

**BY THE BOARD:**

**Recent Supreme Court decisions discussed**

On March 31, 1953, the United States Supreme Court decided a group of three cases which are of particular interest and significance to the JACL since these cases involved various acts which resulted in expatriation of American citizens.

In *Nishikawa vs. Dulles* relating to a Nisei dual national who was drafted into the Japanese army during World War II, the Court held that the burden of proof lay upon the Government to show by "clear, convincing and unequivocal evidence" that the act of the Nisei involved was voluntary in serving in the Japanese army. Where a dual national was conscripted in a totalitarian country, to which conscription law the person was subjected because of his dual nationality, and which conscription laws carried penal sanctions, and moreover where the refusal to subject himself to the draft order would result in severe physical beatings, and, in some instances noted by the Court, in actual death to those who refused to serve, the United States Supreme Court through Chief Justice Warren held that such acts not be considered to be voluntary, and on the record the Government had not established voluntary conduct on the part of Nishikawa, which was the essential of expatriation under Section 401 (c) of the Nationality Act of 1940.

In the companion case of *Trop vs. Dulles*, which interpreted Section 401 (g) of the same Nationality Act, the Court held that the petitioner Trop had not lost his citizenship solely by reason of his conviction and dishonorable discharge for desertion from the armed services of the United States during wartime after conviction on desertion by a military court martial, the Court holding that to denaturalize an American citizen under this section of the Act would be unconstitutional, and cruel and unusual punishment within the meaning of the Eighth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

In the case of *Perez vs. Brownell*, two additional acts of alleged expatriation were considered, Section 401 (e), voting in a political election of a foreign state, and 401 (j), departing from or remaining out of the United States to avoid military service of the United States. In the *Perez* case, the Court held that there was sufficient evidence that the petitioner Perez had voluntarily acted in voting in a political election and that therefore he had, in fact, lost his American citizenship. It was therefore considered unnecessary to decide the other ground of expatriation, namely, Section 401 (j) which related to remaining out of the United States for the purpose of avoiding military service.

Although the constitutional question was raised in all three cases that the Con-

## Senate urged to return all wartime vested property

(JACL News Service) WASHINGTON. — While urging enactment of general legislation to return private wartime sequestered property to former German and Japanese owners, the Japanese American Citizens League called for the rejection of the Administration proposals as discriminatory in that return is recommended only to Germans.

JACL views were included in a letter sent to Chairman Olin D. Johnston, (D., S. C.), of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Trading with the Enemy Act that

has jurisdiction over vested property Washington representative.

It was a follow-up on a letter sent last week to the President protesting the implicit discrimination against the Japanese in the Administration proposals of March 28 that provided for the payment of American war claims against Germany, for the limited return of property to former German owners, and for \$100,000,000 direct appropriations from Congress to finance the program.

"Since our government, during and after World War II, seques-

tered the private property of both Germans and Japanese without discrimination," the JACL letter explained, "so it should now be returned to both Germans and Japanese without distinction. Both were once 'enemies'; now both are valued 'friends'. In this troubled world, we cannot afford to alienate one at the expense of the other."

**Administration Proposal Weak**

The JACL found the Administration proposal to be deficient in many ways.

It found the discrimination property matters, by Mike Masaoka,

against the Japanese to be so offensive that no return at all is to be preferred to a return to Germans only.

It found that the Administration proposals rely on the availability of funds, and ignore the basic principle of the sanctity of private property.

It found that if return is "a matter of grace", there should be no justification for meting out American generosity and magnanimity to one ally, while denying it to the other.

It found that the request for a direct congressional appropriation was ill-advised and inopportune under existing political and economic circumstances.

It found that no definite sums or percentages of return even to Germans alone could be estimated under the Administration proposals, which could mean that even the Germans might not receive "equitable monetary return".

It found that the Administration suggestion of transferring the problem to the German government for administration reasons violated the concept of the inviolability of private property because a return to a government was not a return to an individual. Moreover, it was found that American citizens would be at a disadvantage in prosecuting their claims in foreign courts and against foreign governments.

**Johnston Bill**

The JACL urges that, instead of the discriminatory and inadequate Administration program, Congress

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### LACC '36 graduate in engineering wins first Mike Masaoka-DeVry scholarship

(JACL News Service) CHICAGO. —The winner of the first Mike Masaoka DeVry Institute Scholarship in electronics was announced by the JACL Scholarship Committee last week. He is New Edwin Akimoto, 711 S. Spaulding St., Chicago, employed as a precision grinder in charge of his department at the Central Scientific Co., a major manufacturer of laboratory equipment.

Born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, he moved with his family during his high school years to Los Angeles. He is a 1936 cum laude engineering graduate of Los Angeles City College, where he was a member of the Engineering Honor Society, serving as its secretary and vice-president, and also a member of the Aeronautical Engineering Assn.

One of the experiences Akimoto recalled was working with a Professor Ball in a wind tunnel on an experimental slotted wind model whose characteristics are employed today in modern aircraft.

His experience after graduation was typical of what Nisei college graduates faced during the pre-World War II days. Unable to find employment in his field, he worked in a Los Angeles fruit market.

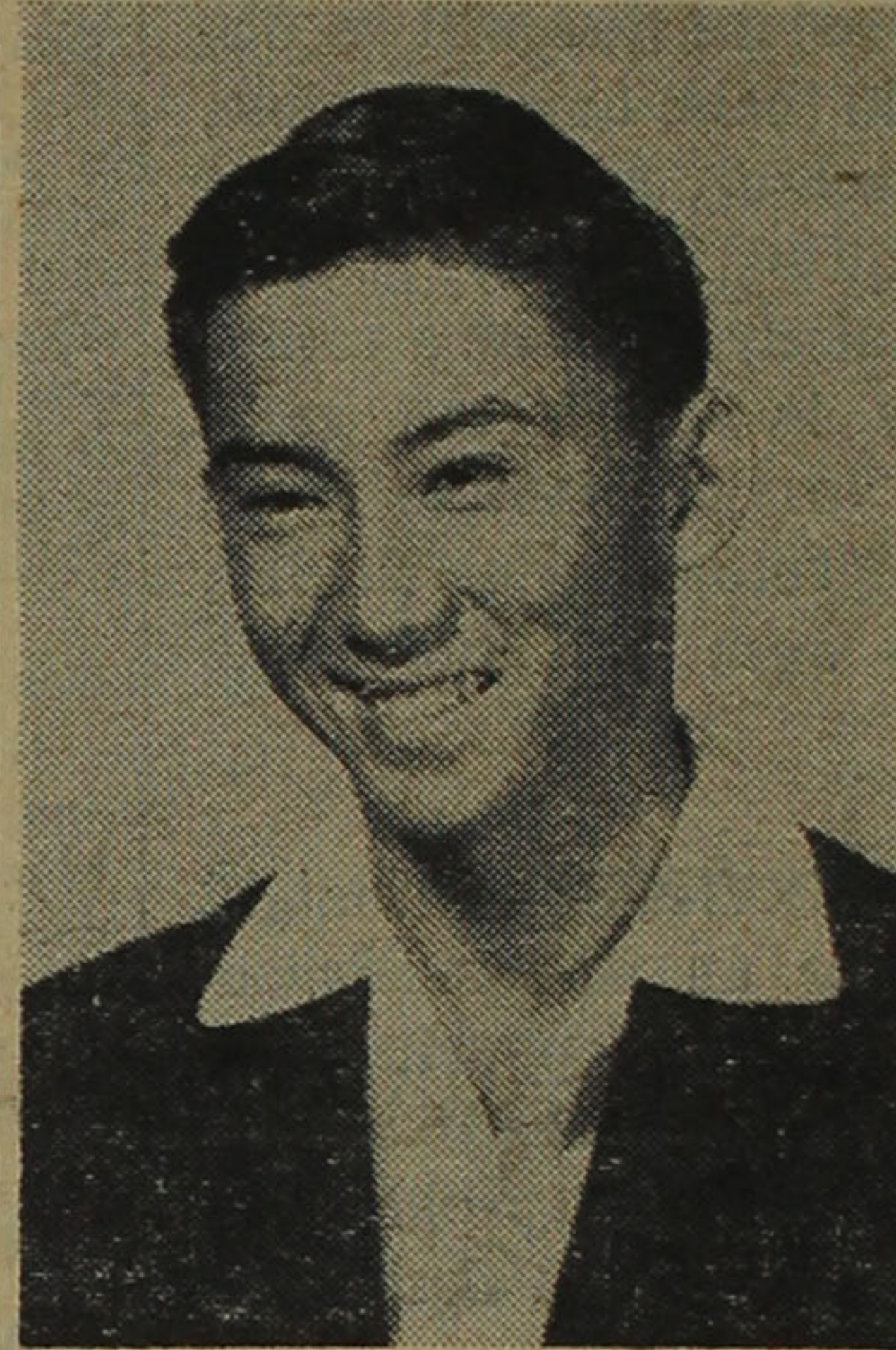
He was evacuated to the Santa Anita Assembly Center and later returned to his native Idaho for a year of farm labor; from there he

moved to Salt Lake City where he was employed as a machinist. He relocated to Chicago in 1944, and for the past 14 years he has been employed by the Central Scientific Co.

His motivation for learning electronics stems from the fact that his firm, having merged with the Consolidated Electrodynamics, is moving into the electronics equipment field. He is certain that the valuable \$425 home-study course given by the DeVry Technical Institute of Chicago in honor of Mike Masaoka and JACL will further his usefulness to his firm.

Akimoto is married to the former Emi Tsujimoto of Utah, a registered nurse at the Illinois Research Hospital. They have two sons, Steven, 10, and Martin, 8. He is a long time JACL member and a Thousand Clubber.

The Committee will announce the opening for applications for the Second Masaoka DeVry Institute Scholarship in electronics on May 1, 1953. Deadline will be July 15, 1953. Thereafter, the scholarship will be offered annually on May 1 during 1959, 1960 and 1961.



While most page boys are appointed for a full session of Congress, Carl Omaye, 17, of Englewood (Fla.) High School was among those selected by Congressman Charles Bennett, who rotates his appointment among high schools of his district with the appointee serving a month. The young Nisei was born in Jacksonville; his father, H. I. Omaye, is a partner with S. Butsumaru, lettuce growers in Georgia.

### New York's law first in nation banning racial, religious bias in private housing

NEW YORK. — The nation's first law forbidding racial and religious discrimination in private housing went into effect here on April 1. About 1,700,000 housing units are affected.

(See Washington Newsletter today, for comments by Mike Masaoka on this subject. — Ed.)

The Commission on Intergroup Relations, municipal unit desig-

nated to administer the law, immediately began the distribution of 25,000 copies of its first educational brochure, "Fair Play in Housing for Every One."

The brochure contained a statement from Mayor Wagner which declared: "As a matter of morality, as well as law, all New Yorkers must have the right to bargain for their shelter in a freely open, competitive housing market."

The new law makes it illegal to refuse to rent private housing to anyone because of religion, race or color. The only exception is one-family and two-family homes, which are exempt except when they are in groups of ten or more.

The Commission on Intergroup Relations plans to send out 150,000 to 200,000 copies of its first brochure—to landlords, civic organizations, consumer groups and parent-teacher associations.

A 12-man review panel will take up housing complaints found valid by the Intergroup Relations Commission after a failure of conciliation by the Commission. Members of the panel are expected to be designated by the mayor within a week. An allocation of \$385,950 to the Intergroup Relations Commission will enable the bureau to increase its staff of 20 to about 50 persons.

### SANSEI 'BLUE BABY' ENTERED IN HOSPITAL

SAN FRANCISCO. — Rodney Taketa, 9, of Hilo, Hawaii, entered Stanford University Hospital here last week for study of a heart condition, a hospital spokesman said.

The study of the child's condition—a "blue baby," insufficient aeration of the blood—will require several days, after which it will be decided whether to perform a heart surgery or not, the official added.

The boy's father George Y. Taketa, accompanied him on funds raised by Club 100, a Japanese American veterans organization.

### EXPECT 500 ISLANDERS TO ATTEND VET REUNION

Report that 400 Islanders have signed up for the 1953 Nisei Veterans Reunion to be held in Los Angeles in late July was made by Paul Bannai and Eddie Shimatsu, who returned from a 10-day speaking tour of the Hawaiian Islands last week.

Although a serious sugar strike affecting the Island's is in effect, the two Los Angeles veterans revealed up to 500 are expected to attend the 15th Anniversary 442nd Reunion here July 26-Aug. 1.

### 800 expected for WYBL conference in L.A.

Over 800 delegates are expected to participate in the 16th annual conference of the western Young Buddhist League at the Statler Hotel here this weekend. Dr. William Enking, fine arts instructor at Pasadena City College, will speak on the "Value in Far Eastern Cultural Heritage" at 1 p.m. tomorrow in keeping with the conference theme of "Buddhist Heritage: Direction for Today".

Other lectures and exhibits are being planned to supplement the theme.

### MIKE IWATSUBO RE-ELECTED FRESNO BETSUN CHAIRMAN

FRESNO. — Mike Iwatsubo was re-elected chairman of the Fresno Buddhist Church board of directors for 1953.

### 442nd glories can help meet challenge of today, vets told

HONOLULU. — "The glories of the past can undergird our morale and our spirits to confront our present difficulties," said keynote speaker Rev. Masao Yamada, former 442nd RCT chaplain at a veterans reunion banquet held here last month commemorating the 15th anniversary of its activation.

"The past can inspire us to risk our lives again to meet the challenge of the present," he urged in his address.

Clarence Taba, president of the club, welcomed more than 500 members and guests Rev. Hiro Higuchi, who also served as chaplain of the combat team during the war, gave the invocation.

Honored guests included Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell and Mrs. Blaisdell and honorary members of the 442nd Veterans Club.

### SINATRA'S JAPANESE VALET READY FOR TOUR

SAN FRANCISCO. — Film star Frank Sinatra, "accompanied only by his Japanese boy Friday—whose name is Mike" is planning a world's tour. Broadway columnist Walter Winchell reported last week.

The Japanese valet is Susumu Imai, formerly of San Francisco, who has been working for Sinatra the past few months. Imai, a naturalized citizen, has worked for many famous Hollywood stars producers and directors. The trip will include stopovers in Hawaii, 10 days in Japan and then around the world via India and Europe.

Imai would be returning to Japan for the first time in 30 years.

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**From the Frying Pan**

By Bill Hosokawa

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**ADVICE**—Schoolmaster Bob Maruyama telephoned the other day to ask for help in setting up a vocational guidance discussion panel for the Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference late this month. Last Sunday, some of the discussion leaders — Nisei who are making a living in various professions — met at Maruyama's place to undertake a little pre-planning. It was a revelation to discover how many vocational fields are represented in even so small a community as Denver.

Here is a partial list of professions that will be discussed by Nisei actually working in them: Law, medicine, pharmacy, engineering, sales, teaching, agriculture, architecture, commercial art, accounting, forestry, government service, journalism. (Incidentally, we saw a rather authoritative nationwide survey in which the great American public was polled as to the prestige it assigned to the various professions. Doctors topped the list, followed by lawyers. Journalists were well down, one notch ahead of morticians.)

**WHY A VOCATIONAL CONFERENCE?** — It might be asked why it is necessary for an all-Nisei-Sansei group to hold a discussion on vocational opportunities. The reason, I suppose, is the feeling, perhaps unconscious, that Japanese Americans still face problems a little bit different than those their Caucasian classmates can expect to encounter.

Come to think of it, it was exactly 25 years ago this spring that I attended my first Nisei student conference. I was just about to get out of high school at long last, I had a vague idea I wanted to study journalism, but had no inkling of the problems that might be faced. As it turned out, neither did the older Nisei who were supposed to be giving us guidance because there wasn't a newspaperman in the lot.

Most speakers, as I recall, were either students a year or two ahead of us (and they certainly impressed us with their superior knowledge) or Caucasians who knew their professions but had no understanding whatever about the problems peculiar to bright-eyed Americans with yellow skin and stiff black hair.

This session that the NICC will hold in Denver this month is a far cry. Within the span of a quarter century the Nisei have won acceptance in virtually every vocational field. Not only acceptance; they've proven themselves to be able, valued, outstanding and sought after. And so the Nisei-Sansei students will be getting the dope straight from the horses' mouths, as it were.

**GENEROSITY** — What's equally encouraging is the number of Nisei who, working through the JACL, are ready to help the students make their conference worthwhile and meaningful. Take fellows like Floyd Tanaka, city planner for the city of Denver. Or Kaz Kanda, engineer employed by the Martin Co., manufacturing the still secret Titan intercontinental ballistic missile. Or Seiji Horiuchi, agricultural consultant, which means he's adviser and trouble-shooter whom individual farmers consult when they run into a technical problem.

They're all busy men and the knowledge they have is valuable. Yet they're taking the time to consult with Nisei-Sansei students. They can provide for free the kind of advice it's impossible to buy.

As for the students, they're to be commended, too, for seeking as much specialized information as they can. It's a wise youngster who realizes that no matter how many years he's been going to school, there's always more that he can learn. Of course the social side of the conference might have something to do with the attendance, too, this being the spring of the year.

**PC Letter Box**

**GIFT SUBSCRIPTION**

Editor: — My husband and I are both Thousand Club members and receive two copies of the Pacific Citizen. I was wondering if it would be my privilege to send my subscription to a friend? If so, please send to Mrs. —

NELLIE S

Ontario, Ore.

(Yes, the extra PC may be sent as a gift subscription to a friend. —Ed.)

Editor: — I have just learned through a letter from your office that I am indebted to the Portland JACL Chapter for receiving copies of the Pacific Citizen.

I want you to know how much I appreciate this gift. I read each issue with great interest, particularly following the activities of the men with whom I served in the Army. Please convey my thanks to (the Portland JACL) membership.

ROBERT Y. THORNTON  
 Oregon Attorney General  
 Salem, Ore.

**NEGROES ON JOBS**

Editor: — With reference to the second and third paragraph of your column (Apr. 11 PC, "Very Truly Yours") in which you state "... the Negro seems to be suffering in no greater proportion than whites generally. . .", in the current economic recession, may I suggest that you read the article entitled "The Unemployed; Younger Men and Negroes Hardest Hit" in the April 11, 1958, issue of U.S. News & World Report, p. 86.

FLORENCE DOBASHI  
 San Francisco.

(Our basis for the statement may have been premature but it was based upon our perusal of the various Negro newspapers, which gave no evidence of alarm over undue numbers of Negro unemployed.—Ed.)

**HOUSING SURVEY DIRECTOR NAMED TO UCLA FACULTY**

BERKELEY — Harry H. Kitano, now with the San Francisco Public School Dept. Child Guidance Center and a candidate for Ph.D. at Univ. of California here in June, has been appointed assistant professor at UCLA's graduate school of social welfare.

He will be leaving here in July to take up his new post. Several years ago, he served as research associate directing a staff which surveyed Nisei housing conditions in the Bay Area.

**Lodi Buddhists set up flood disaster program**

LODI. — With twice as much rainfall this season (over 24 inches as compared with a 13-inch normal at this time of the year) flooding many homes and forcing some Japanese American families to be evacuated recently, the Lodi Buddhist Church has decided that if such an emergency recurs in the future, its premise would be open to families in disaster areas.

Families in need of men to aid in moving household or farm items are expected to call on church members, who have promised assistance.

**Gardena VFW commander**

GARDENA — Tom Yonemura, who served in the Pacific during World War II, has been elected Commander of Fourth District Nisei Memorial Post 1961, succeeding George Kobayashi.

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**Dave Tatsuno honored by San Jose as one of ten 'distinguished citizens'**

SAN JOSE — Dave M. Tatsuno, owner of the N. B. Department store in San Jose and San Francisco and a leader in the YMCA movement locally and regionally, was among 10 persons honored as "Distinguished Citizens" by the city of San Jose recently.

The "Distinguished Citizens" awards were presented by Mayor Robert C. Doerr on behalf of the city at a local Exchange Club luncheon in Hotel De Anza as the first of a series of events during Civic Week, April 1 to 8.

Selections of the recipients were made by a special committee appointed by the San Jose city council. The winners have been chosen from "a long list of nomi-

nees" who have done community service "over and above the call of duty" and embracing all facets of community service, Superior Judge Marshall S. Hall said while reading the qualifications of each nominee.

**Leadership Hailed**

Judge Hall pointed out that each winner had been more than a volunteer — each had assumed posts of leadership.

This is the eighth year such awards have been made as a civic project started in 1950 by the Exchange Club.

Tatsuno has been long active in local YMCA work and was named recently to a national YMCA youth committee.

**Old Japan custom prevails: wife cashes stolen checks at insistence of husband**

WATSONVILLE. — An ancient custom of Japan—that which says a woman shall obey her husband without question—was called on in Watsonville municipal court last week in the case of a 24-year-old war bride.

Mrs. Kikuko Spence was accused of forgery in the issuing and cashing of stolen checks.

She admitted cashing two of the stolen checks in Watsonville but claimed she did so at the insistence of her husband, Irvin Spence, 30, now in jail at Salinas.

In Japan, a woman is bound to obey the every wish of her husband.

After much discussion between Mrs. Kikuko's lawyer, deputy district attorney P. W. Bachan and Judge Charles Franich, the forgery charge was dismissed.

**Lesser Charge**

Bachan, however, filed the lesser charge of petty theft and she pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for one year.

Mrs. Spence, who stands 4-feet 10-inches and doesn't speak good English, told her lawyer she tried to dissuade her husband from making her cash the checks.

In making the plea, the lawyer referred to a seldom-used section of the California penal code which says that a woman cannot be held responsible for her actions which are committed under threat or duress of her husband.

The Spences were married in Japan and she has been in this country three years. She has no previous criminal record, her lawyer said.

It was learned that Spence recently served a year at China state prison on a forgery charge. During this time, Mrs. Spence worked in a Japanese restaurant in Los Angeles.

It is believed she will return to Los Angeles and earn her living there.

Mrs. Spence was arrested two weeks ago after trying to cash a stolen check. She admitted passing two of the stolen checks each for \$91.43 at a department store and a bar. She had other checks in her possession.

She led police to her hotel room where Spence and the stolen check writing machine were found. Spence was turned over to sheriff's deputies in Monterey county.

The checks and machine were stolen from the Anderson Packing Co. in Castroville during a burglary last week. The Spences live at Castroville.

**ESTIMATE GARAGE FIRE DAMAGES AT \$35,000**

SACRAMENTO. — Damages to Tom and Ed's Service garage, 2351 Castro Way, here April 2 has been estimated at \$35,000 by fire officials. One of the partners is a Nisei, Tom Yokoi.

Apparently, a backed-up sewer line due to the heavy rains caused a sump in the building to overflow. A thin sheet of oil carried up from the sump was ignited by a gas burner under a tank used for cleaning automobile parts, it was explained by Battalion Fire Chief Hobart Humphrey.

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# Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

## An Afternoon with Hayakawa

Last Tuesday was bright with sunshine in Los Angeles, an ideal day for the outdoors after long days of rain. "Sessue's out at a driving range in Culver City," Teru Shimada said. "We'll meet him there."

On the practice putting green Sessue Hayakawa bent, flicked his putter and the ball rolled seven feet into the cup. He picked up the ball and walked over to greet us, looking bronzed and vigorous.

"I'm carrying a 13 handicap now," he said after the usual amenities. "But I once had it down to 8." That was back in the late 1920s when Hayakawa was a star on the Broadway stage in such productions as "The Love City." "In those days I lived in a house situated on an island in the middle of a golf course at Great Neck, Long Island. I still own the house."

Speaking of houses, Hayakawa's famous mansion—in which he often poured tea for 600 guests on Sunday afternoons when he was one of Hollywood's top stars of silent films—was torn down several years back to make way for the Hollywood Freeway. It was located on Franklin near Cahuenga. "There's a gas station now where the house used to be," Hayakawa said.

Sessue Hayakawa's film career, which started in 1913 when a Hollywood producer saw him in an amateur play with a Japanese cast, "Typhoon," in downtown Los Angeles, has spanned 44 years of filmmaking on three continents. "My wife counted up for me recently, and found I had made 120 pictures," Sessue said.

The 120th picture, "Bridge on the River Kwai," won Hayakawa an Academy Award nomination "for best supporting actor," and has provided the actor with his latest comeback in American entertainment.

His services have been in continuous demand since "Bridge," and he flew over from Tokyo to do the Kraft Theater play, "The Sea Is Boiling Hot," with Earl Holliman early last month. Since then a number of scripts, for films as well as TV, have been thrust at Hayakawa. He will film an appearance on the Red Skelton TV show later this month, and will fly to Washington, at the bidding of Sen. Alexander Wiley, to make an appearance at a NATO event the weekend of April 26. Last time he was in the nation's capital, Hayakawa was honored as an "honorary citizen" of the city.

Returning to Hollywood, he will start rehearsals for a Studio One drama, "End of the Summer Season," in which he will co-star with Michi Kobi, the Sacramento-born girl who is the lead in the forthcoming film, "Dateline Tokyo."

This coming summer Hayakawa may take the William Archer drama, "The Green Goddess," on a tour of eastern summer stock theaters. The offer is pending, and Hayakawa is seriously considering it. The Archer play served George Arliss as a vehicle a generation ago, but Hayakawa would play it differently from the British star. Arliss's maharajah was an Englishman in brownface, but Hayakawa would stress the character's Asian qualities and thus shift the play's emphasis.

After the summer, there are several film properties in prospect, as well as pictures he has planned in Japan. One of the latter is the Genghis Khan story for Toei.

It was for Toei that Hayakawa played Jean Valjean in a Japanese version of "Les Miserables." He also did the role of General Yamashita in "Tiger of Malaya" and it was this picture which helped him win the Colonel Saito role in "Bridge on the River Kwai."

Sam Spiegel, the producer who scoured the world for "River Kwai," getting Alec Guinness and Jack Hawkins in England, and William Holden from Hollywood, had Hayakawa in mind and flew to Tokyo to speak to the actor about the role. Hayakawa, incidentally, has been living in Tokyo since his return from France, via Hollywood, in 1948. Mrs. Hayakawa is there at present with the three children, Yukio, 26, and Yoshiko and Fujiko, 22 and 20. The two girls are interested in film careers and have been taking dramatic training.

Spiegel had his mind set on Hayakawa for "Colonel Saito" but still had to convince the director, David Lean. He flew a print of Hayakawa as General Yamashita to Lean at the location site in Ceylon. The latter screened the picture and cabled Spiegel in Tokyo that "Mr. Hayakawa will be right for the part if he loses 20 pounds." Hayakawa, who is trim of figure, had used pillows to play the more portly Yamashita. "Mr. Hayakawa already has lost the weight," Lean was informed.

"I found the role of Colonel Saito (the commandant of the Japanese prison camp) a great challenge," said Hayakawa. The Japanese star, who started out in the silent picture days when pantomime was the Hollywood art, recalled: "I have always had my own way of manifesting my emotions." He called upon his experience in the sport of kendo for the physical aspects of projecting the character of the hard-bitten colonel, and on his background in Zen Buddhism for spiritual value.

Sessue Hayakawa, one of the great stars in a career spanning two generations, put down his coffee cup, glanced at his wrist watch. He was due at the dentist's in five minutes. That evening, he was to address some 100 actors and drama students at Hollywood's Horseshoe Gallery theater on his own concepts of the acting art.

# Nisei group behavior rapped

RICHMOND. Two social events for Contra Costa JACLers have been announced this past week. The first of the new term comes next Friday, April 25, with a "Welcome Social" at Pullman School on S. 41st St. between Florida and Wall avenues. A more gala affair, however, is the JACL picnic to be held at Curry Creek Park on Sunday, July 27.

A leader from the city recreation department will instruct both young and old on folk dancing at the Welcome Social, while supervised games and entertainment have been planned for the preschool children. Co-chairmen are Nellie Sakai, Fumi Sugihara and Chris Komatsu.

Many of the traditional picnic pastimes—games, races, prizes, swimming and barbecue—are slated for the July date.

### NC-WNDC Meeting

Chizu Iiyama, who was an active Chicago JACler before moving to the west coast, reported on the winter NC-WNDC quarterly session at San Francisco. She felt that "bright, young sociologists interested in observing Japanese American behavior in groups could have a field day. . . They would have verified most of their assumptions—that Nisei are very shy in speaking up at meetings, that they are friendly and charming as individuals, that they can point out sharply the areas that need improvement, but will hesitate to take the necessary leadership."

Commenting on the brevity of the business meeting, with discussion of a district council scholarship and Jr. JACL convention being tabled, etc., it was her opinion that it might be ascribed to the fact that few chapters had briefed their delegates on the issues, "or because the issues were not particularly close to the delegates". She added, "I felt that the convention might be more meaningful if individual chapters brought up points that concerned their membership—organizational problems, social, political, etc."

In conclusion, she surmised that the "convention was fun. Its program can only be as successful as the delegates make it—so why don't we speak up on the things which concern us? But to keep the record straight—I sat there, as silent as the rest."

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Akagi, 1247 S. 58th St., were named to the chapter board vacancy created by the re-

cent departure of Mr. and Mrs. James Kimoto to Sacramento where the husband has accepted a promotion with the State Highway Division.

Spearheading the current membership drive are Ted Tashiro and Jimmy Ishida.

### Membership Gain

George Blumenson, director of publications for the Richmond schools, also known as George Tashman of "Clinkin' the Channels" in the Richmond Independent, spoke at the March chapter meeting. He discussed the reasons for passing the tax and bond issue for Richmond elementary and high schools.

"It is unfortunate that more people were not able to attend the meeting," the chapter newsletter editor George Sugihara added. "The issues lost overwhelmingly in both districts, but we gained a new member for JACL—George Blumenson no less".

The newsletter has also inaugurated an advertising service, making 1½ inch-column space available at \$5 per year. Funds will help the chapter publish a better paper as well as defray costs of publishing and mailing.

### President's Message

S. Richard Komatsu, chapter

president, in his message to the chapter declared the "history of the JACL is a history of unselfish devotion and service" on behalf of Japanese Americans. "With rare exception, we are all enjoying to some degree the fruits of many, many years of work by JACL."

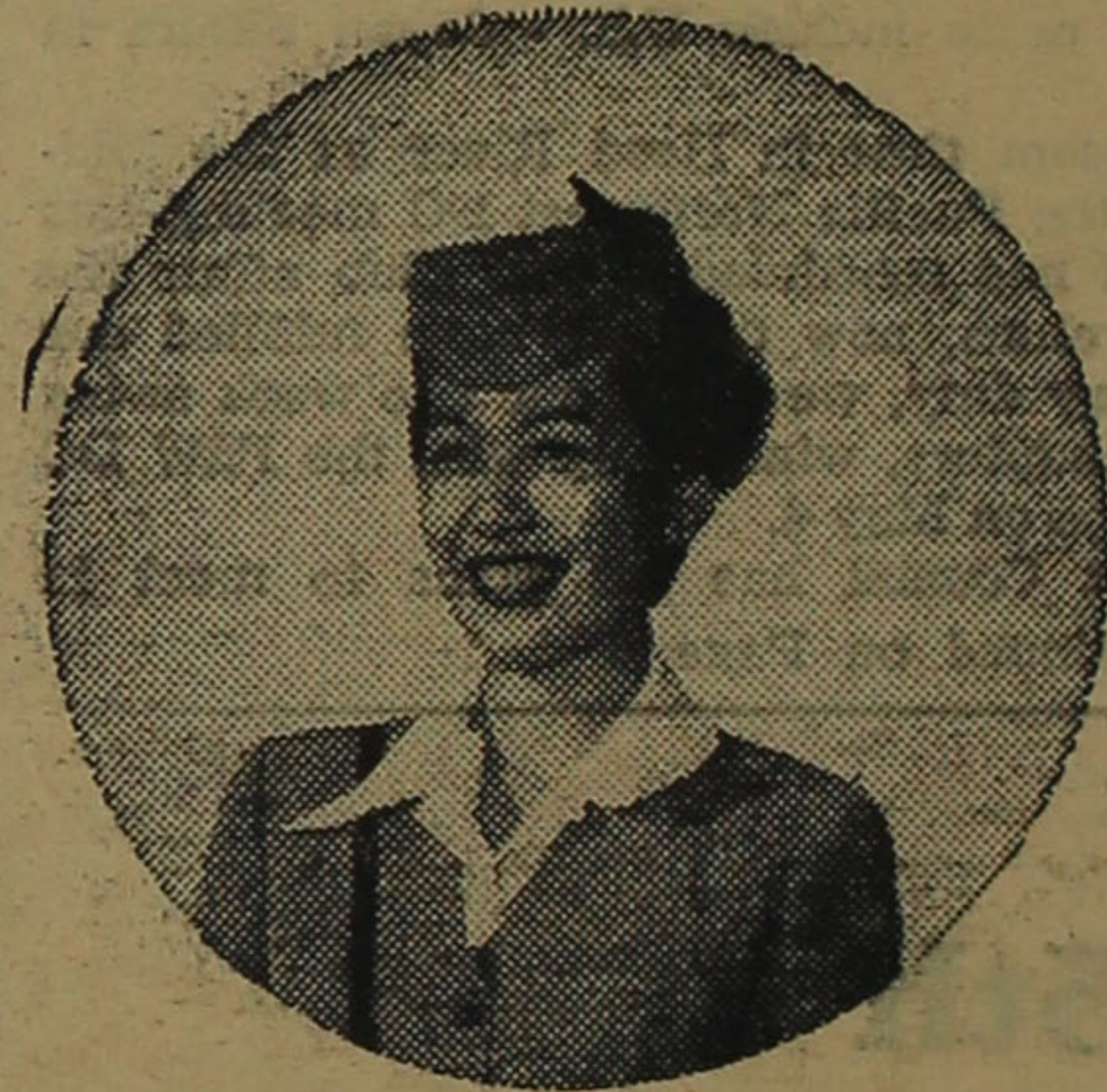
"The Contra Costa chapter exists to provide leadership and assistance at the local level. There is no better way to know and improve its function than to become an active and participating member," he suggested. "The officers and directors are honored to serve its membership. We are already trying hard to map out and accomplish as active a year as our resources can provide."

"More can be done and more should be done, its degree being directly proportionate to the participation of the membership."

"The officers and directors are your spokesmen and servants," Komatsu explained. "We would like to know how best to serve you and to feel full cooperation when we call upon all of you for aid. Your suggestions and your assistance will be appreciated more than you might think."

(The spirit of the president's message has been noted in other chapter newsletters reaching the Pacific Citizen.)

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## Vested properly—

(From Front Page)

enact the so-called Johnston bill that would provide for the payment of both American war claims and the return of private vested property to both Germans and Japanese from the liquidated proceeds of the sequestered property and the repayment of post-war economic aid by Germany and Japan.

Pointing out that Italians, Hungarians, Rumanians, and Bulgarians—the latter three Soviet satellites—have had their property either returned or return authorized, JACL declared that complete return is the only possible political and diplomatic solution to the vested property issue of Germany and Japan.

### Japan Not Competant

The JACL then emphasized that the Japanese Government, in the Treaty of Peace, was not legally competent to "bargain away," "give away", or renounce title and ownership of the private property of her individual nationals without consultation and without their express consent. This was especially true in cases involving United States citizens and resident alien Japanese who were not able to become naturalized citizens until the Walter-McCarran Act in 1952, and in the matter of trusts and estates, and insurance benefits established by United States citizens from American-earned funds for parents and relatives in Japan.

JACL concluded that the national interests and the national principles dictate the full and complete return of all wartime sequestered property to both Germans and Japanese.



# The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

### San Francisco

With the selection of Margaret Itami of Ontario as Miss National JACL to reign over our 15th Biennial, we report that Convention interest is mounting and plans are in high gear. As soon as the price of the Convention banquet is set, the package registration amount will be announced.

We were impressed with the outstanding charm and poise of all eight queen candidates, and any one of the girls would have made a worthy Convention Queen. It was a nice coincidence that the Queen and her two attendants come from the three states represented in our Intrimountain District Council, with Queen Margaret from Oregon, Penny Mafune from Idaho, and Ruth Okawa from Utah.

The Intermountain District Council meetings are featured by reports from each chapter on their activities since the previous meeting. In addition to carrying the National Convention responsibilities, Salt Lake has hiked its membership to an all time high, as have Boise Valley and Pocatello. Mt. Olympus with a membership rate of \$5 can also made this boast. Snake River had four contestants vying to represent the Chapter at the District Oratorical finals which will be held on June 1. The Chapter reported a good attendance, and both audience and participants learned a good deal more about JACL. Boise Valley is in the process of organizing a Junior JACL. Pocatello and Snake River report very successful bazaars, successful both in terms of participants as well as in finances. Idaho Falls, Yellowstone, and Pocatello chapters are getting together for a joint social for June graduates. Snake River is pushing for a 100 percent registration of Japanese Americans voters in the area, seeking to surpass its excellent last year record of 92 percent when the general county average was 53 percent. Idaho Falls made a substantial contribution to the area Boy Scout lodge and will sponsor a baseball team in the Little League.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA - WESTERN NEVADA

The regular meeting of the NC-WN Executive Board last Sunday at Sebastopol was made highly enjoyable by the wonderful gas of the Sonoma Chapter Women's Auxiliary preparing and serving a turkey dinner to the Board members. At the rate the various host chapters are going all out to welcome the Executive Board, there should be a fight this November to get on the Board. The Sonoma County hospitality is a foretaste of what to expect at the DC quarterly meeting on May 18. The banquet dinner honoring the Sonoma County Issei pioneers will be prepared by the members of the Women's Auxiliary. Capable District Council Chairman Akiji Yoshimura is presently boning up on his old G-2 books to give an "aisatsu" to the Issei in Japanese.

In addition to the DC business matters, the NC-WN meeting will center around a discussion of JACL's relationship, if any, to U.S. - Japan affairs led by Mike Masaoka. Mike will explain the pressures on our organization, and especially on our Washington Office, on this matter. Contrary to the publicly expressed opinions of some, JACL's stand on this particular subject has not been resolved, and will not be until decided by the National Council at the Convention. The decision will be whether to define more specifically JACL's present policy to stay out of this field, or to include U.S. - Japan affairs in JACL's program.

It will be apple blossom time in Hood River as the Mid-Columbia Chapter hosts the Pacific Northwest DC meeting this coming Sunday. Portland has scheduled a 1000 Club affair the night before. Upon our return, now that we have fulfilled our civic responsibility for jury duty, we begin our two week swing of 16 Pacific Southwest chapters, winding up with the PSW DC meeting in San Luis Obispo on May 4.

The Eastern District Council has set plans to meet in

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# 15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA  
Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

### Salt Lake City

Amid the beautiful and hallowed surroundings of Memorial Grove, one of the more exciting of our convention activities was staged to select "Miss National JACL". It seemed a fitting climax to our queen contest to have nature help set the stage with its signs of spring. The green grass, crocus blossoms, pussy willows, along with the quiet dignity of Memorial House, provided a fitting atmosphere for the big event.

Chrm. Sam Watanuki and his committee are to be commended for handling the event so smoothly and successfully. Our Queen Margaret Itami is certainly one we can be proud to present to JACLers throughout the country as their Convention Hostess. The judges from the charm schools agreed that Margaret already had so much charm and poise, that all they could recommend was the finishing techniques such as TV and photography posing. She looks forward to her new

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## CLEVELAND JACL REVEALS PROGRAM, COMMITTEEMEN FOR MDC CONVENTION

CLEVELAND. — A three-fold purpose can be met by the Memorial Day weekend convention of Midwest District Council delegates, according to Gene Takahashi, chairman who has announced the program and names of Cleveland JACLers serving on the convention committee.

Laying out the red carpet to welcome every delegate and booster, the MDC session will include discussion on district council matters, sound out the Midwest point of view on issues to be resolved at the Salt Lake City national convention of Aug. 22-25, and offers an opportunity for all participants to become better acquainted with programs and personalities of JACL.

The convention will be held May 30-June 1 with the business and official events scheduled for Statler Hotel. A smorgasbord and 1000 Club Whing Ding has been slated for May 30 (Friday) at the Engineer's Hall. There are no business events scheduled for Sunday, June 1.

An open house at the Statler has been scheduled May 29 for delegates arriving early. The convention program is as follows:

May 30 (Friday)  
10 a.m. — Registration, Statler; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — Coffee Klatsch, Statler; 1 p.m. — Opening Assembly, Statler; 2 p.m. — Business meeting, Statler; 2-5 p.m. — Booster activities; 7 p.m.—Smorgasbord, 1000 Club Whing Ding, Engineer's Hall.

May 31 (Saturday)  
9 a.m. — Business meeting, Statler; 12-2 p.m. — Luncheon, Halles; 2:30-5 p.m. — Workshop, Statler; 7 p.m.—Banquet, Statler; 9 p.m. — Convention Ball, Statler.

June 1 (Sunday)  
No business scheduled, booster activities only.

Five sections have been arranged for the Saturday afternoon workshop, being chaired by Henry Tanaka. Subjects and section leaders are as follows:

(1) Community Integration: Mrs. Violet Takahashi; (2) Teenagers: Mrs. Hazel Klinger; (3) Japanese Culture and its Contribution: William Oshima; (4) Older Person, "Issei": John Matsushima; and (5) Chapter Program Planning: Abe Hagiwara.

The main banquet speaker will be Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of the Fairmount Temple, followed by the convention ball with Angelo DeMalus' orchestra.

Booster activities include sight-seeing, bridge, tennis, golf with tournaments being planned in the latter events.

Cleveland JACL announced the following on the MDC convention committee:

Executive Committee — Gene Takahashi, chmn.; William Sadataki, Henry Tanaka, Masy Tashima, co-chmn.; Joe

Kadowaki, special activities; Mrs. William Sadataki, exec. sec.; Min Iwasaki, August Nakagawa, treas.; George Ono MDC liaison; Frank Shiba, conv. adv. Mrs. Mary Sadataki, guests; Mrs. Sachi Tanaka, Mrs. Sayoko Kakehi pre-regis.; Mrs. Amy Ono, Mrs. Keiko Kurihara, regis.; Mrs. Miyo Yatsu. Coffee Klatsch; Mrs. Toshi Kadowaki, Mrs. Jane Habara, hostesses; Sadie Katano, date bureau.

Publicity — Masy Tashima, chmn.; Masy Tashima, souvenir program; Mo Funai, posters; Shiro Shiozawa, place cards; Howard Tashima, printing.

Whing Ding — William Sadataki, chmn.

Special Activities — Joe Kadowaki, chmn.; Art Kono, banquet; Tak Yamagata, ball; Paul Ohmura, luncheon; Violet Takahashi, entertainment.

Working with Sadataki on booster activities are:

Mitch Hashiguchi, Fred Ikdea, Sam Kanai, Tom Nakashige, Aiko Tanaka, Tad Tsufura.

## 1,836 EGGS USED FOR EASTER HUNT

About 100 waterproof youngsters somehow induced their parents to take them to the Southwest Los Angeles JACL Easter egg hunt at Rancho Cienega playground, according to George Fujita, chapter special events vice-president, who acknowledged a total of 1,836 eggs as well as prizes this past week.

Also expressing their appreciation were Maybelle Higa and Kathy Sugawara, egg hunt chairmen. Egg and prize donors were:

Daylight Market (30 doz.), Enbun Market (30 doz.), Arlington Bowling Alley (30 doz.), Gilbert's Meat & Produce (15 doz.), Ginza Market (15 doz.), Boy's Market (15 doz.), Safeway Stores (12 doz.), Olympic Market (4 doz.), Peter Pan Market (2 doz.), Bank of Tokyo and Sumitomo Bank.

Those participating in the hunt, despite record rains Easter Sunday morning, were well rewarded for their dauntless spirit. From the youngster's viewpoint, the hunt was a smashing success, returning home relatively dry and heavily laden with colored eggs.

## Imperial Valley fete draws 100 residents

NILAND. —Imperial Valley JACL, the youngest of 84 chapters across the country, held its installation barbecue picnic last Saturday at Salton Sea's Bombay Beach.

Approximately 100 adults and children came from the entire valley to enjoy a warm day of boating, water-skiing and the delicious barbecued steaks. It was the biggest gathering of its kind since evacuation.

Fred Kido and Terry Matsumoto were in charge of arrangements, assisted by:

John Kido, Kay Hanawa, Mako Ishibashi, Kenny Masamitsu, Mas Nakamura, Henry Yokoyama, Takeo Kido, Grace Kunisaki, Sumiko Hanawa, Harry Kodama, Leo Kunisaki.

Guests included Sheriff Herbert Hughes of Imperial County, Fred Takata, regional JACL director; Tats Kushida, past regional director; and Franklin Garrett of California.

Takata installed the new officers, led by Harry Mimita, president; Frank Nishio, 1st v.p.; John Kido, 2nd v.p.; Ike Hatchimonji, sec.; and Shozo Yamashita, treas.

## Out-of-towners invited to French Camp picnic

FRENCH CAMP. —A gala chapter picnic has been planned by French Camp JACL at Mickle Grove near Lodi on Sunday, April 27, 10 a.m. (Daylight Saving Time).

Lawrence Nakano and Tosh Hotta, co-chairmen, has extended a welcome to out-of-town picnickers. Selected on the various committees were:

George Komure, donation; Tom Natsuhara, fin.; Fumio Kanemoto, assessment; Katie Komure, Fumi Higashiyama, purchase; Lydia Ota, wrapping; Ben Hatanaka, P.A. system; Michie Egusa, Kiyoshi Hayashi, Bob Ota, program; John Shimasaki, transp.; Kahn Yamasaki, refr.; Tamako Yagi, prize dist.; Yuri Masuda, Alice Nishida, judges; Michie Fujiki, Lawrence Nakano, corr.; Bob Ota, announcer; Henry Nii, Yoshio Takashiro, parking; George Shinmotto, tickets; John Fujiki, pub.; all JACLers, clean-up.



## '1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — A marked increase in 1000 Club membership for the month is in the making as 88 names are listed in the first half of April. Acknowledged by National Headquarters this week were:

TENTH YEAR  
Downtown L.A. — Willie M. Funakoshi  
Hollywood — Arthur Ito.  
Gardena — Hideo Satow  
Contra Costa — Dr. Yoshiye Togsakal

EIGHTH YEAR  
Livingston-Merced — Frank Suzuki.

SEVENTH YEAR  
Cincinnati — Masaji S. Toki.

SIXTH YEAR  
Berkeley — Tadashi T. Hirota.  
Arizona — Masaji Inoshita.

FIFTH YEAR  
San Francisco — Hatsuoro Aizawa, David T. Hironaka.

St. Louis — Dr. Jackson Eto, Mrs. Manel Yamamoto, Yukinobu Yamamoto.

Seattle — Dr. Susumu Fukuda, George Y. Kawachi, Mitsugi Noji.

Contra Costa — Jun Honda, Minoru F. Mayeda, Toshiro Nabeta, Heizo Oshima, Roy Sakai, Sam I. Sakai.

Cleveland — George Y. Ono.

Mid-Columbia — Ray Sato.

Chicago — Suni Shimizu.

Omaha — Frank F. Tamai.

Twin Cities — Takuzo Tsuchiya.

FOURTH YEAR  
Livingston-Merced — Eric Andow, Buichi Kajiwara, Norman Kishi, William S. Koda, Yo Kuniyoshi, Kazuo Matsuda, Kenji Minabe, Roy Okahara.

Cleveland — Robert E. Fujita.

Stockton — Harry S. Hayashino, Henry M. Higashi, Lou S. Tsunekawa.

Seattle — Harry S. Kawabe.

Orange County — Mrs. Kiku Matsukane.

Contra Costa — Joe Oishi, George Sugi-hara.

Sequoia — J.I. Rikimaru.

St. Louis — Dan Sakahara.

Alameda — George W. Ushijima.

THIRD YEAR  
West Los Angeles — Dr. Tom Abe, Santa Barbara — Akira Endo.

Twin Cities — Chester Fujino.

San Francisco — Takafusa Fujisada.

Livingston-Merced — Fred M. Hashimoto, Taro Tanji, Gordon H. Winston, Jr.

Detroit — Dr. Herbert T. Iwata.

Southwest L.A. — Fred Kohno, Herbert T. Murayama.

Berkeley — Kenneth T. Kono.

Philadelphia — Tadafumi Mikuriya.

Gardena — Mrs. Fumi Satow.

St. Louis — George Shingu.

Venice-Culver — Dr. Takao Shishino.

Stockton — Richard S. Yoshikawa.

SECOND YEAR  
San Francisco — Mrs. Elsie Uyeda Chung.

St. Louis — Dr. Henry Ema, Sam Migit, Dr. George Sato.

Livingston-Merced — Gene A. Hama-guchi.

Hollywood — Paul Kawakami.

New York — (Mr.) Mitty Kimuta, William K. Sakayama.

Dayton — Dr. M. Mark Nakauchi.

Alameda — Archie Uchiyama.

Southwest L.A. — Tatsuya Ueno.

Pasadena — Florence K. Wada.

FIRST YEAR  
Seattle — George Kawaguchi, Shochi Suyama.

Mtn-PDC — George Matsubara (Albuquerque).

Arizona — Aizen Asano, Henry H. Araki, Harry Masunaga.

Mid-Columbia — Mrs. Mikie Yasui.

Southwest L.A. — Henry K. Yoshimine.

Pasadena — Mrs. Aki Abe, Fred A. Hiraoka, Joe M. Kuramoto, George Koike.

## Wild, woolly West theme set for Chicago 1000ers

CHICAGO. — "A Black (K)night at Dry Gulch—Monte Carlo a la the wild and woolly West" is the theme for the Chicago JACL 1000 Club Whing Ding at Lady Ann's Hall, 932 W. Sheridan Rd. on Friday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. Curfew is 1 a.m. per order of Sheriff "Big Gun" Okabe (1000 Club chairman) of Dry Gulch. Sheri fOkabe has been "paid off," according to "Gambler" Harry Mizuno in charge of games so everything's wide open and anything goes.

Enjoy the thrill of gambling thousands of dollars at roulette, dice, black jack, chuck-a-luck in the 1000 Club style. The call is out for you and your friends to attend this "black night of (k)night's."

Western garb of all kinds—10 gallon hats, levis, chaps, western shirts, six-shooters (borrow your youngster's) are the order for the evening. Can-can (wow!) entertainment, music for social dancing, firewater at the bar, vittles at the chuck wagon are all scheduled for this one night when you can let your hair down and have a good time.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Thing to remember  
about foreign trade

Nothing especially new has been added to the debate of reciprocal trade, judging from recent newspaper accounts. Batrovery of free trade vs. sic arguments in the con-protectionism have not changed over the years. The reasons expounded by either side at Washington have been repeated in the assemblies of other nations — be they Japan, France or Argentina.

In the hearings conducted by the House Ways and Means Committee, opponents to the five-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act saw in the recession a factor favorable to their side. That foreign competition throws American workers out of jobs is an old argument. This is the theme of protectionists from 'way back.

The President, on the other hand, in his rally for liberal trade countered the protectionists argument with some compelling figures. He pointed out that U.S. exported 20 billion worth of goods, which provided jobs for at least 4.5 million Americans. If foreign nations can't sell to us would be to restrict their ability to buy from us; and if foreign orders drop, so will American jobs, the President declared.

Adlai Stevenson supported the President and cited government estimates that if all tariffs were suspended (which nobody advocates), no more than 200,000 to 400,000 jobs would be affected.

But the thing to remember is that if recession appears to favor the protectionists, Khrushchev's ascension of March 27 as Soviet premier strengthens the cause of reciprocal trade. The worry over communism is greater than recession, so when the showdown in Congress comes, they will be reminded of Khrushchev's open challenge:

"We declare war upon you . . . in the peaceful field of trade. We declare a war we will win over the United States. The threat to the U.S.A. is not the ICBM, but in the field of peaceful production."

This being the situation, not only jobs are at stake, but so is the fate of the world. We're still in a cold war and trade is one way of winning it.

— Harry K. Honda

JACL policy on  
U.S.-Japan on slate

LONG BEACH. — Two issues of major organizational interest are on the agenda of the first general meeting called by Long Beach Harbor District JACL on Saturday, April 19, 7 p.m., at Harbor Community Center. Dr. Kats Izumi will be in charge of programming.

To be discussed by the membership are the pro and con of whether JACL should enter into U.S.-Japan relations and the proposal of Pacific Citizen with membership—two issues which will be mooted at the forthcoming national JACL convention in Salt Lake City, Aug. 22-25.

Following the business portion of the meeting, the Youth Commission, under direction of Frances Ishii and Frances Okura, will take over the fun period with various fund-raising games. Mas Shono will be emcee.

Mrs. Joan Shiba is in charge of a pastry sale, starting at 4:30 p.m. with proceeds going to the Youth Commission. The chapter is also sponsoring a benefit movie night, April 27, 6:30 p.m., at the Harbor Community Hall to assist the youth program. Being shown are "Dansei No. 1" and "Romance Tanjo", both with English subtitles.

Satow Visitation

Dr. David Miura, chapter president, has opened his home at 2148 Shipway Ave., on Sunday, April 27, from 8 p.m. to welcome Mas Satow, national JACL director who will be on his visitation tour of chapters in the Pacific Southwest District Council. The informal get-acquainted session is open to all members.

FIRST DUPLICATE  
BRIDGE PLAY HIT

SAN JOSE. — Sixty enthusiasts participated in the recent San Jose JACL bridge tournament at Hotel de Anza to make the premier event a successful affair. Players from Salinas, San Francisco and the peninsula attended, chairman Henry Hamasaki disclosed.

Winners in the senior division were:

NORTH-SOUTH — Dr. and Mrs. Tom Hiura, 139 pts.; Ko Nagareda-Tsujita, 130; Wally Funabiki-Muzzy Kimura, 121; Ben Noda-Hiro Shishido, 113; Harry Miyakusu-Frank Shimada, 112; Ich Morita-Kuni Shinta, 110; George Urabe-Isao Haneo, 84.

EAST-WEST — Harry Ishigaki-Sus Ikeda, 137; Shig Masunaga-Dr. T. Ishikawa, 136; Hideo Nakamura-Toby Yamamoto, 132; Henry Ichishida-Bob Santo, 130; George Omori-John Yamaji, 117; Bob Yamamoto-Tom Fukui, 109; Howard Imada-Genji Itsumio, 103; Dale Uriu-Ben Ichikawa, 101; Miyuki Aoyama-Tess Hideshima, 79.

Winners in the elementary division were:

Milton Hamasaki-Tom Nishida, 122; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nakahara, 112; Sei Hanashiro-Ed Yoshimoto, 102; Tom Marutani-Kay Okita, 101; Ada Uyeda-Phil Matsumura, 74; Shig Yokoyama-James Ichikawa, 51.

Assisting in the tournament were Betty Ichishita, Tom Mitsuyoshi, Dr. T. Ishikawa, Grace Hane, Henry Uyeda and Kei Ishikawa.

Geophysic research  
student earns fellowship

DENVER. — Arthur Y. Sakakura, who is now conducting experimental geophysics research in Denver, was notified by Alan T. Waterman, National Science Foundation director, last month that he had been awarded a pre-doctoral fellowship.

Sakakura has been studying at the University of Colorado at Boulder for a doctorate in mathematics and working part-time in government research projects.

Last year his experimental work was published in a separate U. S. geological survey bulletin entitled "Scattered Gamma Rays from Thick Uranium Sources."

Results of his experiments were also presented by U.S. delegates to a United Nations conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy last fall in New York City.

Sakakura is the son of Kenji Sakakura of 42 Commonwealth Ave., San Francisco.

PARLIER JACLER NOW  
REGISTRAR OF VOTER

PARLIER — John Kashiki has been deputized as registrar of voters for Fresno County, it was announced by Parlier JACL.



Mrs. Ken Takeno (center), chairman of the JACL Convention luncheon, receives a carton, part of the 100 milk cartons to be used by her committee to make table vases. Claude Richards (right), production manager of MeadowGold Dairy, Salt Lake, offered the cartons when he heard of luncheon plans and the need for carton vases. Mrs. Harry Nishikawa (left) holds a sample of how the finished product will look.

— Twilite Photo Service

By the Board—

(From Front Page)

gress of the United States could not enact legislation to cause the citizenship of an American citizen to be lost by various acts set forth in the subsections of Section 401 of the Nationality Act of 1940, the Court held that it was not necessary to decide the constitutional issue in the Nishikawa, Trop, or the Perez cases, although the Trop case, as stated above, was declared unconstitutional on an entirely different constitutional basis, namely, the Eighth Amendment, as to whether various acts would cause expatriation where the Federal Constitution had granted under the Fourteenth Amendment the constitutional birthright of American citizenship to all persons born in the United States.

These decisions raised considerable hope for many thousands of dual nationality Nisei who either voluntarily went to Japan for the purpose of further study or were taken back with their parents before World War II and were engulfed in circumstances beyond their control by reason of the outbreak of the war between the United States and Japan.

Since, under the standard outlined in the Nishikawa case, the Government has the burden of proof to show that the act of persons drafted into the armed services of a foreign country during wartime was voluntary, as a practical result of the decision, such a burden of proof would be extremely difficult, if not almost impossible, for the Government to produce.

Whether the American consul on a directive of the Department of State or the Immigration and Naturalization Service upon the directive of the Commissioner of Immigration will recognize the Nishikawa decision as almost a blanket permission to allow Nisei dual citizens to return to the United States merely upon the Nisei stating that he served in the Japanese army under a draft order or whether each case still must be decided on its individual merits, facts and circumstances, is something that has not yet been clarified.

Mr. & Mrs. Club plan  
gala May 3 carnival

DETROIT. — Being featured this year in the Mr and Mrs. Club carnival May 3 at International Institute will be a tea shop featuring sushi and tsukemono, it was announced by Mits Ogawa and Betsy Tagami, co-chairmen.

The club also sponsored an Easter party attended by 132 children at International Institute. Judy Tanaka was chairman. Fifteen youngsters participated in the play, "Spring Is Here".

Watsonville VFW

WATSONVILLE. — Tom Kawano will be installed as the new commander of Nisei VFW Memorial Post 9446 here April 25 by Alva J. Fleming, state commander. Miye Hayashida was re-elected president of the Auxiliary.

Luncheon motif for  
convention set

SALT LAKE CITY. — Floral motif featuring the Segoe Lily, Utah's state flower, and greenery unique to the Rocky Mountains here in copper vases (as Utah is known for its world-famous copper mine) has been disclosed by Mrs. Harry Nishikawa, in charge of decorations at the JACL Convention delegates official luncheon.

Other plans for the luncheon, to be held at the Hotel Utah Lafayette Ballroom on Saturday, Aug. 23, were also announced by Mrs. Ken Takeno, luncheon chairman.

The unusual arrangement will be in the Japanese tradition as both women are ranking students of the Senke School of Flower Arrangements and have won many laurels in local flower shows.

The luncheon will also recognize JACL sapphire pin recipients. Chapters wishing to nominate such honorees are advised to contact National JACL Headquarters.

Other luncheon committeemen are Mrs. Choppy Umemoto, entertainment; Mrs. Jun Kurumada, hostesses; and Mrs. Kay Terashima, program.

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Richard Kaku, service station operator, was named "Optimist of 1957" by the Los Angeles Japanese American Optimists. As vice president in charge of boys work, he took an active role in its peewee basketball league and is now on the committee working on plans to start a new Optimist club.

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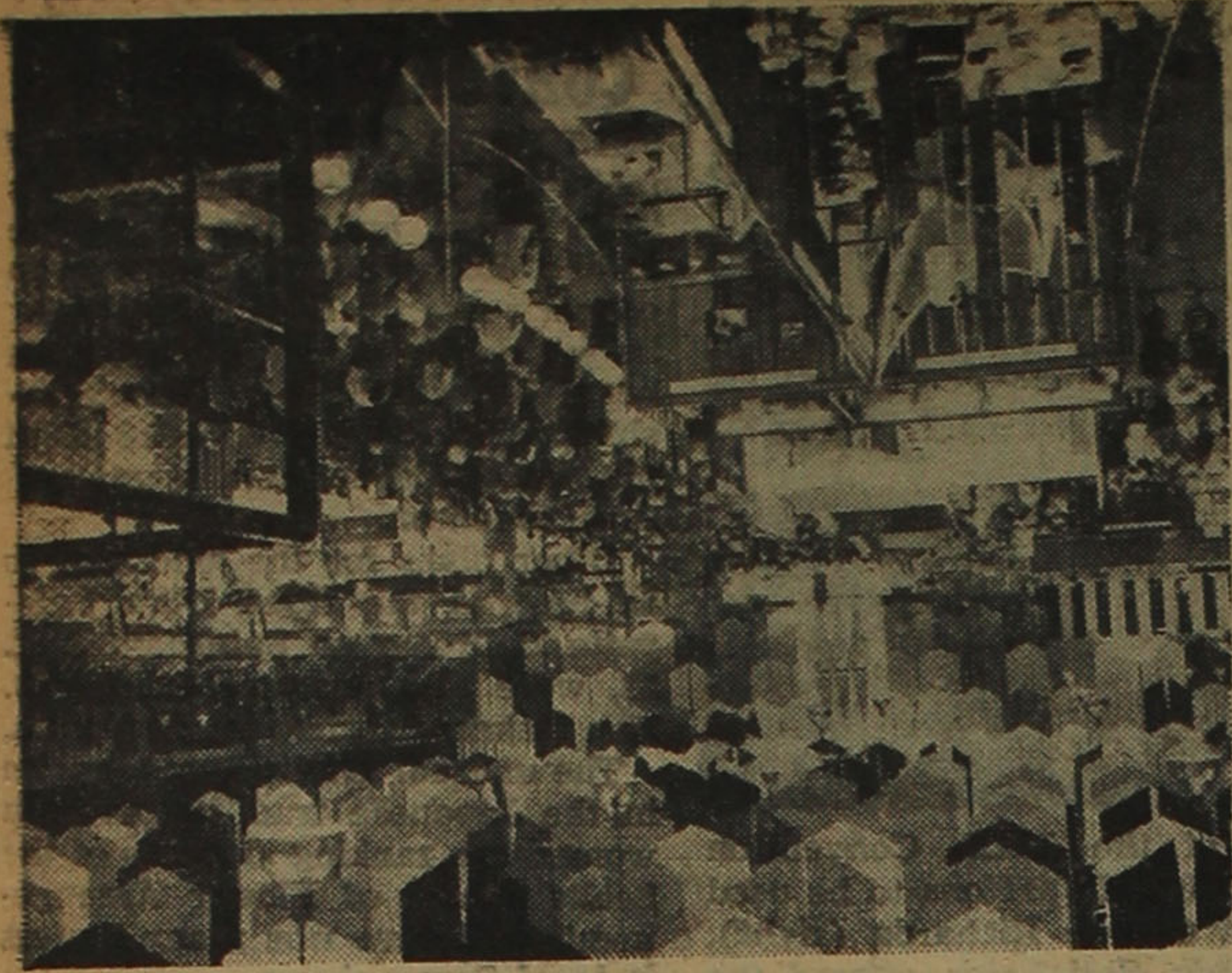
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A good size crowd enjoys the Imperial Japanese Dance troupe performing at the Washington State International Trade Fair at the Seattle Armory. — Ogawa Photo.



## THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

### Washington State's international fair . . .

The Seventh Annual Washington State International Trade Fair which makes Seattle's armory a gigantic showcase of Pacific Rim merchandise, about 80 per cent of it from Japan, will be closing its 10-day run this weekend.

Actually, this is the eighth successive trade fair to be held in Seattle. The first, called The Japan Trade Fair, was held in 1951. Since then, the entire Pacific Rim, including Latin American countries, participate in the showing and selling of thousands of items of exotic merchandise.

Something new is always on tap to bring the "ohs" and "ahs" from the fifty to sixty thousand admission paying sight-seers who visit the Fair annually.

Last year, the unprecedented Japanese Fashion show consisting mostly of Occidental creations in Japanese fabrics brought delighted comments from all who saw the show. This year, a Hong Kong firm called "Dynasty" presented a forty-item fashion show. High quality and high fashion, their creations ranged from negligee to street wear, and were likewise tailored along modern European lines with an underlying Oriental motif.

Sharing the top billing was a high caliber entertainment troupe known as the Japanese Imperial Dancers. The troupe consists of seven girls (two of them Nisei) and two men. It is their first Northwest appearance after highly successful showings in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

Other acts, all colorfully costumed, included an authentic Japanese Matsuribayashi festival scene, the folk dance "Solan Bushi," and the love story of Hagi Roma and a westernized dance to music from the film, "Sayonara."

Something new in the merchandise line is the showing of three models of the Crown Toyopet car, product of the Toyota Motor Company which is making its bid in the American small car field. Said to be powerful and economical, it features smooth low lines, and a 4-cylinder 55 horsepower overhead valve engine. One of three cars will be given away on April 20, the closing date of the Fair.

The Trade Fair also brings the largest assemblage of native artisans in its history to demonstrate age-old crafts for the watching public. From Japan, Formosa, and Hong Kong are a felt-strip weaver, china painter, fingernail-and-foot weaver, rice-paper flower maker, a Chinese magician, and a man who reproduces photographs on glazed porcelain. Exhibitions of kendo, judo and flower arrangement were staged by the local Japanese community.

While it is a dynamic colorful spectacle for the general public, the Trade Fair basically is a marketplace where merchants from Asia and Latin America presents their nation's products to American store buyers. More than 10,000 different items will be shown Weekday afternoons were reserved for accredited professional buyers. The public is admitted evenings and weekends.

### NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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Washington D.C. on May 25, and Cleveland will host a two day Midwest meeting beginning Memorial Day.

#### 1000 CLUB HONOR ROLL.

As is the custom to recognize and express appreciation to our 1000 Club members, the National Convention program booklet will list all the 1000 Club members who are current as of July 31. This means those whose memberships will have expired by that date should have their renewals in to Headquarters by that date, and only new members signed up by that date will be listed. We are encouraged by the new memberships that continue to roll in. They keep our evenings free from ennui making up membership certificates.

We want to express our special thanks as this time to our ten year One Thousanders of which we have 20: from Alameda—Sim Togasaki, Berkeley—Yuri Yamashita, Contra Costa—Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Downtown Los Angeles—Willie Funakisho, Ken Utsunomiya, Gardena—Jibo Satow, Hollywood—Arthur Ito, Mt. Olympus—Henry Mitarai, Pasadena—Ken Dyo, Ogden—Ken Uchida, San Luis Valley—Roy Inouye, Salt Lake—Rae Fujimoto, Alice Kasai, Sequoia—Bill Enomoto, Snake River—Tom Iseri, Joe Saffo, George Sugai, Southwest Los Angeles—Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Washington D.C.—Mike Masaoka, and George Mochizuki of Madera. These staunch JACLers plus our 1000 Club Life Members have helped to stimulate enthusiastic support and stabilize our national finances. May JACL always be worthy of such confidence and support.

## Weightlifter Kono to battle Soviet star in U.S. meets

HONOLULU. —Tommy Kono heads for Chicago and New York in early May to resume his weightlifting duel with Russian ace Fedor Bagdanowsky.

Kono flew to Moscow recently to defeat Bagdanowsky in an international meet.

The Soviet star is the 1956 Olympic middleweight (165 pounds) champion. Kono won the light-heavyweight (181 pounds) championship.

The Islander scaled down to the 165-pound limit for Bagdanowsky.

Soviet Russia's weightlifting team is scheduled to compete against U.S. champs May 12 in Chicago and May 16 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Kono will be a member of the American squad, Dr. Richard You, who is the chairman of the Hawaiian AAU Weightlifting Committee, said.

The coming visit of the Russians will complete the home-and-home series between the two nations.

Uncle Sam's lifters visited Russia in 1955.

### Mile-Hi golfers eye Nat'l JACL tournament

DENVER. — Program for the year was unveiled at the initial meeting of the Mile-Hi Golf Club and approved by the membership, according to Terno Odow, club chairman. The first club tournament was held last Sunday at Willis Case and City Park golf courses.

One of the choice affairs will be the participation of the club in the National JACL tournament at Salt Lake City in August. Babe Lind, municipal golf course director, was guest speaker at the meeting held at Cathay Post dining room.

New officers are: Sarge Terasaki, v.c.; Jim Hanamura, sec.; Sam Kumagai, treas.; Dr. Takeshi Mayeda, social; Dr. Sueo Ito, Dr. Genta Nakamura, handicap; Shig Teraji, award; Kaz Sakamoto, Dr. Sueo Ito, starters; Frank Torizawa, adv.; George Fujimoto, pub.

### Keio-Stanford in joint student affiliation plan

STANFORD UNIVERSITY. — The affiliation of Stanford University and Keio University, Tokyo, has enabled both to send students to study at each other's school and to maintain this affiliation program, a benefit concert will be presented April 19 at the campus Memorial Hall.

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Former bantamweight boxer Henry Oshiro of Honolulu was named to the Hawaii Territorial Boxing Commission, succeeding Adam Ornelles whose term expired last Dec. 31. The 442nd veteran's term expires Dec. 31, 1962. Yono Kitagawa is also a member of the commission.

Torakichi (Pete) Nakamura, never fully recovering from his limping start at the first round of the 1958 Masters golf tournament held here, finished the prestigious event with a sagging 301 in 41st place, receiving \$305 for his efforts accompanied in his bracket by a dozen others. Pete never

broke par in any of his rounds shooting 76-73-76 at the sodden, wind-swept fairway.

Sid Sato, Seattle outboard racing driver, placed second in his class in Sunday's race over the Sammamish Slough, called the nation's "crookedest" race course, 14 miles of river with scores of turns, some of the hairpin variety, in narrow waters. His time was 42m., 38.2s. for the round trip, but 20 seconds behind Dean Mahaffey of Salem, Ore., winner in the runabout class. Of the record 86 entries, ten failed to finish, although a larger number spilled or ran on the beach, to re-enter the race. No one was hurt.

## Over 150 Nisei keglers participate in 41st WIBC tournament in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO. — Over 160 Nisei women bowlers will participate in the 41st Women's International Bowling Congress tournament, with 2,587 entries, at the local Downtown Bowl, starting yesterday and continuing through May 20.

Practically all of the Nisei will bowl in team competition with approximately 70 signed up for singles and doubles, it was learned last week.

Fifty five teams will have Nisei members on their rosters, but only about 23 will be all-Nisei or Nisei league teams.

The nucleus of Nisei teams will come from the San Francisco and East Bay Nisei women's leagues and only the host Nisei teams will have large entries in the singles and doubles competitions.

A Sonoma County Nisei team, under the Mills Patio emblem, will see action April 19 and 20.

Bay Area teams, including San

Mateo and San Lorenzo, are scheduled to show Monday, April 28.

The climax for Nisei bowlers will come on the final weekend when Judy Seki, of the Los Angeles Holiday Bowl entry, will appear Saturday, May 17. She will also team up with Chiyo Tashima the following day to compete in a doubles team event.

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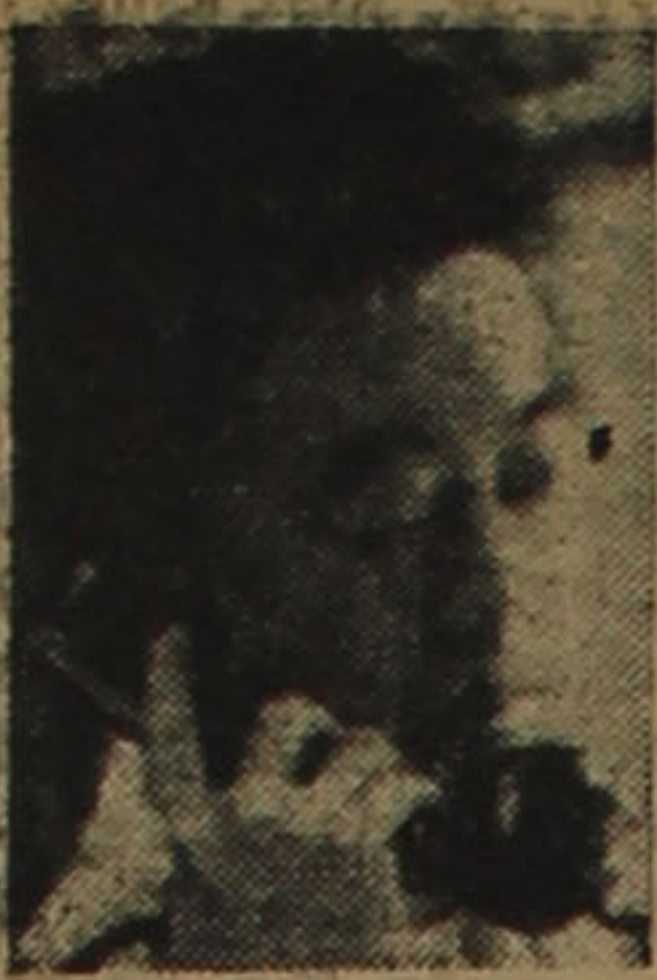
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# Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

## LANDSCAPE GARDENING

Good landscaping, like good interior decorating, is a real delight to the homeowner who may have a certain amount of leisure in which to enjoy outdoor California in his backyard. Well kept landscaping also means added value to your property as no one likes barren ground with nothing grown and where only four weather-beaten fences surround the abode.

There was a time when most of the planting for the house was kept in little pots. The lawn, if one was lucky to have enough space in the backyard, was covered with weeds mostly, more politely called Bermuda Grass.

Today, gardening is more popular, thanks to scientific advancements made in the last decade. You can buy packages of this-and-that, which kill the weeds and save the dichondra, plant foods to nourish all types, sprayers to get rid of unwanted insects, new labor-saving devices to make gardening a pleasure for any green thumb.

The above is our prelude to the new monthly magazine, Landscape Gardener, which we received this week from Mrs. Nobie Narita, editor of the crisp publication published by Glenn L. Black, of Landscape Publications, in Long Beach.

If Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Landscape Gardener is any indication of what is to come, we are in store for many months and years of enjoyable reading on gardening and its professional aspects.

The first edition is chuck full of Japanese American names although we understand the publication will include personalities and news from all parts of the state. It is interesting to note that Jim Okita, general chairman for the 1958 California Gardeners Convention to be held in Long Beach in November, has been picked as Gardener of the Month and his biographical sketch appears in the April magazine. Okita served one year as an auditor for the Long Beach JACL and was immediate past president of the So. Calif. Gardeners Council. Another big JACL name we observed was that of Ken Dyo of Pasadena.

The magazine also tells of Issei and Nisei gardeners who contribute their time and effort in the Beautify Los Angeles program through the So. Calif. Gardeners Federation with Paul Koga of Gardena as its president.

As to the attractiveness of our garden, we are indebted to the professional landscape job of Johnny Niisato, who was past editor of the Southwest Gardeners' Association monthly bulletin and the "sweat and labor" of our dear wife Mary. Yutaka, as we have known him since our childhood days, does everything for us for nothing including the plants, fertilizer, plant foods and material that he brings whenever we buzz him for help.

Anyway we wish the best to Mrs. Narita and Mr. Black, whom we had the pleasure of meeting during a Southwest Gardener's Association installation dinner recently. We shall keep the first edition of Landscape Gardener as a collector's item.

## FIFTEENTH BIENNIAL UNDERLINES

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assignment of meeting all of the delegates, so don't disappoint her —as she certainly won't disappoint you! Congratulatory telegrams for the new Queen have been received from National President, Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles and former Queen Sharon Nishimi of Sacramento.

Chrm. Ichiro Doi send an appeal to keep our satellite flying high. This Fordnik has everything and is beautiful in design and color. It's going to land in someone's back yard! Then too —we need the money for your pleasure!

### Oratorical and Essay Contest . . .

According to Mas Yano, Convention Oratorical and Essay Contest chairman, the topic of both contests will be "What JACL Means To The Japanese American Youth" — not "What JACL Means To Me". He also reports that inquiries have been coming in from various parts of the country about the contest, which indicates good interest. We'd like to stress the fact that the convention and National Boards are not only enthusiastic about these contests from the standpoint of outstanding oratory and distinctive essays but to look to these contests as a media of encouraging the spread of JACL knowledge among our youths.

The Intermountain District Council Contest will be held June 1, and two contestants are already waiting. They are Ronald Inouye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yukus Inouye of Mt. Olympus chapter; and Dennis Okamoto of Snake River Chapter who won over three others. Mrs. Bobbie Watanabe, who served as chairman for Snake River's oratorical contest set the example of a good, well-conducted competition. It is the feeling of the Board that "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." So —do you know someone qualified to enter? If so —do the JACL and him or her a favor by taking time to encourage their entry in these contests.

### About This & That . . .

Frances Takeno, Delegates Luncheon chairman, reports that Meadow Gold Dairy has donated about 100 milk cartons to be used by her decoration committee. Claude Richards, promotion manager of the dairy, made the presentation. It goes to show others are interested in our convention too. . . American Savings and Loan Co. was another interested firm that featured our convention in its monthly periodical sent to all its members. The picture included Mas Yano, Sam Watanuki and myself, inspecting the New Hotel Utah's three million dollar Motel. Their underground Auditorium where we will hold our opening and closing events, is something really unique. We wonder if this is the first convention in which some of the events will be held underground, forecasting the shadows of the atom age. . . As usual, we enjoyed having Mas Satow with us the April 5-6 weekend. We probably aged him a few years by calling on him to act as a queen contest judge as well as showering him with Convention problems.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

#### LOS ANGELES

ASANO, Katsunobu (Ada Sakata)—boy, Jan. 20.  
 BARTON, Donald (Mitsuye Okada)—girl, Dec. 22.  
 ENSEKI, Tetsuichi (Miyako Maeda)—boy, Jan. 7.  
 FUJII, Haruo (Mieko Nakamoto)—boy, Dec. 27.  
 FUKUDA, Shiro (Yukiko Sakata)—girl, Jan. 18.  
 GOTO, Takaji (Jne Masuda)—girl, Dec. 23.  
 HAYASHI, Shunro (Fumiko Nagashiki)—boy, Dec. 19.  
 HIESHIMA, Dr. Asachi (Alice Miyazaki)—boy, Dec. 20.  
 HIGA, Isamu (Shizuko Takushi)—girl, Dec. 27.  
 HIGASHIDA, Sumio (Mitsuko Okamoto)—girl, Dec. 28.  
 HIRAYAMA, Shigeru (Eiko Ogawa)—girl, Dec. 24.  
 ICHINO, Philip (Mary Suzuki)—boy, Dec. 30, Pasadena.  
 IGAWA, Kenneth (Asako Ueda)—girl, Dec. 29.  
 IKEDA, Ben—boy, Jan. 24, San Gabriel.  
 IWATA, Dr. Richard H. (Victoria Hata)—girl, Dec. 29.  
 KADOWAKI, James T. (Betty Seki)—girl, Dec. 16.  
 KADOWAKI, Mickey (Sally Nishioka)—girl, Nov. 23, Buena Park.  
 KAMEI, Henry M. (Chieyko Deguchi)—girl, Jan. 13, Garden Grove.  
 KANASHIRO, Edward (Vivian N. Isaka)—boy, Dec. 24.  
 KAWAGUCHI, Tsugio (Toshiko Nakahara)—boy, Jan. 18.  
 KAWAHIRA, Hideo (Sachi Nishizo)—girl, Dec. 29.  
 KIM, John S. (Juliana Nouchi)—girl, Jan. 14.  
 KIMURA, Yoshimichi (Marilyn Louie)—boy, Dec. 19.  
 KUBOTA, Toshi (Yoshiko Nihara)—girl, Dec. 27, Pasadena.  
 LOUIE, Choy (Chieyko Nakanishi)—boy, Jan. 1.  
 MARUYAMA, Frank S. (Mary Yasunaga)—girl, Jan. 7.  
 MATSUI, Ben N. (Elaine Hoki)—twin boys, Dec. 21.  
 MATSUI, Masayoshi (Ayako KiKnoK-shita)—boy, Jan. 14.  
 MATSUMOTO, Susumu (Laverne Kurachi)—boy, Jan. 4.  
 MATSUNAGA, Larry T. (Michiko Murakami)—boy, Dec. 24.  
 MATSUNO, Frank Y. (Emiko Ohashi)—boy, Dec. 24.  
 MORINISHI, Bob (Grace Ishimine)—boy, Feb. 4.  
 MORINO, Masaharu (Kimiko Niwa)—boy, Jan. 3.  
 NAGAO, George (Grace Kubota)—boy, Dec. 20.  
 NAGAHAMA, Raymond (Norma Kuhara)—girl, Dec. 31.  
 NAKAMURA, Mataro (Yoko Ichishima)—girl, Dec. 30.  
 NAKASHIMA, Yukio (Martha Nakazawa)—girl, Jan. 7.  
 NISHIKAWA, George S. (Edith Yoshida)—boy, Jan. 6.  
 NISHIKAWA, Masao (Luz Sanchez)—boy, Dec. 16.  
 OI, Minoru (Kimi Miyao)—boy, Jan. 1.  
 OSHIKI, Yoshio (Lillian Oda)—girl, Dec. 20.  
 OZAWA, John Y. (Mary Toyosada)—boy, Dec. 29.  
 SAITO, Joji (Thelma Yamashiro)—boy, Jan. 15, Pasadena.  
 SANYAL, Pulak (Aiko Fuchigami)—girl, Dec. 28.  
 SHIBATA, Fred (Mary A. Maez)—girl, Dec. 29.  
 SHINDO, Victor (Peggy Tomoyasu)—girl, Jan. 19.  
 SHINOHARA, Takahiro (Shigeo Goto)—boy, Dec. 25.  
 SHISHIDO, Hisao (Hisako Yamamoto)—twin boys, Dec. 11.  
 SUTAKE, Robert—boy, Feb. 1, San Gabriel.  
 TAKAYAMA, Soichi (Kimiko Tamura)—girl, Dec. 23.  
 TAKEOKA, Yoshisada (Marie Dellota)—girl, Jan. 16.  
 TERADA, Yoshio (Sachiye Kanbara)—boy, Dec. 24.  
 TERAKAMI, Frank (Elsie Yoshiko)—girl, Jan. 8.  
 TOMA, Donald (Toyoko Usui)—boy, Dec. 16.  
 TSUCHIYAMA, William (Betty Kawana)—boy, Dec. 9.  
 UEDA, Frank T. (Jane A. Kubota)—boy, Dec. 27.  
 UEMATSU, Kazuji (Sumiko Yawata)—girl, Dec. 29.  
 WAKINAKA, Fred (Esther Furusho)—girl, Jan. 7.  
 WATANABE, Toshio (Keiko Konami)—boy, Dec. 20.  
 YAMAGUCHI, Dr. Mitsuya (Barbara Takahashi)—boy, Dec. 29.  
 YAMAGUCHI, Tom Y. (Yoshiko Wakano)—boy, Dec. 22, Montebello.  
 YAMASHIRO, Yukio (Sally Iba)—boy, Jan. 20.  
 YAO, Michiaki (Konomi Taga)—girl, Dec. 26.

YOSHIMASU, Wilfred (Martha Yasuda)—boy, Jan. 18.  
 YOSHIOKA, Masuo (Sadako Isaka)—boy, Jan. 18.  
 YOSHITAKE, George (June Asako Iwata)—boy, Dec. 24.  
**ORANGE COUNTY**  
 SHIOTANI, Yoshio (Arleen Buttera)—girl, Dec. 30, Anaheim.

### ENGAGEMENTS

KURIMA-ARAKAWA — Frances, Monee, Ill., to Paul, Chicago.  
 OKAMOTO — NAMBU — Amie, Gardena to Dr. Albert, Los Angeles.  
 SHIMIZU — HIRANO — Jean to Kats, both Los Angeles.  
 YAMADA — KANENAKA — Sachiye, Los Angeles, to Ernest, Lihue.

### WEDDINGS

AKIOKA — NAKAGIRI — Feb. 9, Jun M., Gardena; June S., Culver City.  
 FUJIMOTO — MUTO — Mar. 2, Dan and Kathleen, both Los Angeles.  
 KAMEOKA — MUKAI — Feb. 1, Robert, Los Angeles; Junko, Pasadena, at Las Vegas.  
 KUWABARA — KUBO — Feb. 1, Harry K., Sacramento; Yoriko Janet, Los Angeles.  
 MIYANAGA — KODAMA — Feb. 23, James N. and Midori J., both Los Angeles.  
 MORA — MOTOWAKI — Feb. 23, Jay B., Compton; Margaret Y., Los Angeles.  
 SHIGEMURA — MASUYAMA — Mar. 2, Yoneo and Masaye, both Gardena.  
 TOMOOKA — SHIBATA — Mar. 1, Suyeo, Santa Maria; Keiko, Los Angeles.

### DEATHS

FURUKAWA, George K., 75: Monrovia, Feb. 16.  
 HAYASHI, Tano, 71: Los Angeles, Feb. 15.  
 HIRAMI, Mrs. Fujiye, 61: San Fernando, Feb. 24.  
 HIROKAWA, Junichi, 68: Los Angeles, Mar. 12.  
 ISHINO, Denki, 72: Los Angeles, Feb. 20.  
 KATAKIRI, Genbei, 81: Los Angeles, Mar. 12.  
 KODAMA, Ryoze, 75: Los Angeles, Mar. 11.  
 KOJIMA, Kenzo, 60: West Los Angeles, Feb. 16.  
 KOTSUBO, Masataro, 82: Long Beach, Feb. 26.  
 MIMURA, Shoko 5: Los Angeles, Feb. 16 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Hiroshi, (b) Hidetomi, (s) Seiko.  
 MIWA, Mrs. Saku, 77: Los Angeles, Feb. 22.  
 MIZUNO, David K., 43: Chicago, Feb. 21 — (w) Michi, (d) Kathy, (m) Fusano Yakata, (b) James, William George, Fred and Ernest.  
 MURAKAMI, Tokuji, 78: Los Angeles, Feb. 24.  
 NODA, Masashi, 22: Los Angeles, Mar. 16 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Masato, (b) Ted.  
 OHGA, Tamejiro, 76: Los Angeles, Feb. 21.  
 OKU, Gonosuke, 67: Los Angeles, Mar. 17.  
 SAITO, Walter Y., 43: Pasadena, Feb. 23 — (w) Martha, (d) Stephanie, Kathleen, (m) Mine, (b) Bill, John Ty, Henry, (s) Haruko Tan.  
 SOMEN, Jirosuke, 69: Santa Ana, Mar. 2.  
 SUGIHARA, Bansaku, 76: Long Beach, Feb. 15 — (w) Takeyo, (s) James M., Thomas T., (d) Edna Gass, Ina Jones UTSUMI, Eiichiro, 57: Los Angeles, Feb. 6 (in Japan).  
 WATANABE, Shigeyo, 57: Los Angeles, Mar. 10.  
 YAMAMOTO, Mrs. Shizuko, 32: Seattle Feb. 8 — (h) Hiromi, (d) Heida, Mary, six brothers, four sisters.  
 YASUNAGA, Tome, 67: Los Angeles, Mar. 3.

### EMERALD BALL PROCEEDS FOR MARYKNOLL BENEFIT

East Los Angeles JACL has turned its annual Emerald Ball, to be held May 17 at Park Manor, 607 S. Western Ave., into a benefit dance with proceeds going to the new Maryknoll sanatorium-hospital in Monrovia, it was announced by chapter president Roy Yamadera.

Mike Merez and his 11-piece orchestra, which proved popular at last year's Emerald Ball in Anaheim, will again provide the music this year, disclosed Mas Hayasni, general chairman.

## San Francisco Issei leader, 101, dies

SAN FRANCISCO. — Matsunosuke Tsukamoto, 101, one of the first of his native Japan to come to the United States, died April 8 at his home of coronary thrombosis. Funeral services were held last Friday.

Coming from a family of farmers near Tokyo, he followed that life for a brief time after arriving in San Francisco in 1887.

Successively, thereafter, he tried a logging venture in Calaveras County and established a hand laundry at Tiburon, then boasting 100 residents.

In 1896 he set up the first Japanese-operated machine laundry in San Francisco, a concern now run at 165 Tenth St. by his first son, Kaytaro, who at 64 is the oldest mainland Nisei in this country.

Mr. Tsukamoto served a term as prewar president of the Japanese Association of San Francisco. He retired 25 years ago and lived with his oldest son at 386-27th Ave., San Francisco.

Surviving are his wife, Mitsu; two other sons, the Rev. Joseph Tsukamoto, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church in San Francisco, and George; a daughter, Mrs. Mine Kawamura of Oakland; and 11 grandchildren.

### Car skids off icy road, Nisei escapes injury

DENVER. — Nancy Kishiyama, Western State College coed, was one of six in a car which slid 300 feet down Monarch Pass and crashed into a tree during asnowstorm. The girls were returning to the campus from Easter vacation when the accident occurred.

Miss Kishiyama, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kishiyama, 3535 Elizabeth St., escaped serious injury.

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# Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

## Anti-Bias Housing Law

Washington, D.C.  
**ABOUT A DECADE** ago, the United States Supreme Court declared that the courts could not be used constitutionally to enforce racially restrictive covenants. While it is true that there still remains throughout the land many isolated "pockets" where self-segregated communities defy the "outsider" to break in, nevertheless racial discrimination in the sale of homes lost legal sanction. And, partly as a result of that decision, thousands of Nisei were able to buy homes they could afford in places they wanted to live.

But, for the many more thousands of Nisei who could not afford to buy homes or preferred not to do so for one reason or another, discrimination continued—and continues—rampant. Rentals in certain districts and types of places were—and are—available to them. But, in many of the apartments and homes which they can afford to rent that are in proscribed areas, the ugly head of racial discrimination still rears its potent head. And, because they are not "privileged" to seek housing accommodations anywhere and everywhere, they are forced to pay premium rentals solely on the basis of race.

For this reason, the experience of New York City with its latest effort to make democracy more meaningful to all Americans will be watched with interest by the Nisei. On the first of April, a new law—the first municipal statute of its kind in this country—became effective, making it illegal to refuse private housing to any one because of race, color, or creed. One and two-family homes are exempt, except when they are in groups of ten or more. About 1,700,000 housing units in the great metropolis are affected.



**FOR SEVERAL YEARS**, there has been a New York State statute prohibiting racial and religious discrimination in publically-assisted housing, including housing constructed with the help of loans secured by the Federal Housing Authority and the Veterans Administration. An effort to extend this ban to private housing failed in the 1957 Legislature. Subsequently, over the determined opposition of the real estate interests, the City Council of New York passed an ordinance on Dec. 29, 1957, outlawing racial and religious discrimination in private housing within the confines of the City.

The ordinance opens with the finding that in the City of New York with its great cosmopolitan population, consisting of large numbers of people of every race, color, religion, national origin and ancestry, many persons have been compelled to live in circumscribed sections under substandard, unhealthful, unsanitary and crowded living conditions because of discrimination and segregation in housing. The ordinance then goes on to state that apart from causing mortality, morbidity, delinquency, risk of fire, intergroup tension and loss of tax revenue, this situation has resulted in racial segregation in the public schools and other public facilities which is condemned by the Federal and State Constitutions.



**THE ORDINANCE** declares it "to be the policy of the City to assure equal opportunity for all residents to live in decent, sanitary and healthful living quarters, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, in order that the peace, health, safety and general welfare of all the inhabitants of the City may be protected and insured."

The ordinance prohibits any owner, lessee, sub-lessee, assignee, managing agent or other person having the right to sell, rent or lease such housing accommodation from refusing to sell, rent, lease or otherwise deny to or withhold from any person or group of persons such housing accommodations because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, or from discriminating against or segregating any person because of these factors.



**AN EXEMPTION** is made in favor of religious institutions or organizations which are left free to limit admission to housing under their control, or to give preference to persons of the same religion. An effort to write into the law another exception, this in favor of cooperative housing, was defeated.

The original bill provided for fines up to \$500 for violations. This penalty provision was dropped and replaced by a somewhat complicated enforcement procedure.



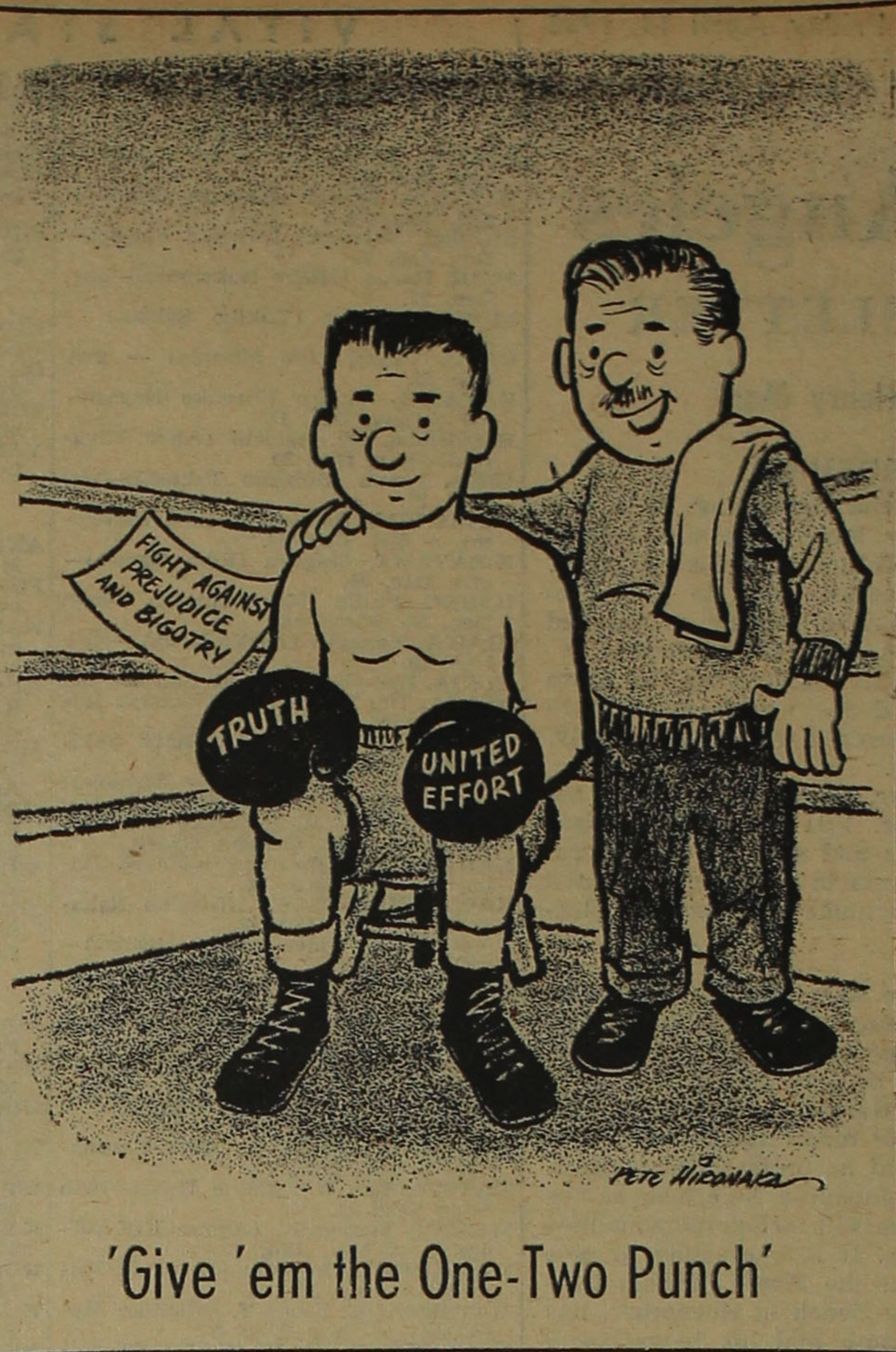
**A COMPLAINT** charging a violation of the ordinance is made to an official city agency, the Commission on Intergroup Relations, with a budget of \$358,000 and a staff of about 50.

Whenever a complaint is made, or when the Commission on its own motion "has reason to believe" that the ordinance has been violated, it has the power to seek to conciliate the matter and eliminate any discriminatory practices it finds to exist. If the Commission fails in this effort, it refers the matter to a review board of three members, who are designated from a panel of 12 to be appointed soon by the Mayor. If this board concurs in the Commission's finding, the case goes to the Corporation Counsel (City Attorney), who may start court proceedings against the violator to compel compliance with the ordinance. The ultimate method of enforcing the ban is by court injunction which, if not obeyed, may result in a year's imprisonment.



**ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER** reports, complaints have already been filed with the Commission alleging discrimination. And, it will be interesting not only to Nisei throughout the nation but to all Americans to watch developments in this historic municipal attempt to eliminate racial and religious discrimination in private housing.

New York City's efforts may well presage a new era in municipal responsibility to eliminate prejudice and bigotry against any of their citizens.



## Curtailment of foreign farm laborers ordered by U.S. Secretary of Labor

WASHINGTON. — The Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell has ordered the curtailment of foreign field hands and recruitment of domestic farm workers this past week, despite recent government approval of requests from growers for temporary foreign agricultural workers.

"Because of the current labor supply situation," Mitchell said, "employers will find workers available in areas which have not been sources of labor supply in recent years."

Mitchell said in all cases where foreign workers are brought into an area the Labor Department's policy of giving priority to qualified domestic farm workers for available farm jobs will be "rigidly enforced."

### Reviewing Program

Mitchell also said the Bureau of Employment Security has at his request been making a complete review of its procedures governing the employment of foreign workers in agriculture. The purpose of this review, he explained, is to determine what new policies are necessary to achieve the greatest use of domestic labor.

(About 192,000 Mexican workers were employed on California farms during 1957 under terms of Public Law 78, the act authorizing the importation program. The law provides that no alien workers can be brought into the United States unless qualified domestic workers are unavailable.)

Mitchell's announcement came a month after the California State Federation of Labor asked the federal government to halt the importation of foreign contract workers to California because of widespread unemployment.

### Cheap Labor Charged

At the time, C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State AFL, said it was "shocking" that the government would co-operate with "big growers" in building a cheap farm labor market at a time when so many persons were seeking work. He said there were 27,000 Mexican contract workers on the State's farms and 1,000 workers imported from Japan.

In Stockton, Ernesto Galarza, international representative of the National Agricultural Workers union and an outspoken critic of the importation program, said that revisions in its administration should be made immediately.

He attacked the present procedure for handling grievances filed by domestic workers who claim they have been turned down for

jobs filled by Mexican laborers.

He charged further that when employers take on domestic workers they don't drop foreigners who have been doing the same work. "The domestic worker is merely put next to the Mexican national who isn't displaced at all," Galarza said.

## Remove secrecy bar on employment of Japanese farm labor

WASHINGTON. — Removal of a secrecy bar on information about the employment of Japanese farm laborers in this country by the Immigration Service was reported this week by House investigators.

This word came from the Government Information Subcommittee whose chairman, Rep. John E. Moss, Jr., (D., Calif.) is pushing for House passage of a freedom-of-information bill this week.

According to a subcommittee staff finding, Ernesto Galarza, secretary of the National Agricultural Workers Union, asked the Immigration Service's San Francisco office last July for the names of employers authorized to hire imported Japanese farm workers and how many were employed by each.

A U.S. - Japanese treaty provides for bringing Japanese agricultural workers to this country for up to three years at a time. Most of them are brought to California.

### Original Stand

Asst. Immigration Commissioner L. W. Williams wrote back to Galarza: "The information sought by you cannot be furnished in view of the fact that the internal records of this service may not be made available to the general public."

Moss asked Commissioner Joseph M. Swing last month for an explanation. General Swing said "there is no regulatory or statutory bar" against giving out such information.

"Previous contrary advice on that subject to Mr. Galarza from one of my assistants is incorrect," Swing wrote Moss.

### Picnic cancelled

FREMONT. — The annual community picnic sponsored by Fremont JACL scheduled for April 27 at Gilroy Hot Springs has been cancelled indefinitely, according to Tad Sekigahama, chairman.

## USE OF 'JAP' IS 'MOST ANNOYING,' COLUMNIST TOLD

CHICAGO. — Frequent usage of the word, "Jap", by Chicago Daily News columnist Sam Lerner was described as "most annoying and embarrassing" to persons of Japanese ancestry in America in a letter of explanation to the newsman by Abe Hagiwara, national chairman, JACL public relations committee.

Hagiwara was referring to Lerner's column of Mar. 26. "Persons of Japanese ancestry do not like to be referred to as 'Japs,'" he declared. "I was surprised because I assumed you knew this. This objectionable word is a stereotype with a long history similar to 'niggers, kikes and dagoes'. It was coined over 50 years ago during the anti-Oriental movement in California. The meaning and implications were unmistakably clear to those who were so labeled."

Many people innocently and unknowingly offend Japanese and Japanese Americans by referring to them as "Japs", Hagiwara said. "It's bad enough to listen to it, but to see it in print is most annoying and embarrassing."

Hagiwara, who served as Midwest District Council chairman, recalled that JACL actively campaigned to have the public understand its feelings on the objectionable word, adding that publishers of Webster's New International Dictionary would add to the present definition of the word, "Jap", that it has a disparaging or derogatory connotation in their next printing.

Lerner was informed that "Jap" is seldom found in news or feature copy. "Our chief quarrel has been with the headline writers of our newspapers and we do recognize and appreciate their problems. Unfortunately, we have not been able to offer them an acceptable word in substitute."

## CALENDAR

- Apr. 18 (Friday)
  - Fresno — Cancer Benefit dance, Rainbow Ballroom.
  - Southwest L.A. — "Southwest Fever" dance, Zenda Ballroom.
- Apr. 19 (Saturday)
  - Long Beach — General meeting, Harbor Community Hall, 7 p.m.
  - 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. 22 (Tuesday)
  - Coachella-Imperial Valley — Joint meeting, Mas Satow visitation, Indio.
- Apr. 23 (Wednesday)
  - Venice-Culver — Satow visitation.
- Apr. 24 (Thursday)
  - Downtown L.A. — Satow visitation, San Kwo Low, 12 n.
  - Gardena Valley — Satow visitation.
- Apr. 25 (Friday)
  - Contra Costa — Welcome Social, Pullman School, 7:30 p.m.
  - San Diego — Dinner meeting, Satow visitation.
- Apr. 26 (Saturday)
  - Pasadena — Satow visitation.
  - Livingston-Merced - Cortez — Joint chapter bridge night, Livingston Grace Methodist Church.
- Apr. 27 (Sunday)
  - Long Beach — Benefit movie, Harbor Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.
  - Denver — Benefit movies, Tri-State Buddhist Church.
  - Long Beach — Satow visitation, res. of Dr. David Miura, 8 p.m.
  - Fresno — Community picnic, Kearney Park.
  - French Camp — Community picnic.
- Apr. 28 (Monday)
  - East Los Angeles — Dinner meeting, San Kwo Low, 6 p.m.; Tour of Police Bldg. to follow, Satow visitation.
  - Orange County — Joint meeting, Satow visitation, with East Los Angeles (see above).
- Apr. 29 (Tuesday)
  - San Fernando Valley — Satow visitation.
- Apr. 30 (Wednesday)
  - West Los Angeles — Satow visitation.
- May 1 (Thursday)
  - Southwest L.A. — Satow visitation.
- May 3 (Saturday)
  - Ventura County — Satow visitation, Oxnard Methodist Church.
- May 4 (Sunday)
  - PSWDC — Spring Quarterly: San Luis Obispo JACL hosts, Pismo Beach Veterans Memorial Hall, 9 p.m.
  - Livingston-Merced — Annual picnic, Haganan Park.
- May 9 (Friday)
  - Chicago — 1000 Club Whing Ding, Lady Ann's Hall, 932 W. Sheridan Rd., 7:30 p.m.
  - French Camp — Mothers' Day program.
  - Philadelphia — Cabinet meetin.
- May 10 (Saturday)
  - Sequoia-Jr. Tri-Villes "Spring Fever" dance, Carpenter's Union Hall, 3065 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, 8 p.m.
- May 15 (Friday)
  - Hollywood — General meeting.