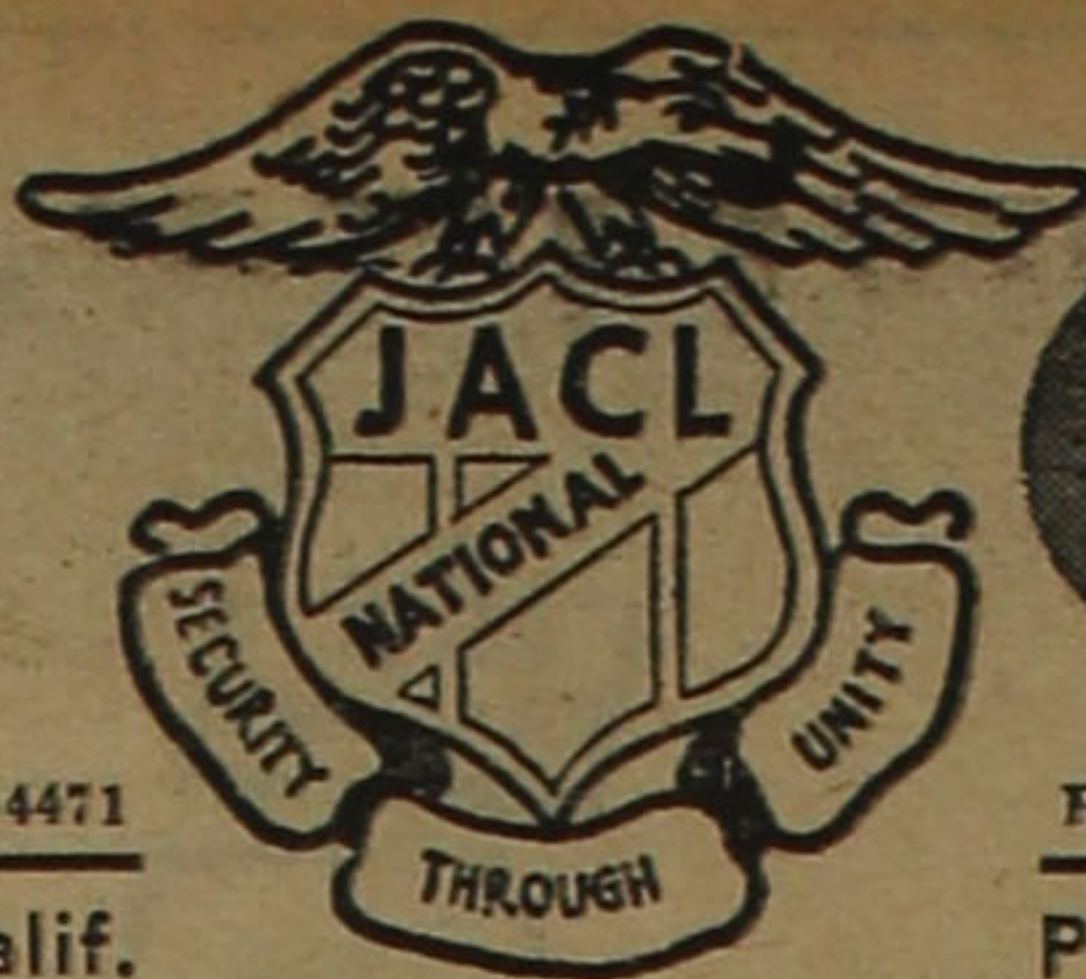


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## BY THE BOARD:

Welcome hand extended to Nisei from Hawaii

Last May, the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council went on record to go all out to welcome the Nisei from Hawaii as well as Nisei from other parts of this country. Lane Nakano, public relations and sales director of Japan American Travel Bureau, pointed out a great number of Hawaiian Nisei approximating 9,000, are now settling in Southern California.

After arrival in Los Angeles, many Hawaiian Nisei experienced difficulties in finding suitable employment, housing, and cordial hospitality. Some of them returned home with the comment that they found the Nisei in the mainland so absorbed with their own groups and activities that they tended to be cool towards the newcomers.

Nisei from Hawaii come from different age brackets with different professions and skills with myriads of diverse views and interests. Therefore, in order to afford the opportunities to enter into activities of their own choosing here, Rev. Paul Nagano, a mainland Nisei who heads the Makiki Christian Church with the largest congregation in Hawaii, has formed a tentative committee consisting of Bill Fung, Richard Suehiro, Maki Ichiyasu, Mrs. Amy Kuniyama, Rev. Kuroda, Togo Nakagawa, Frank Inouye, Ken Re-wich and Hiromi Suehiro.

Purpose of the committee is to enable the Hawaiian Nisei to be given the opportunity to join the local churches, veterans' organizations, professional, social, sport and civic bodies. The local Protestant ministers such as Revs. Unoura, Tsuneishi, Waterhouse, Yamazaki, Hashimoto, Hirose, Saito, and Rev. Tsukamoto of Nishi Hongwanji Temple, have pledged their support to this program. Dr. Roy Nishikawa, National President, as well as Attorney Frank Chuman, approved of giving support from National JACL

In our District Council, Kango Kunitsugu and Attorney Joe Yasaki, are

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# U.S. policy on Japan affecting Nisei with biased undertones

By TOORU KANAZAWA  
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

NEW YORK. — Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, in a strong speech here May 29, stated that United States policy, intentionally or not, is undermining Japan at a time when America needs friends. This policy holds undertones of prejudice and discrimination which spill over on to Americans of Japanese an-

cestry and should be of concern to them. It is in this context that Americans of Japanese ancestry will find their role in the promotion of better Japanese American relations, he said.

He took the occasion of the New York Chapter's annual installation dinner at the Empire Hotel to hit at complacency among the Nisei and pointed out the dangers of an isolationistic and nationalistic attitude. He saw signs

of this in an "it doesn't affect me" viewpoint among the Nisei, and on a national scale in the Fortress America idea.

"Japan must import to live, export to survive," he said. Japanese Americans can help Americans to understand this vital fact. The tendency among the latter is to look to Europe for friends, he said, while their government's policy is undermining Japan.

## Examples Cited

Masaoka supported his charges of discrimination by giving several examples. Situations similar to the Girard case happened in Germany, France and Greece, but received nowhere as much publicity as the one in Japan. Alien property has been restored to all former enemy countries, even those within the Iron Curtain, and will be to Germany. Japan is the sole exception.

In the drawing up of reciprocal trade agreements, the old arguments of cheap labor and cheap goods are being revived. He recalled the false charges that were made before Christmas about Japanese toys being dangerous, but the truth never caught up to rectify the damage caused.

"Japanese Americans should tell Americans the facts from a dollar's and cents point of view," he said. "Japan buys one and a half billion dollars worth of goods from the United States and sends back only half a billion dollars worth. Japan is the best or second best customer from year to year."

On the touchy subject of cotton he pointed out that Japan bought two billion bales in 1957, only one-tenth of which was sent back to the United States in the form of manufactured goods.

## Why Japan Is Picked On

"If Japan can't trade with the United States, where is her natural market?" The mainland of China, he noted. If Japan were to become neutral or communistic, it would have repercussions among the Japanese Americans, he said.

He asked a Congressman with whom he could be frank as to why Japan and Japanese goods were always picked on? Because it's easy, dramatic and emotional, with latent ill will remaining from the war, was the reply. Japanese goods were of poor quality just before and after the war. There are not enough Japanese Americans to fight back. There are 27 million Americans of German descent, 18 million of Italian, 42 million of British.

"We have a duty to fight back," he said. "What can a few do? We have only to look back to the 442nd."

Congressmen and government officials "look to us as a check on their thinking."

"How can you expect others to stand up for us if Japanese Americans don't?" he asked.

## NISEI PILOT CRASH LANDS, AVOIDS HOMES

SACRAMENTO. — John Inouye, 31, of Sacramento chose to crash land on a railway embankment last week rather than risk hitting homes near the airfield on which to land his crippled surplus WW2 training plane. Neither he nor passenger Lee Giddings of Placerville was injured.

On making his final approach to the field, the plane's engine failed. He crash landed, shearing off one wing, crumpling the other and scattering railroad ties off the embankment.

## EISENHOWER LAUDS THEME OF JACL CONVENTION

SALT LAKE CITY. — President Eisenhower praised the selection of the 15th Biennial convention theme of the Japanese American Citizens League in his message of greetings to delegates coming here Aug. 22-25.

"Your convention theme, 'Past Is Prologue', recognizes the importance of solid historical foundations for the building of good citizenship," the President declared. "On this secure basis your organization will continue to add strength to the life of our nation."

Extending "best wishes for a memorable convention", the telegram was signed "Dwight D. Eisenhower" and forwarded to convention through Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

## HORIUCHI UP FOR NAT'L JAYCEE VICE-PRESIDENCY

BRIGHTON, Colo. — Seiji Horiuchi, past state president of the Colorado Jr. Chamber of Commerce, has been endorsed by the same body as candidate for national vice-president of the U. S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce, which convenes in Los Angeles, June 17-19.

## Dr. Kambara heads eye service at hospital

Dr. George Kambara, formerly of Sacramento, was elected chief of the eye service of the White Memorial Hospital at a recent meeting of the eye staff.

Dr. Kambara is also an associate clinical professor of ophthalmology in the College of Medical Evangelists which is closely allied with the White Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Kambara is a graduate of Stanford Medical school, and a former Downtown L.A. JACL president.

## Shonien houses first group of children

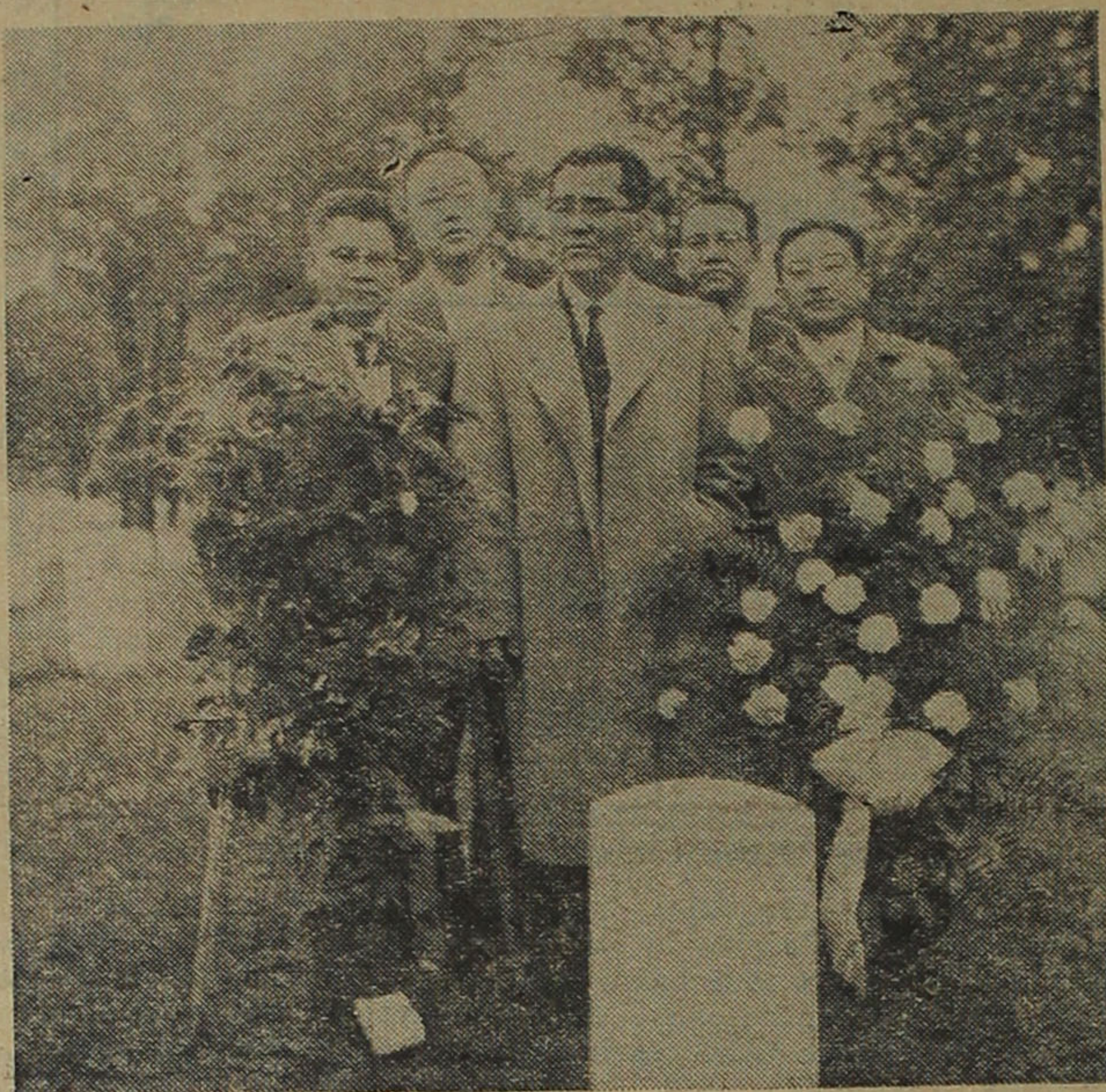
Shonien Child Welfare Center is now caring four children, the first group to be housed following the issuance of a residential care license by the State Department of Social Welfare.

Nobu T. Kawai, Shonien board president, expressed the board's debt of gratitude to the generous community which responded to the appeal of "Support Our Shonien" that has culminated in efforts to provide a broad child welfare program to meet local needs.

Shonien accepted its first group on April 29.

"We trust that the children we are able to serve and the welfare program we are able to help solve will be a satisfying reward to all those who have shared in this work and will provide a worthwhile purpose for continued support of our Shonien program," Kawai added.

Shonien, in addition to its residential program, has already been of service to many adults and children with case work and referral service rendered by its executive director, Mike Suzuki.



Standing behind the gravesite of Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi of Texas, one of 20 Nisei buried at Arlington National Cemetery, are (left to right) Charles Nagao, EDC chairman, of Seabrook, N.J.; Aki Hayashi, nat'l treas., of New York City; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, nat'l pres., of Los Angeles; Masao Satow, nat'l dir., of San Francisco; and Harry Takagi, nat'l 3rd v.p., of Arlington, Va.

## SACRIFICE, CONTRIBUTION OF NISEI GIs RECALLED AT RITES

BY IRA SHIMASAKI

WASHINGTON. — Due to the fact that the most elaborate military ceremony of this generation, the burial of the two unknown servicemen of World War II and the Korean conflict was to take place on Memorial Day, the JACL Committee for Arlington Cemetery honored the Nisei war dead on Sunday, May 25, which coincided with the Eastern District Council meeting held here.

A large crowd including a big delegation from New York, Philadelphia and Seabrook braved the heavy downpour to hear the National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa and National Director Masao Satow, with other national officers, pay tribute to the Nisei heroic dead. The weather, peculiar as it is, stopped raining at the start of the service and resumed raining after it ended.

The service was held at the gravesite of Pfc. Fumitake Nagato and Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi in the shrine of this nation's heroes, Arlington National Cemetery.

This special memorial service commemorated the 15th anniversary of the activation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 10th anniversary in which the first Nisei, Pfc. Tanamachi and Pfc. Nagato, were buried in Arlington Cemetery.

Nishikawa's Message

In his tribute, Dr. Roy Nishikawa cited the record of the 442nd

and of all Nisei who served and died with equal gallantry in all theatres of war. "Their battle was of two-fold, against enemy aboard and against prejudice at home," said Nishikawa.

"If the sacrifices of these men are not to become pointless, if we and other minorities are not to become victims again of prejudice, then it is our continuing responsibility to be vigilant in the protection of our freedoms, to be hostile to any form of tyranny, and to be aggressive in the exercise of our citizenship," Nishikawa declared.

Masao Satow gave the history of the activation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and he emphasized the splendid record and the heroic sacrifices of the Nisei GIs, which made it possible for the Nisei to enjoy the many opportunities which this nation offers.

"With each passing year, as Americans of Japanese ancestry find themselves more secure and more accepted, it is so easy to forget that all this has been achieved through struggle and sacrifice," said Satow; "let us rededicate ourselves to the purposes and ideals of the Japanese American Citizens League in order that the past sacrifices of our boys will not have been in vain."

An eulogy was given by Charles Nagao, Chairman of the Eastern District Council and the response

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**From the Frying Pan**

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo

**SUCCESS STORY** — Over the Memorial Day week-end, nearly a hundred optometrists from a half dozen states attended the Rocky Mountain Contact Lens Conference in Denver. This was one of a number of regional meetings set up by the Plastic Contact Lens Company of Chicago whose claim is that its contact lenses are worn by more Americans than those of any other laboratory.

What makes this story pertinent to these pages is that Plastic Contact Lens is headed by two young men, George N. Jessen and Newton K. Wesley, the latter despite his name a Nisei. (Wesley was born Uyesugi, admittedly an unpronounceable name for Anglo-Saxon tongues.)

Wesley's story has been told in these columns before, but a brief recounting would seem to be in order. As a young student of optometry in Portland, Ore., back before the war, he discovered his eyesight failing rapidly from a condition known as keratoconus. He found relief only with contact lenses. But contact lenses in those days were such crude affairs that Wesley was able to use them for only limited lengths of time.

Spurred by the necessity of finding a more perfect contact lens, Wesley went to work with Jessen, eventually developed a lens that not only helped him, but launched an industry. Wesley who at one time could barely distinguish his fingers at arms length, today flies his own airplane in frequent business hops around the country thanks to his contact lenses. And the firm that started with Wesley, Jessen and one other employee, now has a payroll approaching 250 persons.

**THE EXPARTRIATES** — Technically, perhaps, Dr. Wesley is a refugee from the Pacific Coast. He grew up in Portland, Ore., was practicing in that city and was president of the local JACL chapter at the time war broke out in 1941. Forced to move out of Oregon, Wesley headed for the Midwest, found both a home and career in Chicago. Although his parents have returned to Portland, Wesley sees no point in going back. Chicago is where he has sunk his roots, and the city has benefited measurably from the business he has established there.

Wesley's case is unusual but by no means untypical. Hundreds of other Nisei who were hounded off the West Coast have taken their talents to other communities, there to prosper, gain in stature and enrich the life of their adoptive hometowns. This is a two-way proposition — the towns and cities that provided opportunity for the Nisei and Issei refugees gained from the arrival of these persons just as surely as the evacuees benefited from the opportunity they discovered.

A lengthy list could be compiled of those who made good in areas distant from the West Coast's prewar prejudices, but perhaps the mention of just three Nisei would make the point. All are from Portland, all are in medical or related fields, and all are contemporaries of Dr. Wesley:

Dr. William Ito left Portland for the Hawaiian Islands in search of opportunity, soon won recognition to the point that he was elected president of the Honolulu medical society.

Dr. Victor Nakashima settled in Iowa after war service, today is a partner in a highly successful clinic in Dubuque.

Howard Nomura, probably Portland's first Nisei pharmacist, settled in St. Paul, Minn.

I can't help but think how much these four sons of Portland could have contributed to the life of their home town if folks there had just given them a chance to make good.



ERIC HIRAHARA

**Biennial Summits**



**15th Biennial Underlines**

BY RUPERT HACHIYA  
 Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

**Housing Data Out:** Housing information for convention time has now gone out to all the chapters, reports Kay Nakashima, Chrm. of the Housing Committee. Hotel Utah and its new Motor Lodge are holding all facilities for our delegates from Aug. 22-25 with a choice of staying at either the hotel, which will be the convention headquarters, or the new motel a block away, where many of our special events will be held.

Hotel Temple Square, as its name implies, is across the street from the world, famous Mormon Temple Square and "kitty-corner" from the motel which actually makes it closer to some of the activities than Hotel Utah.

Newhouse Hotel, also one of Salt Lake's finer hotel, is four blocks from convention headquarters. Those who drive and do not wish to stay in the downtown area will find Motel S e Rancho with its fine, heated swimming pool and seven blocks from headquarters an ideal "away from heavy traffic" place to stay.

Kay Nakashima, a "pill roller" in his own drug store, is anxious to do anything he can to make the delegate's stay in Salt Lake as pleasant as possible. So if you have any special problem or requests now or during the convention, don't hesitate to call on him. Don't forget to get your reservations in early so you will be sure to get the accommodations you want.

**1000 Club Whing-Ding:** Mas Horiuchi, an old timer in JACL, well known to the conventioners as the "golden voiced office boy" of the National Office during its days in Salt Lake City, and the editor of the "JACL Reporter" during its years of publications, will again take the helm of the 1000 Club shindig where one can renew old acquaintances and make new friends. As chairman for this usually riotous affair, he will work with National 1000 Club Chairman Kenji Tashiro, in drawing plans for "business" and "monkey business". By the way, his own little business that seems to be expand-

ing and keeping him very busy, is the "Litho by Mas" printing shop. He is also serving as associate editor of the convention booklet and aiding Alice Kasai on publicity.

**Booklet Ads:** Thirteen out of 85 chapters have responded to the June 2 deadline on ads, along with two district councils. Naturally, this state of affairs hasn't been adding much sunshine to the lives of Henry Kasai, business manager, and Jeanne Konishi, editor of the souvenir booklet. The new deadline is June 26. May we hear from the rest of the chapters soon! We don't want to see two people developing ulcers from worry!

**This and That:** George Yoshimoto, General Arrangements chrm., plans to meet this week with all special events chairmen to determine where further assistance may be needed to sharpen the scope of required facilities and general arrangements... Mel Hall's orchestra, selected by Chairman Shiz Sakai for the Sayonara Ball, has been booked at the Lagoon, Salt Lake's most popular summer resort, for two weeks in June. Shiz and Rae Fujimoto, Salt Lake Chapter Membership Drive co-chairmen, were also recent visitors to the "Roof Garden" of Hotel Utah. The occasion marked the "going over the top" in our chapter drive for 500 members. To celebrate this historic new membership record, Hotel Utah's Manager Max Carpenter and our good friend, catering manager Hank Aloia, were presented with honorary memberships... Some Fordnik activities have been reported to date, but indications are we have to send out booster rockets to the satellite — so says Ieh Doi, the harried chairman. So the chapters will be hearing from him again, too... Queen Margaret's ballet dances at the Salt Lake Grad Hop were so enchanting that we must give you an opportunity to see her during the convention. United Airlines photographer snapped her picture as she stepped off the plane last

**PC Letter Box**

**SPEAKING FOR SANSEI**

Editor — Regarding Roy Nishikawa's column "President's Corner" in the May 16 PC, his "jolt" seems like too little too late. As early as 1946 there were definite signs of teenagers in the Southland tending toward increased gang activities. Relocation and the breakdown of family ties during the war years were identified as contributing factors. However, it is questionable that teenage delinquency is proportionately greater among the Sansei and younger Nisei. Also, what gangs that existed prior to the war years as we Nisei recall did not pursue healthier outlets anymore than present teenagers and feuds and mass pitched battles were not unknown.

But my reason for writing is not to make light the fact that trouble is brewing, nor is it my intention to present a rebuttal. Lest the word "Sansei" becomes synonymous with juvenile delinquency and our children develop a negative attitude toward the constructive efforts that may be undertaken by CL chapters across the country I feel it is only fair to speak on their behalf. The Sansei and younger Nisei are still winning scholarships, participating in community as well as school activities in increasing numbers, and getting public acclaim for their achievements. Despite the hectic age of sputniks and guided missiles they are doing more than holding their own. And they're doing it without the enforced discipline of a foreign culture. Our kids are red-blooded Americans.

Henry Mori's suggestion of a healthy program to keep "the boys off the street" leads me to ask, "What boys?" The manufacture of programs as a crime prevention measure has yet to meet with any significant success. Teenagers left without direction and faced with no codes of ethical behavior nor standards of values are a problem. But I wouldn't go so far as to label them a "menace".

If solutions to the present problem are to be sought let's first take a healthy look at ourselves. What discipline for authority, respect for elders and pride in our culture we expect of our children must have first been learned thoroughly by us. In our rebellion against things "Japanese" which our parents tried so hard to instill in us we must have succeeded for we find now that we cannot adequately pass them on to our children.

I was privileged to attend a meeting of a P.T.A. the other evening. Although the group was relatively small, numbering about 35, there were seven Nisei parents in attendance. Just the fact that they were there was more than gratifying. Most of them were parents of younger children, not teenagers. But that's where we've got to make a start. Unless behavior patterns are established early in life there's little likelihood that anything we attempt with the adolescent will have much effect.

If there's to be any "soul saving" among adolescent boys who are involved in gangs at present one possible way is for local Chapters, veteran's groups and service clubs to encourage their members to individually contribute time and energy as "big brothers" and adopt these boys. The Optimist Club has a wonderful motto "Friend of the Boy" that could very well spearhead such a movement.

Jr. JACL Chapters are good and are worth encouraging. They develop leadership. They have an appeal to teenagers who are potential leaders. But what about those youngsters who aren't "joiners" who don't respond to civic endeavors? There's no doubt that some effort on their behalf could result in come encouraging effects.

ERNI UNO

Tacoma, Wash.

Saturday and has the picture on display in the airport lobby.



# Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

## More Sympathetic Treatment

Blame for the anti-Nisei propaganda in wartime motion pictures must go principally to the writers of the offending screenplays. For instance, Dudley Nichols, one of Hollywood's finest writers for the screen ("Long Voyage Home," for example) wrote the script for Warner Brothers' "Air Force," a film which circulated nearly all of the falsehoods about Nisei behavior at Pearl Harbor.

In contrast, screen and radio-TV writers are pretty well alerted these days to the role of the Nisei in the Korean war and World War II. References to the 442nd Combat Team and Nisei wartime loyalty in general have been made in a number of TV and movie scripts. In the Jerry Wald production of "No Down Payment," for example, one of the plot themes was the difficulty faced by a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team who attempted to buy a home in a suburban subdivision. The film was affirmative in its approach and the fadeout indicated that prejudice had been overcome when a family in the housing development took a stand on behalf of the Nisei veteran. It is interesting that in the original story by John McPartland the incident concerned a Negro and the character was changed to a Nisei in the movie.

Recently, in a Rod Serling script for "Playhouse 90" called "Trouble at Ground Zero," one of the leading characters was a Nisei atomic scientist named James Shimako. Serling emphasized the Nisei's identity and noted that he was married to a girl who had survived the A-bombing of Hiroshima. Shimako, for reasons both personal and philosophical, was one of the scientists in the script who opposed the continuance of H-bomb tests.

There also has been a change in emphasis in the portrayal of Japanese characters, both in the films and on TV. Recent films like "Sayonara," "Escapade in Japan" and "Stopover Tokyo" have presented a sympathetic portrait of a onetime enemy, and the Colonel Saito of "The Bridge on the River Kwai," though portrayed as a martinet by Sessue Hayakawa, was not without the human values. Forthcoming pictures, including "The Barbarian and the Geisha," which is the Townsend Harris story, and the Jerry Lewis comedy, "Geisha Boy," will continue to treat the Japanese with an understanding which is in sharp contrast to the wartime product which generally damned the Japanese as a race.

Recently Hayakawa and the Nisei actress Michi Kobi were starred in a CBS Studio One hour called, "The Kurishiki Incident." This was a script obviously inspired by the famous Girard case, in which an American soldier was tried in a Japanese court for killing a Japanese woman on a U. S. army firing range.

Miss Kobi was the sister and Hayakawa the uncle of a boy shot down by a GI (John Cassavetes) in the TV play, "The Girard case is forgotten and forgiven in Japan," Hayakawa told the press. "The only resentment among Japanese is inspired by the Communists, but they are not having much success."

Of the Hollywood trend toward more Oriental themes, Hayakawa said:

"There is tremendous interest in films with Oriental backgrounds, and I have been caught up in the trend. America seems to be rediscovering Japan with a better understanding of the Japanese mind, culture and beauty. You are finding us quite different from the picture painted of us during the war."

The script of the "Kurishiki Incident" explained but did not absolve the action of the GI in shooting down a Japanese boy suspected of theft. Similarly, Miss Kobi is the Tokyo heroine of another drama which has been spawned by the Girard case.

This is the film, "Dateline Tokyo," which was produced by the Nisei moviemaking outfit called Nacirema ("American" spelled backward).

In "Dateline Tokyo" it was a Marine who accidentally killed a Japanese youth. As in the true-life Girard case, dissident elements attempt to make a political issue of the killing. Miss Kobi's role is that of a girl who falls in love with the Marine. As in the other films and TV shows, the Japanese are pictured sympathetically.

**PERSONAL NOTE:** The other day the U.S. Steel Hour staged a TV drama called "The Hour of the Rat." In the United States 12 years after the war, an American war veteran (Dan Duryea) meets up with the brutal Japanese officer who tormented him in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp. Duryea tries to kill the Japanese, portrayed by Kaie Deei, but cannot. One of the featured roles was that of a Japanese diplomat named "Tajiri." Since the name isn't a popular one, we were rather puzzled as to how it got into the script. . . . Last Thursday Duryea was in Denver. At lunch, he explained away the mystery. "The character of the Japanese diplomat was originally called 'Tojuro,'" Duryea said. "Tura Nakamura who was playing the part called my attention to it, saying that 'Tojuro' wasn't a Japanese name. Nakamura suggested 'Tajiri'."

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## Wartime anti-Nisei films shown on TV station, which had agreed otherwise last year; program director was replaced

MINNEAPOLIS. — Cooperation of local television stations gained a year ago against showing of anti-Nisei movies, such as "Air Force" and "Across the Pacific" recently scheduled on a local station, requires periodic attention, so learned Tom Ohno, president of the Twin Cities UCL.

Ohno called upon Ted Snider, program director of WTCN-TV, after TV logs listed that station with the two films mentioned and among wartime movies portraying Japanese Americans as spies and saboteurs, when FBI records are to the contrary.

Ohno explained the views of the chapter and informed Snider of the cooperation received from the station last year. Snider, who replaced the former program director, was not aware of the correspondence which was later found in their files.

"At first, Mr. Snider did not see our point of view," Ohno reported. "He told me that these films were fiction, and that there were many films which depicted

other nationalities as spies and saboteurs."

Ohno then suggested to Snider that such films reflected on the loyalty of Japanese Americans, adding that findings of federal intelligence agencies were to the contrary. Snider then revealed each film cost the station \$2,100 and could not see how they could just throw away the money.

Committed to at least eight showings, Snider was asked to announce before, during and after each showing that the film should "in no way be construed to reflect upon the loyalty of Japanese Americans". This he consented to do, Ohno reported.

The Mayor's Commission on Human Relations was also informed of the situation. Its director informed the UCL two delegates would call upon WTCN-TV.

### Sorry to see 'value profit over truth'

"It is disquieting to be reminded that a local TV station in continuing to show old war movies, supposedly documentary, that portray Nisei as spies and saboteurs," commented J.A. Journal editor Calvin Takagi, "and, once more, to have brought home to us the necessity of pointing out again and again the fact that any implications of such treachery on the part of the Nisei are completely and utterly without founda-

## 'Teahouse' roles in Chicago available

CHICAGO. — Announcing plans to present "Teahouse in the August Moon" late this summer, the Chicago Park District appealed to the Midwest JACL Office and the Society of Fine Arts for Japanese Americans to appear in this production. A total of 25 persons is being sought for "walk-on" and some talking parts.

The play will be presented at Fullerton Pavilion in Lincoln Park, Aug. 12-16, under the direction of Mrs. Frances Carter, drama director of the Chicago Park District. As this is an amateur production, there will be no remuneration for the participants.

Ten women and 15 men are being sought. Three of the roles require dialogue in Japanese. One will be that of the leading lady, Lotus Blossom; another is that of an old man or a young man with make-up. The third is a large man to portray a wrestler. All others will be bit players or "walk-ons".

Rehearsals are being held at Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland Ave., every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. All persons interested in appearing in this production may call Kenji Nakane at DE 7-1076.

## Cemetery —

(Continued from Front Page) was given by Harry Takagi, the national third vice president and a 442nd veteran. Reverend Andrew Kuroda offered the invocation and the benediction. The service was concluded with the rifle salute by a squad from the 3rd Infantry "Honor Guard" Regiment, the sound of taps by a bugler.

**Gravesites Decorated**  
 After the service, each of the twenty Nisei graves were decorated with a spray of carnations which were donated by the Eden Township JACL Chapter. Six hundred carnations were flown here for this special service, and were made into twenty beautiful sprays.

National president Dr. Roy Nishikawa and Masao Satow with other national officers and EDC delegates visited each individual grave of the twenty Nisei as a fitting climax to this Memorial Day service and as a remembrance to their parents and relatives.

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"In this case, we are given to understand the motivation of the show's producers is not so much malicious as it is economic. But it is a rather sorry commentary that any person should value profit over truth."

(Takagi is being succeeded this month in the editor's post by Andrew J. Sato, who last fall opened his law office in Minneapolis. Originally from Hawaii, he came to Minnesota in 1944 when he was assigned to MISLS, Camp Savage. Returning to the states in 1949, he graduated from Drake University and William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul; active with JACL, PTA, and the Lions.)

## Cleveland JACLer named to township zoning commission

CLEVELAND. — William S. Sadatki, active JACLer here, saw a full house when the Macedonia Township zoning commission, to which he was appointed recently, held its meeting at the Macedonia Town Hall last month.

Usually the zoners consider themselves crowded when a stray cat wanders through their meeting. Thus, Sadatki quickly learned how touchy hearings can be.

A Macedonia resident for a little more than a year, Sadatki is manager of the miscellaneous and architectural metals division of Builders Structural Steel Corp. in Cleveland.

Born in Hollywood, Calif., he attended Los Angeles City College and UCLA and studied architectural and structural engineering at Western Reserve and Case Institute since coming to the Cleveland area 10 years ago.

He is a member of the architectural board of Avalon Hills, a housing development. His wife, Mary, is secretary of the board. The couple live with their son, Billy, 3½, at 8444 Summer Rd.

Sadatki was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Thomas Rucker, who moved to Detroit.

## MARYKNOLL SCHOOL SLATES THREE-DAY CARNIVAL

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# The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

## 10 Days East and Midwest

San Francisco

Our National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa, took in stride the physically exacting ten day trip we planned for him to call upon our Washington contacts, meet with representatives of the East and Midwest chapters and join the deliberations in their respective District Council meetings, and hold extensive discussions on our national affairs with National JACL leaders in these two areas. The compensation for just plain physical fatigue came from the inspiration of meeting our hard working JACLers and being the recipients of their heart-warming, all-out hospitality.

Upon arriving in Washington, we went right to work, spending the afternoon reviewing our eastern picture with National 3rd VP Harry Takagi, National Treasurer Aki Hayashi, EDC Chairman Charles Nagao, Washington DC President Jack Hirose, Mike and Tad Masaoka, and Sam Ishikawa, who serves as our National contact in New York. The Washington DC chapter set the tone for the entire trip with a cordial welcoming dinner, joined by Seabrook members and New York members arriving early for the EDC session. A good group turned out to hear our National President. An added meeting highlight was 17-year-old Carl Omaye of Jacksonville, Florida, telling of his duties and experiences as House pageboy.

Charles Nagao conducted the all-day EDC business meeting in good fashion. It would take more than a sprained leg to keep him out of action. As a matter of fact, he showed up to greet us in Philadelphia and New York, crutches and all. Bouquets to Mary Nagao who demonstrated again the loyalty and concern of JACL wives.

**LEST WE FORGET** — Despite the rain, it was decided to proceed with the special services at Arlington National Cemetery. A few minutes before the simple but impressive ceremonies, the violent downpour subsided altogether, and when the last of the 20 graves of the 442 boys had been decorated with flowers, the rain started again, but gently as if in deference to these Nisei heroes. Ira Shimasaki has devotedly chaired our Arlington National Cemetery Committee for eight years now, following the efforts of Jack Hirose, who served as chairman for the first four years.

The time and attention given us by various officials in Washington as we called upon them made us realize again the high regard in which JACL as represented by Mike Masaoka is held. Our stay in Washington was concluded with a personally conducted Masaoka sightseeing tour of the highlights of the Nation's capitol.

**PHILLY** — Coincidentally, the two chapters in the East having women presidents, Seabrook and Philadelphia, greeted us with an informal dinner meeting. Louise Maehara of Philadelphia is a capable president with the poise and assurance of a social worker that she is. Under Josie Ikeda's leadership the Seabrook Chapter has continued to grow strong. She will be relinquishing her position for a successor since Seabrook like New York changes over in midyear. We were happy to renew acquaintances with Miss Elizabeth Campbell of the International Institute who was helpful to us resettlers in Milwaukee, and with former National JACL Veep Henry Tani, all excited over his forthcoming trip to Japan in connection with his heading the youth work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Following the meeting we were able to relax a bit and get better acquainted with the Philadelphians at Ex-EDC Chairman Bill Sasagawa's.

**MANHATTAN** — Aki Hayashi exacted an itinerary for us to see the maximum of Manhattan besides wrestling with our national budget for the next biennium and participating in the installation of the new chapter cabinet headed by Kenji Nogaki. We are especially indebted to Dr. Shig Kondo, Bill Sawayama and Tom Hayashi, for a leisurely three dimensional tour of New York—by elevator, subway and automobile. Toshi Yamamoto of the UN Secretariat took us on a personally conducted tour of the United Nation building. It was a nice installation banquet for New York with Charles Nagao swearing in the new officers and addresses by Dr. Nishikawa and Mike Masaoka. Two deserving JACLers, Aki Hayashi and Sam Kai were surprised with sapphire pin presentations by President Nishikawa. We were highly pleased to finally be able to thank Shosuke Sasaki in person for his great help to Tom Hayashi's National Committee Against Defamation.

**CLEVELAND GOES ALL OUT** — The Cleveland Chapter members knocked themselves out to plan and execute convention arrangements for a most successful Midwest DC meeting. To name all those who worked so hard for several months of preparation would require listing the 110 members who served under able Convention Chairman Gene Takahashi. Work? There was aplenty as MDC Chairman Kumeo Yoshinari gavelled his way through a crowded agenda. Henry Tanaka set up some interesting workshops to give everyone a chance to buzz and learn. Fun? There is always a lot of fun in store when enthusiastic JACLers get together, and especially if Cleveland President Joe Kadowaki has anything to do with things. Inspiration? Who was not lifted by the stirring message of 16-year-old Daryll Sakada as he orated on "What JACL Means to Japanese American Youth?" Daryll will represent MDC in the National oratorical finals at the National Convention.

The MDC Convention ball ended at two in the morning, followed by the usual after snack. Looked like the whole Convention moved into Chinatown. Eight successive days of minimal sleep and tearing around must have put our National President in a rut, for what does he propose but that National Board members go back to the hotel and meet now instead of waiting until 9 a.m. as scheduled. So we discuss national matters until 6:30 a.m. when mind succumbs to matter. A welcome two hour nap for everyone and we are right back at it until near-noon when we start leaving Cleveland for

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## Watsonville to honor graduates, aid Elaine Ura in 'Goddess' competition

WATSONVILLE. — Forty Nisei high school and college graduates of the local area will be guests of honor tomorrow night at Watsonville JACL's annual steak barbecue at nearby Sunset Beach, it was announced by Masato Tsudama, chairman.

Those attending are expected to bring their own fork, knife and spoon.

### Queen Candidate

The chapter is also sponsoring a queen candidate for the local Independence Day celebration. As the "goddess" of the three-day holiday, the winning candidate will reign over the July 4 fiesta, riding the main float in the grand parade.

Elaine Ura, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. John Ura, is being jointly sponsored by the local Nisei VFW post and JACL. She is a junior in high school and active in the Jr. YEA. Members of both sponsoring organizations are selling Fourth of July buttons to help Miss Ura win the contest.

Attractions for Issei-Nisei on that weekend include the joint JACL-VFW sponsored Holiday Dance at the Veterans Memorial Hall on Saturday, July 5, 9 p.m., with Tom Nakase and Masato Tsudama as co-chairmen. Admission will be \$3 per couple. For the Issei will be the JACL benefit movie night at the Buddhist Hall on Thursday, July 3, with proceeds for the chapter's \$200 scholarship to a high school graduate.

## World bridge champion assisting in Sequoia JACL sponsored classes

PALO ALTO. — Sequoia JACL is conducting a series of bridge lessons Wednesdays from 8 p.m. at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church with Dr. George Hiura, local dentist, serving as instructor.

Oakie had played in the international tournament in Europe in 1954, the last year in which the United States had beaten the Europeans. He became the first man to win life-masters entirely on red points or points earned in a ma-

ior tournament.

### Emotional Factor

Oakie had said the chief factor which separates the champion from an ordinary player is the champion's ability to detach himself emotionally from the game.

The bridge sessions which the local JACL chapter sponsors is open to the public. Sessions are not held on the third Wednesday of the month, chapter officials said.

## Visiting farm trainees from Japan welcomed at Eden Township JACL dinner

HAYWARD. — About 75 members and friends of the Eden Township Japanese American Citizens League welcomed seven young Japanese Visiting Farmers at a dinner May 23 in San Leandro.

The Rural Rehabilitation Ass'n of Japan is sponsoring the trainee program with the cooperation of the University of California Agriculture Extension Service. Trainees are in this country for an 8-month period and are now working in various farms and nurseries

in Alameda county. They are selected men given the opportunity to come to America to acquaint themselves with new and improved techniques and modern machinery used in agriculture and horticulture here. It is hoped they will apply their knowledge to better advantage in their own prefectures upon return.

One member of a similar group who visited here last year recently wrote from Japan to Robert Latteer, farm advisor of Alameda county, stating that he has formed an agricultural study group and has introduced cooperative marketing of the watermelons produced in his prefecture.

President Steve Neishi welcomed the guests. Sam Kuramoto, master of ceremonies, introduced J. Okamoto, coordinator of the trainee program who presented the following guests: Messrs. H. Nakamura, S. Kawasaki, H. Maehara, S. Nakazawa, Y. Ono, G. Hashino and S. Hachimura.

Each guests gave a brief talk about his background in Japan, stressed desire to fulfill the purpose of the trainee program by applying himself to the furthering of modern agricultural methods in Japan.

N. Akahoshi of the Japanese American News and H. Tashima of The Hokubei Mainichi responded and offered any assistance to the visiting farmers.

## GILROY COMMUNITY TO MOOT CLAIMS AWARD

GILROY. — With the recent award from the government on the evacuation claims made by the Gilroy Community Center, a general community meeting has been planned with Tom Obata in charge, Gilroy JACL recently announced.

The chapter will honor local area graduates June 21 with an outing at Gilroy Hot Springs. The outstanding student award will be made at this time.

Memorial Day services for the Japanese buried at the local cemetery were conducted by the Rev. Kumata on May 24. The chapter held its general dinner meeting on May 23 at the community hall with Hiroko Yamano, Hedy Obata, Betty Nagareda and Sumi Hirasaki in charge.

## Contra Costa graduates to be guests at dance

RICHMOND. — High school graduates of east and west Contra Costa County will be honored at the Contra Costa JACL dance, June 21, 8 p.m., at the local Civic Center Plaza Bermuda Room. Grace Hata and Chris Komatsu, co-chairmen, announced the Richmond Scamps will be hosts.

Serving on the committees are: West Contra Costa — Betty Akagi, Chizu Suyama, Norma Ingell and Marvin Uratsu; East Contra Costa—Tom Murodomi, Ted Tashiro, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, and Hannah Yasuda. Akiko Shinagawa, inv.; Yosh Miyako music; Toru Saito, m.c., entermt.; Betty Akagi and Fumi Shimada, ref.; Darlene Aso and Mabo Shimada, door; Darlene Aso and Akiko Shinagawa, dec.

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## '1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — Only 40 Thousand Club memberships and renewals were acknowledged by National JACL Headquarters during the last two weeks of May for a monthly total of 114. The current membership stands at 1,198. They are as follows:

- EIGHTH YEAR**  
Pasadena — Tetsuo F. Iwasaki.  
Omaha — K. Patrick Okura.
- SEVENTH YEAR**  
Hollywood — Judge John F. Aiso.
- SIXTH YEAR**  
Omaha — Mrs. Lily Okura.
- FIFTH YEAR**  
Hollywood — Danar Abe.  
New York — Akira Hayashi.  
St. Louis — George K. Hasegawa.
- FOURTH YEAR**  
Chicago — Charles M. Hiura, George Teraoka.  
Southwest L.A. — Dr. Kenneth K. Nagamoto.
- THIRD YEAR**  
St. Louis — Dr. Masao Ohmoto.  
East Los Angeles — Charles T. Ukita.  
Stockton — John K. Yamaguchi.  
Placer County — Roy T. Yoshida.
- SECOND YEAR**  
Chicago — Jiro Akashi, Dr. Koki Kumamoto, Dr. Aurelius M. Masuoka, Bert Nakano, Satoru Takemoto, Kay Tamada.  
Cleveland — Jiro W. Habara.  
Long Beach — John Y. Inouye.  
Orange County—Dr. Fred I. Kobayashi.  
St. Louis — George Mitsunaga, Joseph K. Tanaka.  
Twin Cities — Sumiko Teramoto.
- FIRST YEAR**  
Chicago — Paul M. Otake, K. Joe Sagami.  
Reedley — Tak Naito.  
St. Louis — Kiichi Hiramoto.

## Japanese cooking class offered by Hollywood JACL

Instructions in Japanese cooking will be given by Mrs. Yoshiko Sakurai and her father, Masujiro Hosoi, next Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Christ Presbyterian Church, 4011 Clinton St., it was announced by the Hollywood JACL.

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# EDC favors no reduction in '59-'60 JACL Budget

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Because of the front page editorial two weeks ago, there are readers who feel I'm against the proposal to increase membership dues by \$1 to include the Pacific Citizen. Personally, I'm for it as I believe a well-informed membership is an asset to the organization and making the PC available at the lowest of cost assures an even wider membership. But the financial picture before us favors otherwise.

PC today is a \$30,000-plus enterprise, meeting costs from three sources of revenue: (1) regular advertising, (2) subscription and (3) Holiday Issue — about \$10,000 each. Our Holiday Issue decides whether PC operates in the "black" or "red." And the success of this special edition has always hinged upon the cooperation of our many chapter solicitors.

If PC with Membership is approved, we estimate at least 12,000 at about \$45,000. Perhaps, after a few years, we may be fortunate in seeing the three sources amount to \$15,000 each. But in the meantime, it is only realistic to expect some losses although I can't conceive them to be \$10,000 per year as was claimed in the editorial. The specialized market the PC has with 12,000 subscribers (which means at least 48,000 readers) is bound to boost regular advertising subsequently.

If regular advertising is doubled — PC with Membership at the \$1 rate is possible. Cost estimates prepared by Tats Kushida, past PC business manager, were projected to determine subscription rates at 10,000 (\$1.63), at 12,500 (\$1.52) and at 15,000 (\$1.47) two years ago prior to the 1956 convention. But he did not believe increased advertising revenue could be justifiably anticipated. Another estimate shall be prepared for the 1958 convention and projected rates should be slightly higher because mailing costs have risen since the 1956 estimates.

If regular advertising is not doubled — PC with Membership at the \$1 rate can then conclude with a drastic curtailment to bi-weeklies of at least 12, if not 16, pages.

— Harry K. Honda.

(JACL News Service)  
WASHINGTON. — Although its current assessment is the highest per capita based upon persons of Japanese ancestry residing in the area, the Eastern District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League voted at its annual meeting held at the Burlington Hotel to urge the forthcoming 15th Biennial National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City to maintain the present national budget for the coming 1959-1960 biennium, according to Charles Nagao of Seabrook, N.J., chairman of the EDC.

EDC cabinet and chapter officers took this action unanimously, according to Nagao, when they voted to continue to accept the same percentage share of the total national JACL budget as they currently are assessed in spite of indications from some of the other district councils that they may seek reductions in the overall organizational budget.

### Reports on Activities

In other major actions involving the forthcoming National Convention, the EDC voted to continue the Washington Office and to urge the establishment of some kind of JACL representation in New York City, to merge the special Nisei Memorial Day observances with the traditional Memorial Day activities, and to amend the organization Constitution to provide for the election of the 1000 Club chairman as a member of the National Board.

In addition, the more than 50 delegates heard reports regarding the National Recognitions Committee from Ira Shimasaki, Scholarships from Bill Sasagawa, Essay and Oratorical Contests from Aki Hayashi, National Nominations from Sam Kai, Interim Committee on National Youth Activities from Harold Horiuchi, EDC 1000 Club report from William Marutani, Chapter-District Council Financial Re-assessment Problems from Jack Ozawa.

JACL Credit Union from George Furukawa, National Legislative Report from Mike Masaoka, National Districts and Chapters Travel Pool from William Sasagawa, Japan-America Relations by Mike Masaoka, Pacific Citizen with Membership from Mas Satow, and Youth Activities from Roy Nishikawa.

On the EDC level, the delegates received New York City's bid to host the 1959 Joint EDC-MDC Convention over the Labor Day weekend, decided to continue joint conventions with the Midwest District Council provided that it could be done on a two conventions to one basis because the MDC has eight chapters to four for the EDC, agreed to invite the MDC to consider Chapter of the Biennial contest for the two district councils, and named Mike Masaoka to represent them at the annual meeting of the MDC in Cleveland over the Memorial Day weekend.

National officers and staff mem-

bers attending the meeting included Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles, National President; Harry Takagi of Arlington, Va., National Third Vice-President; Aki Hayashi of New York, National Treasurer; Mike and Tad Masaoka and Motoko Grabowski of the Washington Office; and Sam Ishikawa of the New York Office.

EDC officers in addition to Chairman Nagao, included Jack Ozawa, Philadelphia; Sam Kai, New York City, and Dr. George Furukawa, Washington, D.C., Vice Chairmen; Ruth Kuroishi, Washington, Recording Secretary; Irene Aoki, Seabrook, Corresponding Secretary; and William Marutani, Philadelphia, 1000 Club Chairman.

Delegates for the host Washington, D.C., chapter were Jack Hirose and Hisako Sakata, president and vice president, New York City William Sakayama and Kenji Nogaki, present and incoming chairmen of the board, Seabrook Josie Ikeda and John Fuyume, president and past president, and Philadelphia Louise Maehara and Dr. Warren Watanabe.

Carl Omaye of Jacksonville,

### 30th Anniversary

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco JACL chapter, which recently celebrated its 30th anniversary, was honored last month by having a resolution passed in the State Assembly, congratulating the chapter.

Fla., first Nisei to be appointed to serve as a page in the United States House of Representatives attended the meetings as a guest of the EDC.

## By the Board:

(From Front Page)

taking steps to work out a dynamic program to interest JACL and other local civic organizations to join this project with Rev. Nagano's committee. Furthermore, the proven JACL leaders, formerly Hawaiians, such as Dr. David Miura, president of Long Beach Harbor JACL; Richard Tokumaru, president of Santa Barbara JACL; and Kimi Matsuda, former District Secretary, are all giving their best efforts.

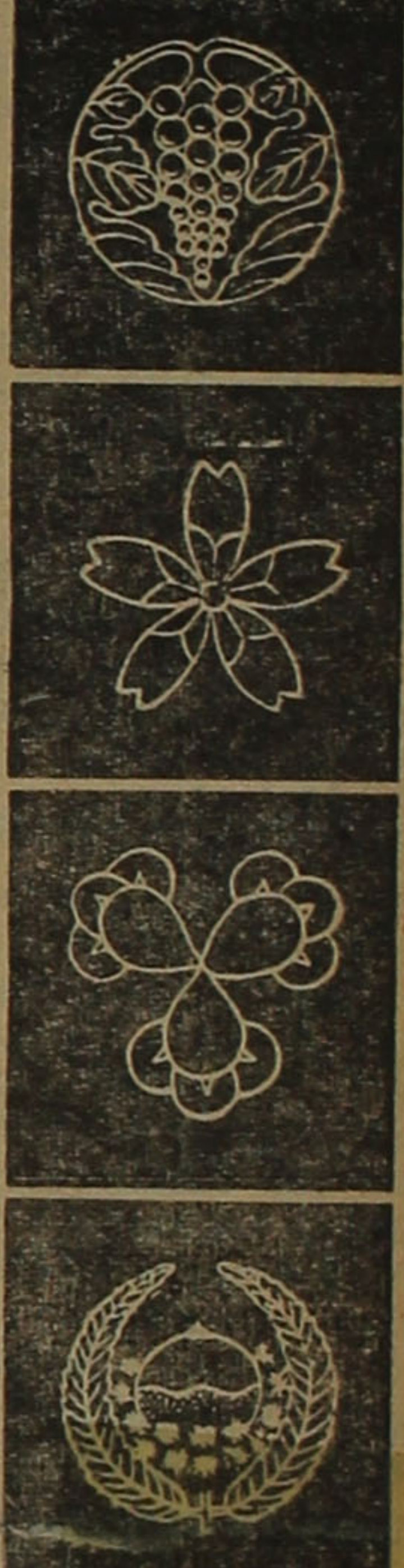
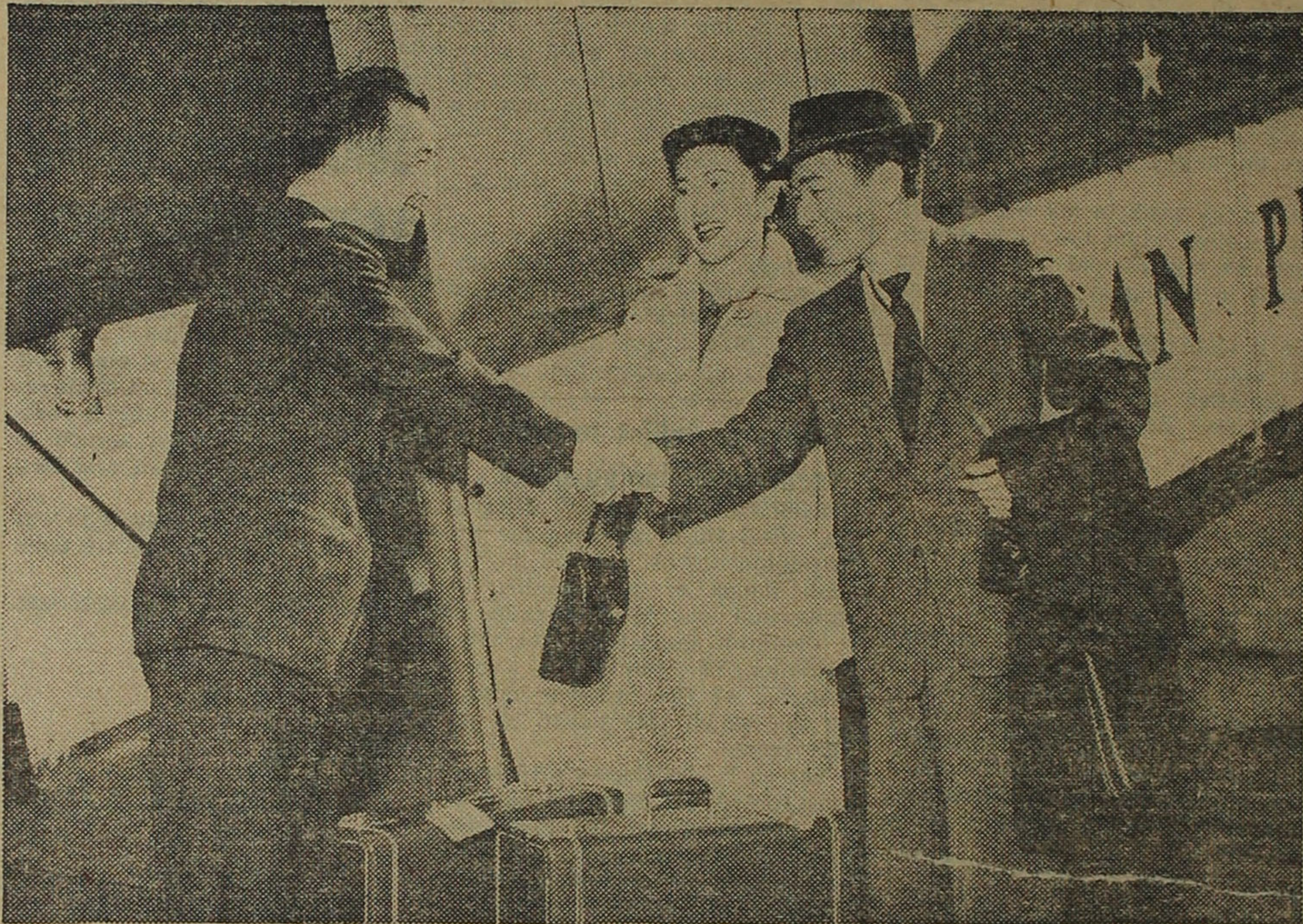
We hope that with these efforts, the Nisei from Hawaii can find a new home and participate with us in all of our activities.

David Yokozeki  
PSWDC Chairman

## Dance committeemen

SALINAS. — Committeemen for the Salinas JACL dance honoring 1958 graduates tonight at Cominos Hotel were disclosed this week. Assisting James Tanda and Mrs. Dorothy Shirachi, co-chairmen, are Mrs. Margaret Tanda, flowers; Mrs. Fumi Urabe, refreshments; and Mrs. Fumi Kita, invitations.

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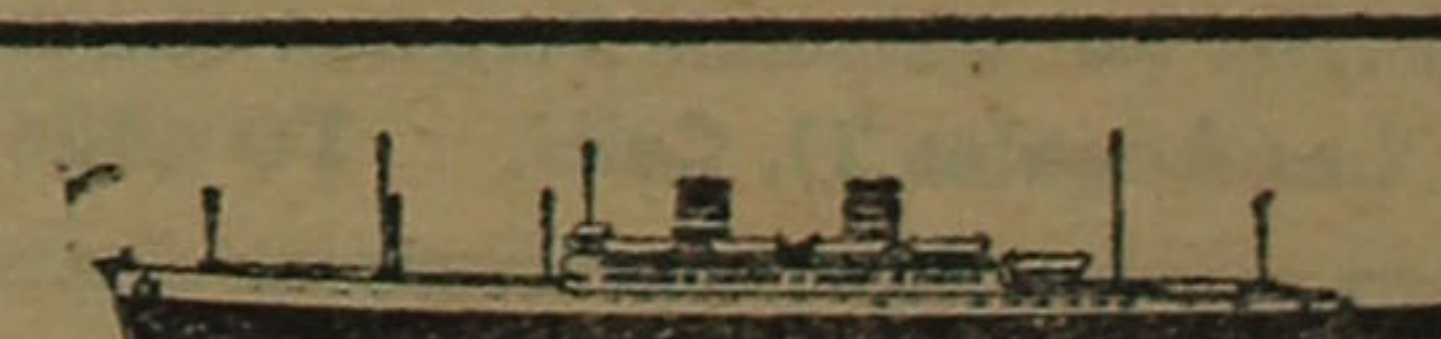
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## Washington

NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

### Statehood Bills

Washington, D.C. — AFTER CONSIDERABLE parliamentary maneuvering, the House last week passed the bill extending statehood to the Territory of Alaska. That bill now reposes in the Senate, where equally skillful parliamentary maneuvering will be required if congressional action on this long overdue legislation is to be completed successfully this session.

Last year, the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee favorably reported the Alaska statehood bill. When the House Rules Committee this year repeatedly refused to clear the measure for floor action, a long forgotten and seldom used rule granting privileged status to statehood admission bills was invoked and the Rules Committee bypassed. Research also disclosed that statehood admission bills could not be amended on the floor to join in a combination package two or more territories.

The first hurdle was cleared when the House leadership was able to secure adoption of a resolution agreeing to end all general debate after several days, for under the privileged rule authorizing the Rules Committee to be circumvented each of the 435 members of the House are entitled to an hour's time.

A temporary setback took place (Tuesday, May 27) when by teller vote (members counted as they walk down the aisle) a motion to strike the enacting clause (to kill the bill) was approved 144-106. This action was reversed (Wednesday, May 28) when adherents of statehood, inspired with a statement by the President urging statehood to fulfill a party campaign pledge, by recorded vote, initially defeated the motion to recommit (send back to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, which is tantamount to defeat) 174 to 199 and then, by voice vote, rejected the motion to strike the enacting clause. The vote on final passage was 208 to 166. The key vote was on the motion to recommit.

More Democrats than Republicans voted for statehood—119 Democrats and 80 Republicans for, and 95 Republicans and 79 Democrats against. Interestingly enough, in spite of the President's suggestions, the Republican leadership—Minority Leader Joseph Martin, Minority Whip Leslie Arens, and former Minority Leader Charles Halleck—voted against statehood for Alaska.

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**THE ALASKA STATEHOOD** bill faces rough sledding in the Senate, even though there is a general feeling that the necessary votes are available for passage if that opportunity ever presents itself.

This week, Senator Henry Jackson of Washington, chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee on Territories, tried to persuade the Senate leadership to schedule Alaska statehood for early debate. Since Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson is reported to favor the bill, it is expected that debate may be set for later this month.

Minority Leader William Knowland of California, a supporter of statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii, has announced that he would be willing to see Alaska statehood taken up separately if he received iron-clad assurances that Hawaiian statehood would also be considered this session.

The strategy of the opponents to statehood for either or both Alaska and Hawaii is to attempt to join the two together as they successfully did several years ago and defeated the efforts of both territories for equality.

This time too Senator James O. Eastland, Mississippi Democrat whose Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security was picketed when it visited Hawaii two years ago to investigate the extent of communist infiltration in the Islands, has announced that he will offer as an amendment an even more controversial bill to limit the review powers of the United States Supreme Court. An avowed opponent of statehood for both Pacific areas, the powerful chairman of the Judiciary Committee may well tie up the Senate for weeks with his proposed amendment to the Alaska bill.

With the Senate anxious to adjourn as soon as possible in order that one-third of its membership whose terms expire this year may participate in re-election campaigns this summer and fall, this threat of "extended discussion" on both Alaska statehood and its proposed amendment limited powers of the Supreme Court may prevent any Senate action this session.

In the Senate, unlike in the House, there is no limitation on debate and amendments whether germane or not may be proposed and debated.

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**WHEN NATIONAL PRESIDENT** Dr. Roy Nishikawa and National Director Mas Satow of the Japanese American Citizens League were in Washington May 26, they called on Senator Jackson and received assurances from him that he would do everything in his power to secure statehood for Hawaii this year, although he would not reveal whether he would give Senator Knowland the assurances he seeks that the Hawaiian statehood bill would be considered soon after Alaska statehood had been disposed of.

In his view, such assurances might be used by the opponents of statehood for both territories as the equivalent to an amendment joining the two areas together.

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JACL, TOGETHER WITH other advocates of statehood for Hawaii, are hopeful that Alaska at least will achieve

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## Nat'l JACL officers entertained at luncheons by Sen. Kuchel, Rep. Yates

(JACL News Service) WASHINGTON. — Republican Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California and Democratic Congressman Sidney R. Yates of Illinois entertained Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles and Mas Satow of San Francisco, national president and national director, respectively, of the Japanese American Citizens League at luncheons in the Senate and House dining rooms when they visited the Capitol last week.

Harry Takagi of Arlington, Va., national third vice-president, Jack Hirose, president of the Washington, D.C., chapter, and Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, also attended the luncheon tendered by the Junior Senator from California. While they were dining, they met Democratic Senator Dennis Chavez of New Mexico, and Republican Senators John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky and Arthur V. Watkins of Utah. Masaoka also attended the luncheon given by the Chicago Congressman.

### Call on Three Others

The JACL officials called on Republican Minority Leader William F. Knowland of California; Democratic Senator Henry Jackson of Washington, chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee on Territories; and Democratic Congressman Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

They were not able to call on California congressmen because they were out in California campaigning for the June 3 primaries.

## Bailey Gatzert PTA cited for program

SEATTLE. — Bailey Gatzert School PTA was presented a Freedom Foundation award for its excellent race relations. Mrs. George Shigaki, PTA president, accepted the honors from Chief Justice Matthew W. Hill of the Washington state supreme court last week.

The award cited the group "for its perceptive and enlightened program recognizing the mixture of many races in the school".

It added: "It sets an excellent adult example of living and working together harmoniously with honors shared and responsibilities accepted on the basis of abilities alone."

The school, which received a Freedom Foundation award two years ago, is composed of one-third white, Negro and Oriental.

## Political strategy to woo votes among minority groups picked by Nisei lawyer

FOWLER. — When local attorney Howard Renge tossed his hat into the ring earlier this year for the judgeship of the Fowler Judicial District, his supporters—many of them local JACLers—included men from all walks of life, creeds and color.

Last-minute details of the campaign prior to the Tuesday elections this week were planned by a special group of 25 headed by Frank Sakohira, Nisei serving on the committee were Floyd Y. Honda, Harley Nakamura, Dr. George Miyake, Tom Nakamura, Dick Iwamoto and Tom Toyama.

There were farmers, businessmen, civic leaders as well as representatives from the Negro, Armenian, Mexican, Portuguese, Japanese and Caucasian communities attending the final strategy meeting last week.

Meantime, Renge has completed his "house to house" campaign and has gained solid support of his hometown voters of the Iowa district, where he was born. He also had strong support from among the 240 registered Nisei of

In addition to the congressional calls, they met with Assistant to the President Rocco Siciliano to discuss minority problems relating to the Japanese in this country and with newly appointed Secretary to the Cabinet Robert Gray to discuss immigration matters.

They also met with Assistant Attorney General George C. Doub of the Civil Division and Chief of the Japanese Claims Section Enoch E. Ellison of the Justice Department to discuss the final administrative phases of both the evacuation claims and the renunciant programs.

They also met with Walter Lee, staff director, and William Shattuck, staff counsel, of the House Judiciary subcommittee on claims.

## HAWAII ADC LEADER ON WEST COAST TOUR, FETED BY C.I. LEADERS

SAN FRANCISCO. — Retired businessman Seinosuke Tsukiyama of Honolulu, who helped JACL raise ADC funds, and his wife were honored last week by Sim Togasaki, Keisaburo Koda, Saburo Kido and Joe Grant Masaoka at Tokyo Sukiyaki.

Tsukiyama, on tour of the west coast, said about 30 per cent of the Issei in the Islands have taken U.S. citizenship and many more are currently preparing for their tests. An organization has been formed to encourage even wider Issei naturalization, he added.

ADC had appealed for assistance from Hawaiian Issei and Nisei as early as 1947. Tsukiyama, who served as co-treasurer for the Island committee, raised over \$100,000 in three years, which was added to the \$500,000 raised in the states to carry on JACL's successful legislative program in Washington.

## Seattle lass earns 'A's, scholarships and awards

SEATTLE. — Marjorie Omori, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Omori, 1842 Weller St., won a Phi Beta Kappa award—a desk encyclopedia—for scholastic excellence at Garfield High School here.

Other honors showered upon the Sansei June graduate include a renewable Nellie Martin Carman scholarship and a Univ. of Washington freshman scholarship. She plans to major in mathematics.

In addition to a long list of school activities while earning "A" grades, she works part-time decorating wedding cakes at a bakery.

## JUDGE ALSO RUNNING UNOPPOSED FOR SEAT

Judge John F. Aiso, unopposed for his seat in Los Angeles County Superior Court No. 19, was on the county primaries ballot last Tuesday.

Under California law, local judges are elected every four years. Judge Aiso, who was appointed to a superior court vacancy by Gov. Knight in September, 1953, appeared on the ballot for the first time for this office.

## NISEI BIOLOGIST DIES IN MEXICO AIRPLANE CRASH

LA JOLLA. — Dr. Bell M. Shimada, 34, who was among 45 persons aboard the Aeronaves de Mexico plane which crashed Monday night against a mountain peak near Guadalajara, was one of the leaders of the Scripps Cooperative Oceanography and Tuna Expedition, currently engaged in studies of the migratory tuna.

Wreckage of the plane against San Agustin peak was sighted from the air by Mexican government officials. The airliner was enroute from Tijuana, B.C., to Mexico City.

Shimada, recognized as one of the leading marine biologists, was to have been director of the new fisheries research project being established July 1 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Born in Seattle, he held a doctorate degree from the Univ. of Washington after studying at the Univ. of Hawaii. He is married and father of two children.

A member of the Inter-American Tropical Fish Commission, he was associated with Scripps Institute of Oceanography here.

## Younger sister follows brother as valedictorian

PETALUMA. — Nancy Fujita was named valedictorian of Petaluma High School's 1958 graduating class, following similar honors given to her older brother, Gary, who spoke two years ago.

Active in both academic and extracurricular school clubs, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fujita, 1650 Mountain View Ave., was selected the outstanding girl by the student body and Panhellenic Council. More recently, she was awarded the \$400 Standard Oil of California and \$500 Doyle scholarships. She plans to major in English and teaching.

## CALENDAR

- June 7 (Saturday)  
Salt Lake City — Chapter oratorical contest, Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.  
Watsonville — Graduates barbecue, Sunset Beach Park, 6:30 p.m.  
Puvallup Valley — Graduates dinner-dance.  
San Francisco — Summer Informal, Booker T. Washington Center, 9 p.m.  
June 8 (Sunday)  
San Francisco — Community picnic, Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park.  
June 11 (Wednesday)  
Venice-Culver — Board meeting, res. of Mrs. Edna Chadwick, 8 p.m.  
June 13 (Friday)  
Hollywood — Cooking class, Christ Presbyterian Church, 4011 Clinton, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia — General meeting.  
June 15 (Sunday)  
Idaho Falls — JACL picnic, Shelley High School grounds.  
San Mateo — Community picnic, Coyote Point, 11 a.m.  
Berkeley — Community picnic, Camp Padre, Tilden Park, 1 p.m.  
June 16 (Monday)  
Hollywood — Board meeting, Art Ito's res., 1707 Redcliff, 8 p.m.  
June 20 (Friday)  
Southwest L.A. — "Queentime" Ball, Zenda Ballroom, 9 p.m.  
Florin — Graduate dinner-dance, Lani Restaurant, Sacramento.  
June 20 (Friday)  
Southwest L.A. — Queentime Ball, Zenda Ballroom, 9 p.m.  
June 21 (Saturday)  
Gilroy — Graduates Outing, Gilroy Hot Springs.  
Long Beach — Graduates dance.  
Contra Costa — Graduates dance Richmond Civic Center Plaza, 8 p.m.  
June 21-22  
Venice-Culver — Community Center carnival.  
June 22 (Sunday)  
Twin Cities — Community picnic, Webber Park, 11 a.m.  
June 27 (Friday)  
West Los Angeles — Benefit carnival, Corinth Ave. Japanese School.  
June 28 (Saturday)  
Berkeley — Graduates dance, Live Oak Park Recreation Hall.  
June 28 - 29  
West Los Angeles — JACL carnival.  
June 29 (Sunday)  
Long Beach — Community talent show  
Cleveland — Community picnic, Weigand's Lake.  
July 3 (Thursday)  
Watsonville — Benefit movies, Buddhist Hall.  
July 4 (Friday)  
St. Louis — Picnic.  
July 5 (Saturday)  
Watsonville — Holiday dance, Veterans Memorial Hall, 9 p.m.  
July 6 (Sunday)  
PSWDC—Pre-convention rally, Southwest L.A. JACL hosts; L.A. Police Academy, 10 a.m.