statehood measures, for the traditional Easter week recess marks the half-way point in this final session of this Congress.

Although the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has reported bills for both Alaska and Hawaii (while the House Committee has reported only Alaska), Senator Henry Jackson, Washington Democrat who is up for re-election this November, chairman of the Subcommittee on Territories that conducted hearings on the statehood issues, has made it known that Senate leadership has decided to wait to see what action the House takes before it considers its bills.

Senator Lyndon Johnson, Majority Leader, who is usually of the same mind as his Texas mentor, Speaker Rayburn, has not indicated whether he favors statehood for either or both territories. Neither has he shown any disposition to schedule early action on Alaska statehood if the House approves it soon.

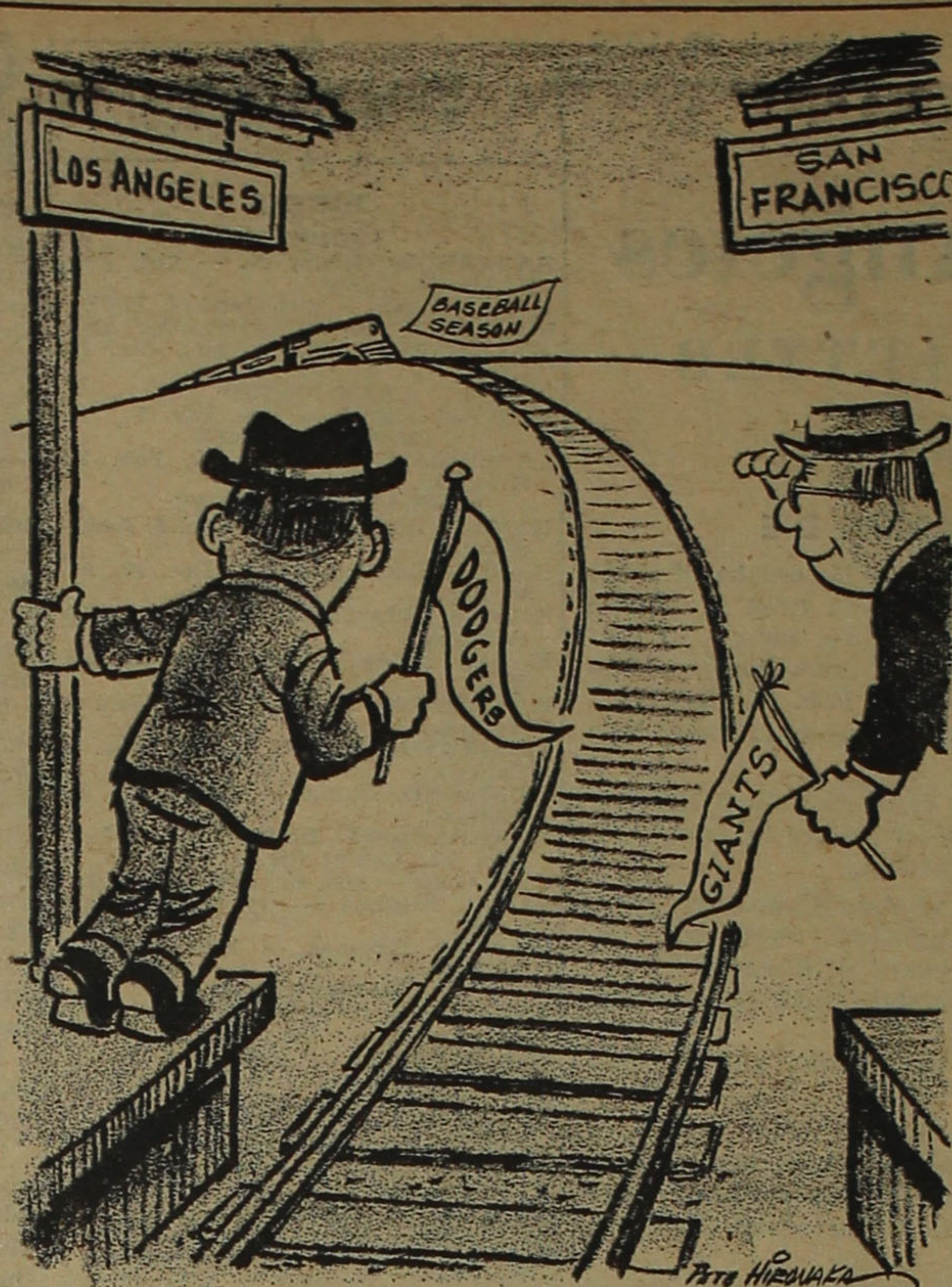
IN THE PAST, opponents of statehood for either or both Pacific areas attempted—with success in the Senate several years ago—to link the two territories together in a package deal.

There does not appear to be any disposition to do so this year on the part of the congressional leadership thus far, but when Senator William F. Knowland, California Republican who is not only the Republican Senate Leader but also an aspirant for the Governorship of his state, stated several weeks ago that in his opinion the Hawaii bill should follow the Alaska measure, there were many who interpreted it as another bid to tie the two together again. Senator Knowland later clarified his statement to mean that after the Alaska bill had been acted upon, the Hawaii bill should also be considered. He emphasized that he simply did not want to see only the Alaska measure considered this year.

IF AND WHEN Alaska is admitted into the Union as a state, it will be ready with a state constitution approved by Alaskan voters in April, 1956. Moreover, on the basis of a territorial election held two years ago, Alaska has two senators and one representative ready to be seated in the Congress. They are "Senators" William A. Egan and Ernest Gruening and "Representative" Ralph J. Rivers. They were chosen under the so-called Tennessee Plan, since the Volunteer State's first representatives were elected in anticipation of statehood and took office as soon as Tennessee was admitted in 1796.

IF AND WHEN Alaska statehood is approved, Hawaii is ready to follow immediately. It has already approved a model state constitution, though it has not elected its "senators and representatives" as yet.

Legislatively, Subcommittee chairman O'Brien is reported as ready to clear a Hawaiian bill within a few days after House action on Alaska. He believes that once Alaska has statehood, Hawaii cannot long be denied. This is the belief of most statehood for Hawaii advocates and the reason for their anxiety over the Alaska bill.



Tale of Two Cities

YEN DEPOSITORS IN PREWAR JAPAN BANKS GIVEN 30-DAY DEADLINES

The U.S. Office of Alien Property in Washington, D.C., is reported to be mailing notices to all pre-war yen certificate owners, giving them 30-day notices to determine what future action these certificate owners wish to take.

Anyone who objects to the amount to be allowed is requested to submit the certificates of deposit to the OAP within the next 30 days and file a statement specifying the objections and reasons for objections and pay off at the ¥361.55 rate if they rule against the objection.

Many yen certificate holders do not wish to surrender them on this basis, it was learned.

The OAP letter also says that after 30 days if no reply is received it will consider such claims as abandoned.

These yen certificate holders are persons who deposited dollars in pre-war Japanese banks in San Francisco and Los Angeles and specified at the time that these deposits be converted to Japanese yen at the exchange rate then prevailing.

Since the accounts are carried on the books of banks in Japan, these depositors can withdraw their pre-war deposits there. They were able to secure ¥23.42 per U.S. dollar in 1941, but now need ¥361.55 for \$1 or less than one-fifth of their original deposit. It was learned that the OAP has mailed notices to Sumitomo Bank yen certificate owners who have filed for payment in American dollars from the vested funds being held by the office.

Seek 1941 Yen Rate

Notices are also expected to be sent shortly to Yokohama Specie Bank certificate owners.

During the past six or seven years groups representing these yen certificate owners have been trying to secure redemption of these certificates at the 1941 yen rate. A recommendation favorable to these groups was made by a government study committee last year, but this recommendation was turned down by Dallas S. Townsend, OAP director.

Since the amount offered is small when converted at the present rate of exchange, (a pre-war deposit of \$100 is only worth \$6.50 now) many yen deposit certificate holders may prefer to continue to wait and see for future developments.

They point out that they can secure payments at the present yen rate from Japanese banks at any time.

It was learned that the OAP said interest is to be allowed from the date of deposit to date of payment.

AKIJI YOSHIMURA NAMED COLUSA ROTARY PRESIDENT

COLUSA. — Akiji Yoshimura, NC-WNDC chairman, has been elected president of the local Rotary. Operator of Vogue Cleaners, he has served as both vice-president and secretary.

Claims pay bill in joint conference; more awards made

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — A near \$2½ million in evacuation claims payments moved closer to reality as Senate and House leaders met in Conference Committee to "iron-out" differences between the appropriation measures passed by each body, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

One of the important differences in the House-approved and Senate-amended versions is the \$612,318.73 added by the Senate for the payment of additional evacuation claims not listed in the House bill.

The aggregate total of evacuation claims payments under consideration by the Conference now amounts to \$2,355,923.57 for 471 awardees.

Awards made after Feb. 10 were not processed in time for the Senate to consider with the present appropriation legislation.

WASHINGTON. — An additional 69 evacuation claims totaling \$413,566.45 were awarded during the month of February, the Department of Justice advised the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

When added to the \$119,279.99 previously announced for February, the full total for the month comes to \$532,846.44.

This total exceeds the awards made in January by some \$15,000 and brings the awards for the first two months of 1958 to well over one million dollars.

The largest award for February is \$34,595 to a Los Angeles resident. The smallest award for \$10 was also to a Los Angeles resident. Average of the new awards is \$5,993.72, with 13 of them exceeding \$10,000 each.

Non-profit and religious organizations on the new list are the Soto Mission of Terminal Island, the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, and the Seattle Japanese Methodist Church.

CALENDAR

- Mar. 28-29 Berkeley — Invitational Basketball Tournament.
- Mar. 29 (Saturday) Livingston-Merced — General meeting, Grace Methodist Church; William Warner, spkr.
- Long Beach — Informal Social, Harbor Community Center.
- Mar. 30 (Sunday) Chicago — Orientation Series, Olivet Institute, 2 p.m.; Dr. B.G. Gross, spkr.
- Placer County — Community picnic, JACL Park (Rain date: April 13).
- Gilroy — Community picnic, Uvas Picnic Grounds.
- Parlier — Community picnic, Kearney Park.
- Chicago — Appreciation Dinner, North Park Hotel.
- Mar. 31 (Monday) Tulare County — Dinner meeting, Tagus Ranch, Hwy. 99, 6:30 p.m.; Wayne Hogue, spkr.
- Apr. 1 (Tuesday) Southwest L.A. — General meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.; Steve Abe, spkr., "Nisei Personality."
- Apr. 2 (Wednesday) Long Beach — Dance class, Harbor Community Center, 8 p.m. (8-week course).
- Venice-Culver — Board meeting, Home of Sumi Kashiwagi, 12607 Culver Blvd., 8 p.m.
- Apr. 5 (Saturday) UDC — Miss JACL Queen dance, Salt Lake City.
- San Jose — Bridge tournament, Hotel de Anza Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 6 (Sunday) Southwest L.A. — Egg Hunt, Rancho Cienega, 2 p.m.
- East Los Angeles — Easter Egg Hunt, Belvedere Park, 2-4 p.m.
- Apr. 10 (Thursday) San Francisco — Auxiliary meeting, Church of Christ, 1500 Post St., 8 p.m.
- Apr. 12 (Saturday) Imperial Valley — Barbecue picnic, Bombay Beach, 1 p.m.
- East Los Angeles — Membership dinner-dance, Mardi Gras.
- Apr. 12-13 PSWDC — Hi-Co Conference, Presbyterian Conference Grounds, Pacific Palisades.
- Apr. 13 (Sunday) Chicago — Orientation Series (final meeting), Olivet Institute, 2 p.m.
- Livingston-Merced — Scrap Iron drive.
- Sonoma County — NC-WNDC executive board meeting, Sebastopol Memorial Hall, 1 p.m.
- Fowler — Community picnic, Kearney Park.
- Monterey Peninsula — Spring Potluck, JACL Gold Banquet Room.
- Apr. 17 (Thursday) Pasadena — General meeting, Union Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.; Ken Nishimoto, AIA, spkr., "Japanese Architecture through the Lens."