

**EDITORIALS:**

**Supreme Court rules on nationality**

Again the United States Supreme Court has handed down decisions which affect persons of Japanese ancestry. One directly involved a Los Angeles-born Nisei, Mitsugi Nishikawa, who had lost his citizenship by serving in the Japanese Army. The other involved a Texas-born Mexican American, Clemente Martinez Perez, who had voted in an election in Mexico.

Both nationality cases can be of wide significance to Nisei stranded in Japan attempting to return to U.S.A.

The Japanese American Citizens League has exhibited vital interest in both of these cases since its inception. How it feels will be made known, of course, after the full text of the opinion read last Monday is available for study.

However, on the basis of newspaper reports, it is felt that the Nishikawa case for practical purpose has eliminated the road block stranded Nisei in Japan have had in the past to obtain their American passport, which had been denied them on the basis of military service in Japan during World War II.

The Supreme Court's 7-2 decision restored citizenship on the grounds that the government had not proven Nishikawa's military service words, the government must prove that it was.

It appears impossible to show that when a man gets a draft notice, as Nishikawa when he was in Japan, he answers the call willingly.

Whether the State Department will now review the passport applications now on file to determine many Nisei are to be automatically restored their citizenship remains to be seen. If blanket approval can be gained as a result of the Supreme Court decision, then we may say the ruling is "sweeping" and of wide-reaching importance.—H.H.

**Sansei tells of 'Jap' in another textbook**

First it was Delano's Jimmy Nakagama in the sixth grade bringing to light a textbook containing a story that had the word "Jap" interspersed several times. In recent weeks, a second textbook, "Adventures for Readers" used in the Idaho public schools came to the attention of an eighth grader, Sharon Kato, who is the daughter of Pocatello's JACL chapter president.

In both instances, the book publishers have consented to eliminate the use of the word, "Jap".

Both incidents came to light because of a student. With JACL actively campaigning to eliminate the use of the derogatory term, "Jap," from school books—as well as in all public communication media—parents who strive to avoid their children from sustaining the humiliation of these youngsters might review the textbooks at the beginning of the school year. These two students have shown us textbooks with "Jap" in them are still in use. Parents cannot afford to let pupils carry our ball continually.—H.H.

## Supreme Court backs Nisei

### NEW PAYMENT PLAN OF VESTED PROPERTY HIT

(JACL News Service) WASHINGTON. — Discrimination against Japanese implicit in the Administration proposal sent to Congress last Friday will be protested by the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Administration has asked that wartime vested property only be returned to Germans, the Washington JACL Office announced. Instead, JACL will urge that Congress return vested property to both Germans and Japanese on the same equitable basis.

Last Friday, the State Department on behalf of the administration sent identical letters to Sen. James O. Eastland, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Rep. Oren Harris, chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, outlining its proposals, which would pay war claims of individual United States citizens against Germany, pay for liquidated vested property up to \$10,000 to Germans only, and on a prorata basis of remaining funds pay for liquidated vested property over \$10,000 to Germans only.

An appropriation of \$100,000,000 was also proposed to replace liquidated German property used in payment of individual American war claims against Japanese.

**Difference Explained**

State Dept. letters explained that "existing circumstances are substantially different" for Japanese vested property in that "the amount of American war claims which have already been paid by the U.S. government exceeds by far the value of the Japanese vested assets", while "the value of vested German assets exceeds the amount of American war claims" paid or to be paid against Germany.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, declared question of war claims should not be confused with or complicated by question of vested property return.

One relates to individual claims against governments of Germany and Japan, while the other concerns private property of individuals seized by the U.S. government. Moreover, he emphasized that since both German and Japanese property have been vested during and after World War II, it was only just that both German and Japanese owners be compensated for their vested property on the same equitable basis.

**U.S. Citizens Affected**

Masaoka explained further that all vested property did not belong to Germans and Japanese residing abroad but that many U.S. citizens also have an interest. He cited cases in which the government alleged that the citizen was "cloaking" property for an enemy national, as well as instances where American citizens had established estates and trusts for parents overseas and life insurance beneficiaries residing in Germany and Japan.

There was no justification for the administration's discrimination against the Japanese, Masaoka

**Ex-JACL queen mother**

SANTA ANA.—A seven-pound personality, Perry S., was born Feb. 28 to the Sam Moritas at Anaheim Memorial Hospital. Mother is the former National JACL queen, Janet Fukuda.

### Eight candidates seek title of Miss Nat'l JACL

SALT LAKE CITY. — All eight chapters of the Intermountain District Council are being represented with beautiful young ladies who aspire to be Niss 1958 JACL.

The reigning national JACL convention queen will be selected tomorrow night at the Memorial House in Memory Park at the "Miss National JACL Ball", starting at 8 p.m. Salt Lake Mayor Adeil F. Stewart confers the honor.

The 1958 convention queen will be assisted by two attendants, serving as the "official hostesses" of the 15th Biennial conclave being held here Aug. 22-25.

**Candidates are:**

Miss Pocatello — Katherin K. Wada, 18; 5 ft. 5 in., 114 lbs., high school senior.

Miss Idaho Falls — Karen Yamasaki, 19; 5 ft. 2 in., 108 lb., Univ. of Utah freshman.

Miss Yellowstone — Jane Ikeda, 18; 5 ft. 4 in., 110 lb., high school senior.

Miss Boise Valley — Penny Mafune, 18; 5 ft. 3½ in., high school senior.

Miss Snake River Valley — Margaret Itami, 18; 5 ft. 1 in., 100 lb., high school senior.

Miss Ben Lomond (Ogden) — Kiyoko Miya, 21; 5 ft. 2 in., 105 lb., stenographer.

Miss Mt. Olympus — Mary Louise Shimata, 19; 5 ft. 5 in., 120 lb., secretary.

Miss Salt Lake City — Ruth Okawa, 21; 5 ft. 2 in., 102 lb., stenographer.

**Judges Named**

Serving on the panel of judges are Mrs. Alan Frank, Betty Fulton, charm school instructors; Alvin L. Gittens, Univ. of Utah art instructor; Masao Satow, JACL director.

### Seek \$35,000 to operate San Francisco FEPC

SAN FRANCISCO. — This city's new Fair Employment Practices commission asked \$35,000-a-year operational costs of the city government last week.

The sum includes salaries for a commission director, associate director or investigator, and secretary-receptionists.

Since its establishment 8 months ago, the San Francisco FEP has been operating with a staff assigned from other responsibilities.

Seven commissioners appointed by Mayor Christopher serve without compensation.

Salary for the director will range between \$750 and \$800-a-month, and for the investigator, \$650 per month. The proposed budget is being studied by the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors.

### Farm group leader

LIVINGSTON.—Bob Morimoto was elected 1958 president of the Livingston Farmers Association.

### Perez, Nishikawa cases applicable to persons of Japanese ancestry

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — The United States Supreme Court Monday decided two cases involving principles which are found applicable to many persons of Japanese ancestry, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

In one, the court held constitutional the right of Congress to provide for automatic loss of American citizenship to those voting in foreign elections.

In the other, the court ruled that the burden of proof showing lack of duress in military services lies with the government, and not the petitioner-citizen.

**Perez Case**

The first case involved Clemente Martinez Perez, born in Texas but who lived many years in Mexico and voted there. By a 5-4 majority—Justices Frankfurter, Burton, Clark, Harlan and Brennan as against Chief Justice Warren, Justices Black, Douglas and Whittaker—the court said that Congress could take away citizenship for voting in foreign elections.

Justice Frankfurter, speaking for the majority, declared Congress in this case "was seeking to effectuate its power to regulate foreign affairs. The legislators... were concerned about actions by citizens in foreign countries that create problems of protection and are inconsistent with American allegiance. The citizen may by his action unwittingly promote or encourage a course of action contrary to the interests of his own government... It follows that such activity is regulable by Congress under its powers to deal with foreign affairs."

The minority held that neither Congress nor any governmental agency can take away citizenship, that it could not even be taken away as a penalty for an offense, and that the only way is for voluntary abandonment, as in formal renunciation and naturalization as a citizen of another country.

**Basic Human Right**

Chief Justice Warren, speaking for the dissenters, had this to say on citizenship:

"This government was born of its citizens. It maintains itself in a continuous relation with them and, in my judgment, it is without power to sever the relationship that gives rise to its existence. I cannot believe that a government conceived in the spirit of ours was established with power to take from the people their basic right. Citizenship is man's basic right, for it is nothing less than the right to have rights."

"Remove this priceless possession and there remains a stateless person... with no lawful claim to protection from any nation... his very existence at the sufferance of the state within whose borders he happens to be... This government was not established with power to decree this fate."

**Nishikawa Case**

The second case involved Los Angeles-born Mitsugi Nishikawa who, under the Nationality Act of 1940, lost his citizenship by serving in the Japanese army.

In a 7-2 opinion—with Justices Harlan and Clark dissenting—the court ignored the constitutionality of the provision but restored citizenship on the procedural grounds that the government had not proved that the act of military service was voluntary.

Chief Justice Warren, speaking Continued on Page 5

### CONGRESSMAN INTERVENES IN NISEI SEEKING PASSPORT IN JAPAN

WASHINGTON.—Mrs. Yoshiko Takahashi, American-born Japanese who found it necessary to reestablish her U.S. citizenship before she could return to this country from Japan, is being issued a passport by the State Department, according to the office of Rep. Gordon L. McDonough (R1, Calif.), who had taken interest in the case.

The State Department informed Congressman McDonough that the U.S. Consul General in Yokohama has been instructed to record Mrs. Takahashi's United States citizenship and issue a passport upon her application to enable her to return.

She is the sister of Ozzie Nishida, 1110 S. Kenmore Ave., Los Angeles.

Congressman McDonough is also in contact with the State Department in behalf of her husband, Masaki Takahashi, who also must reestablish his U.S. citizenship.

Takahashi filed his application to reestablish citizenship on Mar. 4 and Rep. McDonough has already been informed by the State Dept. that the application is currently being processed and will be completed as soon as possible.

### Flagpole dedication set for June 14

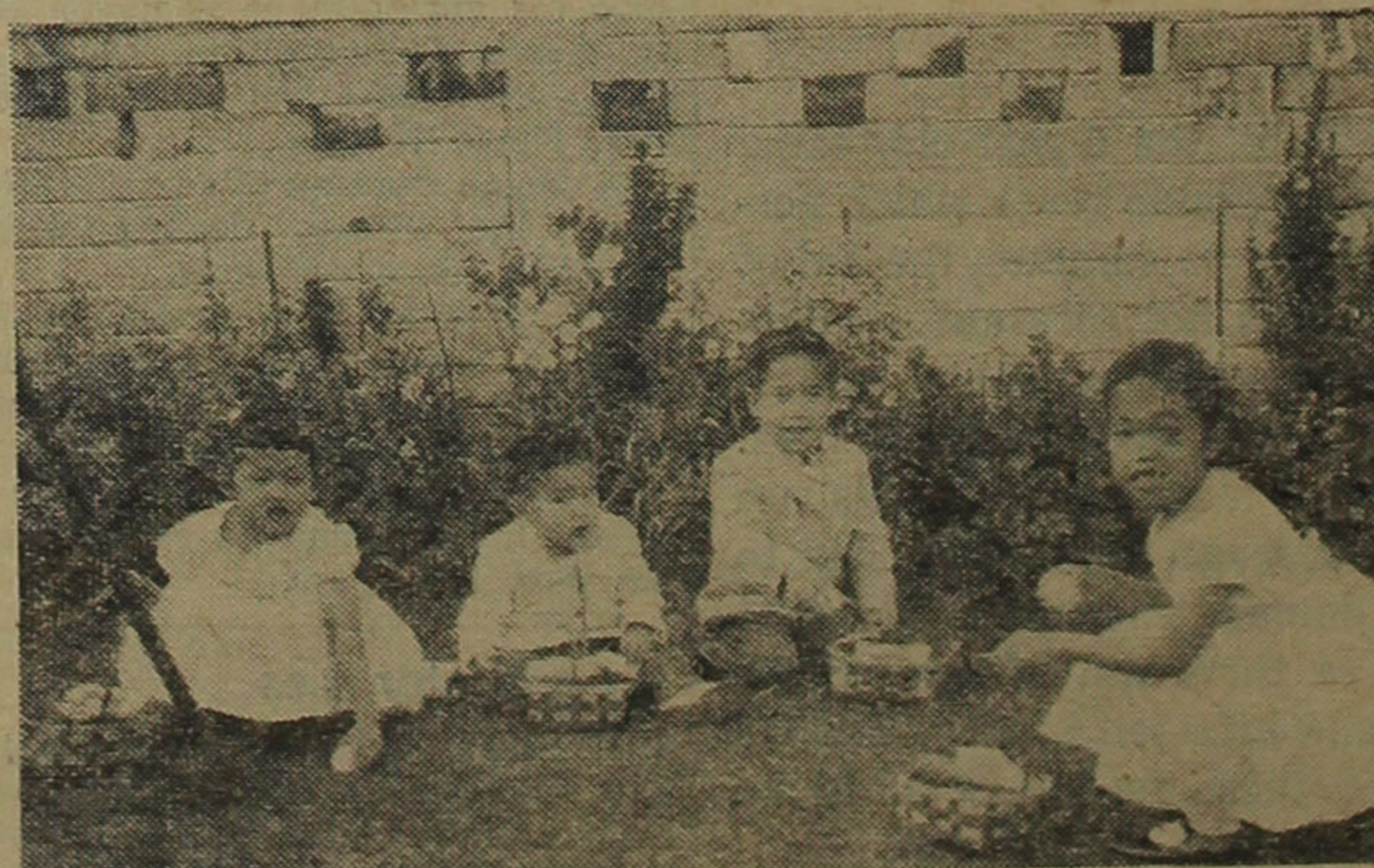
CALIPATRIA. — With 120 feet of the 184-ft. Helen Momita Memorial Flagpole already acquired by public contributions this week, it was revealed that negotiations for actual construction of the tallest American flagpole in the United States are underway.

Harry Momita, Imperial Valley JACL president and whose wife was killed in a freeway accident for which the flagpole project was initiated, announced the flagpole would be formally dedicated on Flag Day, June 14.

Orange County JACL was reported as the latest chapter to make a contribution this week.

### Life PTA honoree

Active West L.A. JACLer and recording secretary last year, Mrs. Helen Fujimoto was presented the PTA Honorary Life membership by the Webster Jr. High School PTA on Mar. 11. She has been Girl Scout leader for two years, and a den mother in the Cub Scout program.



Four Southwest L.A. JACLers-to-be make believe the chapter's Easter Egg Hunt this Sunday at Rancho Cienega, but praying at

the same time that the popular event is not cancelled because of wet grounds. Weekend weather forecasts are not hopeful.

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## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**APRIL BLUES** — Most of this fine, beautiful spring Sunday has been spent at the American public's annual headache — filling out the U.S. Treasury Department's Form 1040 with a reasonable regard for truth and accuracy. This is a simple and yet enormously complicated form. It has driven some men to distraction, and it has sent other men to prison after they had broken almost every other law of the land with impunity.

Form 1040 is a small, printed piece of paper with which we breadwinners calculate, by the honor system, our debts to the federal government. The government invites you to determine how much money to take out of your pocket, and is heartbreaking to see what a large part of the year's income is Uncle's share. Yet, the hours of agony in filling out the form are a good time to dwell on the price of freedom? Would we exchange our freedom for dollars? I doubt it.

These days, numbers rules our lives. It takes mathematics to plan, build, fire and track an intercontinental ballistic missile. It also takes math to fill out Form 1040.

Each year about this time I vow to keep a better set of books. The figure that must go on Form 1040 can be located somewhere around the house, all right, but the job would be incomparably easier if the record of expenditures, taxes, donations and all that were in a single book.

Someone, it would seem, could make a young fortune by coming up with a simple yet all-inclusive fool-proof book in which mathematical morons like me could jot down the information pertinent to income tax time. Be glad to give it a test run. If it did the job for me, any simpleton could use it.

**BITS OF WISDOM** — Dr. R.G.H. Siu, born in Honolulu, recently published a slim volume titled "The Tao of Science." (John Wiley & Sons, \$4.25) It is largely an essay on western knowledge and eastern wisdom. Sample bits:

"That a person enjoys eggs does not mean he can lay one."

"The nonacademic environment of a patent office did not discourage Einstein from his revolutionary thoughts in physics. Absolute freedom therefore is not a sine qua non to self-realization and growth."

The last leaves me confused, too. But I understand his quotation from an old Indian Asiatic type story:

"Indulge no angry, shamless wish

"To hurt, unless you can:

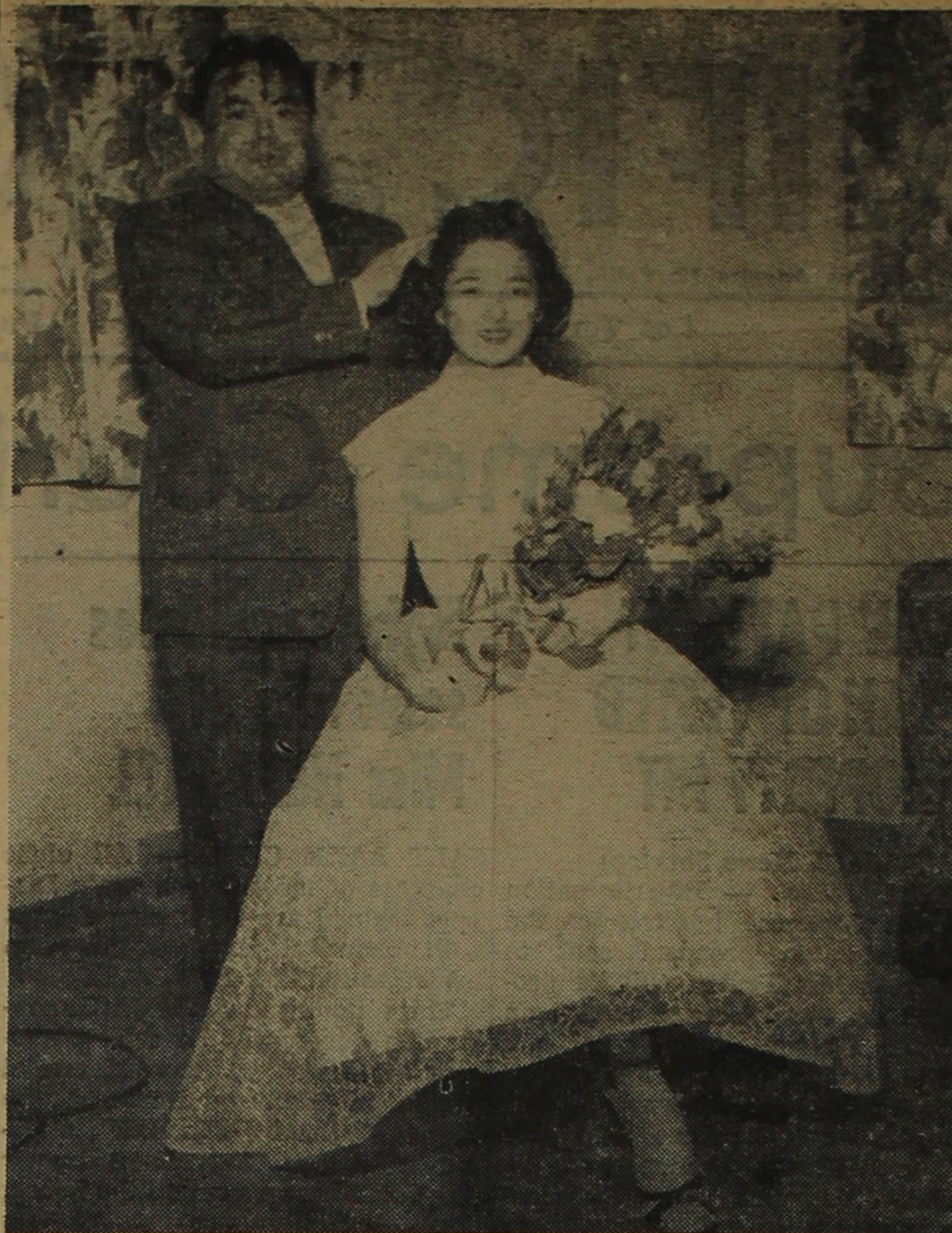
"The chickenpea, hopping up and down,

"Will crack no frying pan."

**EXCEPTIONAL** — Our Pete, the 9-year-old, came down the other day with a considerable fever which persisted so long it became necessary to summon the aid of a pediatrician. The diagnosis was not pleasant — Pete had picked up a strep throat sometime back, and it seems the bad old bug got into and infected his kidney.

The doctor pointed out that many strep throats run their course without special damage, that some lead to rheumatic fever which can damage the heart, and that a very few — perhaps two or three out of a hundred, end up with an inflamed and infected kidney. Thanks to the miracle of antibiotics, these no longer need be feared as much as they used to be a decade ago.

Thus assured, Pete came home to complete his convalescence, and not a little proud of himself. "Two or three out of a hundred," he mused, "and I had to be one of them. Guess I'm an exceptional child after all."



Dignity and pleasure belong to Lou Nakagawa, Mt. Olympus JACL chapter president, as he crowns Mary Louise Shimata, selected as the chapter aspirant for Miss 1958 National JACL. Miss Shimata, 19, hails from Hawaii.

## Nisei company formed to develop million dollar 260-acre Sacramento subdivision

GARDENA.—Said to be the largest subdivision recorded to date in Sacramento County, the purchase of 260 acres for \$1,068,000 by a Nisei firm to be known as Meadowville Land, Inc., was revealed this past week by local financier Taul Watanabe.

The tract is located South of the State Capitol near Freeport Blvd., about a mile south of the airport in the Meadow View area.

First 250 of 1,100 ranch-style homes being planned are expected to be constructed after ground-breaking ceremonies slated June 15 after streets are paved. Thirty-acres are being set aside for development of a secondary school. Negotiations are also underway for a shopping area.

Moss and Moss Realtors of Sacramento will be the sole sellers of three-bedroom, two-bath homes ranging in price from \$12,600 and up. Three floor plans and 12 exterior designs will be available. Lot size will be 60x120 or approximately four homes per acre.

Y. Buddy Mamiya, Gardena and Meadowville Land vice-president, said arrangements are being made to secure FHA financing for prospective buyers. He added that Watanabe, who closed the deal after a half-year negotiation, has no investment interest in the firm at this time. He knew the sellers, Dr. Charles E. Brown and Edward Cadjue, and buyers and had arranged the meeting.

## Nisei cleric promoted to high Denver post

CHICAGO.—High honors were accorded the Rev. Russell Nakata upon his appointment as canon of St. John's Cathedral in Denver. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Kingo Nakata.

He began working this past week under the bishop, dealing with Christian social problems.

Rev. Nakata is a graduate of Seabury Theological Seminary in Evanston and served as lecturer for two years before he became associate pastor of Ascension Episcopal Church where he served for the past six years.

## Ex-grid star dies

SAN FRANCISCO.—One-time football star Yoichi Moriya died of heart attack while on duty at the Owl Drug Store, Grant and Post, late Monday night last week. He was 49. He was one of the Showa A.C. organizers in 1926 and starred on its grid squad during his younger days.

ranged the meeting.

Other officers of the new firm are G. K. Kenworthy, pres.; Thomas Kunibe, treas.; Tosh Hiraide, executive and general counsel, all of Gardena. On the board are Tim Sasabushi, George Murata of Sacramento.

When the development is completed in about four years, approximately 5,000 persons will be residents there. With some 12,000 being displaced by Sacramento's redevelopment program, the new tract comes at an appropriate time, Mamiya commented.

## NICC-Mile Hi JACL liaison made firm

DENVER.—Nisei students from Rocky Mountain area colleges will meet for the 13th annual Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference on April 25-26, it was announced by Ted Saito, NICC president. The Rev. Patrick Patterson of Colorado University will be the principal speaker.

Meantime, Robert Maruyama, public relations chairman of the Mile-Hi JACL, has been designated by the chapter to coordinate with the Nisei collegiate group in encouraging high school seniors to participate in the NICC program and working out scholarship plans for talented Nisei students.

Committeemen named to the NICC gathering include Ron Tsuruda (DU), banquet; Don Furuta da (DU) banquet; Don Furuta (Colo. Mines), booklet; Bev Tani, housing; Carol Mizuoe (DU), registration; Norman Yabe (DU), basketball tournament.

Collegians from Colorado University, Denver University, Colorado State University at Ft. Collins, at Greeley, Colorado Women's College in Denver and the Univ. of Wyoming are expected to attend.

## Tokyo wedding

WASHINGTON.—Yoshiko Yamaguchi and Ben Nakao, 1956 D.C. chapter president, were married Feb. 14 in Tokyo.

## ROTATIONAL CABINET SYSTEM MADE PERMANENT

The Nisei Music Guild of Los Angeles announced its five-man cabinet (pres., v.p., rec. sec., cor. sec. and treas.) would be served on a rotational basis by all of its members.

## PC Letter Box

### EMPTY HOORAY

Editor: — I object to your omitting the postscript ("Is someone kidding?") in my letter (Mar. 28 PC) concerning the Venice-Culver chapter's activities toward preventing the establishment of a pool hall-beer parlor which might have "degraded" a certain business and professional area.

Briefly: I meant to leave no doubt that I felt it was none of the chapter's business to act in its official capacity, if such was the case, as a lobbyist for certain business and professional interests on the pretext of "morality", etc.

P.S. — In other words you left out the punch line.

FLORENCE DOBASHI  
San Francisco.

(We're not in the editorial habit of including postscripts noted in contributions for the PC Letter Box. But we shall, as above, hereafter.—Ed.)

Editor: — Regarding the "l'affaire Pool Hall", Venice-Culver JACL acted in cooperation with other church, school and resident groups as well as business and professional men in defeating the proposed pool hall-beer parlor (see Mar. 14 PC). JACL, through its leaders, played an instrumental role.

When notice of the proposed establishment first appeared, various business, professional men and local residents (mostly mothers) approached me to draft a petition of protest. Such action was taken and copies circulated. Many of the canvassers were Nisei, all active in JACL. Meetings were held in my office with representatives from local school groups, scout troops, churches as well as JACL and business groups.

Situated in a small town atmosphere, we have stressed the community participation aspect of the chapter. We feel that we should actively contribute to the welfare of the community at large and not just ask the neighborhood and organizations for aid and recognition of rights.

Centinela Avenue, where the pool hall-beer parlor was to be established is the gateway to a growing Nisei population center. JACL acted along with other groups that are proud of their neighborhood and desire to keep it as healthy an environment as possible.

A precedent for such action, I believe, was set locally by a JACL chapter last year when Southwest L.A. was instrumental in preventing the rezoning of a Jefferson Blvd. area for light manufacturing.

DR. TAK SHISHINO  
Venice-Culver JACL.

### PHOTO POLICY

Editor: — . . . If it is at all possible to do so, I would like to have the picture (enclosed with story) returned to me. Although I am not familiar with your policy regarding the return of pictures, I know that some papers refuse to do so unless accompanied by a return envelope. I would appreciate your enlightening me on the matter.

MARY HIKIDA  
Yellowstone JACL.

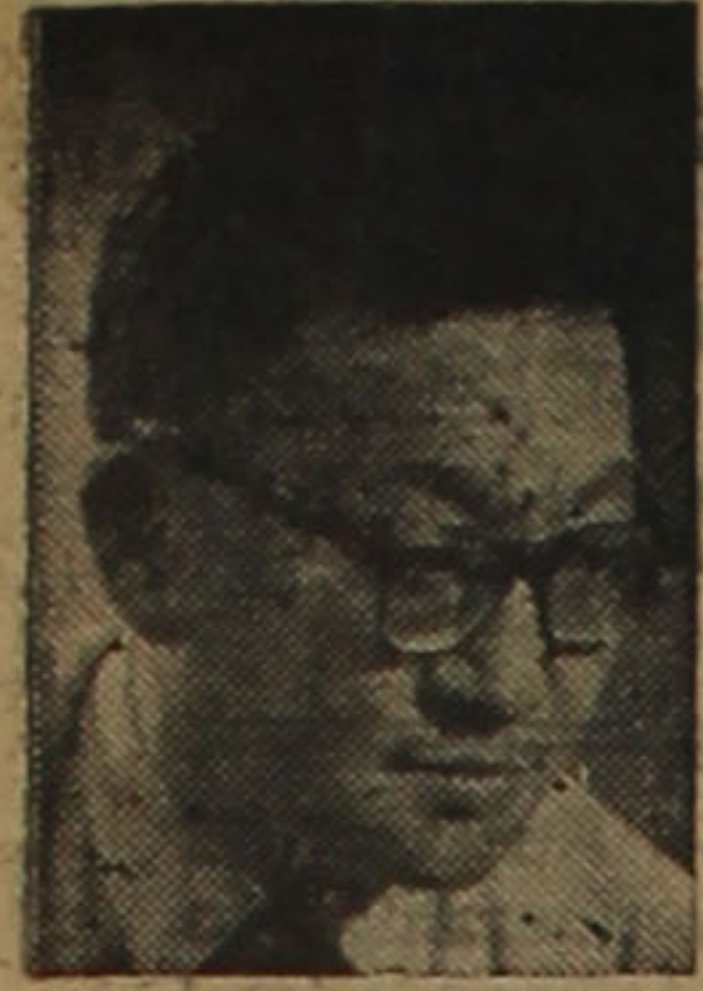
(Photographs submitted to the PC will be returned upon request. Return envelope and postage are not required, though postage would be appreciated. In case of old pictures, extreme care should be taken to protect them against possible damage while in the mails.—Editor.)

### EDITORIAL OF INTEREST

Editor: — Enclosed is an editorial, which may be of interest to the Pacific Citizen. It appeared in the Milwaukee Journal, Mar. 17, 1958. (Published elsewhere in this issue.)

SACHI ISHII  
Milwaukee JACL

(Editorial commentary from the American newspapers and magazines is always of interest to us and the PC has tried its best to get them published for our record. We are always thankful for readers and chapter officers [Miss Ishii is Milwaukee JACL secretary] who forward news clippings of this kind. — Ed.)



# Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

## From Hokkaido to Hollywood

In seven years Miyoshi Umeki has bridged an impossible distance—from an United States Army service club in Sapporo, on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island, to Academy Award night on the stage of the RKO Pantages theater in Hollywood. Miss Umeki's winning of the Oscar for "best supporting actress" as a result of her performance in "Sayonara" was the only real surprise of Hollywood's big awards rituals. All the other winners had been forecast in advance, but the prognosticators variously favored Elsa Lanchester, Diane Varsi and Carolyn Jones for the statuette which Miss Umeki took home.

Miyoshi left Sapporo seven years ago for Tokyo and a job with a jazz band. Singing her songs in both Japanese and English, Miyoshi became quite a favorite with the GIs and word trickled back to the states. Meanwhile, her records also achieved considerable popularity and she appeared in five movies ("Sayonara" is her first American picture).

Three years ago she was promised some night club dates in the United States and made the big jump. Arthur Godfrey's agents heard her and she went on his Talents Scouts TV-radio show. Miyoshi won and got a week on the Godfrey morning show as her reward. From then, she played several weeks on the Arthur Godfrey and His Friends television show and then began a tour of U.S. nightclubs.

It was in a nightclub near Hollywood that a Warner Brothers executive spotted her and remembered her. The studio was looking for someone to play Katsumi, the girl in the James Michener novel of interracial love in Japan, whose love affair with a GI ends in tragedy in "Sayonara." Miss Umeki went over to the Warners studio, tested for the part and won the role. Meanwhile, Director Joshua Logan, who okayed Miss Umeki, also did another bit of offbeat casting. He gave the role of Joe Kelley, Katsumi's lover, to Red Buttons, a comic who was washed up, temporarily at least, in television. Last week Logan, has been credited with the original idea for the "Sayonara" story (he's reported to have asked Michener to write a love story with a background of the Japanese theater) was the proudest of them all as he watched both Miss Umeki and Buttons receive the accolade of the industry as the year's best supporting performers.

Warners, incidentally, didn't take the precaution of putting Miss Umeki under contract when they signed her for "Sayonara." But the studio is now looking about, with considerable haste, for another Japanese-American story in which they can star Miyoshi and Buttons. It's reported that even the old Sessue Hayakawa manuscripts of 35 years are being checked for possible story ideas. Hayakawa's leading lady in those Hollywood days was Tsuru Aoki and the pair made a number of films with Oriental backgrounds.

Hayakawa reportedly was in the Pantages audience for the presentations, he being nominated for "best supporting actor" for his portrayal of Colonel Saito in "Bridge on the River Kwai." Among the professionals, incidentally, Hayakawa's performance is rated the outstanding one of the year in a supporting role. But the Japanese leading man has been away from Hollywood too long (since 1926) to be remembered by a new generation of motion picture fans. Hayakawa, in fact, is one of the great stars of Hollywood history, having made his debut back in 1913 and reigning as a topflight star for 13 years.

Red Buttons, however, was the sentimental choice.

Miyoshi Umeki is now in the sixth week of her current engagement at Hollywood's Mocambo. She went to the club after receiving her Oscar and put on a show.

When a reporter dropped in the next morning, she still hadn't slept:

"It's all like a dream," she said, "but I never hope to wake up."

"I was so surprised," she added, "I never thought I had a chance."

The kimono-clad Miss Umeki's brief acceptance speech was one of the most charming of the Oscar evening.

And already this week she has receive a flood of TV and movie offers from people who would like to capitalize on the little Japanese girl's newest success.

Incidentally, when Joshua Logan approached Marlon Brando to play Major Gruver in "Sayonara," the star set down one condition. He would do it only if a Japanese of Japanese ancestry was signed to play Hana-Ogi (Audrey Hepburn and Jennifer Jones had been mentioned for the role. Brando's insistence set the studio off on an international talent hunt which wound up literally in Warners' backyard when a Los Angeles housewife, Mrs. Dale Ishimoto (Miiko Taka) was signed for the prized role. Miss Taka is now in Europe on a tour of national capitals on behalf of "Sayonara." ... Dale Ishimoto, incidentally, is seen as the hotel clerk in the recently-released Universal-International comedy, "The Lady Takes a Flyer."

# Blossoms Instead of Ballot

BY HARRY HONDA

Some of the heartwarming stories concerning persons of Japanese ancestry in America have been the Issei who, after a half-century of being barred from naturalization privileges, began studying by night so that they could pass their examination for American citizenship—which many of us take for granted.

Earlier this year, a little story appeared in the Nisei vernacular press that the famed Miami Beach couple, the Kotaro Sutos, were naturalized.

This past week, the particulars reached our desk and the rest of this story makes for happy recollection.

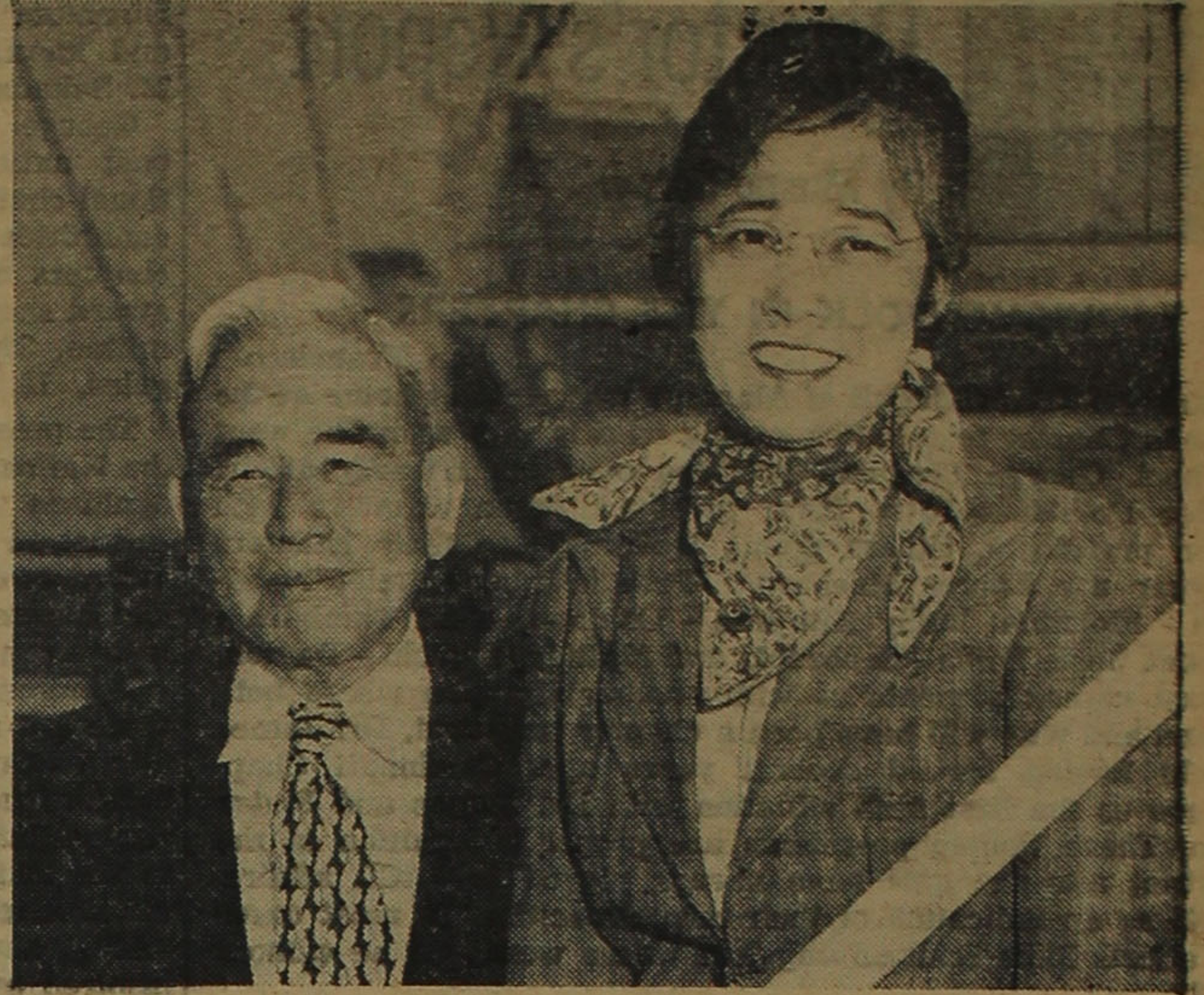
Responsibility was long a byword for Kotaro Suto, now 74 years young, the Japanese gardener who went to Miami Beach in 1916—then a sandy wasteland—and dressed the South Florida soil with a gorgeous variety of blooms and blossoms. He and his wife, Masa, 55, whom he wedded in Japan in 1921, have taken on another responsibility—that of American citizenship.

### Naturalized Jan. 17

The Japanese-born couple—better known to a host of Greater Miami friends as "Papa" and "Mama" Suto—were among 123 petitioners from 31 foreign countries who were naturalized Jan. 17 at ceremonies presided over by Federal Judge Emmett C. Choate.

Judge Choate, after swearing them in as new citizens, told the audience sitting attentively in the courtroom that with the rights and liberties acquired by citizenship were responsibilities: the responsibility of taking part in civic affairs, the prime duty of going to the polls.

Afterwards, "Papa" Suto explained his own idea of personal responsibility. It was one of the major reasons why he prefers the American way of life and it was wound about the idea of American free enterprise.



Mr. and Mrs. Kotaro Suto of Miami Naturalized

American President Lines Photo.

"Maybe I can explain responsibility this way," the gray-haired Issei commented. "I've got a job and I work around a nursery. But I don't have to go to work till 8 o'clock in the morning. On the other hand, I have so many flowers and plants I like to take care of that I generally get up around 5 o'clock and go to work by 6:30. When I take care of the flowers and plants, that means they will grow and blossom and make the world prettier. That's my responsibility to the flowers and plants. I take care of—doesn't matter when I go to work."

### Retired Once, But

Suto, who had retired once and toasted by the entire City of Miami Beach in June, 1953, is not retired now but is working at the Kinsman Nursery at the present time. He expects to continue work-

ing so long as health permits. The Sutos were barred from American citizenship until 1952, but they explained that they had first wished to become naturalized "many, many years ago." That was when "Papa" Suto was a gardener for the late Carl Fisher, pioneer Miami Beach developer, and later for A. Frank Katzentine, Miami attorney, when he was Miami Beach mayor.

After making a garden spot of Fisher's home, Fisher gave Suto a home, plot of land and urged him to set up his own business—a nursery. It prospered. But he found time to plant flowers, shrubs and trees along the streets, in empty lots, whatever spot he felt needed planting.

During the depression years, when the city was broke, the mayor mentioned the library grounds needed landscaping but there were no funds for that purpose. Without being asked, Suto quietly fashioned a lovely garden there.

### 'Veep' Honors Suto

In spring of 1953, he felt the years and his arthritis crippling him. He decided that he would return to Japan; if he should die, at least his wife would have her family to live with. He even gave his nursery to the city when he left his adopted home town.

It was an emotion-packed departure ceremony at the city hall when the Sutos were bid farewell. Letters and plaques of appreciation were showered upon them—including one from the late Vice President Alben Barkley. The Sutos stayed with their brother's family in Tokyo, faced inflationary prices, a government restriction against buying land, and half year later decided to return to the States.

Kotaro Suto was born on a farm 150 miles west of Tokyo, arrived in San Francisco in 1900 when he was attracted to Miami by reports of the sunshine there. He answered an advertisement for a gardener and was employed by Fisher to spend the succeeding years in beautifying—often at his own expense and on his own free time—his community.

The part the Sutos played in Florida and of their return was dramatized on television last year. Station WTVJ in Miami presented the kinescope to the Sutos after it was telecast.

### Another Bright Page

When the "Issei Story" is published, indeed the Miami Beach couple will write another bright page in the annals that portray Issei of America as the kind of citizens this nation has always sought.

Even during the years when the Issei had no "rights and privileges" of citizenship, they met the "responsibilities" that are part and parcel of life in their community. What the Sutos couldn't do for a better city in which to live by ballots, they did with flowers and trees.

## A Japanese Tea Garden

(Lead Editorial: Milwaukee Journal, Mar. 17, 1958)

The return of a beautiful little San Francisco garden to Japanese-American hands recalls a sordid chapter of recent American history—a chapter which should shame us all.

In 1894 the tea garden was opened in Golden Gate park. It is a gem, replete with dwarf Japanese trees, Shinto shrines, imaginative landscaping. It was managed by the Hagiwara family, brought from Japan for the purpose.

A few days after Pearl Harbor the Hagiwaras, like other west coast Japanese, were heartlessly herded aboard trains and buses and placed inland in what the government called relocation centers. They were, in fact, concentration camps, pure and simple.

The spirit behind the enforced mass migration and imprisonment was best expressed by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, who was in charge of the program. He growled that "a Jap is a Jap" and "the Japanese race is an enemy race."

Yet these Japs were not Japs in DeWitt's sense of the word. They were Japanese-Americans, every bit as good citizens as German-Americans or Irish-Americans or British-Americans. Yet, on the theory that because they were Japanese they were a threat to our nation, they were brutally treated as enemies. They were seized because—unlike German-Americans or Italian-Americans, whose ancestral homelands were also at war with us—they could easily be singled out. Their size, color, eyes and other features made them easy to identify—easy to hate.

These Nisei, as the Japanese-Americans were known, were dragged away from businesses, homes, gardens. Some had to sell quickly to unscrupulous buyers who mulcted them. The 1940 census showed that there were 127,000 Japanese in this country, 112,000 of

them on the Pacific coast. These thousands were almost all put in the concentration camps. Some later were allowed to live in inland cities. But many, who could find no community to admit them or who were unable to work, stayed on in the crowded camps throughout the war. Many, as a court trial found later, were actually terrorized into renouncing their citizenship.

Here was organized prejudice, and it continued after the war. As the Japanese tried to return to their homes many found communities unwilling to receive them. There was discrimination. There was organized effort—such as that of the Remember Pearl Harbor one we must never forget—not prevent them from taking up where they left off in the early days of the war. Prejudice had been carried so far that the Japanese tea garden had its name changed to the Oriental garden and sightseers were duped into believing it was really a Chinese or Tibetan setting.

This treatment for a people who had long lived as fine Americans, many of whose sons died fighting for us in the war while their parents pined in concentration camps. The 100th infantry battalion, for instance, was solidly Nisei. Its 1,200 men won 1,000 purple hearts, 44 silver stars, 31 bronze stars and endless other citations for bravery in Italy.

Since the war these people have continued to prove their worth as fine citizens. The hot hate that led this country to mistreat a group of its own citizens has died. The restoration of the Japanese tea garden brings the chapter full cycle. But this shameful record is one we must never forget—not only in penance, but as assurance that it doesn't happen again under any circumstances.

FINEST Brands in Japanese FOODS





## The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

### WOMENFOLK IN THE CHAPTERS

San Francisco

Mayor William McCall of Alameda was right at home at the Alameda Chapter installation among friends with whom he went to school. George Ushijima presided over the friendly affair. Chapter President Kitty Hirai gives us seven chapters with women presidents. Others giving leadership to their chapters this year are Louise Maehara - Philadelphia, Harriet Nagashima - Montana, Molly Kitajima - Oakland, Kimi Tambara - Portland, Josie Ikeda - Seabrook, and Matilda Taguchi - Dayton. The last named presents us with another situation where both husband and wife will have been a chapter president, Dr. James Taguchi having served several years ago. Cincinnati Chapter gave us the first such situation with Dr. James and Mutsu Takao. These women presidents are proper recognition of the important role the girls have always played in JAACL affairs, as well as an indication of their own capacities. In most cases their efforts have been unsung, but where would we be without them?

Recent reports from membership chairmen show that Roz Enomoto has just pushed her Sequoia Chapter to an all time chapter high, Yo Hirunaka has given San Francisco a commanding lead in the "ICBG" race, and Long Beach-Harbor District will soon top its last year's high at the rate Ruby Mio has been sending in memberships.

Another stalwart JAACLer, Sue Joe of Long Beach-Harbor District, has just been named by National President Nishikawa as chairman of our National Committee on Youth Work. Her past experiences and interest in youth will be invaluable in helping JAACL formulate a more definite policy on youth activities and gathering up our best chapter experiences in this field.

### CONVENTION QUEEN

Our inclination toward the distaff side may lead us into hot water this weekend as we help to choose our 15th Biennial National Convention Queen. Convention Queen Contest Chairman Isamu Watanuki is assembling all the candidates in Salt Lake City, and we doff our hat to the Intermountain chapters for their 100 per cent interest and cooperation. With the selection of the Convention Queen, Convention publicity should go into high gear.

The Salt Lake Convention Board has just launched its "Fordnik" into the orbit of JAACL chapters with Ichiro Doi pushing the buttons. Chapters can help make the Convention more enjoyable and encourage the hard working Salt Lakers by hustling "Fordnik" tickets to alleviate any apprehension on finances. Chapters are also urged to help maintain the high standard of our National Convention program booklet by sending in ads to Business Manager Henry Kasai, assuring Editor Jeanne Konishi ample space to contain all the interesting material which should be included.

### OVER 1,200 THOUSANDERS

For the third consecutive month our 1000 Club has been able to maintain its 1,200-plus current membership, thanks to the continuing support of our Thousanders. Latest membership returns indicate the following local chapter 1000 Club Chairmen are right on the ball: Frances Ishii-Long Beach, Mike Imoto-Tulare County, Harry Kubo-Parlier, Mas Teramoto-Twin Cities, and Bill Marutani of Philadelphia. Harry Iseki of Parlier is our newest Life Member. We are particularly gratified to see many sending in their membership early before receiving renewal notices.

### NOVEL ABOUT M.I. VETERAN

Bob Lamont, a free lance writer, dropped in to talk over additional sources of material for a novel about the Nisei. He is particularly interested in giving recognition to the hitherto unpublished, or spottily publicized work of the Nisei boys who served with Army Intelligence.

The increasing number of letters from college students over the country interested in writing term papers about the work of JAACL indicates JAACL is becoming more widely known, even in areas where there are no Japanese Americans. However, it would take practically all our time to provide all the material they ask for—the history of JAACL, reasons for its organization, a compilation of its court actions, its experiences in successful legislative efforts, etc.

**HERE AND THERE:** Add Boise Valley and Milwaukee to the growing list of chapters surpassing their 1957 membership efforts. . . Florin Junior JAACLers are conducting a successful campaign to send their delegates to our National Convention. . . Norman Shiota, bartender at Willie Wong's New China establishment in Reno, has already contacted 80 people to keep "Fordnik" aloft. . . Editor Ronnie Yokota of Pocatello puts out a newsy and interesting Chapter newsheet. . . Already we have a souvenir of the new baseball season. — At a recent civic reception in his honor, Willie Mays tossed us one of six autographed baseballs given as door prizes.

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## CHAPTERS BEGIN SEARCH FOR 1957 - 58 'JAACL-ER OF BIENNIUM'

Outstanding services of a JAACLer for the past two years are chiefly recognized in the "JAACLer of the Biennium" honors instituted in 1956 and known as the Dr. Randolph M. Sakada Memorial Award.

George J. Inagaki, immediate past national president and national chairman of the recognitions committee, this week informed the chapters that nominations for this award should be made to his committee, 3060 - 11th Ave., Los Angeles, 18, Calif., by Aug. 15.

The presentation will be made at the National JAACL Convention recognitions banquet, scheduled for August 25 at Salt Lake City. The award consists of a gold medallion and accompanying JAACL scroll with an appropriate citation.

Nominations by the chapter (and there are no limits as to the number a chapter may make) should indicate the candidate's activities, responsibilities and contributions to the local chapter as well as to the district council and national JAACL, and how the person has inspired and encouraged others to active participation.

"Although specific JAACL activities will be given primary emphasis, the candidate's activities and contacts outside of JAACL which have helped to make JAACL better known, understood and supported are also important," Inagaki advised.

All past winners of this award are eligible, but they will be judged only on accomplishments since the

previous award. The first JAACLer of the Biennium award was jointly shared by Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco and Abe Hagiwara of Chicago.

Members of the National JAACL Board will act as judges. Members of the board and staff are not eligible for the award, except for district council chairmen, it was added.

### Nomination Forms

Chapters were supplied with nomination blanks. Additional blanks may be obtained from National JAACL Headquarters, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco 15, Calif., or from the committee. Nominations may also be submitted by a district council.

Helpful in the final selection, according to Inagaki, are statements from individuals and organizations prominent in the community attesting to the candidate's role in realizing the fundamental purposes of JAACL. Newspaper clippings will also help.

The responsibilities and offices held by the nominee are strictly for reference purposes in preparing the citation, in the event the candidate is declared winner, it was explained.

### SANGER:

## Youth group formed by Sanger chapter

While the Sanger JAACL is preparing for its annual community picnic April 20 at Burris Park, the chapter has organized a Jr. JAACL, another Americanization class for the Issei and has made several appointments, according to chapter president Larry Hikiji.

The Sanger Jr. JAACL was formed with the assistance of the parent chapter at a special meeting held Mar. 7. Ernest Morishita was elected president and will be assisted by Irene Ishimoto, v.p.; Harvey Miura, sec.; and Amy Yamaguchi, treas. On the constitution committee are:

Ronnie Shimizu, Shirley Kumano, Jimmy Takeda, Reiko Ikuma and Irene Kumano.

The Americanization class is being held on Monday and Wednesday nights under the Sanger Adult School program with M. Yamana, who has taught English for several years in the same program, as instructor. The chapter cooperated with the school board to arrange the class.

While most of the students will probably be Issei, the class is open to residents of all nationalities who wish to learn English for citizenship.

Appointments to the chapter board include Johnson Kebo, 1000 Club; Benny Matsunaga, scholarship; George Nishimura and Johnson Shimizu, Jr. JAACL advisers. Assisting Hikida on the cabinet are:

San Kawahara, 1st v.p.; Jimmy Bungo 2nd v.p.; Tom Nakamura, rec. sec.; Yukiye Kanagawa, cor. sec.; Tom Moriyama, treas.; Johnson Shimizu, del.; Hugo Ogawa, alt. del.; Johnny Niizawa, hist.; Ben Yamamoto, rep.; George Okajima, ath.

### SALINAS VALLEY:

## Three events calendared for May-June in Salinas

Three events have been scheduled by Salinas Valley JAACL for the months of May and June, it was announced this week as various chairmen were appointed.

A benefit movie is being planned for May with Ken Sato, Tony Itami and Eddie Iwamoto in charge.

A community picnic and a graduates' dance are scheduled for June. Heading the picnic committee are Roy Sakasegawa and "Lefty", Miyanaga, while Mrs. Dorothy Shirachi and James Tanda head the dance group. Local area graduates from junior, senior high schools and colleges will be honored at the dance to be held at Cominos Hotel.

### SONOMA COUNTY:

## NC-WNDC quarterly meet plans cooking

Preliminary plans and names of committeemen for the NC-WNDC quarterly session to be hosted by the Sonoma County JAACL on Sunday, May 18, were disclosed this week by Frank Oda, chapter president and general chairman of the one-day meeting.

Serving as assistant chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ohki, Kanemi Ono and George Hamamoto. On the committees are Margarette Murakami, reg.; Jim Miyano, fin.; Tak Kameoka and Pat Shimizu, Issei recognition; Mrs. Clara Miyano and Women's Auxiliary, dinner; Kanemi Ono and George Yokoyama, Issei group picture; George and Sam Miyano, refreshments; Mrs. Joe Furusho, coffee break; Johnny Hirooka, emcee; and Hiroshi Taniguchi, gen. arr.

Meeting plans will be presented to the NC-WNDC executive board to meet at the Sebastopol Memorial Hall on Sunday, April 13, 1 p.m. A dinner follows with the local chapter as hosts. In charge of the dinner are Jean Miyano and Pat Shimizu, assisted by Beth Yamaoka, Margarette Murakami and Clarine Sunada.

Deadline for the Sonoma County Issei survey has been extended to Mar. 31, according to Tak Kameoka, survey director. Issei residents have been urged to complete the questionnaires as the chapter shall determine the Issei to be honored at the NC-WNDC May 18 dinner from the returns.

Meanwhile, the chapter has been co-sponsoring weekly dance classes with the local YABA attended by 30 persons at the Memorial Hall. The 1958 membership drive has reached the half-way mark with 165 signed to date. Co-chairmen Greg Hamamoto, Riyuo Uyeda and Kanemi Ono have asked that all members turn in remaining memberships solicited at the regular April meeting.

### Baton twirler

JANESVILLE, Wis.—Maxine Furuike of San Mateo and one of the top baton twirlers in California was featured in the ninth annual "Who's Who", published by the Drum Major magazine, with a biography and photograph.



## '1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — Another 72 new and renewal memberships in the 1000 Club were acknowledged for the second half of March for a monthly total of 144. National Headquarters reported this week. The current membership in good standing is 1,203 as compared with 1,226 for Feb. 28. Received between Mar. 15-31:

**NINTH YEAR**  
Boise Valley — Yoshio Takahashi.

**SEVENTH YEAR**  
Long Beach — Fred Ikeguchi.  
Snake River — Paul Y. Saito.

**SIXTH YEAR**  
Cortez — Nobuhiro Kajioka, Sam Kuwahara.  
Philadelphia — Takashi Moriuchi.  
San Diego — George S. Muto.

**FIFTH YEAR**  
San Francisco — Shichisaburo Hideshima, Kenji Kasai.  
Philadelphia — William T. Ishida.  
Cortez — Ken C. Miyamoto, Joe A. Nishihara.

**FOURTH YEAR**  
San Diego — Leo Owashi.  
Long Beach — Easy Fujimoto.  
Dayton — Dr. Ruby S. Hirose.  
San Diego — Paul Hoshi, Hideo Yoshihara.

**THIRD YEAR**  
Detroit — Roy Ikeda.  
Southwest L.A. — Dr. Hiraku Ishida, Dr. Victor Makita.  
San Francisco — Ken Ishizaki, Scotty H. Tsuchiya.

**SECOND YEAR**  
Cortez — Mark Kamiya, Jack Noda.  
Mt-PDC — Charlie Matsubara (Albuquerque).  
Stockton — Joseph Omachi.  
Chicago — Richard H. Yamada, Harold Tsunehara.

**FIRST YEAR**  
Stockton — Mits Baba.  
Detroit — Judge Theodore R. Bohn.  
Long Beach — Dr. Itaru Ishida, Dr. John E. Kashiwabara, Allan T. Kobata, Dr. Richard Kumashiro, Mrs. Barbara Miura, Dr. David M. Miura, Dr. Masao Takeshita.

**DECEASED MEMBER**  
Cleveland — Joe G. Kadowaki.  
Boise Valley — George Koyama.  
San Francisco — Jack S. Kusaba, Yone Satoda, Thelma T. Takeda, Takeo B. Utsumi.

Philadelphia — Tomomi Murakami.  
Venice-Culver — Dr. C. Robert Ryono.  
Chicago — Louise A. Suski.

**DECEASED MEMBER**  
Cortez — Nobuo Baba.  
San Fernando Valley — Mrs. Michi Imai, Tom T. Imai.  
Long Beach — Frances Ishii, Dr. Katsumi Izumi.  
San Diego — Dr. Masato Morimoto, Minoru Nakamura, Shig Nakashima, Take Taniguchi, George Yasuda.

San Francisco — Noel P. Nita, Henri Takahashi, Shizuko Yoshimura.  
New York — George Yamaoka.

**FIRST YEAR**  
Twin Cities — William Y. Hirabayashi.  
San Francisco — Warren T. Yamazaki.  
Sacramento — Isamu Kashiwagi.  
Florin — William Kashiwagi, Roy Sumida, Paul Takehara.

Cortez — Kaoru Masuda, Ben Kumimoto, Hiroshi Asai, Shinjiro Sugiura.  
Stockton — Dr. David Fujishige.

Downtown L.A. — Hitoshi Fukui (Mar. 23).

### PASADENA:

## ARCHITECT TO USE COLORED SLIDES IN TALKS

BY FLO WADA

"Japanese Architecture Through the Lens" is the topic of the illustrated lecture to be made at the Pasadena JAACL meeting April 17, 7:30 p.m., at the Pasadena Union Presbyterian Church, 305 Kensington Pl.

Kenneth N. Nishimoto, member of the American Institute of Architects, will be the speaker at the chapter's first general meeting of the year. "Nishimoto's background should speak for itself as to the expectations of his talk," commented Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, chapter president. He has made three trips to Japan within the past three years and last year headed a tour for U.S. architects.

The Japan-born architect has been educated in U.S. schools and is currently practicing in Pasadena.

### FRENCH CAMP CHAPTER CALENDAR DISCLOSED

FRENCH CAMP. — Activities for the remainder of the year were announced recently for JAACL here by chapter president Fumio Kanemoto as follows: April 27—picnic; May 9—Mother's Day program; June—graduation outing; July—annual bazaar; September, October and November—general meeting on third Fridays; December—election and Christmas party.

**VERY TRULY YOURS:**

View from the window  
of PC's new office

Whereas the old PC office window commanded a view of a busy San Pedro St., buildings across the street and a morning sun, our new room (No. 241) embraces sunlight at noon when it bathes the air-well, some pedestrian traffic of people headed for the washrooms and the PC circulation office.

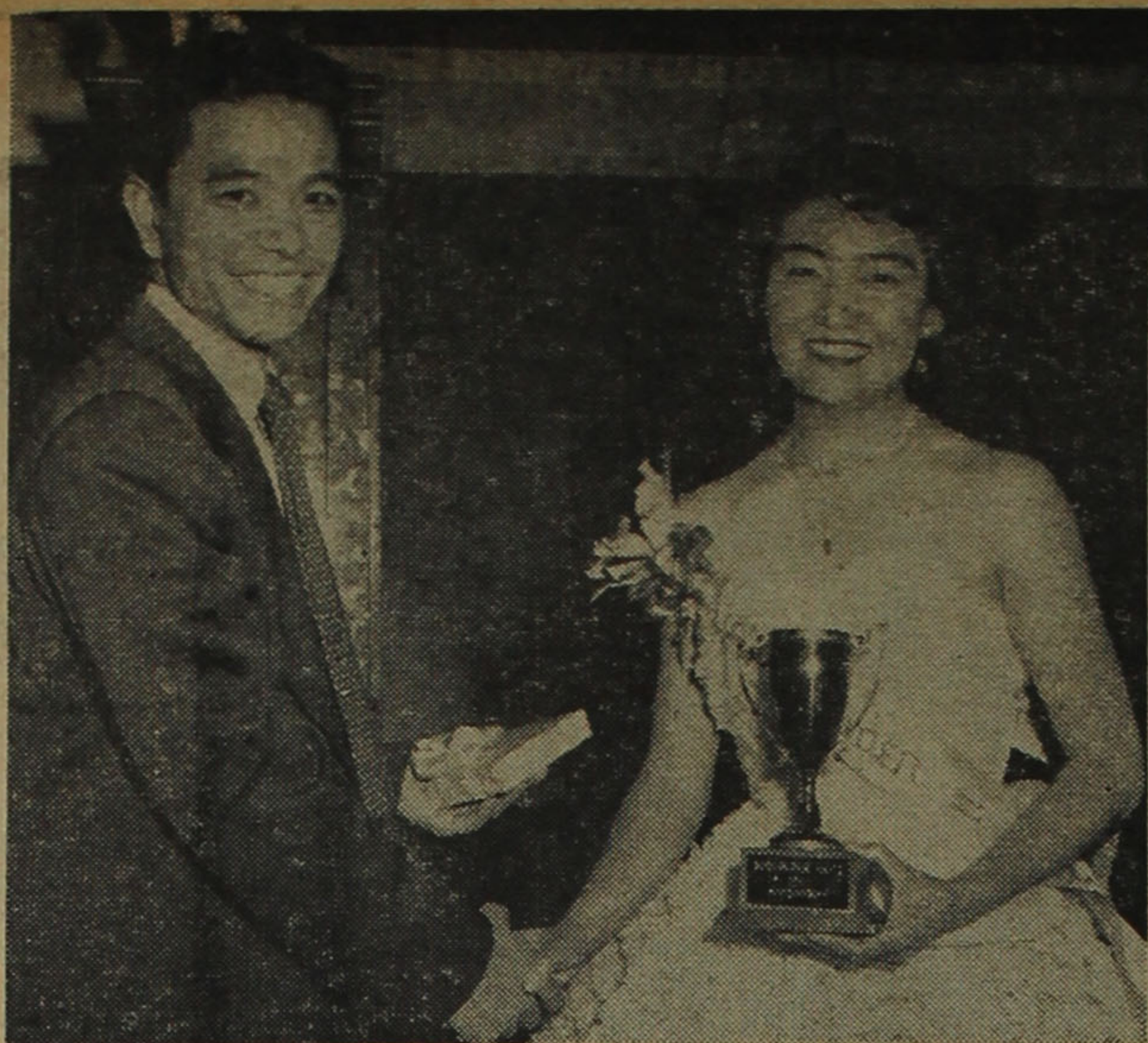
This is the time of the year when our circulation manager is at her busiest, checking and processing new subscriptions & renewals which the chapters are turning in almost everyday. To appreciate the details involved when an order comes, Mrs. Miki Fukushima first checks the master file to see when the subscription expires. An entry of the order is made on that card. A similar entry is posted on the subscriber's second card kept in a billing file arranged by months. She then turns to the addressograph plate list to double-check the address. If changes are required, it is set aside temporarily for the graphotypist.

Some chapters have been "on the ball," turning in their orders with a check or money order less their commissions (\$1 on new subscriptions 10% on renewals), and indicating which ones have paid. Orders from 1000 Club members are handled differently as National Headquarters pays for them. As 1000ers all know, they get the PC free for their \$25 contribution to JACL. As prescribed, chapters have been turning in PC orders for 1000 Club members, too. It alerts us that the 1000er should not be billed, if his current subscription is about to expire.

More recently, chapters were asked to turn in PC order forms enclosed in an envelope, ignoring the "business reply" permit on the address side, to save PC costs. Each unenclosed PC order form costs us 5 cents postage, whereas a dozen cards can come first class at 6 cents when prepaid by the chapter.

In addition, she keeps our PC books, edits the Hollywood JACL bulletin, answers the phone on occasion and reigns during lunchtime — seeing that the teapot is hot by noon, tickling our palates at times with home-made pastries and regaling us with light chatter.

— Harry K. Honda



Harold Toma, president of the Ben Lomond Chapter congratulates Kiyoko Miya, who was named "Miss Ogden JACL" to vie in the 1958 Miss National JACL queen contest. Miss Miya, 21, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manji Miya of Layton, member of the Buddhist Church and is employed as stenographer at the Naval Supply Depot. — Terashima Photo.

**Clers assist Protestant Church program to introduce Japanese cultural heritage**

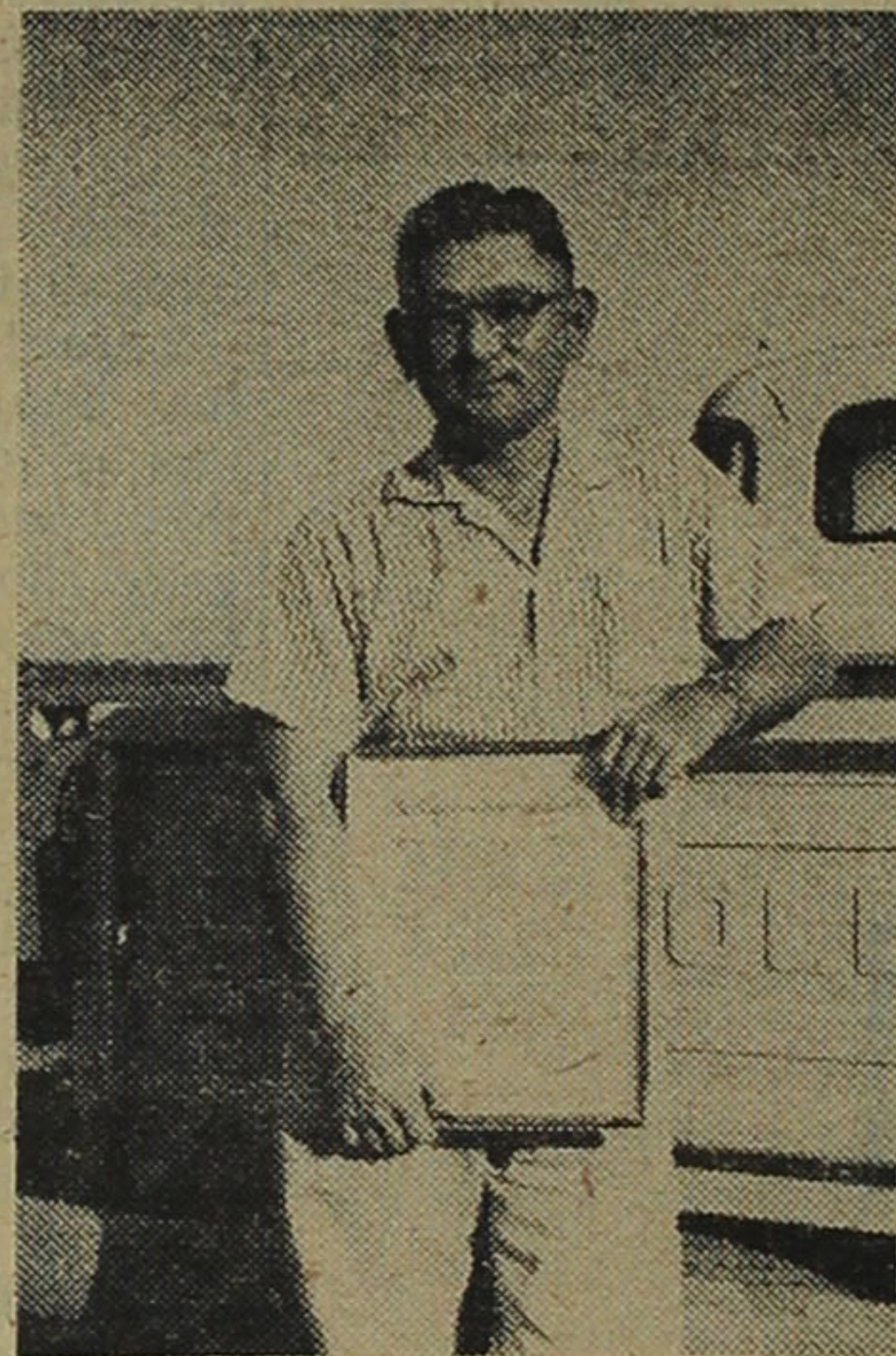
DENVER.—In keeping with their missionary theme, Japan, which Protestant churches in the United States are observing this year, the women's group of the Messiah Lutheran Church, 1750 Colorado Blvd., of Denver introduced Japanese culture at its family night program Mar. 2. The Mile-Hi JACL was asked to aid in the arrangements.

Brief history and geography of Japan as explained by Colorado Women's College professor Clement Bridenhagen served as the background. A panel providing the postwar picture was composed of Kenji Konishi, Tokyo University professor studying as a Fulbright scholar at Colorado School of Mines, Dr. and Mrs. Toshio Takeuchi with Mrs. Robert Horiuchi (Mile-Hi JACler) as interpreter for the Takeuchis. Dr. Takeuchi, a recent arrival, is studying chest surgery at the National Jewish Hospital.

Mrs. Leeland Soker, president of the Rocky Mountain Synod of Lutheran Women, noted numerous orphanages are being operated by the Lutherans in Kyushu, the

church only providing 5 per cent of the maintenance cost, while the Japanese government subsidizes them at 69 per cent while the Japan Community Chest puts in 26 per cent. In spite of the large economic subsidy, it was pointed out that there was no government interference in their method of schooling the orphans.

Takefusa Sasamori, Denver University music student from Tokyo, played several Japanese folk-songs to conclude the evening. John Masunaga, chapter president was also introduced.



HIROSHI MAYEDA  
Tulare County Honoree

**TULARE COUNTY:**

**Active Dinuban cited for community work**

BY JIM HATAKEDA

For his unselfish manner in boosting community activities, Hiroshi Mayeda was presented with the Japanese American Creed Award at the Central California District Council convention last December.

Mayeda first joined the Tulare County JACL in 1936 and since has been an active member. He served as chapter secretary in 1947, district representative in 1948 and elected chapter president in 1950. Two years later, he chaired the first CCDC convention.

In 1954, he was elected CCDC chairman and has served on various responsible positions since JACL was reactivated in the San Joaquin valley. Among them was his efforts on the Prop. 13 Committee to Repeal the Alien Land Law.

A successful rancher, particularly in vineyards and orchard, he is a member of the Dinuba Lions, a leader in the local 4-H and PTA programs and more recently elected president of the Dinuba Buddhist Church.

**Keiko Wada chosen queen of Pocatello Chapter**

POCATELLO.—Katherine Keiko Wada, 18, Snake River High senior who plans to attend the Univ. of Utah in the fall, was chosen Miss Pocatello JACL at a colorful coronation ball held at the New Blackfoot Armory on Mar. 22. Pamela Taniyama was named as alternate.

Handling the emcee chores was local chapter contest chairman Masa Tsukamoto. Mrs. Ida Hanaki designed the crown, which featured the letters JACL in front. Decorating the throne were Kunio Yamada, Mitzi Yamauchi, Edythe Okamura, Nancy Morimoto and Mary Ann Yoden.

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY:**

**San Fernando Clers re-elect Nakagiri**

Dr. Charles Corbeen served as main speaker at the installation dinner of the San Fernando Valley JACL held Mar. 15 at the Kawafuku Restaurant in Li'l Tokio. He spoke on "Mental Hygiene as It is Today" and had substituted for Steve Abe, who has completed his psychological study on Nisei personality.

Kay Nakagiri, who was re-elected chapter president, will be assisted by Henry Ogimachi, 1st v.p. (memb.); George Shibuya, 2nd v.p. (comm.); Chiyo Yamamoto, 3rd v.p. (social); Harry Otsuki, treas.; Flora Komatsu, rec. sec.; Satsuki Kubota, cor. sec.; Hilda Imai, Tom Endow, Kats Hazama, dels.

Chiyo Yamamoto was in charge of the traditional affair.

**SAN FRANCISCO:**

**CULINARY PROGRAM SET FOR S.F. AUXILIARY**

An interesting culinary program is being planned by the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary on April 10. Chairman for this program, Mrs. Mary Negi, has arranged with the Pacific Gas and Electric to have a home economist show colored films and lecture on two popular topics, "Party Fare and Flair" and "Tricks and Treats with Portable Appliances".

This meeting will be held at the Japanese Church of Christ, 1500 Post St., from 8 p.m. Other committee chairmen assisting Mrs. Negi are Mrs. Fudge Sato, refreshment; Lucy Adachi, reception.

**COMMITTEEMEN FOR HI-CO CONFERENCE HAIL FROM 22 SOUTHLAND SCHOOLS**

Students from 22 high schools and colleges in Los Angeles and Orange counties are serving on the Hi-Co Conference committee, according to co-chairmen Bert Yamasaki and Grace Okuno, as they prepare for the April 12-13 weekend at the Presbyterian Conference Grounds in Pacific Palisades.

On the committees are: Public Relations — Jean Yabuki, Nancy Omata, Al Tanabe, Carole Oishi, Alice Okamoto, Diane Morishita, Fred Date, George Chogyoji, Kuni Okinata, Brenda Sone.

Finance and Registration — Frank Kawase, Judi Sakimoto, Jean Takido, Rhoda Okuno, Evelyn Nagamatsu.

Program — Jane Asari, May Shinomiya, Joyce Asari, Hank Yamada, Lily Inadomi.

Transportation — Dave Tamura, Yas Uveda, Roy Fujimoto, Norman Higo.

General Arrangements — June Hashimoto, Mary Helen Fukuda. Brochure — Al Eddow, Angela Kuroiwa, Betty Nakasora. Evaluation — Jean Shinoda.

Advising the committee are Bill Marumoto, first Hi-Co conference chairman; Roy Iketani, PSWDC vice-chmn.; and Blanche Shiosaki.

**Ex-D.C. president weds**

WASHINGTON.—Noralie Fletcher of New York and John Katsu, 1954 president of the Washington, D.C., JACL, were married Jan. 31 at the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church here.

**CALIFORNIA VOTERS REGISTRATION NOTICE**

Deadline for voters registration in the June 3 primaries will be Thursday, April 10, it was reminded this week by the So. Calif. JACL Regional Office. Newly naturalized citizens must be naturalized at least 90 days prior to the date of the election, it was added.

**PAC. NORTHWEST DISTRICT READY FOR APRIL MEET**

PORTLAND.—Blossom time in the Hood River valley will be the atmosphere for the delegates of seven chapters comprising the Pacific Northwest District Council, when it meets April 20 at the Hood River Hotel.

The Mid-Columbia JACL, serving as hosts for the spring quarterly session, has extended an invitation to all JACLers to enjoy the festivities being planned, chapter president Noboru Hamada noted. Special sightseeing tour and fishing trip will be arranged by George Nakamura, Rt. 1 Box 970, Hood River, by previous contact, it was added.

With Henry Kato of Gresham-Trousdale, PNDC chairman, presiding, the business session will be held in the hotel cafe starting at 10 a.m. Reports from chapter presidents, national JACL director Mas Satow and district council officers are listed on the agenda.

The status of the Columbia Basin and Spokane chapters will be discussed. Both have been inactive in recent years, though several current 1000 Club members reside in these areas.

Delegates will also be advised on the progress of national convention plans.

Kato hopes that all necessary business would be discussed and finished by the early afternoon so that official delegates, too, may enjoy a special sightseeing trip.

**POCATELLO:**

**Issei Night hailed by many as success**

Issei of the Pocatello-Blackfoot area were honored at a banquet recently sponsored by the Pocatello JACL. "Totemo omoshirokatta" was the general enthusiastic comment for this affair, appropriately titled Issei Night. A delicious smorgasbord, thoroughly enjoyed by all, was followed by a snappy program of odori, vocal numbers and group singing.

The largest crowd of late was on hand to witness this highly successful event. The membership literally turned out en masse to lend full support and show genuine appreciation to the Issei. Thanks go to Masako Endow for her spirited advance ticket sales.

Ayako Konma and her crew of JACLyns were commended for the terrific work in setting up this social. They added a neat personal touch by having each Nisei personally invite, like a sponsor-type deal, an Issei and chaperoned them to and from the Colonial Inn.

The cozy, homespun atmosphere of the Colonial Inn in Blackfoot and owners Chuck and Sally did a bang-up job in making this one of the best for the year. All-in-all it will be an event that will go down in Pocatello chapter history as a BIG success.

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# 15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA  
Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

Salt Lake City

## Who's who of the Convention Board . . .

We have been holding weekly meetings for the past couple of months, attempting to shape up the various committees in order that we might be able to determine the package-deal very soon. I would briefly like to introduce the faithful members on the Convention board, who have been doing double duty, serving for both the chapter and convention boards. ICHIRO DOI is the assistant chairman as well as having served as chapter president for the past two years. TOMOKO YANO, whose story was told in PC Holiday Issue as the old timer who was Mike Masaoka's recording secretary back in 1938, is again recording secretary for the Convention Board as well as chapter corresponding secretary. She is presently employed as secretary to the U.S. Civil Service Commission, and mother to a handsome teen-aged son Kent. GRACE KASAI has a host of jobs in JACL: a supervisory committee member of Credit Union, chapter treasurer, and corresponding secretary to Convention Board. She has also been active in bowling, having been elected treasurer to Pal-D-Mar Ladies Bowling League, and assists her hubby pay for their beautiful new home on Foothill Drive by working as secretary to Chief of Benefits, Utah Dept. of Employment Security. KAY TERASHIMA, who is doubling as finance chairman and treasurer, has a background from ten years back when he served as our Tenth Biennial finance chairman and was also National JACL treasurer. Kay is one of our few Salt Lakers holding the sapphire pin and a charter member of 1000 Club. An accountant, he is currently serving as Chapter 1000 Club chairman. He has three teen-aged children. His oldest son, Paul, has been an outstanding basketball star, taking after his tall father in stature. They are all staunch members of the Buddhist Church and Sonen-kai. Historian KAZUKO TERASAWA is the English section editor of Utah Nippo and is an old stand-by in the community. SUE KANEKO, secretary to the Convention Board Chairman, has been of invaluable assistance, as she keeps all files and records in order for our meetings, and pinch hits in the absence of the regular recording secretary in addition to her own duties. You will recall Sue in the last Holiday Issue as the most valuable member of 1956. She is a secretary for the Greater American Insurance Co. and has been an indispensable member of the firm, according to her boss.



1957 CHAPTER SCRAPBOOK  
Steve Mayeno (left), Kathy Sugimoto and Kango Kunitsugu

## 'Ichiban' Scrapbook, by Kathy

BY KATS KUNITSUGU

Not all historian's books need be dull, prosaic and routine scrapbooks. Proof of this was offered at the recent Pacific Southwest District Council chapter clinic meeting in Long Beach when the Southwest Los Angeles JACL, which always likes to travel "Ichiban" class, unveiled its historian's book for the past year before the pop-eyed, open-mouthed "Chapter of the Year" committee.

A veritable tome measuring about 2 x 2 1/2 feet, and weighing about 20 pounds (well, it takes two to carry it), the book is a chronological account of the ICBG chapter's myriad activities for the year in newspaper clippings and snapshots. It is the result of the combined efforts of historian Kathy Sugimoto and official photographer Steve K. Mayeno to go

beyond the call of duty in producing what can be called a work of art without injustice to the word.

Miss Sugimoto, who has had some art training, admitted that the book consumed not a little of her time but added that "I enjoyed making it."

Mayeno, who provided all his personal equipment, considerable time (often into the early morning hours) and much expense in taking pictures at all chapter doings, was lauded by former president Kango Kunitsugu for his unselfish and devoted efforts on behalf of the chapter. The personable member has had to cut down his activities quite a bit in recent months because of illness.

Loathe to see the efforts of two such talented and hard-working members relegated to an obscure corner in the JACL office, Kunitsugu said he will take the book to the coming national convention at Salt Lake City for display before all the delegates.

Regarding the book, "Chapter of the Year" committee chairman tion of the award by remarking that "perhaps Southwest Los Angeles should get an award for the best presentation before the committee or something!"

## UNIV. OF CHICAGO FIELD HOUSE JUDO MEET SITE

CHICAGO.—The Univ. of Chicago Field House will be the locale of the sixth National AAU Judo Championship Tournament on April 12 and 13, under sponsorship of the Chicago Judo Yudansha Kai.

The five previous National AAU judo championships have been held on the West Coast or in Hawaii. Through the efforts of Masato Tamura, president, and other officers of the Chicago Yudansha Kai, it was felt that the local organization could sponsor a national tournament.

Chicago claims several top ranking judoists who have participated in tournaments all over the world. John Osako of Chicago Judo Club was the light heavyweight winner in 1955 and heavyweight winner and national all-event grand champion in 1956. He has participated in tournaments in Japan as well as Europe.

## Basketball queen

SALT LAKE CITY. — Kim Nishijima, 20, of Salt Lake City was crowned queen of the 23rd annual Nisei Invitational basketball tournament last week on the eve of the three-day tournament. She was among candidates selected for Miss Salt Lake JACL (see Feb. 7 PC).

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## Hollywood JACL may field midget baseball team

A meeting of parents and boys interested in organizing a team in the Optimist-sponsored Midget Baseball League (boys, 9-12) is being called by the Hollywood JACL for April 10, 8 p.m., at the Hollywood Japanese Community Center, 3929 Middlebury St. Additional information may be obtained from Hide Izumo, chapter president, Nob Ishitani or Mike Suzuki.

## METHODIST NISEI WOMEN SLATE ANNUAL MEETING

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Pacific Japanese Provisional Conference (Methodist Churches) will hold its eighth annual meeting April 12 at the West Los Angeles Community Church. Keynote speaker will be Mrs. Arthur L. Young, regional secretary of missionary education, on the theme, "March of the Missions".

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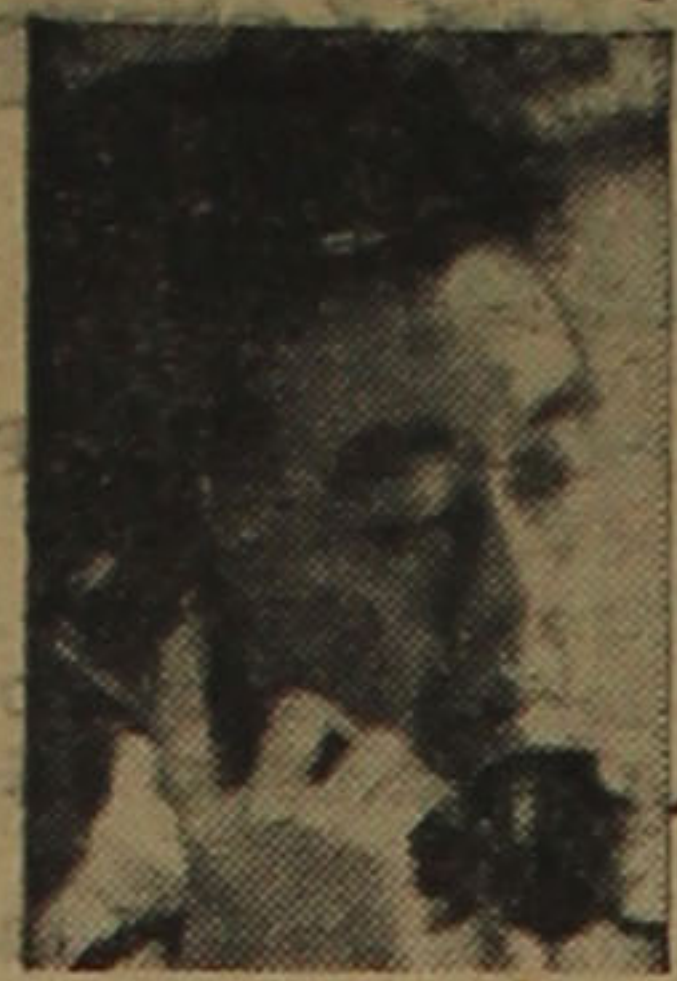
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# Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

## BIRTHDAY FIESTAS AT HOME

Last Sunday was Bennett's fifth birthday and the household was filled with kids of all ages, cousins and their playmates and what-have-you (the adult relatives). The afternoon ham dinner party with cake, punch and ice cream lasted four hours, during which time Dana, second heir to the Mori Million, played the role of an overseer. He made himself known by helping Bennett blow out the five candles, while uncle Mas took pictures of the restless youngsters. Up since six that morning, Dana "entertained" everyone with his cute antics of a child of better than two years.

But each year, time takes toll of birthday patrons at the house. Bennett's cousin on Mary's side, Toshio Tanaka, decided to help his dad at the store, so he was absent. He's growing up. However in his place came Kim, from Whittier, who is four months old. She's the latest cousin addition for Bennett and Dana on birthday party exchanges.

But we, for one, think that today's youngsters are being overspoiled. Maybe it's because we are from a small family without relatives. Few Issei have so long a string of next-of-kin in this country.

We recall nothing like Sunday's party when we were five years old. We do remember a five buck gold piece the old man gave us for present and it was converted into a savings at the bank. Aside from that, there was certainly no hoopla, cake or candy for the poor family.

Now-a-days, low finance has nothing to do with passing up of a party for the sake of family's budget. It's like a big tide that overwhelms you. It simply starts with "Daddy I'm going to be five pretty soon," and ends with telephone invitations to all his friends. You just can't win.

George Izumi, of Grace Pastry Shoppe, as in the past, gave Bennett a big, beautifully decorated cake enough for several servings around—the kind that just melts in your mouth. George, we'll just have to buy you a yacht someday.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Ah, youth must be a wonderful thing!

The Southwest L.A. JACL people are going to color some 1,500 eggs tomorrow night at Centenary Methodist Church, starting at 8 p.m. and top the project off with a dance. Then, on Sunday the boys and girls will trek to Rancho La Cienega Play, ground near Rodeo Road and La Brea Ave. to hide them for the annual Easter egg hunt for kiddies under 10 years of age.

Joe Yasaki, state deputy attorney general by profession, is doing wonderful publicity work for the chapter as its public relations man.

He's reported that the hunt starts at 2 p.m. And to give the children an equal break, the hunters will be divided into two groups according to their age.

Last year, 1,200 eggs were hidden under shrubbery, bushes, benches and approximately 130 kids picked it up in a matter of an hour. There were naturally twice that many adults, escorting the participants.

This Sunday, among the 1,500 eggs will be five colored in gold. "Special prizes will be given to the lucky finders of these golden eggs," reports Yasaki.

George Fujita is special events chairman, handling the hunt, with Maybelle Higa and Kathie Sugawara helping him as co-chairmen.

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### BIRTHS

**LOS ANGELES**  
KURASHIGE, Akira (Elsie Saito)—girl, Jan. 15.  
MIYA, George (Mary F. Mori)—girl, Jan. 13.  
MORIMOTO, Massaki (Sachiko Higa)—boy, Jan. 13.  
SASAKI, Tatsuo (Sachiko Hashii)—boy, Jan. 18.  
TAWA, Will (Carol Mori)—girl, Jan. 16.  
TOMITA, Katsunori (Yoshie Tanida)—boy, Jan. 18.  
VIVEIROS, Alfred (Sally Nagata)—boy, Jan. 17.  
WADA, Teruo (Mariko Iwata)—boy, Jan. 16.  
YOSHIOKA, Hideo (Jne Yoshimura)—boy, Jan. 8.

### ORANGE COUNTY

SUZUKI, Clarence (Thelma Rokuhara)—girl, Jan. 15 Garden Grove.  
**MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY**  
HASEGAWA, Tom—girl, Feb. 5, Yuba City.  
KAMADA, Masaru T.—boy, Feb. 8, Chico.  
KINOSHITA, Tom—girl, Feb. 24, Yuba City.  
TOKUNAGA, Clark—boy, Nov. 23, Marysville.

### OREGON

MISHIRO, Terry—girl Tracy R., Jan. 7, Portland.  
SHIGETA, George—boy, Feb. 14, New Plymouth.

### SEATTLE

AMANO, Herbert—boy, Feb. 14.  
HIRANO, Ute—girl, Jan. 28.  
ITO, Kenneth K.—boy, Feb. 24.  
KASEGUMA, Shigeki—boy, Feb. 21.  
KATAYAMA, Terry—boy, Jan. 23.  
KODAMA, Kinichi—girl, Feb. 12.  
SHIBUYA, Tak—boy, Feb. 6.  
TAKAMURA, Zinsei—girl, Feb. 10.  
TODA, Jiro—boy, Feb. 14.  
WATANABE, George—girl, Feb. 7, Kent.  
WATAOKA, Shoji—boy, Jan. 26.

### BOISE

IMAI, Shiro—boy Randy Mitsuo, Jan. 30.  
KAWAHARA, Harry—girl, Feb. 16, Caldwell.  
OTANI, Ken—girl, Dec. 27, Parma.  
YASUDA, Kay—boy Roger K., Feb. 18, Wilder.

### DENVER

NIKAI, Dave—girl.  
YEDO, Joseph—girl.  
YAMADA, Arito—boy.

### NEW YORK

KUROKAWA, Edward—girl Aiko, Feb. 6.

### ENGAGEMENTS

FUKUHARA - MORIWAKI — Yvonne to Giichi, both Chicago.  
HIROTA-KAMI — Joyce, San Francisco, to Saburo, Berkeley.  
KATAYAMA - UMEMOTO — Emory to David, both Berkeley.  
KAWANO - YASUMOTO — Suzuko, Kingsburg, to Takeo, Del Rey.  
KUROSE-ODA — Rose, Layton, Utah, to Norman, Dinuba.  
MIKAWA - YAMAGUCHI — Louise, Kersey, Colo., to Bill, Brighton.  
NAKAGAWA - MURATA — Kay, El Cerrito, to Tom, San Francisco.  
NAKAMURA-DOI — Lily to Richard, both Fresno.  
OKAMI-FAGAWA — Sayori, Pueblo, to Yoshiaki, Denver.  
SHIMAI - YOSHIMURA — Terry to Kazumi, both Chicago.  
TOMITA - UCHIHARA — Grace to Kiyoshi, both Chicago.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

ALVARADO - UEHARA — Manuel and Dorothy, both San Francisco.  
ARIYASU - MENDA — Bob H. and Joan H., both Sacramento.  
CASTILLO - HATTORI — Jose and Helen Chieko, both Oakland.  
DOIOKA-SOGA — Mar. 21 Noboru, San Francisco, and Yasuko, San Jose.  
FUJIMOTO-KAWAHARA — Donald, Oakland; Florence M., Palo Alto.  
FUJITANI - KAYA — Donald, Honolulu; Lillian, Berkeley.  
HAWRISCH-TSUJI — Alex, 37; Nina, 20, both San Francisco.  
ISHII - YAMAMOTO — Takashi, 23, Portland; Ichiko, 21, Seattle.  
KAWABATA - SHIMA — Shiyoji, 30, Tacoma; Nobuyee, 22, Seattle.  
KIMURA - YAMAGUCHI — Noriaki, 48; Mitsuko, 35, both Seattle.  
KIYAMA - MURAI — Glenn I., Sacramento; Suzuyee, Berkeley.  
KUROSAKI - YAMANAKA — Bob, 31; Akie M., 29, both Seattle.  
LEMN-HASEGAWA — William and Luella, both San Francisco.  
MASUDA-FONG — Richard, Ione; Charlotte, Sacramento, at Reno.  
MASURA - HIRABAYASHI — Ken, Newcastle; Teruko, Penryn.  
McCORMICK - SAKAHARA — Neil, 39; Kazuko, 30, both Seattle.  
MIYAKUSU - NOSHIMA — Tom. Cupertino; Carol, San Jose.  
NISHIDA - MORIMOTO — Tsunetaro, 27, Madoko, 29, both Seattle.  
NISHIKAWA - KAWAKAMI — George Sacramento; Hime, San Francisco.  
NISHIO-HIRANO — Kazuhiko, Hamilton, O.; Sachiko, San Francisco.  
OZEKI-SATO — Toshio, 27; Kyoko, 28, both San Francisco.  
SAKURAI - ISHIKAWA — Hiroshi, 31; Ranko J., 26, both Oakland.  
SATA - SAKAGUCHI — Jun and Michio, both San Francisco.  
SEO - KING — Takeo and Delora, both Fresno.  
SHIBAO - KIYOTA — Charles, Brighton; Delores, Denver.  
SPERBER - ISHIKAWA — Lewis W. and Kikuko, both Berkeley.  
TAKEMORI - ARASE — Masaki, Elk Grove; Midori, Fair Oaks.  
TANIGUCHI - YAMASAKI — Toshio, Fresno; Michiko, Fowler.  
TIMMERMAN - MORITA — Dean R., and Lily Y., both San Jose.  
TOMIMATSU - HONDA — Louis, San Jose; Janet, 24, San Francisco.  
TSUJI - KIMOTO — George and Emiko, both Parlier.  
YUKI - YOSHIDA — Richard and Joyce M., both Sacramento.

### WEDDINGS

George S., Hayward; Nancy K., San Francisco.  
FUJIKAWA - NAKAMOTO — Feb. 17, Shigeo, Homedale, Idaho; Frieda H., Jamison, Ore.  
HARADA-IKUMA — Feb. 16, Jimmy, Del Rey; Toshiko, Sanger.  
INOUE - FUJITA — Feb. 22, Yukio and Nobuko, both Fresno.  
KANADA - SASAKI — Feb. 14, Robert Hawaii; Shirley, Portland.  
NII - MORIMOTO — Feb. 2, Frank and Yaeko, both Dinuba.



Nancy Ikeda reigns as Miss Yellowstone JACL. At right is Ikue Fujimoto, alternate. And to her left is Mary Lee Raybould, 1956 Rexburg queen, who was one of the judges.

## Nancy Ikeda Is 'Miss Yellowstone'

BY MARY HIKIDA

Nancy Ikeda was named "Miss Yellowstone JACL" at the chapter coronation banquet held Mar. 8 at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Rexburg, Idaho. On the judging committee were Mary Lee Raybould (Miss 1956 Rexburg), local radio announcer Jim Clawson and local businessman Keith Peterson.

Selection was based upon beauty, poise, charm and personality. Miss Ikeda will represent the Yellowstone JACL in the Miss National JACL queen contest to be held at Salt Lake City tomorrow.

Miss Ikeda received a trophy and a \$25 savings bond. The runner-up, Miss Ikue Fujimoto, received a trophy and jewelry.

The Coronation Banquet was termed a huge success due to the support and attendance of Caucasian members and friends of this small chapter whose total membership numbers 60. Over 120 people who attended were served an Oriental menu featuring chow mein and sushi as main courses. Food was prepared and served by the ladies of the chapter. Spring flowers and Kokeshi dolls decorated the tables.

Banquet entertainment was presented under the direction of Mary Miyasaki with chapter president, Tommy Miyasaki as emcee. It included a vocal solo by Jim Clawson, accompanied by Mrs. Clawson; flute solo by Kay Fujimoto,

### WEST LOS ANGELES:

#### AUXILIARY IN INITIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE BID

As its initial service to the community, the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary has decided to sponsor Brownie Troop 923 with Mrs. Steve Yagi serving as organizational representative.

The Auxiliary, which held its second organizational meeting on Mar. 17 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Sonoda, was called to order by Mrs. Milton Inouye, temporary chairman. Brief reports from Mrs. Nobo Ikuta on the WLA Coordinating Council, from Mrs. Frank Kishi on the Human Relations meeting, and from Ruth Miyada on its constitution and by-laws were made.

Mrs. Rex Wray, president of the WLA Coordinating Council, will address the next meeting, April 21, at the home of Miss Miye Yoshimori on the functions of the group and suggest effective methods of participation in community service. The council is formed of local area PTA, church, service, civic and special groups.

The March meeting was concluded by a showing of slides of Europe by Suki Uyeno. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Chuck Shishido, Mrs. Sueo Hirashima and Tayeko Isono.

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# Washington

NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

## Easter Recess

Washington, D.C.

**THE TRADITIONAL EASTER** recess for the Congress began yesterday and will continue for ten days until April 14. This 10-day recess marks the halfway point in this current session which began last January in an emergency atmosphere created by Soviet Russia's successful launching of the first earth's satellites.

Thus far, Congress has not accomplished too much in writing legislation, with most of the headlines taken over by spectacular investigations into labor-management relations and influence-peddling in the independent agencies.

Fear over Soviet scientific advances has been replaced recently by fear over the nation's economic wellbeing.

For a time, there was some discussion that Congress might forego the Easter recess this year because there was so much to do on general public legislation dealing with military preparedness, education, reciprocal trade, foreign aid, unemployment, farm surpluses, etc.

But, congressmen decided that they needed to go back home to determine "grass roots" sentiment on what needs and should be done to stop the recession and restore prosperity. They also wanted to find the answers to such controversial measures as tariff-trade and mutual security policies.

Most of all, however, they wanted to repair their political fences and prepare for the primaries and November elections. While they had to remain in Washington, prospective opponents were taking advantage of the situation to advance their own candidacies. This Easter recess would provide them with some opportunity to not only catch up on the campaigns but also to sound out their constituents on their reactions to the great and grave issues confronting the Congress.

When they return, the legislative wheels can be expected to turn faster as the Congress buckles down to its second-half challenges. There is much to be accomplished if the Congress hopes to adjourn early in the summer to return to the hustings to campaign for either reelection to their present posts or to some higher responsibilities.



## Civil Rights Commission

**THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION** authorized last summer by the Congress has approved in principle an organizational chart which shows that the Commission staff will be divided into five sections under staff director George M. Tiffany, New Hampshire nominee of presidential assistant Sherman Adams, who is yet to be confirmed by the Senate.

The Commission's assignment as spelled out in the 1957 Act is to investigate sworn complaints that voting rights have been violated because of race, study legal developments that deprive persons of the equal protection of the laws, and appraise the adequacy of existing civil rights legislation.

The five sections thus far approved are:

1. Reports and analysis, the front office public contact of about a dozen employees who would receive and answer all communications, including complaints, and channel them to the experts.

2. Survey, the field men who would investigate complaints and other matters the Commission may deal with. The plan is to have five three-man teams with a lawyer and two legmen in each.

3. Legal, a dozen or so lawyers including six who would be legal assistants to each of the Commissioners. They would check complaints to determine whether voting laws had been violated and would make studies of the adequacy of existing laws and developments depriving persons of their civil rights.

4. Secretariat, a liaison group of two or three persons maintaining contact between the Commission, staff, citizens advisory groups, and special consultants.

5. Planning and research, a group of perhaps a dozen students of civil rights problems, probably educators, who would study areas in which the Commission could make a contribution and get people around the country interested in helping.



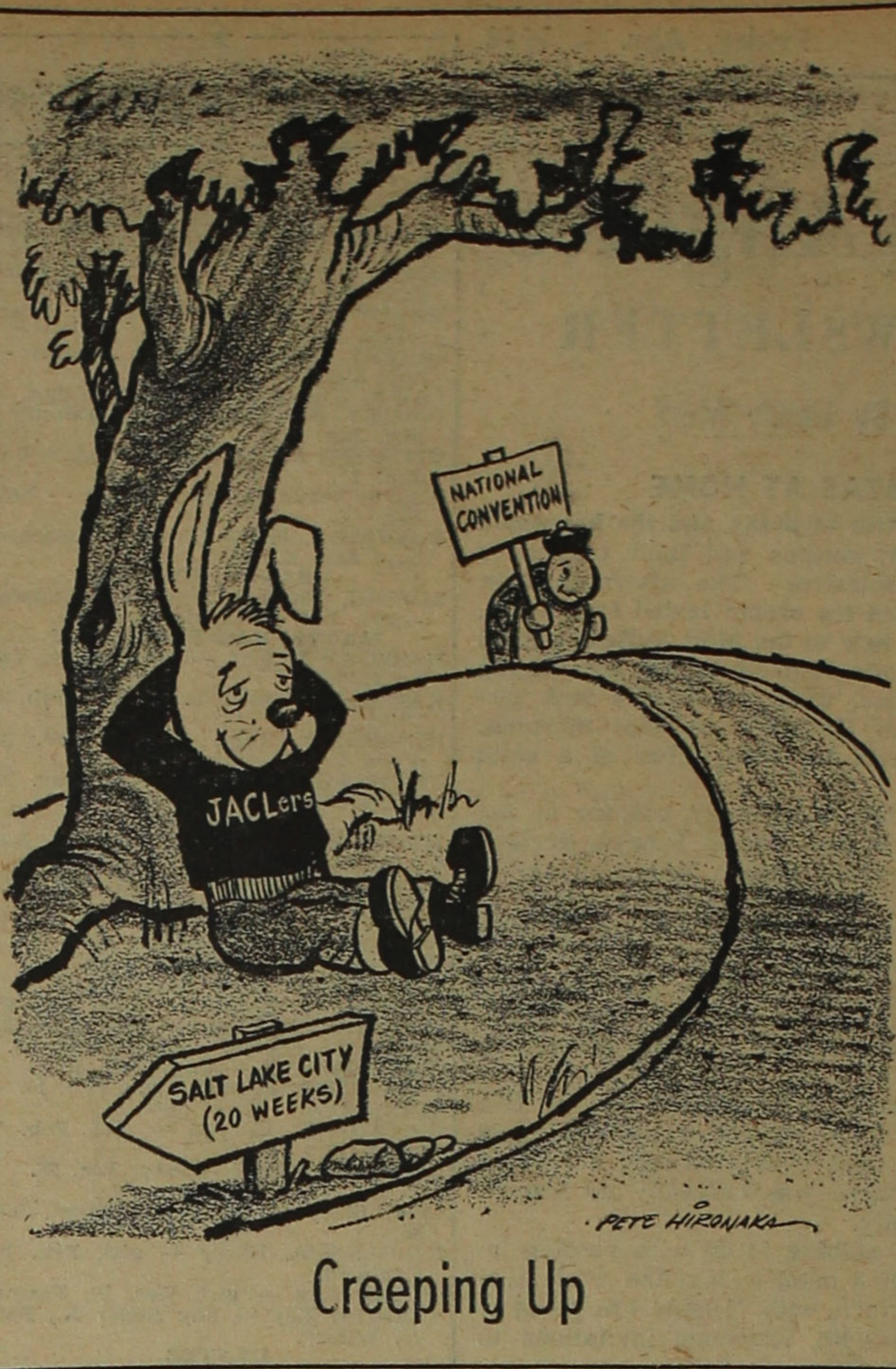
**IN SPITE OF** these detailed plans that in themselves were long overdue, the Commission still hasn't got off the ground as far as real work is concerned. The President didn't get around to appointing members of the Commission until late last year and Staff Director Tiffany until last month. The Senate has approved of the Commission members, but not its Staff Director as yet. And, until he is confirmed, the real work of the Commission can't begin.

Then too, its principle task is to investigate voting violations and elections won't be held until later this spring and summer for the primaries and until November for the congressional and state posts.

There's also the problem of appropriations. The President requested a budget of \$750,000 for the Commission, starting July 1, the new fiscal year, but the House Appropriations Committee deleted the item because of controversy over the Commission's operations that may be allayed now that firm plans for the Commission are outlined.

All in all, some suspicious souls are hinting that Congress isn't really interested in implementing the first Civil Rights Act passed in some 80 years by authorizing the Commission to carry out its mandated responsibilities. The slowness in considering the appointments, first of the Commission members and now of the Staff Director, by the Senate and the failure to include the necessary appropriations in the White House budget are cited as examples.

Whatever the reasons, the cause of civil rights is not being advanced and it should be noted that by law the Commission itself must report to Congress next year.



Creeping Up

## POCATELLO SANSEI HELPS RID TEXTBOOK USING DEROGATORY TERM IN STORY

BY RONALD YOKOTA

**POCATELLO.**—A forthright plea to the Idaho governor that revealed the use of "Jap" in a prior high school textbook to be "very embarrassing" resulted in the publisher's immediate reassurance that "Jap" does not reappear in future printing of any of their textbooks.

Pocatello JACL chapter president Novo Kato had written on Mar. 7 that an eighth-grade textbook, "Adventures for Readers" published in 1950 by Harcourt, Brace & Co., contained "Jap" 11 times in the story, "The Chinese Have Something" on page 246.

"To many Americans, the word 'Jap' is construed as merely an abbreviation of the word Japanese, but to the Nisei and all the Japanese people, it is a very obnoxious and humiliating term that we are striving to eliminate," Kato explained to Gov. Robert E. Smylie.

"The Japanese American Citizens League is at the present time conducting a nation-wide campaign to prevent the usage of this objectionable word as a contribution towards preservation of human dignity and the betterment of international relationships.

"We feel that schools should set the highest examples, and it is a disgrace to the educational system of Idaho to allow such an article to appear in the public schools," Kato wrote.

While Kato was only seeking advice on how to clear the matter, the governor had forwarded the letter to Alton B. Jones, state superintendent of public instruction, for his attention.

It appears the governor's good offices carried the ball to a successful and hasty settlement of the protest. A week later (Mar. 13), Kato was told by Jones that his protest had been forwarded to the publishers. "This office will most certainly recommend that correction be made," suggesting also that Kato write to the publishing firm.

On the following week, Mar. 20, Harcourt, Brace & Co. informed Kato; "You can be certain that we share your views as to the undesirability of using the word 'Jap', and that in compiling literature anthologies for high school use, we screen all material for embarrassing references of this kind. You can also be certain that we will do our best to see that the word 'Jap' does not appear in any future printing of any of our textbooks."

The publishers also explained the story in question was in its 1947 edition and then omitted in its two

subsequent editions. If and when the 1947 edition is reprinted, the plates would be changed to eliminate "Jap", the publishers assured Kato.

The 1950 edition, in which Sharon Kato, eighth-grade student, found the objectionable term after the story had been assigned, is no longer on the state Adopted Textbook List, according to Malcom Allred, textbook supervisor for the Idaho Dept. of Education.

Local district school officials were cooperative in the matter of handling the JACL protest. The Pocatello school superintendent, in the meantime, was to meet with principals to cancel the use of the lesson.

The chapter had also alerted P-TA units and favorable results have been reported this past week.

Since the issue first came to light locally in the Pocatello JACL Newsletter early last month, incidents are now being told where "Sansei" pupils called usch stories to the attention of their teachers who then avoided the derogatory story.

The rapidity of events which marks this story was most heartening and memorable, when one recalls the time involved when the "Firelight Reader" used in Delano, Calif., was found to contain the objectionable word and eventually settled. Certainly, not three weeks.

### Credit union shares guaranteed up to \$10,000

**CHICAGO.**—Shareholder deposits in the Chicago JACL Credit Union are guaranteed up to \$10,000 as credit union president Lincoln Shimidzu revealed at its recent board meeting that the organization was officially accepted by the Share Guarantee Corp.

"This not only continues our policy of more service to our members, but attests to the sound status of our Credit Union, as our books were put through an audit for this purpose," Shimidzu explained.

### Record 'kankodan' group

Henry Hashimoto of Asia Travel Service has surpassed a previous "kankodan record" by leading 85 passengers last week for a spring tour of Japan via Pan American airway, which added an extra DC-7C flight for the group. Included in the group were members of the So. Calif. Japanese Women's Association led by Mrs. Sachiko Furusawa, reported Ted Kojima, PAA sales representative.

## NAACP praised for stemming Commie inroads by FBI

**NEW YORK.**—The NAACP has been praised for turning back Communist party efforts to "infiltrate" it, in J. Edgar Hoover's recently published book, "Masters of Deceit."

The director of the FBI summarizes NAACP counteractions against Communist participation from the Scottsboro case in 1931 through the "Prayer Pilgrimage" last May 17.

The Communist party, Hoover asserted, "has made vigorous efforts to infiltrate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People."

"The Association's National leadership," he said, "has vigorously denounced Communist attempts at infiltration" and the organization in 1950 "authorized its board of directors to revoke the charter of any chapter found to be Communist-controlled."

Hoover's book subtitled: "The Story of Communism in America and How to Fight it," gives examples illustrating, he said, how the NAACP and Negro Americans generally have repulsed Communists. He cited action taken at an NAACP meeting in Norfolk, Va., as one of the most effective anti-Communist measures I have heard of . . .

## Vested property—

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contended, and suggested that another gratuitous propaganda weapon had been presented to the enemies of America both within and without Japan.

Masaoka expressed hope that Congress would rectify the grave Administration error by returning vested property to both German and Japanese owners.

The Washington JACL Office now is preparing letters outlining JACL's views for submission to the appropriate congressional committees.



## CALENDAR

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- Apr. 5 (Saturday)
  - IDC — 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. 7 (Monday)
  - Pocatello — Auxiliary meeting.
  - Hollywood — Midget Baseball organizational meeting, Hollywood Community Center, 3929 Middlebury St.
  - 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, 2424 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m.
- Apr. 12-13
  - PSWDC — Hi-Co Conference, Presbyterian Conference Grounds, Pacific Palisades.
- Apr. 13 (Sunday)
  - Fremont — Community picnic, Gilroy Hot Spring, 11 a.m.
  - 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."
- Apr. 18 (Friday)
  - Southwest L.A. — "Southwest Fever" dance, Zenda Ballroom.
- Apr. 19 (Saturday)
  - Long Beach — General meeting.
  - D.C. — Potluck Supper, Joppa Lodge Hall, 6 p.m.
- Apr. 20 (Sunday)
  - Cortez — Community picnic.
  - PNWDC — Spring Quarterly, Mid-Columbia JACL hosts, Hood River Hotel, 10 a.m.
  - San Francisco — Auxiliary visitation, Laguna Honda Home.
  - Sanger — Community picnic, Burris Park near Kingsburg.
- Apr. 21 (Monday)
  - West Los Angeles — Auxiliary meeting.
- Apr. 29 (Tuesday)
  - Portland — Political rally.
- Apr. 26 (Saturday)
  - Livingston-Merced — Cortez — Joint chapter bridge night, Livingston Grace Methodist Church.
- Apr. 27 (Sunday)
  - Fresno — Community picnic, Kearney Park.
  - French Camp — Community picnic.
- May 4 (Sunday)
  - PSWDC — Spring Quarterly: San Luis Obispo JACL hosts, Pismo Beach Veterans Memorial Hall, 9 p.m.
  - Livingston-Merced — Annual picnic, Hagaman Park.