

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

### National Director's visit of Southland

During this past week and the next, national JACL director Mas Satow will visit most of the chapters of the Pacific Southwest District Council. Although Mas is a familiar and welcome figure at most of the PSW district meetings, it has been almost a decade since he last made local chapter visits in the Southland.

As the top staff man, Mas has the responsibility of coordinating all of the efforts of the various regional offices, the local chapters and national headquarters. His duties and responsibilities reach into almost every facet of JACL activity. His work load is so great that the National Board is currently exploring the possibility of hiring additional help.

Despite his rugged schedule, Mas never seems to get tired. Indefatigable seems to be the word that describes him best. Traveling as he does, he might be called the "John Foster Dulles" of JACL.

We feel that the local chapters should take advantage of Mas' visits by exchanging as much information as they can about JACL — whether they are local, regional or national problems. Any special problems that the local chapters have can benefit greatly from the vast experience and background of our very capable national director.

One of the advantages of having our national director visit local chapters is that appreciation that they gain on the national nature of our organization. At the same time, these visits give to the national director a grass-roots knowledge of the local JACL units. Both are equally important in the effective functioning of national JACL.

Mas will conclude his Southern California visits at the May 4 meeting of the PSWDC in Pismo Beach. We are looking forward to this meeting since it promises to be very interesting and enjoyable. And nearby Morro Bay is one of California's most beautiful sections.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR NAT'L JACL OFFICES

**SAN FRANCISCO.** — Nominations for seven national JACL offices by the eight district councils comprising the national organization must be submitted by June 21, Yasuo Abiko, national chairman of the nominating committee, reminded this week.

The JACL constitution stipulates that nominations must be made "no less than 60 days before the next national council meeting". The national council convenes in Salt Lake City, Aug. 22-25.

As recommended by previous national nominating committees, district councils are expected to provide background material of their nominees on specially prepared forms to be distributed by National Headquarters within the next few weeks.

Nominations are open for the office of president, three vice-presidents, treasurer, secretary to the board, and 1000 Club chairman.

### 1000 Club Chairman

Although by the constitution the 1000 Club chairman has been elected by 1000ers at their convention whing-ding, at the past two conventions he was elected at the regular national board elections for the practical reason that this office has a bearing on the other offices.

"We are suggesting a constitution revision to conform to this practice," Abiko said. "This means that the 1000 Club chairman will be elected with the other officers so nominations should be submitted for this office."

When the list of nominees from district councils has been received at National Headquarters, the nominating committee sends the complete slate to the districts. A breakfast meeting of the national nominating committee to determine the final slate has been scheduled for the first day of the convention, Aug. 22, 7:30 a.m., at Hotel Utah.

Further nominations may be added by (1) a petition bearing signatures of presidents of not less than three supporting chapters, and (2) nominations from the floor when the national council is duly convened for the election, which will be Monday morning, Aug. 25. The usual custom has been to elect by individual offices separately in order, starting with the office of national president.

Serving the 1957-58 biennium are: Dr. Roy Nishikawa (Southwest L.A.) nat'l pres.; Shig Wakamatsu (Chicago), 1st vp.; Jack Noda (Cortez), 2nd vp.; Harry Takagi (Washington, D.C.), 3rd vp.; Akira Hayashi (New York) treas.; Mrs. Lily Okura (Omaha), sec to nat'l bd.; Kenji Tashiro (Tulare County), 1000 Club chmn.

## \$1,500 Japanese sword collection stolen

**DENVER.** — Loss of seven ceremonial Japanese swords, valued at \$1,500, was reported last week to police by Dr. K.K. Miyamoto, Issei community leader here. The swords were stolen from his bedroom where he had them on display racks.

## Appoint new Episcopal missionary for L.A.

**SAN FRANCISCO.**—The Rev. Joseph K. Tsukamoto of the Christ Episcopal Church here has been appointed general missionary in Los Angeles, according to an announcement by Bishop Francis Eric Bloy of the Los Angeles diocese.

Expected to begin his work by May 15, he will be engaged in work both at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and in the general Los Angeles area with the Rev. John H.M. Yamazaki, St. Mary's rector.

# Sansei slain, innocent victim of teenage gang skirmish

**BY HARRY HONDA**

Little sores of juvenile delinquency that have pocked the record of Japanese Americans in Los Angeles in the past several years festered to an ugly tragedy last Friday night when one Sansei shot and killed another Sansei.

The metropolitan afternoon press had pictures of Richard Sumii, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sumii of 3106-9th Ave., an innocent victim of a teenage gang war at the Kow Kong Youth Center, locale of a Nisei girl's dance party in New Chinatown.

It made Nisei parents most conscious of the problem of raising their teenage children.

(Read Henry Mori's column this week.—Ed.)

Sgt. R. P. Doran of Homicide revealed that a petition to juvenile court was filed Tuesday to have one Louis Yamashiro, 17, of 912 Valencia St., tried for murder. Yamashiro, under custody of police,

was identified by Officers R. G. McFeveney and R. T. Payan as the youth who admitted shooting the .38-calibre pistol.

Police indicated that Sumii, who died almost instantly, was not a member of either gangs, one hailing from the eastside and the other from the westside. His mother told the Rafu Shimpo that her son, Richard, did not even know Yamashiro.

Young Sumii, an honor student at Dorsey High School, had his books open, his mother related, when three Nisei companions called on him to join them and proceeded to the dance. "He seldom, if ever, went out more than once a week," she added, "and this is what happens . . ."

According to Sgt. Doran, the gun was first handled by Dale Shoohee, 17, that night and handed it to Takeshi Masukawa, 16. Yamashiro then allegedly took the gun from the latter and fired one

shot into the crowd of battling teenagers, hitting Sumii who was watching the melee.

Complaints of riot and gang activity are to be filed against other juveniles involved in the affair, the police stated.

### Trial as Adult

Under California law, a minor over the age of 16 can be tried as an adult in superior court if the minor's previous police record and type of crime is of a nature that juvenile court would serve of little or no value.

The recommendation that a minor be tried in superior court, however, is made by juvenile court after petitions from police and probation officers.

Several inquiries were received at the JACL Regional Office, wondering if the problem of juvenile delinquency might be squarely dealt through its office.

The Japanese American community was buzzing over the weekend at the tragedy of this single-shot teenage gang fight that claimed an innocent life. "The case has certainly made Nisei parents more aware of this problem," one prominent JACLer told the Pacific Citizen.

"We have had some optimistic reports on Nisei-Sansei crime rate recently, but this shooting makes you wonder," he continued. "What happened to Sumii can happen to any kid."

He was not able to provide an answer, but did comment that what has happened is "a reflection of our materialistic civilization."

### Editor's Note

Whether the publication by the press, metropolitan and Japanese vernacular, may have some "face-saving" effect and help minimize delinquency is still a moot question. However, the Pacific Citizen this week felt this incident was of major importance as continued ignorance of such foul play may give credence to the old line that "it's O.K., so long as you don't caught!"

This incident sullies the remarkable low-crime record and may embarrass innocent parties. But, the Pacific Citizen feels that unless the youth, delinquent or otherwise, is made aware of this, even greater tragedies may come.

## SIMPLE RULES OF PROPER BEHAVIOR FOR LADY TOLD

**MONTREAL.** — Sachiko Nishiyama, 22, who came to Canada two years ago from Japan, has some simple rules of proper behavior for a lady.

"A lady is always calm so she will not spoil the delicate atmosphere for a man.

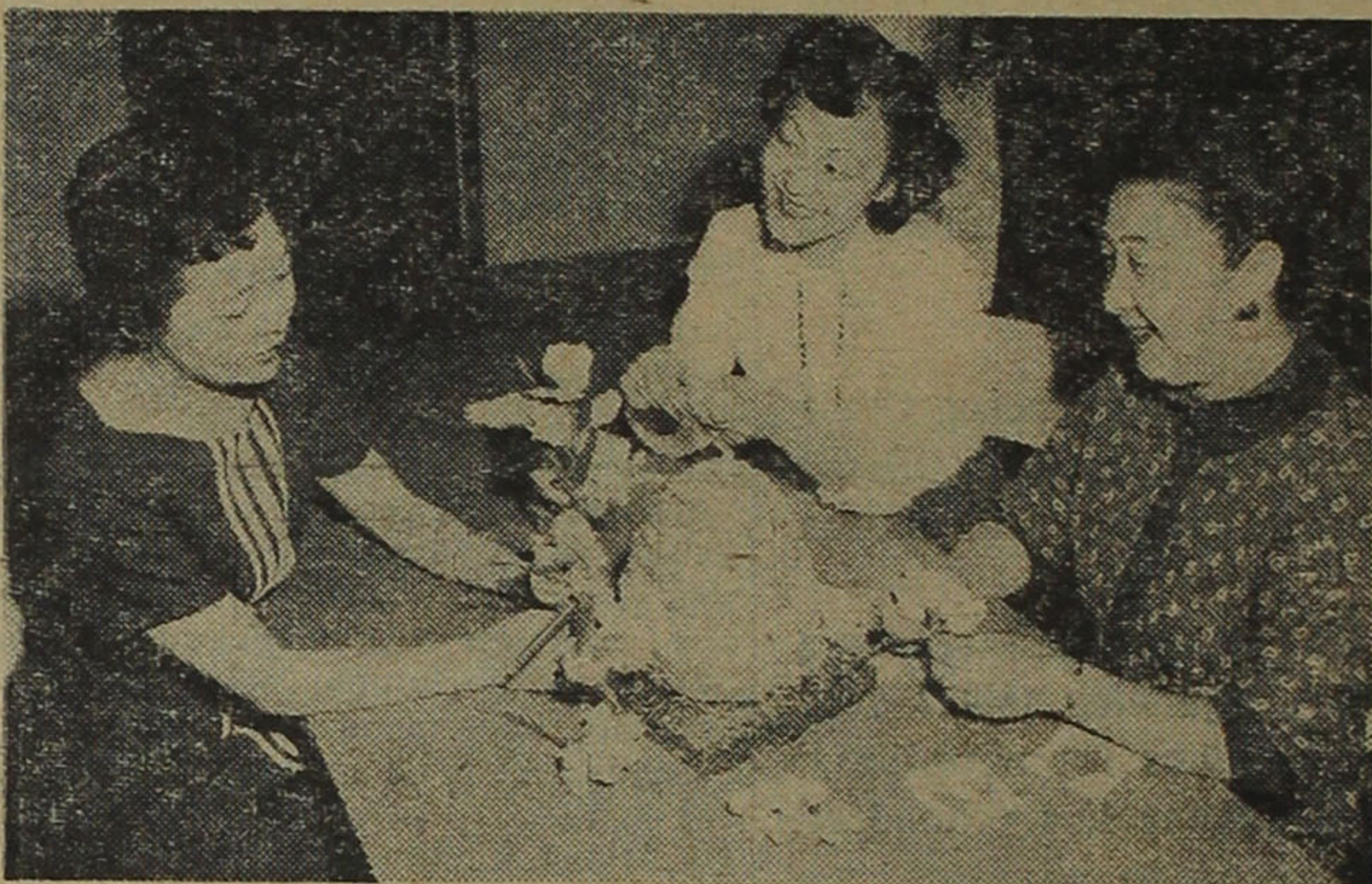
"A lady conceals her arms and her legs from the public gaze because they are not picturesque.

"A lady waits at home to refresh her husband's spirit when he returns after a day's labor."

Miss Nishiyama is a fourth-year arts student at Sir George Williams College here.

## LOS ANGELES NISEI EARNS ARMY INCENTIVE AWARD

**TOKYO.** —Kiyoshi Takano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Itsuhei Takano, 217 E. Avenue 48, Los Angeles, a Dept. of Army civilian worker at Zama U.S. Army Headquarters, was awarded a \$50 check and the Incentive Awards certificate for a suggestion to increase efficiency within the comptroller's office in Japan. He is a graduate of Otis Art Institute and the Chicago Art Institute and served a tour in the U.S. Army as interpreter here.



Three members of the Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary, (from left), Mrs. Josie Hachiya, Mrs. Miki Yano and Mrs. Rae Fujimoto, are busy making decorations for the tables at the National JACL Convention delegates luncheon and banquet, at the Hotel Utah. Since the project involves 50 papier-mache beehives, sego lilies and milk-carton vases swathed in Utah copper foil, the Auxiliary has been meeting every week to have them ready for the Aug. 22-25 convention. — Terashima Photo.

## Teenager, nearly blind, keeps occupied by tending to own hydroponic garden

**HONOLULU.** — Alfred P. Maneki was born here 15 years ago with defective eyesight, but he has not allowed this handicap to discourage him.

"I can see only enough to distinguish shadows," Alfred says. "I can't read except by Braille."

"And television? I understand only by hearing."

But Al, an ambitious sophomore at McKinley High School, is a keen-witted lad who especially enjoys working with flowers, plants and vegetables.

In this respect, he is like his father, Mitsugi Maneki, a farmer who raises vegetables on a 15-acre farm near Barber's Point Naval Air Station.

### Exhibit In Hydroponics

An ingenious lad, Alfred conceived the idea of displaying an exhibit in hydroponics when a science fair was announced for his school March 24 and 25.

"Hydroponics," he explained, "is

the art of raising plants by using only chemical solution—without the use of soil."

He has invented his own method of pouring the solution into a box of black sand he has made for his string beans and cucumber plants.

Al uses an eight-gallon galvanized can with a hole near the bottom. To this hole is attached a hose whose other end is welded to the box.

### Liquid Flows

Whenever he lifts the can up on a nearby stool, the liquid automatically flows into the black sand, "which holds the roots in place."

That's the sole function of the sand, he says.

"I 'feed' the plants twice a day," he says, "and change the solution every six days."

Al says inspiration for working on such an experiment came from his biology teacher, Mrs. Jessica W. Rea, a public school teacher for 25 years.

His unique exhibit was on display at the Hawaiian Science Fair April 11-13 at Fort DeRussey.

"I don't know what I'd like to be," he said, "but right now my biggest interest is agriculture."

He's had four and a half year's training on the accordion, he says, and "when I'm not working with plants I like to play the accordion."

## HUNTINGTON BEACH NISEI HEADS DE MOLAY GROUP

**HUNTINGTON BEACH.** —Lynell Tanigoshi, 17, senior at the local high school, was installed as master counselor of the Huntington Beach Chapter of DeMolay. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tanigoshi of Westminster.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

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**UNWANTED AMERICANS** — One of the inevitable byproducts of war are the children fathered by men of the conquering armies and borne by native girls. Human nature being what it is, such children will continue to be born, I suppose, as long as vigorous young troops of one nation are garrisoned in another. Especially if the girls are attractive.

What bring this subject up at this time is a press release from Welcome House, the adoption agency in Doylestown, Pa., founded by Pearl Buck, the eminent China-born American novelist. Welcome House serves in all 48 states in the placement of Children of Asian-American parentage.

No accurate figures seem to be available on the number of children born fathered by U.S. troops to Japanese and Korean women, but it must be in the tens of thousands. These children, according to the Welcome House press release, are regarded in their native lands as Americans. And because those lands are overcrowded and poor, the problems of finding homes for unwanted or abandoned children falls on the doorsteps of Americans.

**COLOR PROBLEM** — The problem of placing these children is complicated by the fact that about two-thirds of those available for adoption in Japan and Korea are part Negro.

"Officials in Japan and Korea ask embarrassing questions when American welfare agencies select only the white American-Asian child to place for adoption," Miss Buck says. "Since Welcome House has pioneered in the problem of race with relation to adoption, we feel we must now accept the challenge of this particular group of dependent children."

Miss Buck is setting an example by adopting an 8-year-old Japanese-Negro girl. She will join in the Buck household a German-Negro girl adopted five years ago. Miss Buck's sister and her husband who live in Washington, D.C. are adopting a Japanese-Negro boy crippled from polio. Several Pennsylvania Mennonite couples are adopting Japanese-Negro children, and American Negro families are taking in others.

**A MATTER OF POLITICS** — While the largest problem is with Japanese-Negro orphans, most of the children being brought to the U.S. for adoption are of white American-Asian parentage.

"At best," Miss Buck says, "only a small number of the GI orphans can be brought to America for adoption, and it is important from a political as well as a humanitarian view to concern ourselves with the futures of those who will remain in Asia. For it will be hard for them to get education, employment and otherwise compete in countries that are poor and overcrowded. If they are left without help and guidance, they will be the natural dissidents in coming years and prey to the worst Communist propaganda.

"Thus, even for selfish reasons, we must assume responsibility for these children who were fathered by American soldiers and are called 'Americans' in their native lands."

**WHY?** — Without meaning to be facetious about a tragic situation, it would be interesting indeed to compare the rate of illegitimate GI-fathered births in the various nations where U.S. troops are stationed. For instance, is this birth rate higher in Japan or in Germany, and why? Are the women of a particular nation more attractive, more acquiescent, hungrier or is it just a matter of local customs? Might make a fascinating field of research for some sociologist or psychologist.

PC Letter Box

ABUSE OF TERMS

Editor: — In the March 28 PC, Abe Hagiwara, National JACL public relations committee chairman, takes umbrage at some remarks made by Sun-Times columnist, Paul Molloy.

Mr. Hagiwara says, "In talking about wartime enemies Molloy apparently is lumping all Japanese tweek those (Japanese) who made great sacrifices as loyal Americans and those who fought against the United States."

The emphasis is mine. As a student of this subject I am able to see Mr. Hagiwara's point. I am inclined to believe the uninitiated must completely misunderstand him.

Few Nisei are Japanese. No Japanese is a loyal American. All self-respecting Japanese are loyal subjects of Japan.

When a person designates himself as Japanese is it reasonable to expect people to conclude that he is an American? Isn't it much more reasonable to expect people to conclude that he is what he says: a subject of Japan?

No American is Japanese. No Japanese is an American.

Americans of Japanese ancestry do themselves, and the people of Japan, a disservice by the abuse of these terms.

ALLAN BEEKMAN

Honolulu.

(The Pacific Citizen welcomes letters. All letters must be signed and addressed, though names may be withheld upon request or pen-names used instead. Briefer they are, the better. All are subject to condensation. We assume no responsibility for statements in letters.)

Bits & Bites

**On the recent Supreme Court decisions on citizenship** (see April 4 PC), the Nation this past week is disturbed editorially as it asked: "And suppose Congress chooses to extend expatriation to cover 'heresies' in other directions? Citizenship, no longer a birthright secured by the Constitution, becomes a privilege subject to the whim of Congress. Here is another maneuver in the war of attrition against the Constitution which aroused Chief Justice Warren to vigorous dissent in the recent cases:

"The judiciary has the duty to implement the constitutional safeguards that protect individual rights. We have no choice but to enforce the paramount commands of the Constitution. We are sworn to do no less. We cannot push back the limits of the Constitution merely to accommodate challenged legislation."

**Natchi Matsunami, who with her sister Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, owns 20 kimonos outfitted her classmates of Omaha Central High which staged a Japanese dance at the school's annual Road Show last month. She is the sister of Manuel Matsunami, past Omaha JACL president, and Joe Matsunami, active Sacramento JACLer.**

**Those who've missed Sessue Hayakawa's live-TV appearance on the NBC's Kraft Theater have an opportunity to see him on "Studio One" May 5 over CBS-TV with Michi Kobi in the play, "The Kurashiki Incident".**

**Various community organizations contributed a total of \$1,199 during the first quarter of 1958, Shonien Child Welfare Center acknowledged this past week.**

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Tokyo Topics

By Tamotsu Murayama

Teaching of Ethics to be Revived

TOKYO. — An instruction manual for teachers to conduct classes in ethics has been published by the Ministry of Education. It is aimed to create a sense of patriotism in the hearts of school children.

However, a textbook similar to the prewar "shushin" material will not be available.

"Shushin"—or moral education—has been the target of the Socialists, which has tagged the Education Ministry as being "reactionary" for wanting to revive the teaching of this subject. And it shall depend upon how the school teachers will handle this subject of "moral education" since many of them are already opposed to this program.

This course was banned by the American Occupation, which believed the kind of patriotism it taught was imperialistic and militant. However, it has resulted in the complete lack of discipline in the classrooms. The teachers never care how their charges behave. Whereas the Japanese school children were considered to be the best behaved in the world, since

the war's end, classroom behavior has deteriorated to the point where the need of teaching ethics as a remedy came up for discussion often.

Moral education will be taught in elementary and junior high schools during "morals hour".

On the subject of patriotism, the manual says "love your country with the consciousness that you are Japanese". But the interpretations of patriotism by the Education Ministry and the Japan Teachers Union, which includes the majority of them, are quite contrary in meaning.

At the present time, filial piety and respect of the Emperor and Empress is not taught in school. And all of a sudden, the Education Ministry intends to teach respect of elders and love of country through moral education. Whether these attributes can be instilled in the children by the so-called moral education is a big question. What makes the future dim is the fact that many school teachers are opposed to morals education since it has been labeled as "reactionary".

Quiet labors of Issei chemist fighting cancer in New York laboratory disclosed

NEW YORK.—Contributions of an Issei chemist, Dr. Kanematsu Sugiura, who has quietly labored in his laboratory for the past 40 years testing chemicals for their cancer-restraining effects, recently came to light in the Hokubei Shimpou.

Dr. Sugiura, who first came to the United States at the age of 13 in 1892, is head of the tumor spectrum section of the Division of Experimental Chemotherapy at the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research at Memorial Center. As the name of his division indicates, he tests chemicals for their cancer-restraining effects.

Currently he has more than 25 different types of animal cancer growing in laboratory animals. For example, he may have implanted a rat with rat cancer. He then injects various chemicals to discover each element's effect against different kinds of cancer, such as cancer of the bone, lung, breast, etc.

"In animals," he says, "I can now cure 100 per cent of some types of transplanted cancer."

Papers on Cancer

He has been the author or else helped write 175 papers concerning cancer problems. Here is what the Memorial Center News has to say about his background:

Remember when a big plate of beef stew cost only a dime? And when a slice of apple pie and a cup of coffee together cost a nickel?

Maybe you don't remember, but those were the prevailing New York prices when Dr. Kanematsu Sugiura joined the old Memorial Hospital just 40 years ago.

As a young research chemist, Dr. Sugiura was paid \$100 a month in 1917. He recalls that Memorial nurses got \$25 a month plus maintenance, and porters got about \$35 with a meal or two thrown in.

Dr. Sugiura, who is now an associate at SKI and section head of the tumor spectrum section, was considered a "boy wonder in fencing" when he was brought to New York from Japan in 1905 by the late E. H. Harriman, the present Governor's father.

Dr. Sugiura was then 13. He enrolled in Public School 69, then in

a high school here. He was living on 58th Street near Sixth Avenue, in the home of the Harriman family physician.

Brooklyn Poly Graduate

Deciding to specialize in chemistry, he received a bachelor of science degree at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in 1915 and a master of arts degree at Columbia University two years later. His first job was in a cancer research laboratory at Roosevelt Hospital that had been established with funds left by Mr. Harriman, who died in 1907.

After a brief visit to Japan in 1917, Dr. Sugiura joined the old Memorial Hospital at 106th Street and Central Park West.

"In those days" he recalled, "the whole laboratory had only about 25 employees, including technicians and porters. Dr. James Ewing was the head of Memorial then, and in addition to my regular work, I often helped him perform autopsies at night."

"There was a wartime shortage of help, and I even helped take care of the laboratory animals. The laboratory was unheated, and at night I carried them all into the hospital, then returned them to the lab in the morning."

Since the staff photographer was not always available, Dr. Sugiura sometimes took pictures of patients. He helped weigh drugs in the pharmacy and assisted in routine work in the physics department.

Dr. Sugiura received his doctor of science degree in 1925 from the Kyoto Imperial University in Japan.

SOUTHLAND NISEI DEMOS TO ATTEND LUNCHEON

Eleven Nisei Democratic leaders will hear Attorney General Pat Brown, Democratic candidate for governorship of California, at a luncheon tomorrow at Swalley's Restaurant, it was announced by Kango Kunitsugu, Japanese American Democratic Club president. Attending will be Frank Chuman, Dave Yokozeki, James Mitsumori, George Maruya, Kei Uchida, Frank Kurihara, Larry Park, Shigemori Tamaki, Ted Okumoto, Don Matsuda and Kunitsugu.

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## Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

### Along the Entertainment Front

Henry Nakamura, then a schoolboy in Honolulu, got a taste of the movie business back in 1951 when MGM made the film about the Japanese American Combat Team of World War II, "Go for Broke!" Henry was too young to have been in the 442nd Combat Team but he was ideal for the role. Writer-Director Robert Pirosh had in mind "Go for Broke!", the young orphan named Tommy.

Nakamura's playing of Tommy was one of the hits of the picture and he decided to make a career of the movies. MGM also was pleased with him and wrote in a role for him in a Robert Taylor western called "Westward the Women." He was Ito, an immigrant Japanese who helps Taylor take a wagon train full of young women from Missouri to their prospective husbands in California.

Army service interrupted Nakamura's career, but he's been out of his GI's for several years now and back in the movies. After several nondescript parts he has a comic role of an Annamite in the World War I air story, "Lafayette Escadrille," for Warner Brothers.

Teru Shimada, who's had a good year in films and on TV, has one of the leading roles in the Nacirema production, "Dateline Tokyo," which is scheduled for release in May. This is the picture of an interracial love affair in Japan, ostensibly inspired by the recent Girard case, with Michi Kobi playing the Japanese girl and Richard Long, the Marine who is arrested for the killing of a Nipponese civilian.

Shimada also is seen briefly as Clark Gable's nemesis, "Bungo Pete," the commander of a Japanese submarine, in Hecht-Hill-Lancaster's submarine film from the Edward Beach novel, "Run Silent, Run Deep."

During the past year Shimada has done several notable performances in filmed TV. He played an Issei in Miami Beach, Fla., who helps beautify the city in "Call Home the Heart," and he was a Japanese fisherman with a shrewd wife, played by Loretta Young, in "The Pearl." The latter segment won Miss Young an award last year and recently resulted in a sequel, "Innocent Conspiracy," with Shimada and Miss Young recreating their original roles. George Matsui and Robert Kino were also in "Innocent Conspiracy."

After playing the role of Ito, the houseboy, in Lawrence and Lee's "Auntie Mame," starring Rosalind Russell, for nearly two years on the New York stage, Yuki Shimoda was called to Hollywood this past month to put his performance on film for Warner Brothers.

Shimoda has had a number of parts on Broadway in recent years and also was responsible for the choreography of a Shubert's musical of several seasons ago which didn't survive a tryout tour.

With "Auntie Mame" on tour, there are two other Itos currently on the boards, in the Constance Bennett and Sylvia Sidney companies of the comedy hit.

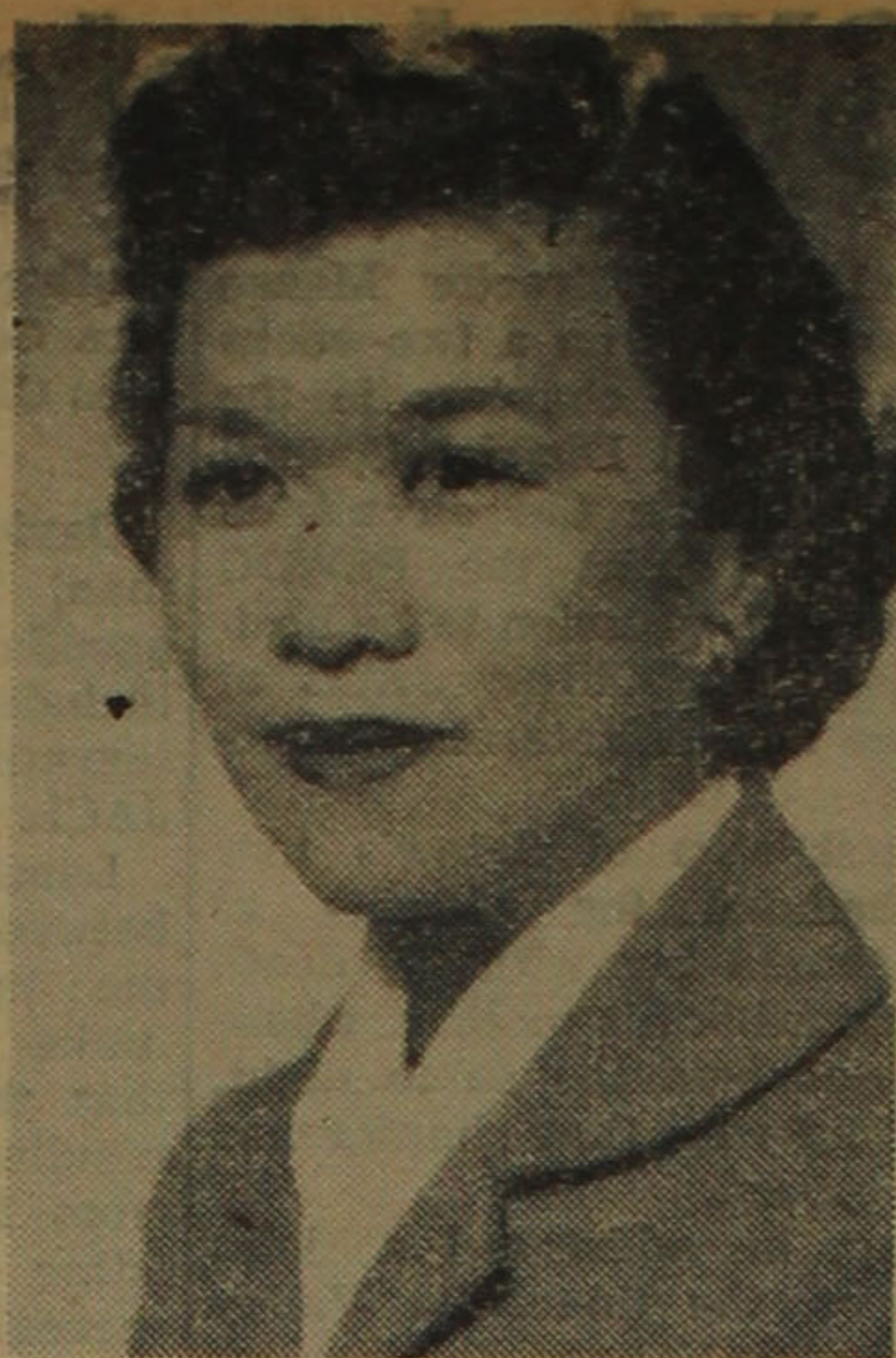
Isamu Noguchi's settings "provide a starkly impending atmosphere," according to one critic, for Martha Graham's full-length dance production, "Clytemnestra," which was performed earlier this month at the Adelphi in New York. Noguchi was flown in from his Paris Studio — where he is working on an UNESCO garden — to do the settings for the Graham premiere. Yuriko, long one of the leading dancers in the Martha Graham company, rejoined the troupe during the recent season. She will be seen this fall in the new Rodgers and Hammerstein musical with a San Francisco Chinatown background, "The Flower Drum Song."

Yuriko was the leading dancer of R&H's "The King and I" for several seasons on Broadway and appeared—with Michiko Iseri—in the 20th Century Fox film version as well.

Pat Suzuki received the stamp of approval from the show biz bible, Variety, last week after she performed at the Black Orchid in Chicago. With the exception of a few TV guest shots (Lawrence Welk, Jack Paar and George Gobel), Miss Suzuki's singing in the past two years has been confined mainly to Norman Bobrow's Colony Club in Seattle. Now, however, she's a national name (thanks partially to her Vik album, "The Many Sides of Pat Suzuki") and her services are in demand. After the Black Orchid she was booked into Las Vegas and in New York where she'll also give Rodgers and Hammerstein an answer whether she'll take the lead in "Flower Drum Song."

Variety described Miss Suzuki as "a thrush with an impressive vocal and visual identity that should make her a click in almost any situation. . . She has large, belting pipes that are very well controlled, and excellent diction. Also, intense eyes, a long pony tail, and a look of immense vitality."

Miss Suzuki hasn't been hurt by the fact that her biggest show world booster and No. 1 fan is another singer, fellow name of Bing Crosby.



Among new members named to the National YWCA Board was Mrs. George T. Tada, East Los Angeles JACLER, currently working as deputy probation officer. Before her marriage, she was on the leadership services staff at the National YWCA Headquarters in New York City.

—Pach Bros. Photo.

## Mrs. Marie de Carli loses fight to gain postmaster appointment at Stockton

STOCKTON. —A year-long fight to gain the postmastership of Stockton was lost by Mrs. Marie de Carli this past week when the Civil Service Commission in Washington named three other candidates as eligible for the \$7,730 per year post.

An active member of the Stockton JACL, Mrs. de Carli, whose father was Japanese, and mother Spanish, was the original choice of both California senators William Knowland and Thomas Kuchel in late April, 1957.

The controversy began when the San Joaquin County Republican Central Committee endorsed assistant postmaster Fred J. Booth to succeed George Langford, who retired.

While such endorsement is tantamount to filling the position, the two Republican senators ignored it and nominated Mrs. de Carli, who has been active in GOP women's circles. Sen. Knowland later reversed his endorsement and the selection was turned over to the Civil Service Commission last December.

Meanwhile, she had accepted a post of coordinator of volunteer service at San Joaquin County General Hospital and was one of

## Nisei appointed teacher at school in Turkey

NEW YORK. — The appointment of Dan M. Horiuchi, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masataro Horiuchi, 726-16th Ave., Honolulu, as a teacher at the American School in Tarsus, Turkey, was announced last week by the American Board of Commissioners, the overseas agency of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Horiuchi, majoring in physical education at Kansas State Teachers College, will teach that subject in Turkey. He receives his master's degree in physical education this spring from the same school and is currently a graduate assistant, teaching wrestling and boxing and assisting the football coaching staff.

During his senior year, he was class president and co-captain on the football team. While in service after graduating from Kaimuki High School, he was welterweight boxing champion in the European command.

## MIIKO TAKA DUE HOME FROM EUROPE BY MAY 1

Nisei actress Miiko Taka, currently touring Europe in connection with the release of Warner Bros. film, "Sayonara", is due to return home in Los Angeles around May 1.

Original plans called for completion of her tour in early April, but she decided to extend her stay in Europe for a month to fulfill other commitments and also stay in France for rest and recuperation.

## Active 'Y' worker and probation officer elected to national YWCA board position

NEW YORK. — Mrs. T. George Tada of Los Angeles is among new members of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association named at the organization's 21st National Triennial Convention in St. Louis last month.

Mrs. Tada, the former Dorothy Takechi, is active in working with juveniles in Los Angeles County and currently is working as a deputy probation officer. She also is a member of the Central Branch board of management of the Los Angeles YWCA and is on the Metropolitan Adult Activities Committee for the same group, and is a member of the East Los Angeles JACL.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Tada, a specialist in human relations, was on the Leadership Services staff of the National YWCA Headquarters, 600 Lexington Ave., New York City.

Mrs. Tada has had wide experience in working with teen-age and young adult groups in the Los An-

geles, Mount Vernon, N. Y., and New York City YWCAs. In 1946 she made a study of interracial relations in Los Angeles for the National YWCA Board and helped in establishing an interracial residence for young women in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Tada was born in San Francisco. One result of spending a year in War Relocation centers during World War II was an interest in expanding her knowledge of the field of human relations. She received the John Hay Whitney Award as a fellow in doctoral study for Human Relations Studies, New York University.

Mrs. Tada holds a bachelor of arts in psychology degree from the Univ. of California, Berkeley, and received her master of arts degree in sociology from Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., in 1945. She has also studied community organization and group work at George Williams College, Chicago, and at the Univ. of Chicago.

## ARCHITECT GRADUATE HEADS FOR U.S. NAVY SCHOOL

SAN FRANCISCO. — Gene T. Izuno, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Izuno, 2760 Sacramento St., and graduate in architecture from the Univ. of Illinois, has volunteered for 40-months service in the U.S. Navy and is attending the Naval Officers Training School at Newport, R.I., to study civil engineering.

## NISEI AUTHOR EXPLAINS REASON FOR WRITING BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

OAKLAND. — Yoshiko Uchida, Nisei author of books for young children, attended the fourth annual California Writers conference here April 12 at Hotel Claremont. Some 400 writers and aspiring writers attended the sessions.

Miss Uchida served as a member of a panel on juvenile and junior novels.

The Berkeley author said that she began her career with hopes that "through my writing I would help children to understand and respect a culture different from theirs."

She found it particularly gratifying to realize that youngsters in Tokyo and Tennessee could read and enjoy the same stories.

"Children go from sharing stories to sharing ideas when they become adults," she said. "Maybe in that way, they can contribute to the one world we want."

## NISEI APPOINTED TO MENTAL HEALTH GROUP

BERKELEY. — Mayor Claude Hutchinson of Berkeley has appointed Dr. Henry Takahashi to a 54-member committee to study mental health needs here. The group is expected to investigate the possibilities of participating in the state-financed mental health program for those unable to secure private care.

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By Fred Takata

## IMPERIAL VALLEY PICNIC

This past week we traveled with Tats Kushida down to Salton Sea for the Imperial Valley Chapter picnic and installation. This was the first big gathering of the people in the valley since pre-war days, and they really put on a big outing with over 100 people in attendance.

We were a little late getting started, since we had to drive some of the youngsters of the Hi-Co Confab in Pacific Palisades that morning, but we arrived at the picnic in time to enjoy the delicious barbecued steaks.

We were quite surprised at all the boat owners in the Chapter, and what terrific water skiers these fellows down in the valley are. Ike Hachimonji told us it was the first time on skis for him, and he really skimmed around on the sea like an old veteran. We were tempted to take a stab at it, but we remembered that it was quite a way to travel back to LA with a broken leg, so we passed it by this time. We did take a ride in one of the boats, and it was quite a thrill to go shooting across the water at about 35 mph. (It really felt like a 100 mph.) We were quite amazed at the amount of people taking advantage of all the facilities in the area, which has been developed by the State. Some of the Los Angeles area chapters are planning a weekend jaunt to this strange and beautiful phenomenon called the Salton Sea.

## SOUTHWEST FEVER

The Southwest Los Angeles Chapter put on one of the biggest Chapter dances that we've had the pleasure to attend at the Zenda Ball Room. With many new faces being present, over 500 dancers took over the spacious dance floor. Yes, sir, the ICBG really put on the Ichiban Dance by George! We were happy to see so many members of other local chapters attending, and this idea of Chapters supporting each others social function is really catching on here in the PSWDC.

We really enjoyed the remarks of some of the Southwest members, who didn't know us from Adam, and asked to which chapter we belonged, and if we were active in JACL at all. It was really kind of embarrassing, but it just goes to show why more of our members should be taking the PC, not because of our inexperienced writing in the PC every other week, but rather that they should know when a change had been made. We certainly hope that these peopl won't feel embarrassed over the incident, for our mmbership is always turning over, and we know that eventually they will become leaders in our organization.

We want to express our thanks to chapter president Sam Hirasawa for extending us an invitation for a most enjoyable evening.

## YOUTH

This past week a Sansei boy, who was an honor student at Dorsey High School, was killed while watching a gang fight by a bullet fired by another Sansei youth. In pre-war days it was unheard of to hear of such tragic incidents, but we hear more of this each day, which should spur us on to a more active youth program. Many of our Issei in our community ask, "What is happening to our Sansei youth?" Can JACL help curb such activities?

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, who has always pushed for a youth program, is planning to meet with the Hi-Co group which just concluded their successful conference, to analyze youth needs, and what part JACL can play in assisting the youth of our community. We feel that by discussing the problems with our Hi-Co youth we can obtain ideas and come to some solution to the problems that we face today.

## NISEI RELAYS

Once again it's Nisei Relays time, and Chapters are urged to get their youths to participate in this annual event. This year the meet will be handled by Dr. Robert Watanabe and Arnold Hagiwara. The relays will be held on Sunday, June 1, at the Rancho Cienega playground. This particular weekend will be a three day weekend, which will enable boys from Central California and Northern California to come down and compete. Application forms are now available here at our Regional Office, 258 E. First street, Los Angeles 12, Calif. So fellas, get on your mark—get set—and let's go!

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# PSW chapters to meet May 4

National JACL Director Masao Satow is currently on a two-weeks visitation tour of chapters in the Pacific Southwest District Council and will conclude the circuit on Sunday, May 4, at the PSWDC spring quarterly session to be hosted by San Luis Obispo JACL at the Pismo Beach Veterans Memorial Hall.

The first stop of Satow's tour was scheduled for Monday at Santa Barbara but with the death of Tom Hirashima's mother, whose funeral was held the same night, the meeting with that chapter has been postponed.

Tuesday, he addressed a joint meeting of the Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley chapters at Indio. Other stopovers this week included Venice-Culver, Downtown Los Angeles, Gardena Valley, San Diego and Pasadena.

Next week, he meets with Long Beach, East Los Angeles, San Fernando, West Los Angeles,

Southwest L.A., Hollywood, Ventura County, Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo.

## PSWDC Agenda

David Yokozeki, PSWDC chairman, this week announced the agenda for the May 4 meeting to include a discussion on the integration of Hawaiian Nisei into JACL.

Lane Nakano, who has traveled between the Hawaiian Islands and the mainland, is scheduled to make the report. It was learned that there are about 5,000 Nisei residing in Los Angeles hailing from Hawaii, anxious to join existing organizations rather than segregate themselves as a Hawaiian club. "Many of them want to join the stream of Mainland life and activities," Nakano said.

PC with Membership will also be mooted with Sue Joe in charge. She has headed a special committee to determine the costs involved in enabling each JACler or JACL household to receive the Pacific Citizen each week as part of the national membership fee.

Constitutional changes for national board meetings and mail vote procedure, housing, renunciant program and a report on the President's Committee on Government Contracts were listed in the legal-legislative committee report to be given by Kango Kunitzugu.

A report on the forthcoming national convention to be held in Salt Lake City, Aug. 22-25, will also be made.

So that proper food arrangements can be made, Yokozeki reminded this week that reservations should be made with the San Luis Obispo Chapter as soon as possible. Reservations for overnight stay should have been made by this time.

Registration opens at 9 a. m., while the business meeting will start at 10. The fees were announced as follows:

Package Plan, \$6; luncheon only plus registration, \$2.50; dinner only plus regis., \$4.50; Package Plan for husband and wife, \$11; dinner only (H & W), \$8; special children's rate for dinner: up to 6 yrs of age, 50c; 7-11, \$1; and 12-15, \$2.50.

Those intending to dig clams were informed that fishing laws require a license and digging not earlier than 5:39 a. m., on Sunday, May 4.

## CCDC spring quarterly session set for Fresno

SELMA. — George Abe, Central California District Council chairman, has announced that the second quarterly CDC meeting will be held at the Fresno Japanese Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. The Fresno American Loyalty League will be host chapter.

## MAS SATOW TO ADDRESS SAN FERNANDO MEETING

SAN FERNANDO. — The first general meeting of the San Fernando Valley JACL will feature Mas Satow, national JACL director who is touring chapters in Southern California, on Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Community Center, 8848 Lankershim Blvd.

Kay Nakagiri, chapter president, said reports will be made on the membership drive, scholarship, Sun Valley carnival and PSWDC quarterly session scheduled May 4 at San Luis Obispo.

## Orange County, East L.A. slate joint meeting

Both Orange County and East Los Angeles JACL chapters will hold a joint dinner meeting at San Kwo Low on Monday, April 28, with Mas Satow as guest of the evening.

After the meeting, the group will make a tour of the new Los Angeles Police Bldg., which is across the street.

## Fremont JACL reschedules oft-postponed picnic

FREMONT. — The community picnic of Fremont JACL postponed previously because of rainy weather, has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 27, at Gilroy Hot Springs, according to Tad Sekigahama, chairman.

Each of the families is requested to bring an item costing no more than \$1 to be given away as part of a "Grocery Basket" prize.

Games for children will begin at 11 a. m., according to Dorothy Kato and her games committee women of May Kato and Toyoko Yonekura.

The day's activities will be high lighted by a weiner bake under the direction of Chuck Shikano.

## Dance class

PORTLAND. — Latest steps in vogue—including rock & roll—were demonstrated at a recent mixer by Marian Hara, instructor of the new Portland JACL dance class which began last Tuesday at the local Nikkeijin Kai.

## PC BOARD MEMBER JOINS JAPAN AIR LINES OFFICE

Mrs. Merijane Yokoe, member of the Pacific Citizen Board, has joined the Los Angeles office of Japan Air Lines, which has expanded its transpacific service this month. She was formerly employed by TWA.

## Over 7,500 attend Placer JACL picnic

LOOMIS. — A crowd estimated at more than 7,500 persons attended the picnic sponsored by Placer County JACL on April 13.

Officers in charge of the outing said it was the largest turnout in the 10 year history of the event.

Many former Issei and Nisei residents of the county from all parts of Northern California were among those present, but a majority of picnickers were friends and neighbors of Japanese communities in the county.

The feature of the day was a costume parade for children. Winners were Dorothy Eastman in the 7 to 9 year age group; Dennis Kondo, 10-12, and Gary Kubo, 1-6.

The picnickers had ideal weather. The event, held at the JACL Ball Park near here, had been postponed twice because of rain.

## 300 attend Fowler's community picnic

FOWLER. — More than 300 persons attended the first Fowler JACL community picnic April 13.

Former Fowler residents now residing in the Peninsula and in Southern California joined the 100 families and friends from the local community at the event.

Hideo Kikuta and Frank Sakohira were co-chairmen. Serving as announcer was George Teraoka.

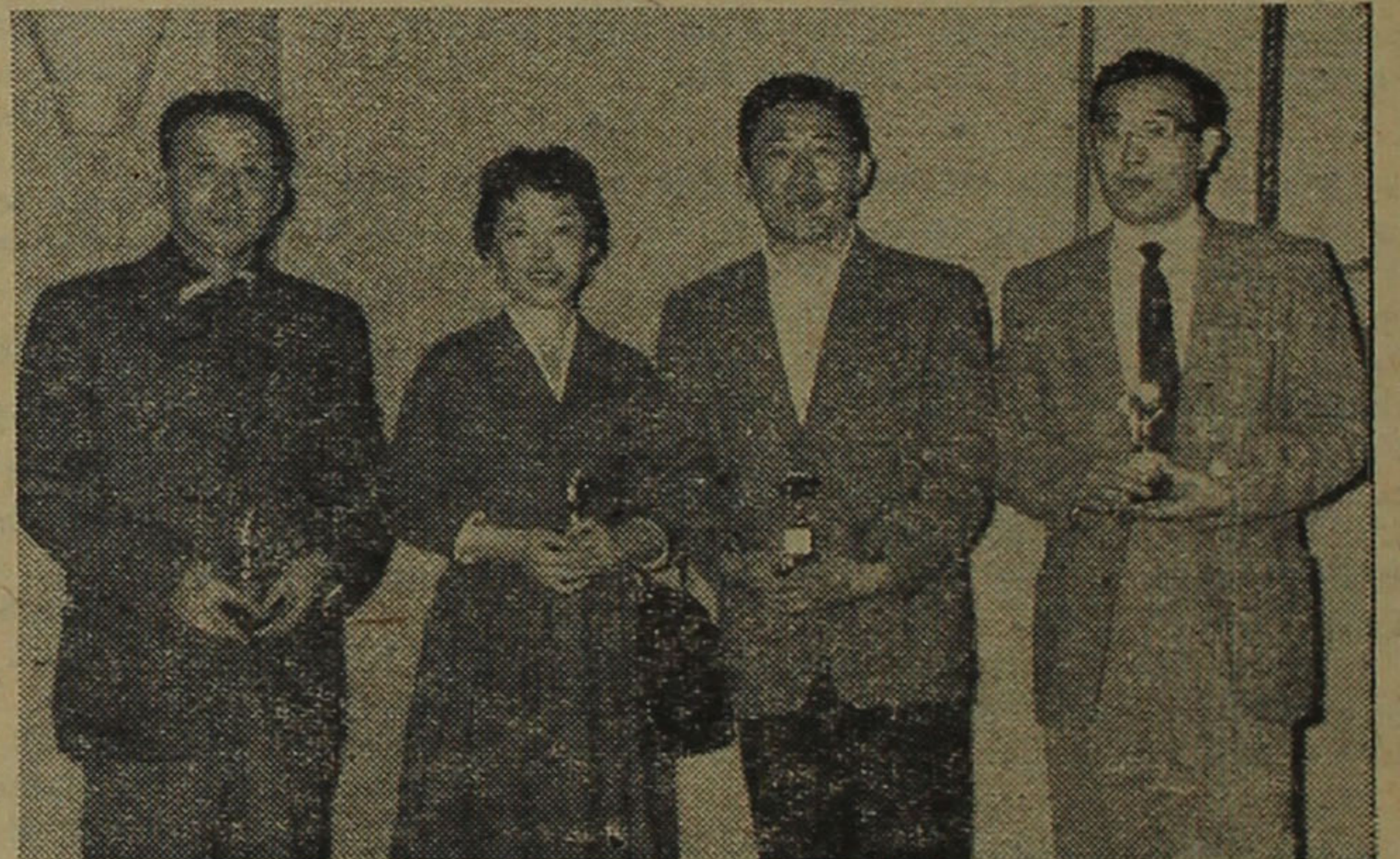
## Translated copy of vehicle code available

SAN JOSE. — A class to prepare Issei for the state motor vehicles operator's license started this week under sponsorship of the San Jose JACL at the JACL Building here. Classes are to be held on Thursdays.

Translated copies of the vehicle code in Japanese are available at \$1 from Dollie Kawanami at Wayne Kanemoto's office in the JACL Bldg.

In charge of the community service project are:

Edward Kitazumi, Tak Ichikawa, Wayne Kanemoto, Phil Matsumura, Harry Ishigaki, Eiichi Sakauye, James Santo, instructors; T. Ogata and Henry Nishijima, Issei advisers.



Leaders in the first San Jose JACL bridge tournament held April 5 at Hotel de Anza are (left to right) Dr. Tom Hiura, Mrs. Tom Hiura, North-South winners; and Sus Ikeda, Harry Ishigaki, East-West winners.

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# Girls more keen on Hi-Co, conference proves successful

## VERY TRULY YOURS:

An hour perusing the 'Perry Story'

Nisei who have a weakness for history will find the April issue of American Heritage, with its front cover featuring a Japanese artist's drawing of Commodore Matthew C. Perry and an aide reproduced in color, of particular interest. Along with a portfolio of pictures from the collection of Rev. DeWolf Perry of Charleston, S.C., great-grandnephew of the man who boldly sailed into Tokyo Bay in 1853, the Library of Congress and the Norfolk (Va.) Museum is an account of Perry's visit by William Harlan Hale that reads like a newspaperman's story.

Maybe one should allow for an artist's license, but I felt the Japanese who surrounded the first white men to appear in Tokyo Bay in 300 years and sketching them on their mulberry bark paper with sumi and fude were anxious to make a record for posterity. Hiroshige, the famed Ukiyoe artist, sketched the big black ship of Perry's flying the American flag with 17 stripes, nine red and eight white. The blue field with stars is depicted as if the stars were arranged in cherry blossom form. Another artist drew the American flag with only seven stripes, another drew the flag without the blue field.

A vignette of Perry is captioned in Japanese "katakana" as "pe-ru-ri," while another drawing designates the famed mariner in Chinese characters that reads "pa-ri."

A map of the world drawn by cartographer Nagakubo, which was used about the time Perry arrived, shows the world divided into 12 sections — each longitude named after the animals of the Japanese zodiac. The center longitude of this particular map is named "hitsuji" (sheep) and lies approximately at 180 degrees or the international dateline. Old maps have always fascinated me.

In Hale's articles, among the gifts presented to the Japanese (we remember the miniature railroad, telegraph stations and farm implements) included a 100 gallons of Kentucky bourbon and four volumes of Audubon's Birds of America.

Students of U.S.-Japan history will find the hour spent studying this issue most rewarding.

—Harry K. Honda

### BY HARRY HONDA

As a preface to the Hi-Co Conference story this week, it is with personal regret that this writer was unable to be present although an invitation had been extended by Bert Yamasaki and Grace Okuno, co-chairmen of the now successful two-day meeting at Pacific Palisades a fortnight ago.

However, on hand are 54 evaluation sheets with comments and straight-forward answers to eleven questions which were collected at the end of the conference.

A 10th grader who wants to be a dental technician etched the conference make-up with a terse comment, "more boys", as her suggestion for improving the next conference. And bearing out this comment is the fact that only 14 boys turned in their evaluation sheets, the other 40 submitted by girls.

Among the 54 turning in their sheets, the class breakdown is as follows: 10th grade—4, 11th grade—14, 12th grade—28, 13th grade—3, 14th grade—1, and five failed to indicate their present school year.

### Conference Influence

The first two questions on the evaluation sheet asked: (1) Has this conference influenced you to go on to college? (2) Has this conference influenced your career choice at all? The tally shows (1) yes—39, no—15; (2) yes—35, no—18.

But most of the nay answers were clarified with comments, such as one 10th grader who wants to become a nurse added: "I had already decided about going to college", or another 11th grader who said, "I already know."

One fellow in his first year of college, however, was "still undecided" as to what career to follow. Probably comments to other questions hinted at his indecision as he felt longer periods for discussion were in order.

The four 10th graders, it is interesting to note, answered the first two questions in the affirmative. It appears their attendance should be encouraged for such conferences assist students select their career—be it college, trade or business school.

### Nisei-Sansei Outlook

The third question asked: Has this conference changed or given you a different outlook on your position as a Nisei or Sansei? Not everyone answered this question, but those who did had much to say.

A 10th grader called for wider participation of the Sansei "in community affairs" and was eager to start a Hi-Co group in her own area. A 11th grade girl who wants to be a veterinarian was aware of racial barriers in employment and

### Whittier College appoints Nisei as alumni director

WHITTIER — Following a semester of study in personnel management at the Univ. of Oregon, William "Mo" Marumoto has returned to Whittier College this past month, having been appointed full time director of its alumni office.

He served as interim alumni director from April to September, 1957. While a student, he served as student body president, student union committee chairman, president of both the Knights and Squires honorary service groups and student body yell-leader.

The Santa Ana Nisei was one of the organizers of the Orange County JAYS.

### DAYTON 1000ER's SON ELECTED CLASS PRESIDENT

DAYTON. — Darryl Sakada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sakada, was elected senior class president at Fairmont High School. Darryl's uncle was the late Dr. Randy Sakada, 1950-52 national JACL president. Darryl's sister, Dawn, recently won second-place honors in the Ohio state baton twirling contest held at Springboro.

believed they would be eliminated someday. "But I was not sure sure that I could do something about it," she added before going home, feeling now that she could. A 12th grade girl wanting to be an accountant was reticent about most questions but vocal on this one as she noted: "It made me feel that even though we are a minority in race, we don't have to be in other things".

Many utilized this question to comment favorably on the speech by Jean Shinoda, executive committeeman on the Univ. of California, Berkeley, student-body, who spoke on "Racial Barriers: Where Do We Go from Here?" One 12th grader who wants to become a fashion illustrator said Miss Shinoda's speech "was wonderful!"

Another girl interested in biochemistry commented: "As a Sansei, I have met few, if any, racial barriers during my life. I realized before that I would meet such barriers in college life but this is the first time that I felt that there was something that I as an individual could do about the problem there." The problem refers to discrimination on the campus.

### Campus Discrimination

Miss Shinoda's inspiring speech pointed out that few Nisei confront racial barrier in high school but meet the problem head-on for the first time in college.

She revealed that last fall Peter Domoto, on the UC football team, was rushed and found acceptable by one of the national social fraternities, which decided against him at the last minute as the group didn't want to be the first to admit a non-Caucasian. She also said that there were only three nationally affiliated fraternities on the Berkeley campus with racial clauses in their national constitutions.

While Nisei and Sansei have been accepted in the Midwest as well as in Oregon, Miss Shinoda told the 100 Hi-Co delegates that social fraternities at California have yet to admit a Japanese American.

"Ten years ago Jackie Robinson, through a great deal of personal hardship, broke down a long standing racial barrier against Negroes in the Major Leagues. We are in effect Jackie Robinsons in everyday life in breaking down barriers," she said at the final session of the two-day meeting.

One 11th grade lass, who hasn't met many Japanese Americans, (which may be similar to conditions in the Midwest and east where similar conditions exist) took an opposing view to this by saying: "Not necessarily as I never feel myself different from other people as I go to a school where there are only a few Japanese."

### Conference Format

Four out of five conference participants felt there was enough

time for discussion and said the material, subjects and array of speakers were adequate. But one girl honestly quipped, "It got a bit boring". Those who felt otherwise suggested discussion and round table periods should be lengthened.

On the question of whether the conference would have been improved had some other topics been added to the "tips on the career" section, it was like a high school freshman to say: "I wish that I could have heard all of them instead of a couple." Generally speaking, three out of four felt the format adequate.

All agreed they would recommend such a conference to their classmates who might attend next year. All found the atmosphere friendly and enjoyable. A majority of the participants also found the time of the year—the weekend after Easter—acceptable, although several suggested some week in the summer or the weekend after school is dismissed. However, the local problem which faced the conference committee on this score is that city and county schools close on different weekends and it wanted to avoid cutting into Easter vacation.

### Keynote Speaker

Jimmy Yamanaka, executive secretary at the Southeast Los Angeles YMCA Branch, in his keynote address to the Hi-Co conference urged them to be "of service to mankind" and added that being better equipped through education they would be better able to help.

Speaking to a younger generation he pictured as "enjoying more of the luxuries of life than any other generation, with vast amount of opportunities and less racial barrier", Yamanaka declared higher education enables one to make a livelihood, of providing for himself as well as family, and make a life. The latter was more important, he said, and that by going to college was one way of preparing for life.

The Hi-Co conference was under sponsorship of the Pacific Southwest District Council. Funds to

stage the two-day meeting were accumulated by the Hi-Co committee, which had sponsored a dance. As already mentioned in previous issues, several prominent professional and businessmen served on the panel outlining the various careers.

### NICC This Weekend

And this weekend in Denver, Nisei students will gather in a similar soiree. It will be their 13th annual gathering and primarily geared by and for college students. The emphasis at Pacific Palisades was placed upon high school students.

Better known as the NICC, it was organized in 1946 to assist Nisei students to meet the problems of campus and community life. In succeeding years, the social aspects (coronation ball, basketball tournament and picnics) claimed a major portion of attention.

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# Nisei trackmen prime for meets in San Francisco, Los Angeles

SAN FRANCISCO. — JAACL chapters in California have been invited to sponsor teams to participate in the sixth annual San Francisco JAACL Olympics, now set for Sunday, May 25, at Kezar Stadium.

Johnny Yasumoto, track meet chairman, revealed that June 8 was originally selected by the committee but with the stadium ordered closed for repairs from June 1, an earlier date was obtained.

While the date conflicts with the annual N.C. Nisei golf tournament in Monterey, the committee decided to ask for the May 25 date although a number of track meet officials of previous years would be competing in the golf attraction.

Entry blanks have been mailed to chapters in the three California district councils.

### List of Events

As in the 1957 meet, there will be three classifications for contestants: A—unlimited; B—110-125 lb. (birthdate on or after Jan. 1, 1939; those born earlier automatically class A); C—less than 110 lb. and born on or after Jan. 1, 1939. Entry fee will be \$1.50 per contestant. There are no team fees.

The list of events is as follows:

**Class "A" (13 Events)**  
100, 220, 440, 880, Mile, 180 Lows, 70 Hghs, 880 Relay, Broad Jump High Jump Pole Vault 12-lb. Shot, Discus.

**Class "B" (9 Events)**  
50, 100, 660, 120 Lows, 440 Relay Broad Jump, High Jump, 8-lb. Shot Pole Vault.

**Class "C" (5 Events)**  
50 100, 440 Relay, Broad Jump, High Jump.

Entry deadline is May 12 and the committee was emphatic in its warning that entries received after that date would not be accepted.

### Scoring System

The perpetual NC-WNDC trophy will be presented to the winning Northern California team at the Award Dance after the meet. Trophies for the first and second places in each class are to be awarded also. The track championship award goes to the chapter team with the highest aggregate score in all classes of competition. Scoring system will be 5-4-3-2-1 in individual events, 5-3-1 for relay.

Last year, the small community of Reedley in Northern California walked off with the Class "A" team championship. Sacramento took the class "B" award and San Francisco copped the class "C" trophy.

Yasumoto stated that more than 150 entrants are expected, topping last year's all time high.

Opening ceremonies with presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop 29 has been scheduled for 1 p. m. Preliminary heats are planned for the morning hours.

### 32-alley bowling alley with Nisei co-owner set

STOCKTON. —Arthur K. Nakashima and Pat Keenan were granted permission by the San Joaquin County planning commission last week to establish a new bowling establishment on Pacific Avenue between Longview Ave. and Swain Rd.

According to the new owners, the new alleys will have 32 lanes and is expected to be in operation by Sept. 15. Cost of development, to include a restaurant and bar, was described at a million dollars.

### Cal League umpire

SAN FRANCISCO. — Henry Shimada of Santa Clara was among umpires named for the California (Class C) League baseball season. He joined the circuit two years ago and is the only Nisei arbiter in organized professional baseball.

The seventh annual JAACL Nisei Relays will be held on Sunday, June 1, at Rancho Cienega stadium, co-chairmen Arnold Hagiwara and Dr. Robert Watanabe announced this week.

A soccer match originally scheduled that day has been postponed by the city Parks and Recreation Department to accommodate the annual Nisei event.

Dr. Tak Shishino was named chairman of the Relays queen committee.

May 19 has been set as the deadline for entries for the seventh annual JAACL Nisei Relays, meet co-chairmen Arnold Hagiwara and Dr. Bob Watanabe announced today.

Entry forms for the track and field meet are available at the JAACL regional office in the Miyako hotel and at the local newspaper offices. Entry fee is \$1 per person.

Competition in both Open and Junior division is limited to track and two field events plus relay. Contestants will not be allowed to compete in both divisions. The exponent system of age, weight and height will be used to determine those eligible for the Junior division.

### Pole Vault Event

After an absence of a number of years, the pole vault will again make its appearance in the list

of events, according to the Nisei Relays committee. Southland JAACL chapters are being contacted by meet officials who are raising funds to purchase a number of aluminum vaulting poles. Early response from many of the chapters has made it possible for the committee to include the spectacular field event on the schedule.

Open division will include the following events:

The 100, 220, and 440-yard dashes, the 880-yard and one-mile run, high and low hurdles, broad jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put (12 pounds) and the 440 and 880-yard relays.

The Junior division will include the following events:

The 50 and 100-yard dashes, 660-yard run, low hurdles, broad jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put (9 pounds) and the 440 and 660-yard relays.

Meet officials were announced by the Nisei Relays co-chairmen as follows:

Joe Iwanaga, meet director; George Yoshinaga, meet coordinator; Art Goto, starter; Edwin Hiroto, clerk of the course; Yas Abe, Ted Niya and Joe Uchiyama, timers; Joe Yamashita, registrar; Aki Nishizawa, scorer; Mack Hamaguchi, track and field crew; Dr. Bo Sakaguchi, meet physician; Yoichi Nakase and Steve Okuma, trophy and awards; Fred Takata, awards presentation; and Dr. Tak Shishino, queen committee; Carl Hanaoka, fin.; Blanche Shiosaki, sec.; and Kango Kunitsugu, pub.

# sPortsCope

The So. Calif. Nisei Golf Association handicap board continues to levy stroke penalties on individuals for late or non-reports this past month. Whereas the first report found penalties listing two clubs, the April-May report shows 25 players from five clubs.

Doug Furuta and Pete Domoto were among the 66 prospects reporting to Cal's football coach Pete Elliot this past week as spring training opened. Fullback Domoto is a returning letterman, while guard Furuta played second-string guard on the unbeaten Cal Frosh team last year. . . A bit heavier, halfback Larry Iwasaki of Reedley has reported for the Fresno State College eleven, weighing in at 195, which is 15 pounds over his playing weight when he starred at Reedley J.C. last year. Despite his bulk, he still got away for a couple of long gainers.

Norman Sagara who played with the Los Angeles Lil Tokyo Giants last year is currently playing centerfield for the Univ. of Wyoming. The Anaheim athlete is attending the school on an athletic scholarship, majoring in education. On a recent road trip through Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado, the long-ball hitting Nisei led the Wyoming nine in runs batted in, while averaging .316 at the plate. He was credited with two homers and three triples.

Holiday Bowl has advanced its "opening day" to Friday, May 2, as its automatic pin-spotters which were delayed have been installed this week. Plans for a "grand opening" are pending, according to Yas Nakanishi, Holiday Bowl publicist.

George Harris, 230 pounder from Travis AFB, retained his national

A A U grand championship and heavyweight title at the sixth annual championships in Chicago April 12-13. Other weight champions were John Osako of Chicago, 180 lb.; Otto Chanko of Chicago, 150; and Sumikichi Nozaki of Hollywood, 130. Southern California won the team title with 12 points, followed by Chicago, 11; Strategic Air Command, 11; New Orleans, 3; and Hawaii, 1. Over 150 judoists competed.

Little Margaret Iwasaki, 15, of Vancouver, B.C.'s, Dolphin Club shattered her own 100-yd. butterfly mark from 1m.5.5s to 1m.4.1s. at the Montreal trials to earn a spot on Canada's 12-member swim team for the British Empire Games this summer at Cardiff, Wales. Two years ago, she missed a chance to compete in the Olympic Sept. 15. Cost of development, Canadian Nisei to compete in the Empire Games.

A meet high jump record established some 25 years ago by Ky Miyamoto representing Monterey Union High was broken April 12 at the King City invitational track and field meet. Holley of Madera leaped 5 ft. 10 in. in the lightweight division to break the Nisei athlete's mark of 5 ft. 9½ in. set in 1933.

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WHAT PRICE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT? Board and committee members of the Jackson Street Community Council which includes several active JAACLers, show blighted conditions to a community tour group composed of 29 city officials and 15 (Jackson Street) council workers. Here, part of the tour group is looking at unauthorized dumping at 22nd between Jackson-King to be occupied by a junior high and playground which will adjoin a larger area given over to park and recreational facilities. At extreme left is Andy Shiga; about center, and hatted, is Yukio Kuniyuki, and next to him, Takeshi Kubota, Seattle Chapter president. At extreme right is Y. Philip Hayasaka, president of the Jackson Street Council, who on April 23rd was installed for a second term.—Ogawa Photo.



## THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

### URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PUSHED

Seattle

Shortly after lunchtime one sunny afternoon last week, Jackson Street's idlers, its merchants, and homebodies on the bus that slowly crawled up Jackson Street, and criss-crossed side streets were curiously regarding a large yellow school one street after the other in the residential area.

The bus did not contain children; but well dressed adults, both men and women some of whom gazed out the bus windows in quizzical tolerant astonishment, others wore frowns as they pointed out some of the passing sights to their bus companions.

Midship on the right side sat youthful Gordon S. Clinton, His Honor, Mayor of Seattle. At the other bus windows, informed citizens recognized seven of Seattle's nine councilmen. Following the bus were newsreel cameramen and reporters from two TV stations.

When the bus stopped to unload its passengers, as it did at intervals, it could be seen that other passengers, besides the Mayor and Council, were heads of the City Fire Department, Health Department, Engineers, City Planning, Corporation counsel, Sanitation, Streets and Sewers, Rodent Control, Park Board, School Board, and Housing Authority.

There were 29 City officials, and 15 Jackson Street Councilors, some of whom were leaders in the Council's Block Plan of neighborhood improvement, and heads of various civic organizations on that tour.

Organizer of the tour which got almost all of Seattle's city officials into one bus load, was tireless Ray Baker, executive secretary of the Jackson Street Community Council, and assisting him was Miss Joyce Wilfley, his professional assistant.

Leading the tour and lending guidance on separate matters were Y. Philip Hayasaka, president of the Council; Andy Shiga, tour conductor; Yukio Kuniyuki, block plan chairman; and Takeshi Kubota, another board member of the Council who is known to JAACLers as the Seattle Chapter president.

Purpose of the tour was to show the officials of conditions that needed correction; decrepit buildings and houses unoccupied for as long as 15 years, fire hazards; poor housing conditions, zoning violations in the use of empty lots, unauthorized dumping, some of which created stagnant pools where it interfered with planned drainage; and the condition of a large area ten years ago set aside for a playground da park, adjoining the site of a prospective junior high school.

As each blighted condition was spotlighted, an appropriate department head was available to be called up, and with Mayor, City Council, and citizens, discuss the question, "What can we do about it?"

The three hours allotted for the tour did not permit time for all scheduled stops, but in the conference that followed in the Jackson Street Council office, each situation witnessed was assured immediate attention when brought up again before the same group for further review.

As a result, City Hall correspondence shows that the Park Department head has instructed his engineer to confer with the school board for the harmonious development of their adjoining properties, so that the planned school, its playground, and the park with its playground will be both functionally and aesthetically compatible.

As for the rest of the program, the following letter from the Mayors' office to Phil Hayasaka will perhaps serve to illustrate the one time FBI-man's appraisal of the Jackson Street Community Council's efforts to improve the community:

Dear Mr. Hayasaka:

I have received your courteous letter of April 8, in reference to the tour that we of the City family undertook with you

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# Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori



## SANSEI SLAIN IN TEENAGE WAR

You can chalk up April 18, 1958, as "Black Friday" in the annals of Sansei juvenile delinquency. Only this time, the occasional gang wars which flare between teenage groups involving persons of Japanese ancestry and other minority members, claimed one life.

Probably some of us older Nisei still feel that the incidents of juvenile delinquency among the Sansei are held to a minimum and there is no cause for alarm. However, when you consider that they constitute a "minority within a minority" then it's time we dig ourselves out of complacency.

The wild bullet that struck down Richard Shuji Sumii, 16-year-old Dorsey High School student last Friday night, could be the same bullet which might kill your son; or the deadly weapon which teenagers are not permitted to carry may injure or kill innocent bystander and implicate your child.

## TROUBLE MAKERS WITH ARMS

Teenage troublemakers today do not believe in fighting with their fists. They arm themselves with zip-guns, clubs, chains, knives, and pistols to harrass their victims. The weapons make them "feel important." Bitter rivalry between clubs are often settled in hospitals or at the police stations.

The 38-calibre pistol that snuffed the life of Richard Shuji Sumii was fired by a Sansei, 17, whose police record has been all but commendable. But being a juvenile his punishment His action, no doubt, was not premeditated to the extent of murder.

One Nisei deputy sheriff, infuriated by the report of another Japanese American outburst of juvenile gang bloodshed, said: If the citizens want this type of "protective" law where thugs can brutally murder another and get away with maybe two years in forestry camp because he is under age, then our hands are tied too. "There is no stopping," he regretted. And probably leading to more chaos, beating and knifing.

## COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED

Los Angeles police officers who are investigating the case this week make a rather "resigned" statement. "Had someone skirmishes erupted into a free-for-all then we could have prevented the death of a boy by rushing a patrol car to the scene." Anyway, it wastefully ended a promising career of a bright youth whose life's ambition was to become a physicist.

In death there is no road back. Compare that with two years in a forestry camp. We often wonder about such persons without conscience, and the imperfection of our laws.

Now that this tragedy struck, Nisei parents will raise their hands in shame and fright. They'll talk for awhile about the dangers of a gang war and tell their offsprings to associate only with the decent crowd.

But time wears off. Then we'll hear of another gun-toting incident. Maybe it won't kill anybody but it certainly won't paint a good picture of the once respected group of persons of Japanese ancestry whose names seldom blemish the police blotter.



## Chicago Corner

By Smoky H. Sakurada

### NEW ORIENTAL GALLERIES

Among the educational activities of the Chicago Art Institute for the 1958 spring series will be a gallery lecture introducing the new Oriental collections on April 29 of the Japanese print study room, vault and gallery, and on May 6 of the new Chinese gallery. A new progressive view of these collections is now on public view.

The local Hawaiian Club social calendar finds a splash party April 26, outing at Brookfield Zoo May 24 and annual bowling banquet May 31. . . The Society of Fine Arts will hold its annual arts festival May 24-25. . . The Chicago Buddhist Church, 1151 W. Leland Ave., has announced a special budget fund campaign to meet last year's deficit of the building fund, and care for immediate church needs. . . According to Kenji Nakane, executive director of the Japanese American Service Committee, the job situation for Issei-Nisei appears to be about the same as in previous months.

### THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa

Continued from Preceding Page

of Jackson Street Community Council on April 3.

It is a wonderful prelude to what Urban Renewal can do for a city, particularly when we realize that the citizens within an area themselves become the impetus and the driving force to eliminate health and fire hazards, and raise the level of housing.

Frankly, we were all impressed by the thoroughness and the care with which you addressed yourself to community problems.

In furtherance of our understanding, may I state that Mr. Talbot Wegg will proceed immediately to coordinate this matter on my behalf. Under separate cover I will be instructing the appropriate department heads involved to take action as is indicated and report to me.

Yours for a better community and, in turn, a better city.  
Gordon S. Clinton, Mayor

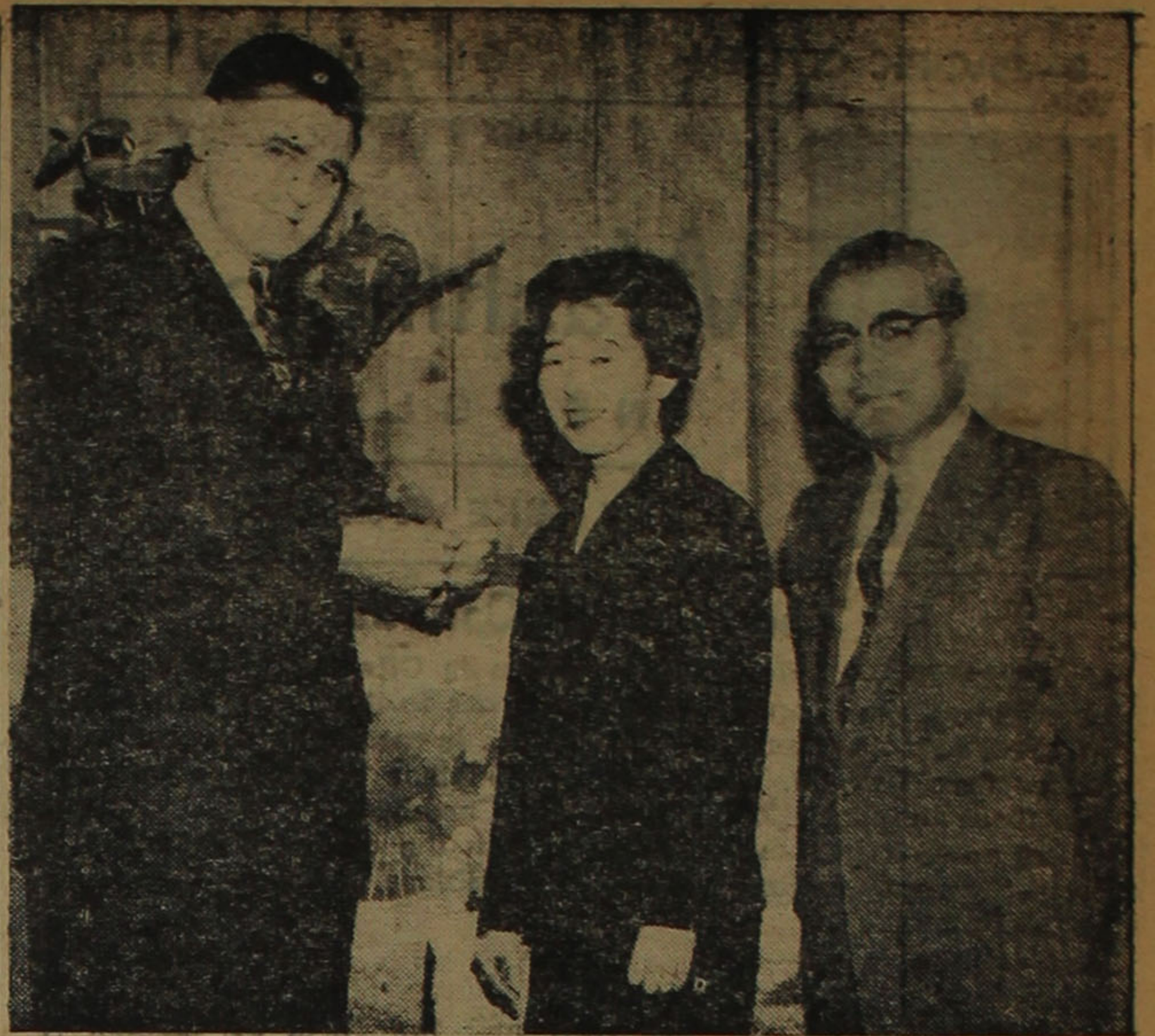
## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

**LOS ANGELES**  
 BILLER, Leslie (Sumiko Aoki) — boy, Mar. 15.  
 BLACK, Frederick M. (Sakuno Tsukamoto) — boy, Jan. 30, Pacoima.  
 FLORES, Jesse A. (Eiko Izu) — boy, Mar. 12.  
 FUJIMOTO, George (Sumi Kono) — boy, Mar. 9.  
 GIBO, Jack (Kimie Higa) — girl, Feb. 28.  
 HAY, Frank (Kyoko Shukuya) — boy, Feb. 18.  
 HIGA, George (Miyeko Nosaka) — girl, Mar. 12.  
 HIGA, Kiyoshi (Akiko Kaneshiro) — boy, Jan. 21.  
 HORI, Frank S. (Anna K. Higuchi) — girl, Mar. 12.  
 IBARA, Henry (Tsuruko Hiye) — boy, Mar. 6.  
 IKEGUCHI, Fred H. — girl, Feb. 6, Long Beach.  
 IWASAKI, Naomi (Sumiko Hashimoto) — boy, Mar. 13.  
 KAKUDO, Masayuki (Shizuchi Yamana) — girl, Mar. 8.  
 KATO, Kazuo — girl, Feb. 5, Long Beach.  
 KINO, Shigeru (Tadako Geneku) — boy, Jan. 21.  
 KINOSHITA, Akira — girl, Mar. 11, Wilmington.  
 KOCHI, Tatsuo (Kimiko Nawata) — girl, Mar. 2.  
 KOCKER, John V. (Mitsuye Hara-tani) — boy, Feb. 8.  
 KODAMA, Masayuki (Kuniko Murai) — girl, Mar. 8.  
 KOGA, Ted H. (Yoshiko Kinowaki) — boy, Mar. 14.  
 KOSTER, Pierre (Kayoko Takamatsu) — girl, Feb. 12.  
 KUBO, Henry T. (Kikuye Abe) — girl, Mar. 3.  
 MASAOKA, Hisao (Mary Ota) — girl, Jan. 31, Gardena.  
 MASUO, Roland (Eiko Saito) — boy, Jan. 29.  
 MATSUMOTO, Kiyoshi (Mary Murata) — girl, Mar. 14.  
 MATSUNAGA, Tsumo (Eiko Hama-shita) — boy, Dec. 23, Culver City.  
 Matsuoka, Yukio (Hisayo Matsu-moto) — girl, Mar. 7.  
 Matsu-shita, Manabu (Hideko Kita-mura) — girl, Feb. 8.  
 MAYEKAWA, Joseph (Yoshiko Ito) — boy, Mar. 7.  
 McCRACKEN, Eugene (Kiyoko Hirano) — boy, Mar. 6, La Puente.  
 MEIYU, Kazuo (Yoneko Wada) — girl, Mar. 10.  
 MILLER, Ronald (Minako Kojima) — boy, Mar. 14.  
 MINODA, Stanley (Hideko Hashimoto) — girl, Feb. 28.  
 MOHRI, Shioaki (Michiko Yamasaki) — boy, Mar. 10.  
 MORITA, William K. (Satsuki Yoshida) — girl, Mar. 11.  
 MURAKAMI, Hiro-tada (Sally Toda) — girl, Mar. 3.  
 MURATA, Yoshiaki (Shizuye Osaki) — boy, Feb. 28.  
 NAKAMURA, Tsutomu S. (Sawano Matsu) — boy, Mar. 4.  
 NATSUME, Mitsuo (Kiyoko Takata) — girl, Mar. 4.  
 NISHIMI, Kiyoshi (Sumiko Ashizawa) — boy, Mar. 1.  
 NISHIMOTO, Akira — boy, Feb. 23, Long Beach.  
 NISHIMURA, Richard S. (Chiyeo Ku-ju) — girl, Feb. 17.  
 NOBUTA, Tsugio (Masayo Togawa) — boy, Jan. 9.  
 NODA, George S. (Tokuyo Sasaki) — girl, Feb. 28.  
 OHNO, Susumu (Midori Aoyama) — girl, Mar. 2.  
 OKABAYASHI, Takateru (Yuriko Sakatani) — girl, Mar. 2.  
 SASAKI, Ben (Yoshiko Mizusaki) — girl, Jan. 22.  
 SATO, Mitsuo (Michiko Takaki) — girl, Mar. 3.  
 SEKI, Ralph T. (Jean T. Matsunaga) — girl, Jan. 25.  
 JEMURA Stanley (Betty K. Nishiyama) — girl, Mar. 16.  
 SHINDO, George (May Ono) — girl, Mar. 5.  
 SMITH, Junior R. (Ruiko Taniguchi) — girl, Jan. 22.  
 SUYENOBU, Ben (Yaeko Aoki) — girl, Mar. 7, Sepulveda.  
 SUZUKI, Yukio (Thelma Kaoru) — girl, Mar. 12.  
 TAKAHASHI, Tadao (Teruko Kinoshita) — girl, Mar. 14.  
 TAKETA, George (Mineko Ono) — boy, Mar. 9.  
 TAKUSHI, Takeo (Miyoko Chinen) — boy, Mar. 13.  
 TSUMA, James J. (Chieko Hayase) — girl, Mar. 12.  
 YAMADA, Fred T. — boy, Feb. 23, Long Beach.

### DEATHS

ASANO, Sakuyo, 72: Los Angeles, Apr. 4.  
 EZAKI, Otoku, 68: Los Angeles, Apr. 2.  
 MIYAZAKI, Hanako, 47: Los Angeles, Apr. 4—(h) Kiyoshi, (s) Taneo, Yu-taka, (d) Kiyomi, (m) Mrs. Tami To-ji, (b) Jinsuke, Mamoru, Tsuguo, (s) Fumiko.  
 TAKAHASHI, Tokumatsu, 65: Los Angeles, Apr. 2.  
 YANAGA, Hyakuji, 90: Gardena, Apr. 19.



Mrs. Takako (Suzuki) Ishizaki, center, receives her 10-year pin from Axel Mikkelsen, Pan American district sales manager in San Francisco, with Albert Kosakura (right), Japanese department manager, watching. She was the only Nisei employed at Pan Am San Francisco in April, 1948, and was soon heading the entire correspondence sales section. She is the daughter of the late Koshi Suzuki, principal of Kinmon Gakuen, and is married to Kobo Ishizaki, Yamato Sukiyaki owner, and mother of two boys.

## California-bred Nisei 4-in. taller than cousin in Tokyo of same age, study shows

SAN FRANCISCO. — A 14-year-old Nisei born and reared in California is four inches taller on the average than his identically aged Tokyo cousin, reported Dr. William Walter Greulich of Stanford University in his recently completed scientific study.

A total of 898 Nisei school children in San Francisco and the East Bay area were measured and studied during a two-year study conducted by Dr. Greulich, his assistant, Yoshio Okumura of Menlo Park, and others on his staff.

The serious implication behind Dr. Greulich's study is that there is no such thing as hereditary small race, that diet and other environmental factors are the essentials of height and size.

The findings are reported in "Science," March 7 issue.

### Caution Need

"As had been anticipated," Dr. Greulich reported, "the California children were found to be significantly taller, heavier and more advanced in their skeletal development than comparable children in Japan, but the magnitude of the observed difference had not been anticipated."

The researcher also noted that there has been a steady increase in the height and weight of Japanese-born children in the last 50 years, possibly due to improving environmental conditions, but this increase is still considerably below the change wrought in California.

Dr. Greulich concluded: "Our findings on the American-born Japanese children do not support the view that the less advanced skeletal status of the children of Japan is attributed to some racial difference between Japanese and Caucasians."

### Diet Factor

"It seems more probable that, like their smaller average stature and their relatively shorter legs during childhood, the skeletal re-

tardation of the children in Japan results from a less adequate diet and from other environmental conditions which are not so conducive to optimal growth as those existing in this country.

"These findings indicate the need for caution in interpreting the relatively retarded growth and development of children in less favored parts of the world as a basic genetic difference between them and our children."

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# Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

## The Nisei of Canada

OTTAWA. — This is being written in Ottawa, Ontario, the beautiful national capital of our neighbors to the north, Canada. Probably no other country on earth is more like the United States than Canada, and probably no other people are more like those in our nation than the Canadians.

In area, it is somewhat larger than the continental United States; its population is about 17 millions, or less than a tenth of ours.



THE HISTORY OF the Issei and the Nisei in Canada almost parallels that of the Issei and the Nisei in the United States.

There are about 27,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada, which is more in relation to the population than there are of us in the United States.

The first Issei pioneers to Canada landed about the same time as the first Issei landed in Seattle and San Francisco, in the late nineteenth century. They came from about the same rural prefectures in Japan and undertook about the same kinds of work: railroading, farming, mining, small businesses, etc.

Although subjected to some of the prejudices and discriminations that circumvented the lives of the Issei pioneers in California especially, under Canadian law the Japanese were eligible for naturalization as citizens. While many took advantage of this privilege, unfortunately many did not.



IN WORLD WAR II, persons of Japanese ancestry on the west coast of Canada too were arbitrarily uprooted and evacuated from their homes and associations. And, as in the States, qualified Nisei were accepted and served in combat intelligence with the Canadian Army against the Japanese enemy.

Today, the Canadian Nisei are as accepted as are the Nisei in the United States; their future looms bright and inviting.



BEFORE THE WAR, about 90 per cent of the "Japanese" in Canada lived in British Columbia, with most of them residing in the Vancouver area. Today, there are Nisei Canadians in every province in Canada, including the Northwest Territory and Newfoundland.

Ontario has the greatest number of "Japanese", with some 8,000, followed by British Columbia with about 7,000, Alberta with about 2,690, Manitoba with about 1,160, and Quebec with about some 1,135.

During the relocation and resettlement period, Chicago in America's Midwest became the mecca for the evacuees. In Canada, Toronto became the center of the "Japanese" population with perhaps 17 to 18 thousand persons of Japanese ancestry resettling there.

Even today, Toronto remains the "capital" for the Canadian "Japanese", with some 8,000 permanently resettled there. Vancouver is next, with some 3,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, followed by Montreal with about 1,110 and Hamilton, (Ontario) with about a thousand. In Ottawa, there are about 30 Nisei.



WE HAVE BEEN told that throughout Canada the Nisei are doing "very well" in every line of human activity—in the professions, the trades, the arts, and in business. They are buying homes and sinking their roots deep in their respective communities, "integrating" themselves and their families in the routines of their neighborhoods.

In almost every way, except that of immigration, the Canadian Nisei can match his United States associate. Canada still totally "excludes" Japanese for permanent residence under its immigration statutes, thereby continuing its racial discrimination against those of Asian ancestry.



PRIOR TO THE WAR, the Canadian Nisei had a Japanese Canadian Citizens League, modelled after our JACL. Its leadership and its membership often met with our Seattle JACL chapter, then called the Seattle Progressive Citizens League.

Unfortunately, the organization was disbanded after the outbreak of war.

In 1947, in Toronto, a national Nisei organization was established, again patterned after the JACL, called the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association. A national executive secretary was appointed, a national headquarters set up, and provincial chapters organized—all on a very modest budget.

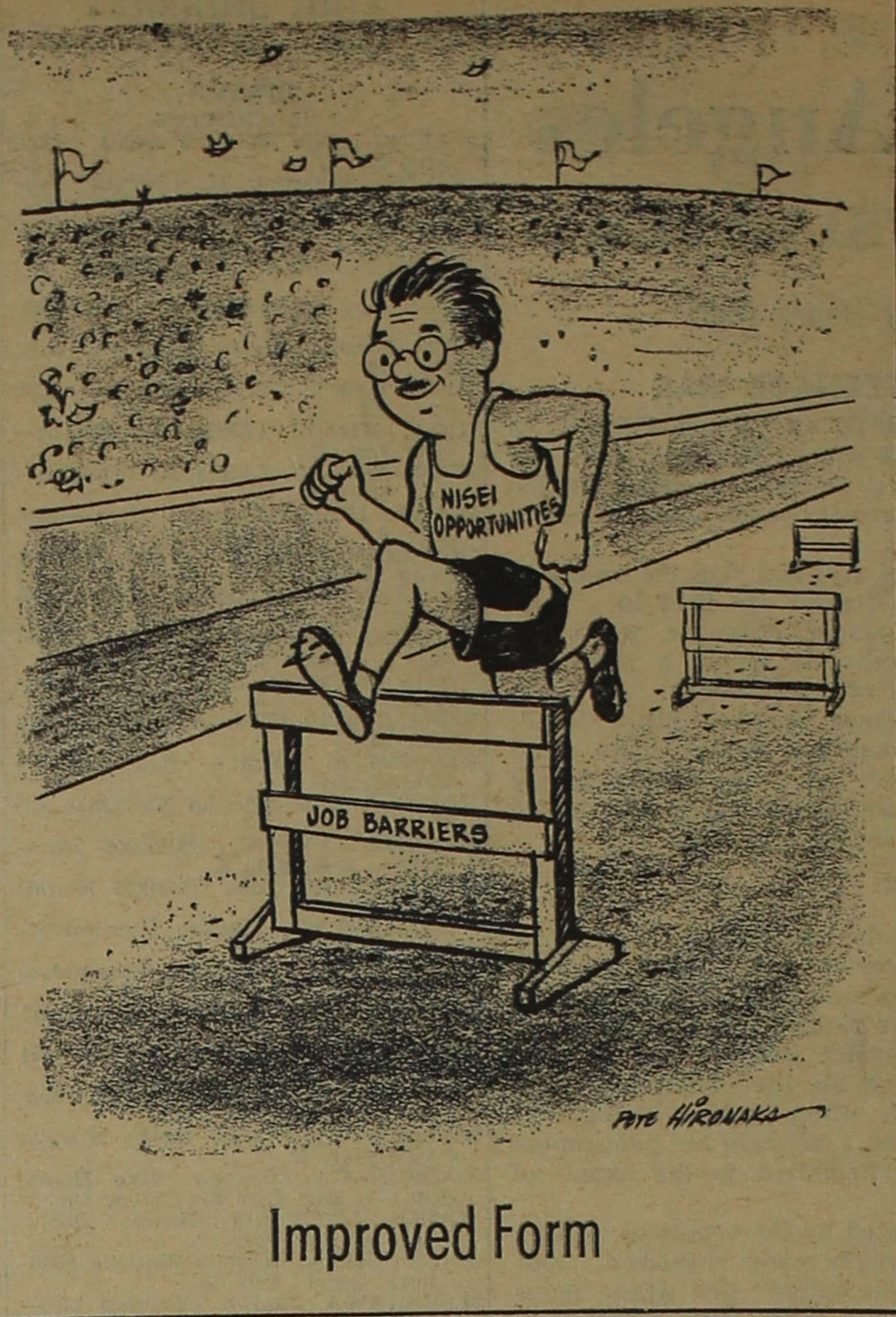
Unlike the JACL which in post-war years has increased its chapters and membership, the JCCA has experienced difficult times. A few years ago, it gave up its paid executive secretary and set up a program under which the duties and responsibilities of the national headquarters would rotate among the various provincial chapters. This system too failed to arouse enthusiasm or support for the JCCA.

It is our understanding that under the leadership of the Toronto JCCA an effort is being made to revive the national organization.



IT HAS ALWAYS been our personal belief that as long as persons of Japanese ancestry are an identifiable minority, and as long as Japan as a sovereign nation will touch upon international relations, so long will an organization of Japanese Americans be necessary to keep watch and ward over the welfare and destiny of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Since we believe that this is equally true in relation to the Canadian "Japanese", we shall hope that the efforts of the Toronto JCCA will be successful.



Improved Form

## ADC booster in Hawaii helps 1,200 Issei achieve U.S. citizenship

HILO, Hawaii. — James M. Hirano of Hilo has done more than anyone else in the Territory to encourage and assist aliens to become American citizens.

This is the observation of Gary Fujiwara, naturalization examiner with the Immigration Service, who has worked with courts on every island.

Hirano, president of Stationers' Corporation, estimates that he has assisted more than 1,200 men and women to achieve citizenship.

He was guest of the 1958 National JACL Convention in Chicago.

This public service, volunteered and unpaid except for a few court duties, started in 1952, when Hirano solicited funds to lobby for passage of the Walter McCarran Act.

Thus he and other Big Isle residents helped bring about the legislation which today qualifies oriental aliens for naturalization.

Hirano can be considered a successful salesman of citizenship, since he persuades aliens to attend the citizenship classes held by the

## FIRST NISEI NAMED AS FARM GROUP DIRECTOR

SAN JOSE. —Tak Shiba, recently named general manager of the Central California Berry Growers Ass'n, was elected a director of the California Grape and Tree Fruit League at the organization's 22nd annual convention at Yosemite recently.

He is the first Nisei ever accorded the honor of being named a director of the group, which was organized in 1920 and now boasting a membership of 400 growers and shippers.

## Public hearings held to improve race relations

SEATTLE. — In an effort to improve race relations in the Kennewick-Pasco area, the Washington State Board against Discrimination conducted all-day public meetings at Pasco and Kennewick last Sunday.

Sidney Gerber of Bellevue, board chairman, said that the Kennewick-Pasco area is the area of "greatest inter-racial tension in the state."

"No Negroes live in Kennewick," he said, "while six miles away in Pasco 10 per cent of the population is Negro. Negroes who work in Kennewick must go home to Pasco at night."

Department of Public Instruction. They get his friendly moral support while attending the classes. They learn from him how to apply for naturalization and what kind of requirements to expect.

"Mr. Hirano has done a tremendous job. I am sure that all those assisted by him appreciate his efforts," Fujiwara said.

Anthony S. Carvalho, chief clerk of the Third Circuit Court, said, "We have had excellent co-operation from Mr. Hirano and other community leaders in making known to the various aliens on this Island the privileges extended to them by the McCarran Act."

"My office and the court appreciate very much all the help he has given and continues to give."

## NO EVIDENCE FOUND TO SUBSTANTIATE CLAIM OF 100,000 JEWS IN JAPAN

TOKYO. — Rabbi David M. Eichations of the Commission of Jewish Chaplaincy for the National Jewish Welfare Board of New York City, has found no evidence to substantiate a report that 100,000 Japanese Jews would migrate to Israel by 1968.

The United Press last week quoted the rabbi that he hasn't found any Japanese Jews. The Israeli legation at Tokyo added that there were no applications from the Japanese for visas to visit Israel.

TOKYO. — A scholarly interest in Judaism by Prince Mikasa, youngest brother of Emperor Hirohito has set off a wave of rumors about Japanese converts to Judaism that is "absolutely not true," according to an official of the Israeli legation in Tokyo.

Asher Naim, chancellor of the Israeli legation, flatly denied published reports of a swing to Judaism by the Japanese.

"Prince Mikasa's interest in Judaism is purely cultural and has no religious import whatever," Naim said.

Mikasa is a professor of ancient Oriental history at the Tokyo Women's University. He also is a well-known scholar of the Hebrew language.

Naim said that it was not true that thousands of Japanese were being converted to Judaism.

"I know of only one man who expressed an interest in converting," Naim said. "He came here to the legation—and I really think he was some sort of a fanatic."

# Claimants for March announced

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — A total of \$474,311.95 was awarded in March, 1958, to 90 successful claimants, the Japanese Evacuation Claims Section of the Dept. of Justice advised the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

The largest award was for \$59,914 to a nursery in Los Angeles, California, and the smallest \$15 to a claimant residing in Chicago, Illinois. The average award to the ninety claimants was \$5,270 with nine awards in this group exceeding \$10,000.

Included among the above successful claimants were three corporations, one church two language schools, and one fraternal club.

## Gwen Terasaki invited to revisit Japan

TOKYO. — Friends of Mrs. Gwen Terasaki, author of "Bridge to the Sun", have invited the Johnson City, Tenn., widow to visit Japan in May, the Mainichi newspaper reported last week.

It would be her first visit in nine years. Her husband, who was first secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Washington prior to World War II, died in 1951 and is buried just outside Tokyo.

## NEW YORK GIRL WINS NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

NEW YORK. — Lily A. Shimamoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Shimamoto, 6515 Boulevard East, West New York, N.J., was awarded a Woodrow Wilson national fellowship for 1958-59. She is a zoology major at Barnard College and as Woodrow Wilson national fellow, she plans to do graduate work in biology at Radcliff. Her father is an associate of Kelly & Gruzen, architects-engineers.



## CALENDAR



- 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)  
CCDC — 2nd Quarterly Session, Fresno Japanese Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.  
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)  
Salt Lake City — Cherry Tree Presentation, State Capitol Grounds, 2 p.m.  
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 meeting.
- May 10 (Saturday)  
Sequoia-Jr. Tri-Villes "Spring Fever" dance, Carpenter's Union Hall, 3065 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, 8 p.m.
- May 16 (Friday)  
Hollywood — General meeting.
- May 17 (Saturday)  
East Los Angeles — Emerald Ball, Park Manor, 9 p.m.  
Cleveland — Pre-MDC Convention rally.
- May 18 (Sunday)  
NC-WNDC — Spring Quarterly Session, Sonoma County JACL hosts.
- May 24 (Saturday)  
D.C. — General meeting; Dr. Roy Nishikawa and Mas Satow, spkrs.
- May 25 (Sunday)  
EDC — Cabinet meeting, D.C. JACL hosts.  
San Francisco — JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium.
- May 30 (Friday)  
MDC — Pre-Convention Rally, Cleveland JACL hosts, Statler Hotel.