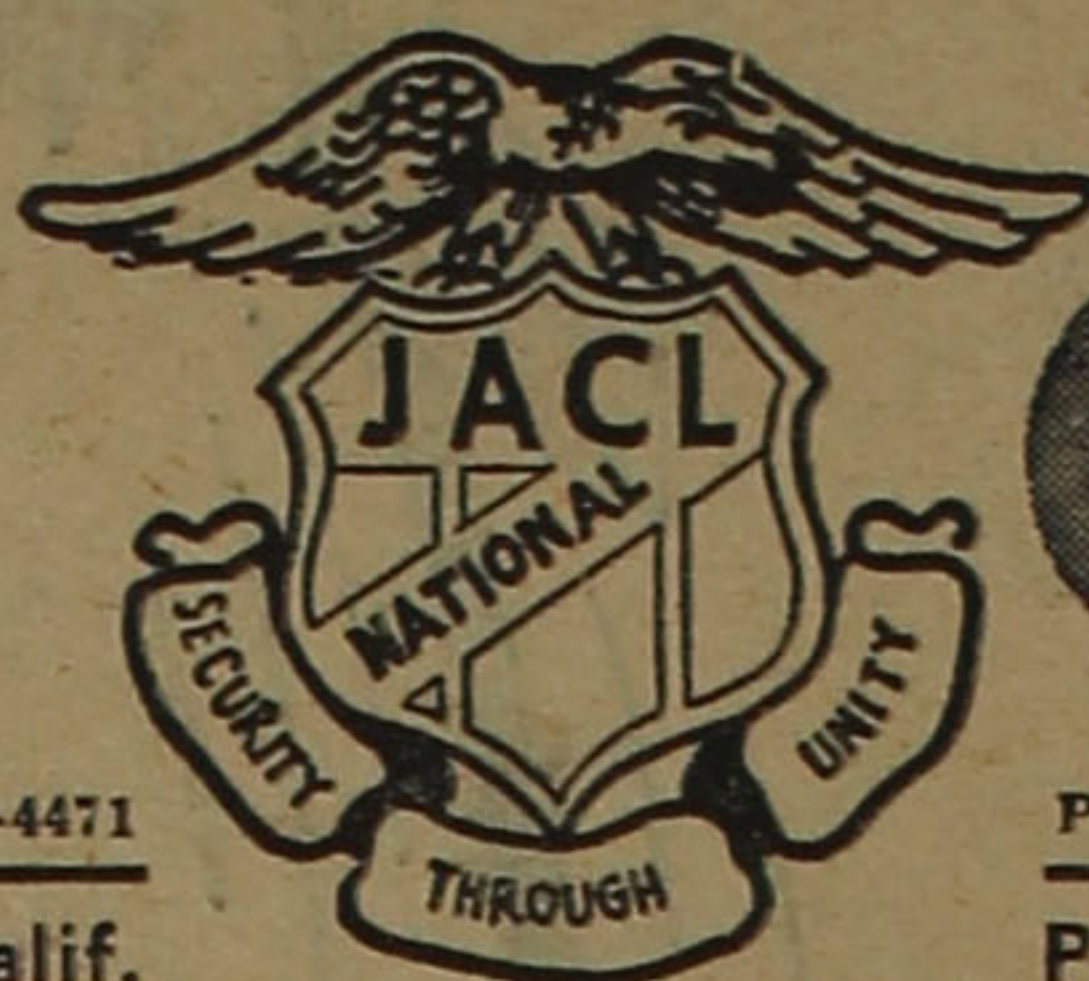


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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:**

15th Biennial  
Convention nears

Tempus fugit. Time flies! It seems hardly possible that only 8 weeks remain until the 15th Biennial national JACL convention meets in Salt Lake City Aug. 22-25.

We urge JACLers everywhere to support this convention to the utmost. We are all busy to be sure, but we need to realize that this is a "national" convention and it is incumbent upon "all" local chapters to give its maximal support.

First, each chapter ought to send as many delegates and boosters as possible. There is no better way to inspire and strengthen chapter leaders than to give them the experience of attending a national convention and help determine JACL's program for the coming biennium.

Second, all of us should get busy on those financial aids which underwrite the convention. We ought to as if our own local were hosting the national convention and bearing the burdens and financial responsibilities.

Convention chairman Rupert Hachiya, host chapter president Ichiro Doi, host IDC chairman Mas Yano and other committeemen deserve a tremendous amount of credit for the work already accomplished in preparing this national convention, which may be one of the most important of recent years.

Salt Lake JACL was particularly gracious in volunteering to host the 15th Biennial. Considering the lack of a national or regional office nearby which could assume much of the paper work and details in planning, the Salt Lake convention board has done remarkably well. Other chapters can best express their appreciation by giving them unstinting support.

West Coast JACLers who intend to drive to Salt Lake City will find many attractions along the way: Reno, Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, Yellow-

## 'Lily-white' tracts with gov't financing doomed by judge

SACRAMENTO. — Federal funds may not be used in financing of homes in tracts and subdivisions which discriminate purchasers of such homes by reason of color, race or creed, Sacramento Superior Court Judge James H. Oakley has ruled this week.

The ruling was in a memorandum opinion, which is not final until issuance of a judgment and decree.

Judge Oakley said that if equal rights for Negroes applies to marriage, education, recreation and public housing, "there would seem

to be no basis for denying its applicability to the acquisition of real property".

**Negro Veteran**

His decision was in favor of Oliver A. Ming, a Negro WW2 veteran who sued the Sacramento Real Estate Board and several subdivision developers, charging he had been turned down in attempts to buy a house.

During the week-long trial in January, 1957, Ming had charged through his attorneys Loren Miller, Franklin Williams and Nathaniel Colley, there was a con-

spiracy between builders, contractors and the members of the Real Estate Board and sought damages and an injunction.

The judge has ruled that Ming is entitled to a declaration of his rights and possibly to an injunction, if he wants it. Ming, who asked for \$10,000 damages in his original suit filed in 1954, was awarded a nominal \$1. However, the judge denied the conspiracy claim.

**Discrimination Banned**

The judge ruled that since the builders and developers have committed themselves to accept FHA or VA financing, they are bound by the same rules as the Federal government. And those rules prohibit racial discrimination.

"The JACL, which had expressed interest in this particular case, today commented that the decision will have far-reaching effect in that it will alert builders of tracts and subdivisions that FHA or GI financing of homes will respect no color line."

Ming's attorneys were directed to prepare a statement of findings, on which the decree might be based. "We're going to try to frame a statement which is broad as possible," Colley said. "All in all it is a very good opinion. It gives us the essential relief we were seeking."

"If this opinion is sustained, we have an 'in' into 'lily white' neighborhoods such as Lakewood in Los Angeles County," added Colley.

## — but things not too bright yet over housing situation: home vandalized

LONG BEACH. — Property owners in exclusive Bixby Knolls area here where a Negro physician's intended home was made temporarily uninhabitable by vandals have banded together as a means of "protecting property values".

The move was announced Tuesday after it was learned that Dr. Charles T. Terry, 37-year-old physician and Air Force veteran, was forced to delay plans to move into his \$46,000 home at 4240 Cerritos Ave. because of the work of vandals.

Approximately 150 residents in the area announced their intentions of joining the nonprofit corporation whose function it will be to pass on the eligibility of all persons who propose to purchase property in the area.

**Property Values Object**

Daniel A. Boone of Lakewood, attorney for the group, said the group may be able to prevent a panic that could result if property values sink to a fraction of their present values through hurried sales.

The organization also passed a resolution condemning the "shameful and disgusting" vandalism that took place at Dr. Terry's house Sunday night.

The resolution called for police investigation, arrest and prosecution of the persons responsible for the \$15,000 damage to the physician's home.

Vandals turned a hose into the upstairs portion of the house.

## JOANNE YAMAGUCHI WINS GIRLS STATE HIGH POST

DENVER. — Joanne Yamaguchi, 16, of Platteville was elected lieutenant-governor of Girls State, one of seven top elective posts, by an assembly of 276 girls last week meeting on the Colorado Woman's College campus.

## Reserve commission

STOCKTON. — Masaaki Hattori of Stockton was commissioned as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve in ceremonies conducted recently at the Univ. of California Davis campus. He also was graduated the same day. He reports to the Quartermaster Corps School at Ft. Lee, Va., on July 28.

stone, Bryce Zion, Boulder Dam and Grand Canyon, to name a few. Why not spend part of your vacation this year in Salt Lake City? —Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

threw bleach on the wall-to-wall carpeting and cut a piece from the living room rug.

**Wants to Occupy**

Meanwhile, Dr. Terry said he intends to move into the home as soon as the damage can be repaired, which he estimates will take 30 days. He, his wife Ruby and their seven children ranging in age from 14 months to 13 years were to move into the home Monday.

Mrs. Terry said they have been bombarded with telephone calls, letters and telegrams since word of the vandal's attack was made public.

She said most of the letters were sympathetic.

## Non-restricted housing key to end race bias

DENVER. — The key to ending racial and religious discrimination in the United States lies in non-restricted housing, two civil rights backers from opposite ends of the country agreed.

John B. Sullivan, director of education for the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, said that once the country eliminates bias in housing of minority groups, discrimination in other areas of society will be eliminated.

Mark A. Smith, administrator for the Oregon Bureau of Labor, Civil Rights Division, said that "through the passage of laws to ban discrimination in housing, we will be able to break the barrier, enabling minority groups to find a spot for further development."

"When that happens," Smith said, "we will have taken a great step forward in solving discrimination in all fields."

Smith and Sullivan were in Denver attending the 10th annual meeting of the Conference of Commissions Against Discrimination, June 11-13.

**Related Problems**

Both Smith and Sullivan said many mental, moral and economic tensions arise because minority peoples do not have real freedom in choosing their homes.

They said that while heavy emphasis is being placed on trying to solve the housing hassle, attention is also being given other such areas as education, employment and travel.

"We are continually working up-

wards and spreading out," Sullivan said, "so that we don't concentrate all our efforts in one area and neglect others."

Smith said that once the housing issue is solved, "all groups can live together without the feeling of fear or strangeness and eventually will learn to accept one another."

**'Little Rock' Incident**

"The world wide attention given to Little Rock," Smith said, "has made people start to evaluate the entire discrimination problem and many are beginning not to like what they have discovered."

"When the South told the North to look in its own background for evidence of segregation and discrimination," Smith, himself a Negro, said, "the North found that it had indeed a problem to contend with."

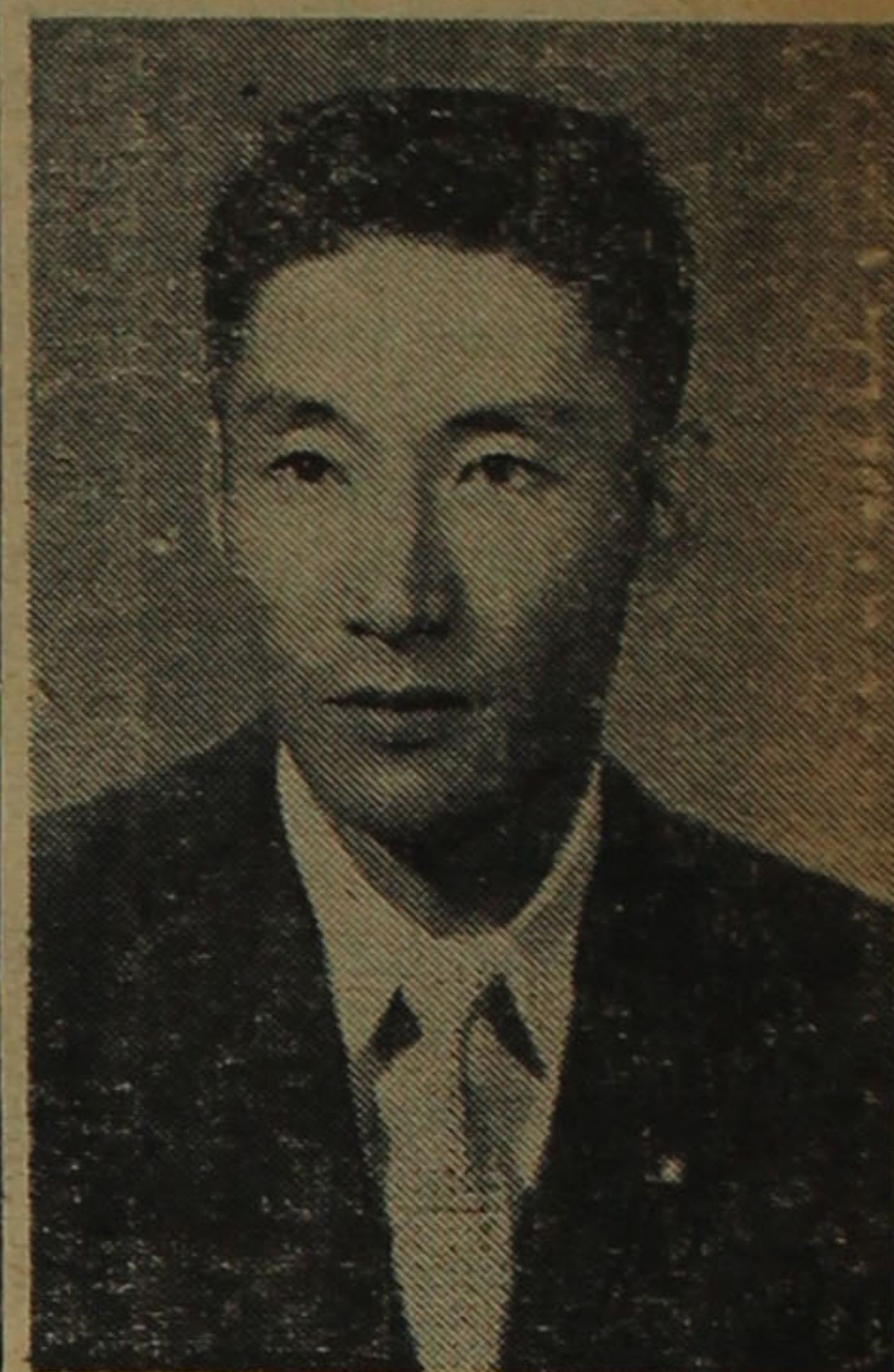
Sullivan, along with Smith, was of the opinion that the Little Rock impact would lap over into other minority groups and eventually bring many of their problems to light.

—Denver Post

## NEW YORK TO HOST 1959 JOINT EDC-MDC CONFAB

CLEVELAND. — The Midwest District Council, in its annual convention here last month, has accepted the invitation of New York JACL's offer to serve as host for the 1959 joint Eastern-Midwest District Council convention.

The 1960 MDC convention will be held in Milwaukee.



SHIG WAKAMATSU  
Midwest's Choice

## NOMINATED FOR TOP JACL POST

CHICAGO. — With the unanimous and whohearted endorsement of the Midwest District Council, Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago has been nominated for the office of National President for the 1958-60 biennium.

His nomination for national presidency climaxes a devoted and inspiring JACL background, ranging from chairing the membership drive and boosting Chicago as the nation's largest chapter to his current office of National 1st vice-president.

Following two consecutive terms as president of the Chicago Chapter JACL, the candidate served as chairman of the Midwest District Council for the 1951-53 biennium. He then became the first chairman of the National Planning Committee, thereby awakening the need for early perceptions of long-range planning, and thereafter served as chairman of the National 1000 Club.

**1st Veep**

In 1956 he was elected to the office of National 1st vice-president. In addition, he is serving as chairman of the Mike Masaoka DeVry Scholarship Committee as well as vice president of the Chicago Japanese American Council.

As National 1000 Club chairman during the 1954-56 biennium, the candidate conceived and spearheaded "Operations Breakthru" which resulted in an astounding response to 1000 Club membership. He was cited for "Distinguished Community Leadership" as a finalist in the 1956 Nisei of the Biennium Award, and is a recipient of the JACL sapphire pin signifying a minimum of ten consecutive years of faithful and outstanding service to JACL.

A chemist at Lever Bros., he was recognized by the company in March, 1955, in a nationwide selection as its "Public Relations Man of the Month."

**Dedicated Leader**

The candidate commands the utmost respect and admiration of the entire Japanese American community as an individual of integrity and character dedicated to the ideals and principles for which JACL stands. His nomination to the highest office bestowed upon a JACL leader comes at a crucial stage in JACL history when controversial issues threaten to disrupt the internal organization. His election to this office will be a unifying force which will further strengthen and stabilize the bonds of mutual effort exerted in the best interests of all persons of Japanese ancestry.





## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Spokane, Wash.

**MAGNIFICENT** — A bright new landmark in this Eastern Washington metropolis is the Highland Park Methodist Church. It is starkly beautiful in the modern tradition. It might even be called magnificent, although it lacks the size for such a description. It's estimated that the church would have cost \$150,000 to build, although generous assistance from volunteers held down the actual expenditure to something like \$95,000.

The Rev. Shigeo Shimada is pastor of Highland Park Methodist, and the Japanese Americans of Spokane are justifiably proud of the church their efforts built. Not only did they raise the largest portion of the cash through pledges, but members had a big role in the actual shaping of the building.

There was, for instance, Frank Toribara, architect. He designed a functional building with a steep-pitched, open beam ceiling. Ed Iwata and his construction company took Toribara's plan and translated them in terms of stone and mortar, concrete and wood and soon the building began to take shape.

After that Sumio Matsumoto and his father-in-law, Ryotaro Nishikawa, landscape gardeners, took advantage of the great black boulders on the site to build a beautiful rock garden. Many farmers in the congregation brought their power equipment to help move the boulders and the city men bent their backs to make the precise adjustments of positioning demanded by Nishikawa's artistic instincts.

The womenfolk helped with a benefit sukiyaki dinner, generously publicized in the press. They had expected perhaps 500 of the faithful, but more than a thousand townfolk turned out on each of two nights and ran the girls ragged.

Although things like pews, carpeting and drapes have yet to be installed, the Highland Park Methodist Church is one of Spokane's handsomest and certainly a tremendous improvement over the Grant Street church it replaces.

**AND THE FUTURE?** — The Highland Park Methodist Church is in a rather down-at-heels neighborhood that the sociologist would say is in a state of flux. It is surrounded by the homes of whites, Negroes and Japanese Americans and it's altogether likely that the church building will help increase the value of real estate in the area.

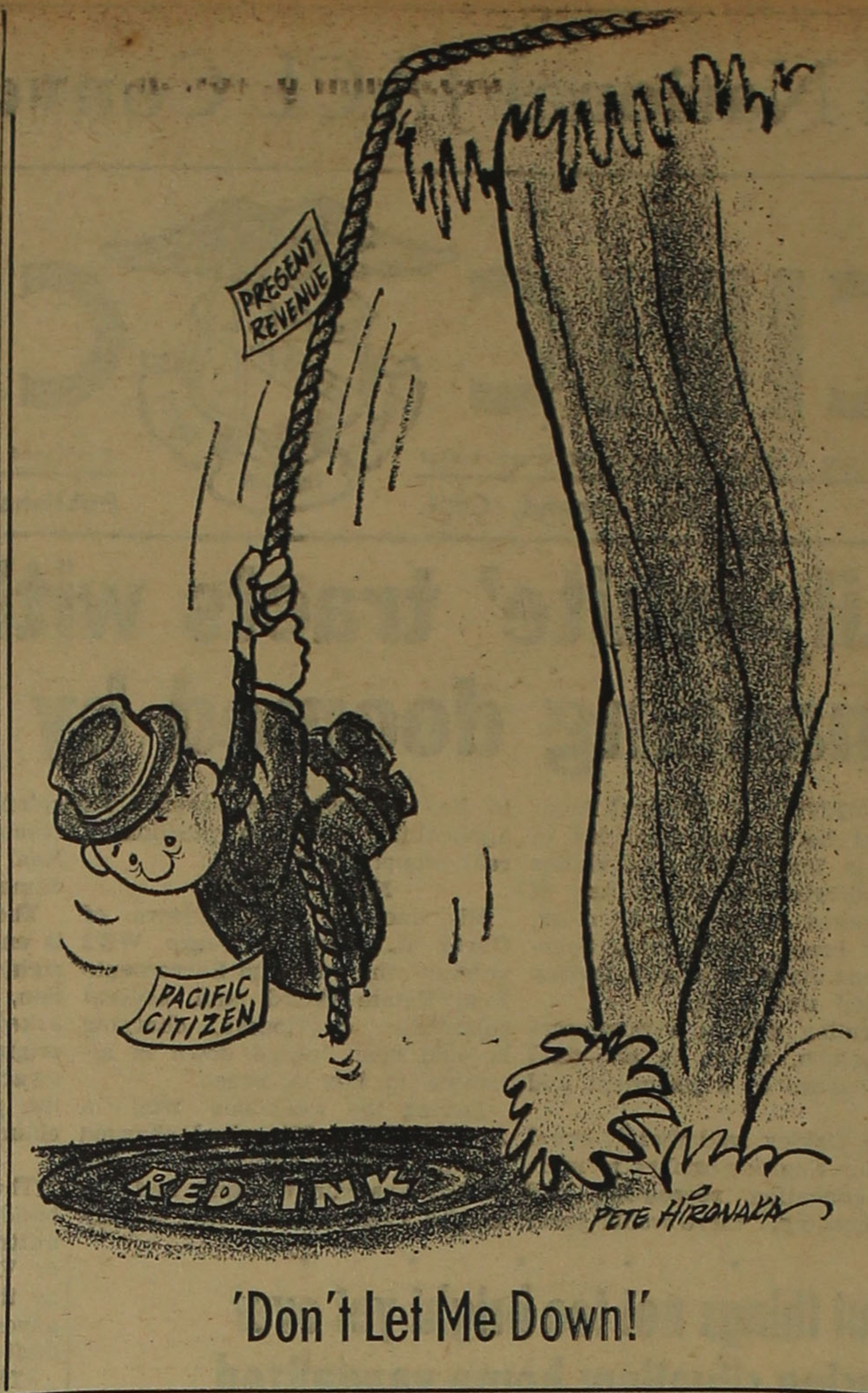
Technically and in reality, this is a "Japanese" church. The question is whether it will remain so. I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to sound out the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Shimada, but even a casual visitor is moved to ask a few questions.

For instance, will the congregation make an effort to invite people of other racial extractions to join them in worship in this fine new house of God? Or will they prefer to keep it pretty much a segregated church? And what effect will the church building have on the future of Spokane's Nisei and Sansei?

In other inland cities, Nisei and Sansei have been moving away from all-Oriental churches and joining congregations in their neighborhoods as they spread out into all parts of the greater community. Will this trend be reversed in Spokane and is this good or not good? Only time will tell. Meanwhile, congratulations to the folks in Spokane for a fine job beautifully done.

**PERSONAL NOTE** — I was walking up a Spokane street when Gloria Kimura Ota, who I hadn't seen in something like 20 years, sighted and recognized me. She quickly got on the phone and soon her husband Yone, Norio Wakamatsu and Sumio Tai, all boyhood chums who've found post-evacuation homes in Spokane, trooped in to rehash old times.

Yone Ota, who was quite an athlete in his day, is helping to establish a Spokane tradition with Gloria's aid. Three of their six stalwart sons (plus two girls for a total of eight progeny) have distinguished themselves as high school football players and townfolk are looking forward to watching Ota boys play for a good many years yet.



## 15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA  
Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

Salt Lake City  
**San Francisco Reports:** Kei Hori in charge of soliciting of Convention booklet ads for the San Francisco Chapter made a progress report by phone last Saturday. We were pleased with the number of ads that he has obtained. Thanks a lot, Kei. We hope to hear from you again soon!

**"Flight 58 to Salt Lake":** Our best wishes to PSWDC as they prepare to hold their pre-convention rally on July 6. We were really intrigued by the rally theme, "Flight 58 to Salt Lake." We are hoping that Toshi Odow, who will be vacationing in Southern California at this time, will be able to attend and give us a first-hand report. Toshi, by the way, is in charge of the Convention outing.

**Cover Selected:** At a recent meeting, the Convention Board selected the cover design for the Convention booklet. Chosen from a final field of five comprehensives, the design is an original art by Paul Hasegawa, one of Salt Lake's outstanding commercial artists. A three-color job, it makes an appealing and eye-catching cover which we hope all of you will like.

Paul is a native of Portland, Ore., and Long Beach, Wash. He came to Salt Lake in 1945 and entered military services, which included a tour of duty in Hawaii. Upon his discharge, he returned to Salt Lake and attended the University of Utah, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. At present he is art director for the Francom Advertising Agency. An ardent golfer, Paul is also serving on the Convention Golf Committee. He is an excellent amateur magician, having performed before many civic organizations. When he has any spare time, he likes to listen to progressive jazz records.

We are appreciative of the efforts of all the artists who ex-

pected a great deal of time in order that we might have a wide variety of selection.

**Appreciation to Local Churches:** Talk about appreciation, it's about time we tossed a few bouquets to Rev. George Hirose and his wife Toshi for all their interest and aid in keeping the church halls available for our many meetings and the workshop for making convention decorations. The Buddhist church has consistently welcomed us also in our usage of their facilities, for which we owe many thanks. Since the local JACL does not have an office of its own, it would be difficult indeed, if we did not have the full cooperation of these churches.

**Heavenly Setting for Bridge Tournament:** Bill Mizuno announces that the convention bridge tournament will be held on the Sun Deck of the Alpine Rose Lodge, situated at the Brighton Outing site. Overlooking the stately pines near the summit, one feels simply heavenly in the open air of the cool mountain breeze and blue skies overhead.

Manager Gene Wight of the Lodge assures everything possible will be done to make the tournament enjoyable for participants. A special deal has been offered to conventioners on the scenic skilift, which we feel is a "must" for Brighton visitors. It carries you thousands of feet above the valley floor to the higher elevations of the Wasatch mountains where one can enjoy the spectacular scenery and a breathtaking ride.

**Introduction:** This week I've asked Sue Kaneko, Convention Banquet Chairman, to write a few lines about her committee. Sue also acts as my secretary, which is almost a full-time job in itself, besides working as field underwriter for the Great American Insurance Company, and has the permanent job as mother to her son, Bert. One day every week

## Canadians of Asian descent in joint bid on immigration bias

OTTAWA. — The Japanese Canadian Citizens Association and the Chinese Canadian Association jointly informed the Canadian government last week of the current discriminatory sections in immigration laws that act against Canadians of Asian descent.

A brief which pointed out the inequality of Canadian citizens of Asiatic origin with other Canadian citizens in matters of immigration was presented to Mrs. Ellen L. Fairclough, minister of citizenship and immigration.

The plea was made in view of current feelings to revise Canada's immigration act. The brief noted that while basic Canadian immigration policy recognizes the importance of family unit, there was a disparity in the number of admissible categories between Canadians of Asian ancestry and others.

## Technologist wins annual award

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Winner of the Twin Cities Society of Medical Technologists' award as the technologist who has contributed most to her profession during the past year is Helen Y. Fukushima, 448 Bidwell. The award is a silver bowl.

A native of Minneapolis, Miss Fukushima lived in Japan while her father, a former physicist at the University of Minnesota, was on the staff of the Physical Chemical Research Laboratory, Tokyo. She is a graduate of Aoyama Gakuin Methodist mission school and Tokyo Woman's Medical college, where she specialized in tuberculosis.

After returning to the United States, Miss Fukushima served as histology supervisor at Miller hospital. She is now histoecytologist at Midway Hospital. Currently serving as TCSMT secretary, she is president-elect of Minnesota Society of Medical Technologists.

Miss Fukushima was in Milwaukee last week for the convention of the American Society of Medical Technologists.

## CHICAGO BUDDHIST CHURCH, CARNIVAL READY JULY 3-6

CHICAGO. — The 14th annual Chicago Buddhist Church carnival will be held July 3-6 at its recreation hall. An outdoor barbecue chicken dinner will be featured.

has been set aside as "banquet decorations" night, and fantastic though it may sound, this group has already spent about 400 woman and a few man hours making the decorations. Well, we'll let Sue tell you all about it.

**"Just Busy as Bees":** Yes, it's every Tuesday night and one will see the loyal JACLers of the Women's Auxiliary working "busy as bees", and no kidding, the "bees" are even present. There is pasting and pounding and moulding, and of course, the usual chit-chatting and humming of our working "bees." Sounds like this at times - "just about didn't make it tonight. After a long day's work, felt too tired. But then, I just couldn't let you all down" - or - "hear this banquet is a semi-formal affair. What you gals gonna wear?"

But it's been wonderful working together and getting to know each other better, and above all, to have the feeling of unity and the satisfaction that we do have a part in putting over a convention, an experience new to most of us, and that each one must share responsibilities, however small they may be.

We're all anticipating a great many delegates and are looking forward in making new friends and greeting old ones. We hope our efforts are not in vain — we just want many, many of you to come and visit and see our "Beehive" state!





## Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

### Jerry Lewis' Girl: Nobu McCarthy

The third time's the charm for a 23-year old actress named Nobu McCarthy. Two years ago Nobu, then new in Hollywood, tested for the lead opposite Marlon Brando. But Miiko Taka got the role.

"Miko told me she thought I had the role," Nobu recalled the other day. "But I lost out to her because my English was very poor."

Then last year Nobu tested for the role of the geisha, Okichi, in Eugene Frenke's 20th Century Fox production of the Townsend Harris story, "The Barbarian and the Geisha." "I lost out to Eiko Ando (5 feet 6) because I wasn't tall enough for John Wayne."

The other day Jerry Lewis was looking for a leading lady for his comedy, "Geisha Boy," in which he plays a GI entertainer in Japan who falls in love with a Japanese girl. Nobu prefers western clothes, but she was told to report for a tryout before Lewis and Director Frank Tashlin in a kimono. Lewis took a glance, thanked her for coming, and showed her the door. But Tashlin saw a gamin quality in the girl, and asked her to report back in a man's white shirt. He took photos of her in a shirt, sitting in an office window. He showed the photos to Lewis.

"That's our girl!" said Lewis. "Why haven't I seen her?" He was told he had.

Nobu told Thomas she was born in Ottawa, Canada where her father was a diplomatic secretary. At the time of World War II she was in Tokyo with her parents and finally was evacuated with other children to northern Japan. But because of illness, she forsook the sanctuary of the north to return to Tokyo to survive the fire bombs which razed the Japanese capital in the last days of the war.

"My father suggested I try out for a movie career," says Nobu. "I entered a contest, but was so uninterested that I wore a frowsy costume." She was chosen the winner.

Nobu, then 16, found she liked acting. But when the director came to a certain risqué scene in the film, he balked. "I would be too embarrassed to direct an innocent girl like you in such a sexy scene," she quotes him as saying. "So I lost my first role."

But she had decided to make a career of acting, and found other roles. She also modeled, and it was while she was posing in a bathing suit, according to Thomas, that she met the GI, David McCarthy, whom she married. Nobu posed for an Army photo club of which McCarthy was a member.

The love match was opposed by Nobu's parents. "My father, who had become a dress designer after Japan's defeat, and my mother were very upset when I married David. In fact, they moved to Brazil, partly because of our marriage. They naturally wanted me to marry a Japanese boy, and they had no way of knowing my husband's background and family."

"I believe they have reconciled themselves to our marriage by now," she says.

David McCarthy now has an embroidery business in Hollywood and Nobu helps. It was after she had done some modeling in Hollywood, that she tested for "Sayonara." But things didn't really start looking up until Frank Tashlin brought in a white shirt for her to wear.

Nobu McCarthy is now working in "Geisha Boy" with Lewis, and one of the stars in the film is Sessue Hayakawa.

"I was forced to give up a role I had wanted to do on the stage," Hayakawa said. "The part was in the drama, 'The Green Goddess,' which I had wanted to take on tour back east through the summer theater circuit."

Hayakawa received an ovation when he arrived in the spotlighted circle at the regional premier of "The Vikings" last Thursday night. Most of the applause came from a new generation which had seen the Japanese actor in "The Bridge on the River Kwai," as well as oldsters who remembered him when the movies were young. Now, thanks to Colonel Saito of "River Kwai," Hayakawa had a brand new career. After "Geisha Boy," there would be other roles.

We had a short talk with John Wayne on the set of "Rio Bravo" at Warner Brothers the other day, and the tall star was still full of his Japanese experiences during the filming of "The Barbarian and the Geisha." Everything was ideal in Japan for Wayne except for the height of the doors. The 6 feet 4 Wayne said he kept banging his head against the tops of the doorways.

"The Japanese treated me wonderfully," Wayne said. "I had thought of them as a cold, withdrawn sort of people, but I found them to be warm and outgoing. I'll never forget the crowds which came to the station to see us off when we left the location site for Tokyo and home."

Wayne indicated he didn't care too much for the character, the true-life Townsend Harris, whom he portrayed in the picture.

The film, incidentally, is highly regarded by 20th Century Fox as a possible Academy Award contender for next year, and it will be shown on a reserved seat basis, at least in its opening engagements in New York and Los Angeles.

## Imperial Gardens Sukiyaki Restaurant

8225 Sunset Blvd. — OL 6-1750

Welcome JACLers—Your Host: George Furuta, 1000er

## Color TV in Japan blossoming, recent demonstration hit

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO. — In another five or six years, color TV will be as popular as black & white TV is today in Japan. Some 30 new commercial television stations have been granted permission recently to telecast color and several are currently experimenting daily with colorcasts.

The demonstration of color TV at the recent Osaka International Trade Fair was big hit among the Japanese.

This is in contrast to the thinking businessmen had several years ago when black & white TV was first introduced, which they said was too far in the future for Japan. Now, electronic manufacturers are seriously studying means of mass-producing sets to sell for \$500. Importing sets from the U.S. is still expensive when one considers the duty that has to be paid.

### Exchange Program

Hundreds of on-lookers crowd about color TV sets to enjoy the programs, much in the same fashion when black & white sets were first demonstrated in the open-air to the public.

With about a million sets in Japanese homes today, the program includes live sports shows as well as American cartoons and short subjects. The youngsters here go for Superman, who speaks in Japanese.

Cameramen are shooting some Japanese short subjects for American TV audiences. Undoubtedly, Japan can offer something unique and with color TV becoming popular in America, it is firmly believed a new era of U.S.-Japan understanding might follow with a good exchange of Japanese material in color and black & white.

## \$10,000 'orei' for lawyer tax-exempt

J. Marion Wright, Los Angeles attorney, will not have to pay taxes on \$10,000 he received after a successful fight against California Alien Land Laws in 1952, the U.S. Tax Court ruled last week.

Wright, challenging the laws that had prevented the ownership of California real property by Japanese residents ineligible for U.S. citizenship, agreed before the trial to serve without fee for his clients.

The \$10,000, publicly subscribed, was presented to Wright at a testimonial dinner sponsored by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California after the State Supreme Court ruled the laws invalid.

After the dinner the Internal Revenue Service contended the money given Wright was for legal services for the benefit of West Coast Japanese generally, rather than the single benefit of his client, Sei Fujii, now-deceased newspaper publisher.

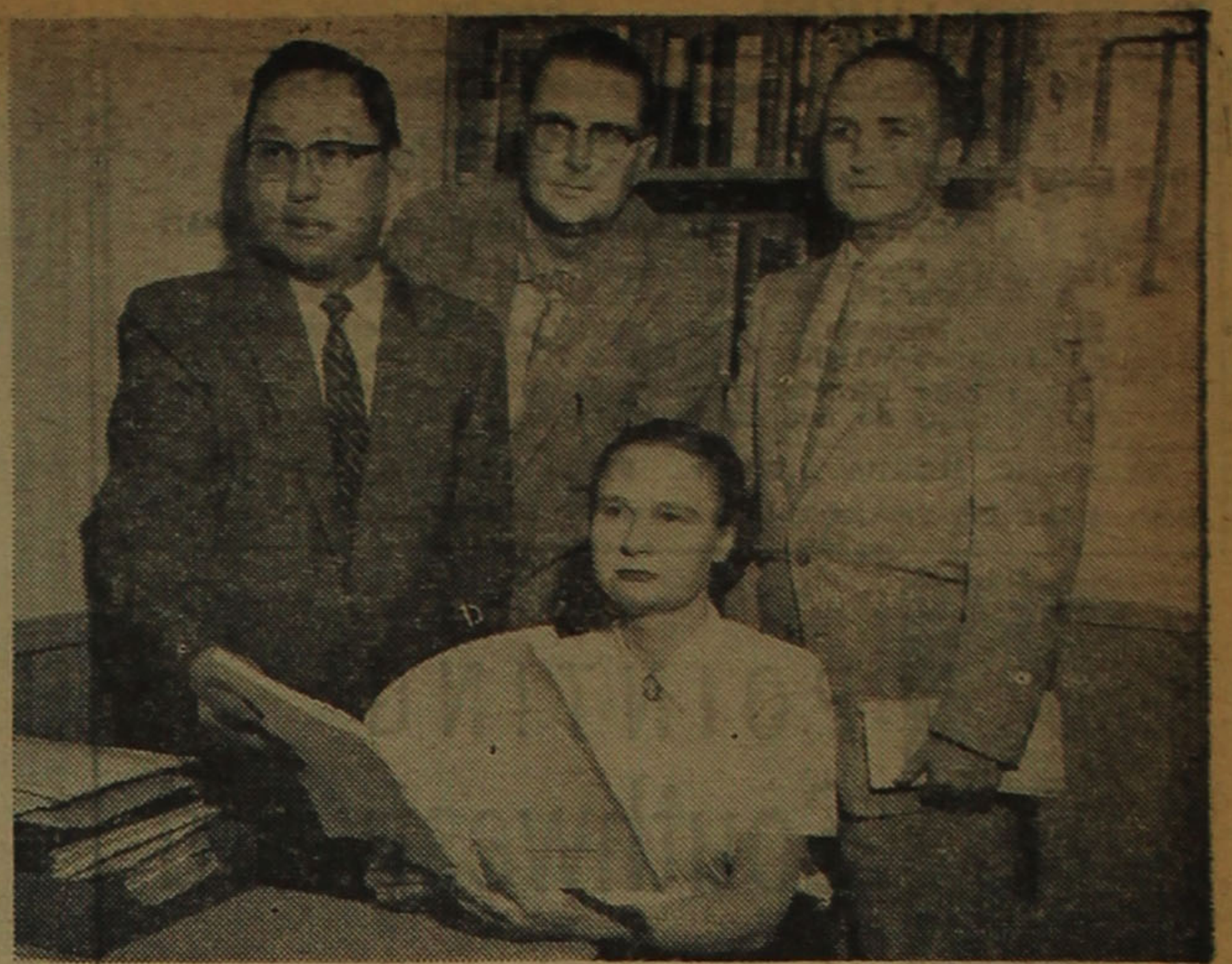
The Tax Court, however, disagreed, describing the money as "a token of appreciation and gratitude, a gift, pure and simple."

## YOUNG CLERGYMAN NAMED 'MAN OF YEAR' GRADUATE

BOSTON. — The Rev. George Nishikawa, active with the Sacramento Japanese Methodist Church as a student leader and chairman of the No. Calif. Young Peoples Christian Conference, was named the "Man of the Year" for the 1958 graduating class of Boston University Theological Seminary. Ordained a deacon in the Methodist Church, he has served as assistant pastor at Falmouth (Mass.) Methodist Church.

## Champion speller

CALDWELL, Idaho. — Special ability in spelling of Karen Abe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abe of Caldwell, was recognized last week after she took the National Office Management Ass'n test, consisting of three tests from a 900-word list. She received a certificate, which denotes a grade of 100 per cent.



Judges in the National JACL Convention essay contest reviewing the rules with contest chairman Mas Yano (left) of Salt Lake City are Prof. Elmer Smith, author of JACL History "Did You Know?"; Mrs. Dolores Gunnerson, who has had many experiences with essay contests; and Asst. Prof. Max Carruth, all of the Univ. of Utah faculty. — Terashima Photo.

## JACL convention essay contest deadline near; no entry received, says chairman

SALT LAKE CITY. — The National JACL essay contest deadline has been extended to July 15, 1958, it was announced today by Mas Yano, contest chairman.

SALT LAKE CITY. — Hope was expressed this week by Mas Yano, national convention oratorical and essay contest chairman, that interest in the essay contest has not been forgotten after pointing out the successes already encountered in various regional oratorical contests.

"Thus far, we haven't received a single essay," Yano declared.

The contest theme is "What JACL Means to the Japanese American Youth", presented within 800 to 1,000 words typed double-spaced on regular lettersize bond paper.

Contest is open to those between 16 and 21 years of age. Judging will be based upon content, originality of thought, effectiveness of presentation and grammatical construction.

A trophy and a \$100 government bond will go to the winner with second and third place contestants being awarded \$50 and \$25 government bonds, respectively.

## BUSSEI TO APPEAL FOR \$50,000 SPECIAL FUNDS

SAN FRANCISCO. — Announcement of the 1958 drive for \$50,000 was made this past week by the Buddhist Churches of America Special Projects Fund Committee. Last year, when it was first instituted, the \$50,000 goal was topped.

Local churches will determine the time and manner of the drive in the respective areas, the committee added. Dr. Kikuo Taira of Fresno is central committee chairman.

Special projects aided by the fund include the BCA ministerial training center in Kyoto, Sunday School teachers training program, Berkeley, American Buddhist Academy in New York and a retirement program for ministers. Scholarships, BCA Study Center in

## Really took advantage of school, says principal

Esther Arakaki, who is graduating this month from Lincoln High School, is one student who has really taken advantage of her 12 years of schooling thus far, according to principal Raymond C. Davis.

Striving hard to get the best of school life, Miss Arakaki has joined almost every club activity at one time or another and served as officer in the Ladies, Maids and Lassies and is now girl's vice-president. She attended Girls State last year at Sacramento.

She has won a \$500 Bank of America award in fine arts, four scholarships including a \$700 award from Occidental College and was named one of three Ephebian of her graduating class.

Essays should be submitted, postmarked not later than midnight, July 15, 1958, to National Convention Essay Contest Committee, Mas Yano, chairman; 505 Judge Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Unlike the oratorical contest, which is being conducted on a district council elimination basis, the essay contestants are competing on a nationwide basis.

## CONVENTION PROMOTING 'VACATION SPECIAL'

SALT LAKE CITY. — The special "vacation special" edition of the Salt Lake Tribune, published May 18, was sent to JACL chapter presidents and district council chairmen through courtesy of the Salt Lake JACL Convention Board.

The rotogravure special depicted Salt Lake City as the heart of the western wonderland and was of special interest to those planning to vacation in the Intermountain area as well as attend the 15th Biennial JACL Convention Aug. 22-25.

"We want you to know that 'This is the place—Drive On!'—quoting the command of Brigham Young, who had led his Mormon immigrants to the Great Salt Lake valley," commented Mrs. Alice Kasai, convention publicity chairman.

## New sukiyaki restaurant to open in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO. — Nikko Suki-yaki, newest of Japanese restaurants here, is expected to open at the corner of Van Ness Ave. and Pine St. sometime this summer, according to Frank Dobashi, president and general manager of the almost all-Nisei enterprise.

Local architect Walter Harada is in charge of remodeling the premise along Japanese designs.

## Nine Nisei graduates in one class receive awards

SEATTLE. — Nine Nisei-Sansei seniors of Garfield High School are being awarded scholarships, it was just announced. Two of the scholarships are of local origin: one going to Hiroko Ichikawa is awarded by the (Junior) Jackson Street Community Council; another going to Kinuko Ohye is by the Women's Auxiliary Club of the Nisei Veterans.

Others to get awards are Grace Kase, May Kihara, Kei Moriyasu, Hideki Obayashi, Marjorie Omori, Judith Tamaki, and Robert Takeuchi.

## Entertain ship trainees

PORTLAND. — Officers and crew of the Japanese merchant marine training ship Kaiwo Maru, which docked this week at Astoria, will be entertained at picnic this Sunday at Viking Park. Among the participating community organizations invited by the local Nikkeijin Kai were the Oregon Nisei Vets, Portland JACL and Veledas.



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## POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

### ANNIVERSARY

This month marks the first anniversary of our working here in the Southern California Regional Office, and it seems as though it were only yesterday that we came in and unpacked our gear. As we look back on the year we are grateful for the many new friends we have made, and especially to all the Chapter presidents in the PSWDC, who helped us along in getting adjusted to our work. Of course, we want to thank the members of the National Board, who were always available when we gave the call!

February will always be a memorable month to us, for it was when we were making our visits to various chapters installing newly elected officers, and the welcoming back into our fold the new Imperial Valley Chapter.

As we look ahead to our next year of service, it is really gratifying to know that we will be working with the outstanding leadership of our Chapters in the PSWDC.

### APL ANNUAL DINNER

This past week we were guest of the American President Lines, along with other community businessmen, at the Kawafuku Restaurant here in Li'l Tokio. We were happy to meet Eugene Flaherty, VP of the Southwest Division; James Hindell, assistant VP; Ron DeLong, manager of the passenger dept.; Ben Killion, freight sales manager; Jack Manseau, George Zellinsky, freight solicitors, and our good friends Phil Chang, and H. Okabe of the sales dept.

After a delicious dinner we were entertained by Japanese music and Japanese dancing. As one of the APL representatives put it, "Yes sir, this here is a real Geisha party."

Actually we should be giving APL the party, the way they have continued to advertise in the PC. We would like to take this opportunity to thank APL for their continued support, and also for a most enjoyable evening.

### NEW ORGANIZATION

These past few weeks the L.A. Coordinating Council, composed of five local chapters: ELA, SWLA, DTLA, Pasadena, and Hollywood, have been represented at a community meeting on juvenile delinquency by chairman Roy Yamadera (ELA).

Since the recent juvenile delinquency outbursts, organizations have joined together to form a separate group to lay plans for a parent education program, speakers bureau, and activities for the youngsters in the community. Although many PSWDC chapters have already started youth activities, the JACL Coordinating Council will serve as a member of this new organization. Other organizations that have joined this new group to date, are the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Veterans Foreign Wars Post 9938, International Institute, Optimists, Shonien, and the Japanese Womens Association. Other organizations are expected to join in on this worthy program.

This new organization is being assisted by many professional social workers and Community Chest agencies, and we hope that the results of this new group will help to make "Better Americans in a Greater America."

### VISITORS TO THE SOUTHLAND

This past week our office hit the "jackpot" as far as visitors are concerned. Daisy Uyeda from Nat'l Headquarters led the parade of visitors, and Larry Tajiri called to say he was in town to see the premiere of "The Vikings". We were happy to make acquaintances with IDC Chairman Mas Yano from Salt Lake City, who is in charge of the oratorical-essay contests for the National Convention. Also visiting from Salt Lake City, and attending the Junior Chamber of Commerce Convention, were Mr. and Mrs. Mas Horiuchi. Mas will be in charge of 1000 Club Whing-Ding, and promises to have a bang-up time in store for all of you Thousanders. We also greeted Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kadowaki from Cleveland, who dropped in to say hello. Joe warns us that they'll really tear the Whing-Ding apart at Salt Lake with their gags, and we can believe it after looking over the pictures of the recent MDC meeting. So get on the ball you other Districts, let's not be outdone!

### BREEZING AROUND

Margaret Nakai, was selected "Miss Southwest LA" at the "Queentime Ball" last week, and will represent the area in the Nisei Week Festival. Miss Lily Yuriko Kamiya will represent the Gardena Valley Community, during the Festival. We were quite shocked to hear Minoru Mibo Jitsuda had passed away. We were acquainted with him, while in Denver. The ELA Chapter had the biggest crowd to date, at their annual Chapter picnic. The West LA Chapter is having their annual Carnival this week end, and all JACLers are invited to attend. A fashion show will be presented at the Pre-Convention rally on July 6, displaying the designs of Sachi Maruyama. Commentator will be Vi Nakano formerly of San Francisco. APL is planning to have 45,000 ton super liner available around 1961 for trans-Pacific service. H. Okabe of the sales dept., informs us that reservations are already being made for the maiden voyage. **If You Haven't Already Sent In Your Convention Ads, Shame, Shame On You!**



Hostesses and officers of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL, which is hosting the PSWDC pre-convention rally July 6 at the Los Angeles Police Academy, preview the Academy surroundings. They are (left to right) as follows: front — Haruo Okino (aud.), Sam Hirasawa (pres.), Eleanor Sekiya, Aki Inouye, Jean Yamaguchi, Helen Nakata; second row — Charlotte Murata, Henry Yazawa, May Oshita, Helen Sato, Kathy Sugimoto (rally co-chmn.) and missing are four other hostesses: Clara Inokuchi, Anna Nakamatsu, Kay Tamashiro and Rose Yonago.

## Mile-Hi Clers attend annual confab of Commissions against Discrimination

DENVER. — As part of its continuing interest in and concern for equal opportunities for all Americans, the Mile-Hi JACL participated in the tenth annual meeting of the Conference of Commissions against Discrimination here June 11-13.

Attorney James Okazaki and Wilbur Sato joined over 100 delegates representing 12 state commissions, national and provincial commissions from Canada, municipal commissions and community organizations.

A conference highlight was the address by Emmett Heitler, general manager of Shwayder Brothers, on "Is FEP Good Business?" He pointed out that discrimination is costing the United States \$30 billion annually or \$10 out of every \$75 pay check.

### Poll Survey

He cited the findings of national pollster Elmo Roper, who reported minority groups because of job discrimination produced only \$42 billion in the survey year as against a \$72 billion potential. In seven years, there will be 12

million more persons in the national work force who will have to be more efficient to provide the goods and services for an additional 27 million in population, he continued.

As a result, more skilled workers will be needed in business and industry. His conclusion was that FEP will greatly add to the development of that skilled force for in the past, job bias dissuaded minority group persons from gaining skills which they would possibly never use.

His conclusion was underscored by the experience of Shwayder Bros., where this type of enlightened employment program has paid off many fold.

Chapter delegates also met with Gordon Tiffany, newly confirmed staff director of the federal Commission on Civil Rights, and with George Snowden of the Federal Housing Administration.

### West L.A. Auxiliary plans Monday picnic

With the West Los Angeles JACL women's auxiliary formally organized—the first such group in the PSWDC, a program for the remainder of the year was discussed at the June 16 meeting.

A family potluck picnic at Rancho Park has been scheduled for Monday, July 21, from 6:30 p.m., in lieu of the business meeting. Mrs. Edith Yamamoto will be chairman.

Also planned for the year are other family activities, speakers, benefit dance and community services.

## Two Nisei graduated this year from West Point, from Hawaii & California

WEST POINT. — Recently commissioned following his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, 2nd Lt. Richard M. Hirata of Lahaina, Hawaii, has been assigned for duty with the U.S. Army engineers.

Lt. Hirata who was named to the academy by the late Delegate Joseph R. Farrington (R.) is a graduate of Lahaina High School in 1953.

He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a year before entering West Point where he was conferred a B.S. degree in graduation exercises on June 4.

## Sportswear fashion show added to rally

A sportswear fashion show, featuring designs by Sachi Maruyama, will glamorize the PSWDC pre-convention rally to be hosted by Southwest L.A. JACL July 6 at the Los Angeles Police Academy, according to Sam Hirasawa, host chapter president.

Hiroko Kawanami and Ruby Okubo were named fashion co-chairmen with Margaret Kikuchi calling on various Nisei to serve as models.

Mrs. Maruyama, who distributes her fashions under the "Sachi" label, has recently concluded a highly successful showing of her fall line at the Ambassador Hotel where the California Designers Show was held.

"Flight '58 to Salt Lake" rally chairman George Fujita said the show will be a late afternoon feature, following the PSWDC oratorical district eliminations, junior team baseball game and other recreational activities. A barbecued beef dinner from 6 p. m. and dancing to Fozzie Fujisawa's combo conclude the day.

## Watsonville JACL hands scholarship

WATSONVILLE. — Judy Furuta became the first recipient of Watsonville JACL's new \$200 scholarship award. She plans to continue her studies in education in the fall at San Jose State College. The selection was made by the Watsonville Union High School scholarship committee, according to chapter treasurer Tommy Sakata who made the presentation at the chapter's barbecue.

Over 125 members and graduates attended the party at Sunset Beach earlier this month, event chairman Mas Tsudama reported.

Shig Hirano, chapter president, reminded that the chapter is jointly sponsoring Elaine Ura in the local 4th of July Goddess contest with the Nisei VFW Post here and assisting her in the sale of buttons.

Both groups are co-sponsoring a dance July 5 with Mas Tsudama and Tomio Tsuda serving as co-chairmen. Tickets at \$3 per couple are available from chapter officers. CLers from Salinas and Monterey are expected to attend.

### Contra Costa graduates

RICHMOND. — Additional listing of Nisei graduates honored at the Contra Costa JACL informal dance last week were:

Alhambra High (Martinez) — Tomiko Nakatani; Mt. Diablo High — Kimi Tahira, Hatsie Nakagaki; Las Lomas (Walnut Creek) — Judy Sasaki; Pleasant Hill High — Bob Satake.

Chaperones from the chapter included:

Mrs. Betty Akagi, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Iiyama, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ura-tsu, Mr. and Mrs. Shig Komatsu, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Mr. and Mrs. George Sugihara, Mr. and Mrs. Sho Kimura, and Mr. and Mrs. John Yasuda.

### SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP WON BY PC CONTRIBUTOR

SEATTLE. — Mrs. Bud Fukey, who has contributed features to the Pacific Citizen, was among Seattle high school teachers to be awarded a summer scholarship from the Univ. of Washington Far Eastern and Russian Institute. She taught language arts at Highline High and will be transferred next term to Mt. Rainier High School.

### BOISE LASS SELECTED IDAHO BAKING CHAMPION

BOISE. — Maxine Anne Mafune, student at Cascade High School, was announced as the Idaho young baking champion to compete in the national Pillsbury bake-off. Miss Mafune's special is a yeast chocolate cake.

She is the daughter Mr. and Mrs. Max Mafune, cafe operators in Cascade, and the younger sister of Penny Mafune, who was Boise Valley JACL's candidate for Miss National JACL and placing second to Margaret Itami, 1958 convention queen.

If Maxine's recipe is among the best 20, she will travel to New York to participate in the national bake-off next month.

### Steak dinner feature of S.F. Auxiliary outing

SAN FRANCISCO. — Co-chairmen Sumi Honnami and Kathy Reyes are making plans for the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary outing on July 13. It will begin at 1 p.m. at Morton's Warm Spring in the Valley of the Moon, Sonoma County.

Charlotte Doi states the outing will feature a steak dinner. Miss Honnami is accepting reservations.

Another Nisei, Robert J. Matsumoto of Bakersfield, Calif., also received a bachelor of science degree and a second lieutenant commission at the same time.

Lt. Matsumoto has been assigned to the infantry. He attended San Francisco State College for a year after his graduation from Bakersfield High School in 1953.

When he entered the academy in 1954, it was the first time in West Point's 152-year history that a young cadet entered the institution to replace a brother who was graduating.



VERY TRULY YOURS:

About time for  
change in PC rates

Suggestions that subscription rates be raised to meet the continual rise in production costs have been made often in the past. But realizing the importance of circulating JACL's official publication at a minimum cost to assure as wide a circulation as possible, the PC Board has steadfastly maintained the rates at \$3 (for JACLers) and \$3.50 (for non-members).

A member who has been subscribing for the past 10 years will recall when his subscription fee was upped from \$2.50 to \$3 as it was February, 1949, that the last increase in rates was made. The non-member rate of \$3.50 has been in effect since Jan. 15, 1947.

A motion to boost member rates to \$3.50 was made at the 1950 convention in Chicago, but it was defeated after Mike Masaoka told delegates the membership was entitled to a saving for being a member and that was the last time any convention action was taken on P.C. rates.

However, PC costs have doubled since 1948-49, when the annual income-expenditure figures were about \$15,000. Today, they are about \$30,000. The repeated successes of past Holiday Issues have sustained the PC from going into the "red."

To help members discuss PC with Membership, we should reveal that we have about 1,000 non-member readers at the present time. Assuming 12,000 members would join in 1959 at \$3.50 per year (\$2 dues, \$1.50 PC) and 1,000 non-members would continue, subscription income would be \$22,000. Add the \$10,000 Holiday Issue revenue and another \$10,000 regular advertising income, we have \$42,000 — still \$3,000 short of the estimated \$45,000 in costs to publish the PC each week for 13,000 readers.

What is difficult at the present time is to gauge the estimated advertising and Holiday Issue income. The optimist sees a rise in both with added readership; the pessimist isn't sure. The realist doesn't justify it as increases in both are still determined by legwork, cooperation and support — factors in the realm of reality and not subjectivity. — Harry K. Honda.

Chapter proxy form  
at convention set

SAN FRANCISCO. — Chapters which find themselves unable to be represented by a delegate at the national convention (to be held Aug. 22-25 at Salt Lake City) may give its proxy to a district council officer or to a delegate of a neighboring chapter. National Director Mas Satow reminded chapters this week.

Proxy forms, which have been mailed to all chapters, must be accompanied by the basic convention registration fee of \$2.50 and a writing, Satow explained. Otherwise, the chapter will be considered absent from the national council.

Chapters were asked to remit the proxy form, if unable to be present, with a \$2.50 check payable to National JACL, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco, by Aug. 15.

The national JACL constitution sec. 4, Art. XIII states:

"Voting by proxy shall be permitted when it shall be impossible for Official Delegates to attend meetings of the National Council. Such proxies may be given to any Active Member, but no member of the National professional staff, provided that such delegation of powers shall be in writing and shall include whatever restrictions and instructions the chapter deems necessary and proper under the circumstances, and provided that the chapter represented by proxy shall have paid the minimum National Convention registration fee."

More power asked  
for S.F. FEP group

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco supervisors committee on county, state and national affairs last week sought to put some starch in the local fair employment practices commission.

The committee recommended a change in the ordinance which established the commission last year.

The change would give the commission status equal to that of other city commissions, free from direct control of the mayor's office.

It would allow the commission to select an executive director without interference from the civil service commission. A \$900 month salary for the job already has been set up in the FEPC budget.

An amendment would also give the executive director, whoever he may be, full authority to order his staff around.

3 more candidates  
in Nisei Week race

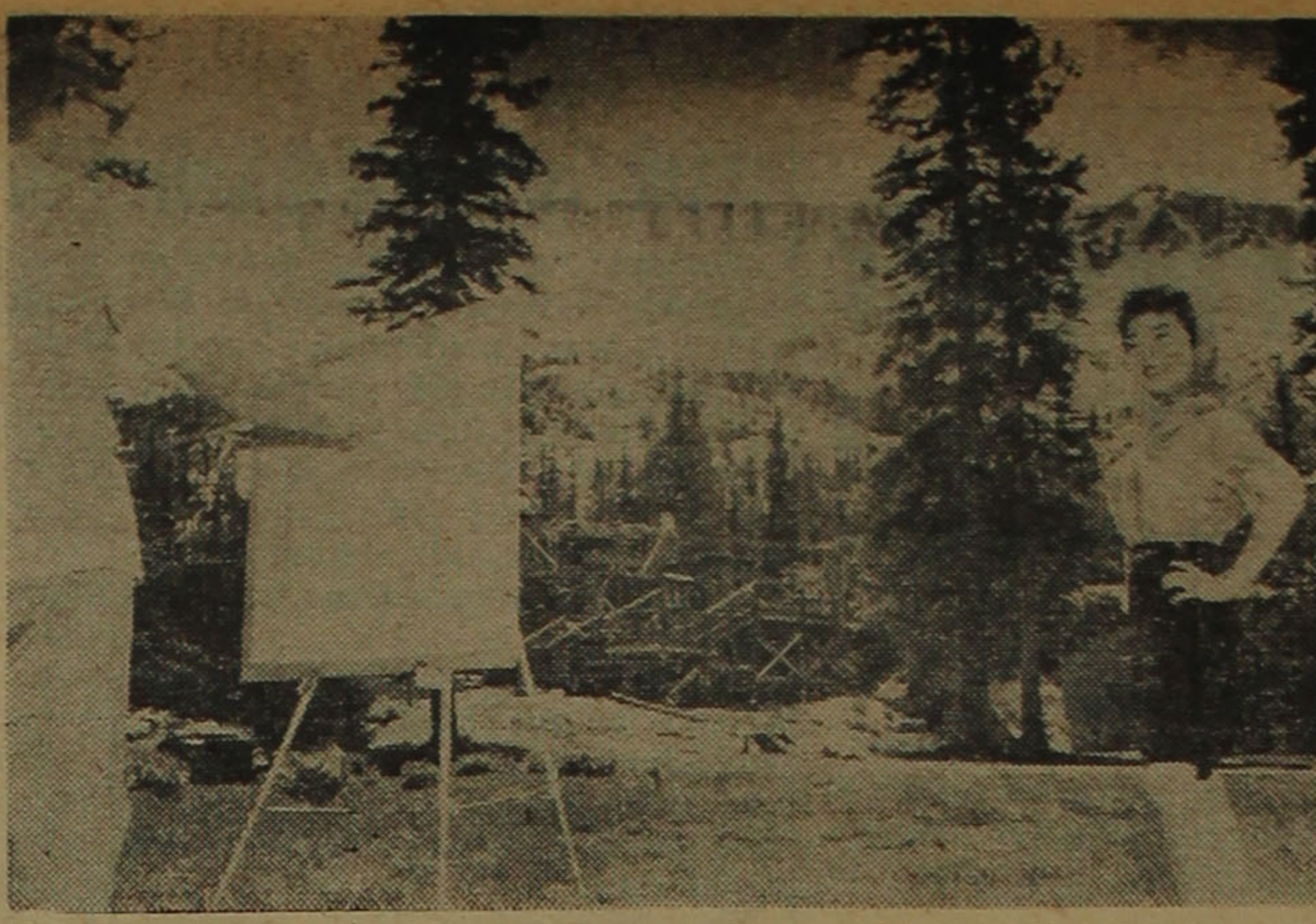
GARDENA. — Lily Yuriko Kamiya, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Kamiya of Gardena, was selected as Gardena Valley's Nisei Week queen candidate. A graduate from UCLA last year, she is presently teaching home economics at Alexander Fleming Jr. High School in Lomita.

A member of the Raijo's of Gardena, she is 5 ft. tall, weighs 102 lbs., and will compete with contestants from other communities on Aug. 2 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, site of the 1958 Nisei Festival coronation ball.

Two more candidates were announced this week by Matao Uwate, Festival executive secretary.

Representing the Seinan area is Margaret Nakai, who was chosen at the Southwest L. A. JACL "Queentime Ball" last week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nakai of Lake Elsinore, is majoring in nursing at UCLA. She is 5 ft.-2, weighs 100 lb.

Mary Murai, 22, of Santa Ana will represent Orange County and is sponsored by the Kazuo Masuda VFW Post. A graduate of Orange Coast Jr. College, she is employed as a bookkeeper at the Bank of America, stands 5 ft.-1 and weighs 98 lb.



The rugged Utah mountains and picturesque pines serve as a backdrop at the JACL Convention's Artists Retreat scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 23, at Brighton, Utah. Retreat chairman John Mizuno sketches Margaret Itami, 1958 JACL Convention queen.

— Twilite Photo.

A Pretty Face in a Pretty Place

SALT LAKE CITY. — Something new has been added to the JACL convention program this year.

At the suggestion of commercial artist Fred Ochi of Idaho Falls and with aid from Salt Lake's own crown in abstract art, John Mizuno, art lovers have the chance of their lives to spend an afternoon sketching some breathtaking vistas during the Sunday convention outing, Aug. 23, at Brighton.

The popular song, "Cathedral in the Pines", is said to have been inspired here.

Delegates interested in taking advantage of the artist retreat are being urged to bring their own painting paraphanelia.

A gallery of artworks by JACL-

ers is also being planned at Hotel Utah, convention headquarters, during the Aug. 22-25 weekend of the parley. Ochi suggests pieces be ready for hanging and brought in person. Both Mizuno and Ochi will have their work on display and hope others would exhibit in a promotion of Nisei art.

SANSEI HONORED AS JR.  
HIGH SCHOOL 'HEAD BOY'

DENVER. — A recent graduate of Merrill Jr. High School, Bruce Horiuchi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horiuchi, was honored with a plaque as the "head boy" of Colorado's largest junior high school and was also presented the Achievement Award. He served on the student council for three years, was a member of the 8th Grade city championship basketball team and was active as a Merrill skier.

Robert Horiuchi is an active Mile-Hi JACLer and served as 1956-57 Mt.-Plains district council chairman.

Seabrook Sansei  
win prep awards

BRIDGETON, N.J. — Twelve awards, including the Seabrook JACL Award, were won by Sansei graduates of Bridgeton High School with one lad, Akira Sasaki, winning at least five of them. Recognition was paid at the school's merit assembly held June 12.

The JACL Award "to promote better understanding of the dignity and worth of all people" (a \$25 savings bond) went to Irene Kiyomi Nagao. Her twin sister Pauline Nobumi was awarded the Danforth Foundation prize as the young woman "most outstandingly four-square in personal achievement" and with "distinct qualities of leadership." They are the twin daughters of EDC Chairman and Mrs. Charles Nagao.

Other honored Sansei were: Frances L. Enseki — Jr. Civic Club, Kiwanis Club scholarship; Akira Sasaki — Military Order of the Purple Heart, Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science, Rensselaer Mathematics and Science, H. Alice Hill Memorial, Cumberland County Fair Ass'n; Marie M. Nagahiro — Ashley-McCormick Co.; Richard M. Koyanagi — Italian American Civic Club (most outstanding tennis player); Gerold Y. Morita — Leona J. Meyers Memorial (outstanding journalism student).

Re-elected YWCA official

PORTLAND. — Mrs. Henry I. Akiyama was elected to a second term of three years to the Portland YWCA board of directors and was named recording secretary. She represents the "Y" on the Community Council of Social Agencies here.

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# THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

## REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Seattle

The final results won't be ready for announcement for a few weeks yet, but president of the Seattle Chapter Takeshi Kubota is working with several organizations in a drive to register eligible voters.

His leadership in this drive includes nearly all church, civic and social organizations in the Japanese community, plus the Jackson Street Community Council, Cathay Post, American Legion, and the Chong Wah Benevolent Association.

## GEISHA BOY'S BOY PICKED

Successful indeed, was the Jackson Street Council in its recent search for cinema talent in the shape of a 6-8 year old boy who could speak Japanese, for a leading role in "Geisha Boy". Of the three chosen to go to Hollywood for screen tests, Robert Hirano was picked for the part which portrays a war orphan in occupied Japan who becomes attached to a comic character of a magician, Jerry Lewis. Also in the cast are Marie MacDonald, Nobuko Atsumi McCarthy, and Sessue Hayakawa. The picture, in production now, is scheduled to be released about Christmas time.

## SEATTLE BUDDHIST CHURCH SCOUTS

All the talk of juvenile delinquency and other things notwithstanding, you've got to hand it to the young generation, perpetually a source of worry to their elders, what ever century or part thereof. The number of Sansei winning scholastic distinctions and scholarships and special awards is great as ever, and in saying this we are keeping in mind the great number of awards attained which are available to youngsters regardless of race or any special affiliations.

The Drum and Bugle Corps of Troop 252, sponsored by the Seattle Buddhist Church may also be described as a part of this picture. The Troop's struggle for official sanction sounds like PCC or other big league troubles.

At first when the Drum and Bugle Corps applied for official Scout sanction to appear in their uniforms at public events, they were turned down by the Chief Seattle Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The reason given was that all such D. & B. Corps led to the breaking up of Scout troops.

However, at a special meeting of the Area Council, a vote was taken and it was decided that the Troop could keep up this special activity if the boys kept up in their advancements. The Troop Committeemen agreed to keep up this aspect of the Troop program.

Probably the main reason for this decision was that the record showed that Troop 252 was the only troop in the entire district that kept its boys advancing steadily. Each boy in the Corps has passed rank in record time just because of his special status, and at times the Corps has had as many as five eagle scouts.

Scout Leader Haruo Fujino said: "Mr. Jim Harris, head councilor in advancement was so impressed by the Corps in their first appearance at the Boy Scout circus, that he said, 'Any boy playing so good in six weeks deserves a merit badge in bugling.' So our Corps members all got a bonafied bugling merit badge that really counts as a merit badge in their advancements.

Haruo also relates how a parade committee looked askance at the small size buglers, doubting if they could make the long march at the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival this spring. After assurance was given that the boys were veterans of many parades, they fell in line, marched the route and won first prize.

Since the Corps was formed it has won various citations, cups, and ribbons in such as these: Chinatown (Seafair) Parade, Capitol Hill (Seafair) Festival of Glags, West Seattle Hi Yu (Seafair), Portland Rose Festival (Junior Parade), and an honor ribbon at the Kirkland Festival.

Besides the Downtown Seafair parades and the Wenatchee Apple Blossom event, they also participated in the Puyallup Daffodil Festival Parade, University District Kid's Parade, Lake City, Trade Fair, Scout Circus, and — —this is about where we came in.

# OLYMPIC CHAMPION KONO NOMINATED FOR 'NISEI OF BIENNIUM' AWARD

Olympic weightlifting champion Tommy T. Kono, 27, now of Honolulu, was nominated by the Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League for Nisei of the Biennium honors, it was announced this week by George J. Inagaki, chairman, national JACL recognitions committee.

It was the first nomination received for the JACL Nisei of the Biennium awards to be made at the 1958 National JACL Convention to be held Aug. 22-25 at Salt Lake City.

The Sacramento JACL nomination is in the "distinguished leadership" category, Inagaki revealed. Further nominations close July 31, 1958.

## Excellent PR Created

A young Nisei who has been considered for national honors—the 1955 "Man of the Year" nomination by the Sacramento Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and twice ranking in the Sullivan Awards in 1956 and 1957—Kono "has created excellent public relations for the United States and for Japanese Americans throughout the whole world" through his participation in international and Olympic meets, the Sacramento JACL declared.

A quiet and unassuming lad, the Sacramento-born champion who first gained national weightlifting prestige in 1950 and then continued to set one world and two Olympic records at the 1952 Helsinki Games is regarded as a "one-man barrier" to Russian domination in the weightlifting field.

Kono has beaten the Russians nine times at their favorite sport. Today, he retains two world records, four Olympic records and tied two world marks. He has broken 22 world and six Olympic records officially and has shattered eight other world records unofficially since entering big-time competition eight years ago.

## Eyes 1960 Olympics

Regarded as the finest amateur American athlete of today and the most noted Nisei weightlifter, Kono hopes to stay in competition for another two years to make the 1960 Olympic Games at Rome.

At the outset, Kono's efforts in weightlifting were motivated by a desire to make up for his youthful sickness, but now he feels a deep responsibility as an unofficial ambassador for his country. He has turned down attractive professional offers because he wants to compete in the next Olympics.

The extent to which the Russians have tried to defeat Kono was noted in a newspaper clipping attached to the Sacramento Chapter nomination. Last March at the international meet in Moscow, the host committee gave Kono short notice to make the trip and timed it so that he would still be travel-weary when he competed in the tournament.

## Wins at Moscow

"If I had not had considerable experience in lifting and traveling and competing in all sorts of circumstances and conditions, I

would have cracked," Kono was quoted in the press upon his return from Moscow. He has made two globe-girdling trips and has visited 19 countries. But Kono came through and beat the Russian champion in the 165-lb. class.

It was the ninth straight time Kono had taken the measure of the Russians since 1952 when he won the Olympic title as a 148-pounder.

Although the Moscow meet was set for Mar. 9, Kono did not receive his invitation until Feb. 28. Fortunately, he was in condition, the clipping added. After arriving on Mar. 5, he had little time to workout, appeared on a TV show and kept overtime at the station under glaring lights, past midnight and competed without assistance of a manager or trainer. Clarence Johnson, who accompanied Kono to Moscow, was placed on the jury of appeals and was not able to assist him.

But Kono went to work, lifted a total of 919 lbs. to beat Bogdanovsky who negotiated 908.

While active in athletic circles, Kono has been appearing before various civic groups promoting health and weightlifting.

# Kiino picked for jr. nat'l baseball play

Ron Kiino, right-hander for University High in West Los Angeles, helped the All-City nine beat the So. Calif. All-CIF team 8-6 in the Hearst classic at Sawtelle Sunday. Facing 11 batters in the opening three innings, he struck out two, walked two, allowed no hits and no runs.

For his superb performance, he was voted as one of two Southern California players to play in the Hearst Jr. National baseball championships at the Polo Grounds in New York on Aug. 26.

## Durocher to emcee

Leo Durocher of baseball fame has consented to act as emcee at the Nisei Veterans Reunion dinner-dance at the Moulin Rouge on Sunday, July 27, according to dinner-dance chairman Edwin Hiroto. The sports figure will introduce city, state and veteran officials as well as the main speaker, General Mark Clark.

## 181 triplicate

SAN MATEO. — George Ikeda, rolling in the local Nisei mixed bowling league, had the distinction of a 181 triplicate for a 543 series

# Kurotori selected to all-league nine

SAN JOSE. — Hiro Kurotori, infielder for the Washington High School varsity in Fremont, was named this past week to the All-Santa Clara Valley Athletic League Division I first team.

Kurotori, who had graduated from the high school in Fremont last week, was among three players from Washington High to make the 11-man team selection.

The Nisei had been batting at a .415 clip at the close of the season. He had made the All-SCVAL Division I selections last year also.

## Fowler fades in 5th, tied by Clovis 13-13

FOWLER. — After the CCDC League is over, the Fowler JACL and Clovis JACL clubs plan to play out the 13-13 thriller of last Sunday. Rather than going into extra innings, the old-timers on both teams preferred to wait another day and many of the players complained of getting "charley horses".

Fowler's softball team seems to be good for five innings as they led 10-7 when Clovis rallied in the final seventh with 6 runs and Fowler evening the count with 3 more.

George Tanaka of Fowler and Nick Nishi of Clovis and an ex-San Francisco City College player, were the opposing pitchers.

## KOYASAN DRUM & BUGLE READY FOR STATE MEET

The Koyasan Boy Scout Troop 379 drum and bugle corps will compete in the American Legion state competition at Sacramento this weekend, having left here last night by bus.

Among their opponents in the junior division class will be the Maryknoll girls corps, which copied first place last Saturday at the state VFW parade contest at Long Beach.

The Koyasan corps is being sponsored by the Commodore Perry Post 525 and supervised by Ronald Sugiyama.

## NISEI WINS \$600 SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Among the 15 local high school seniors awarded a four-year \$600 Otto Bremer Foundation scholarship was Lawrence Maeda of Central High School.

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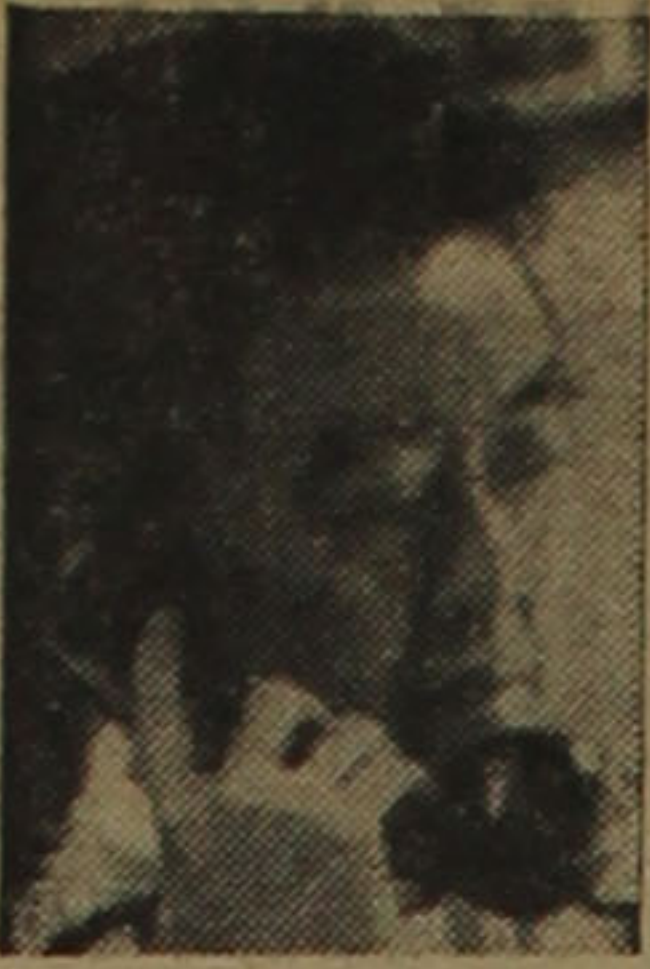
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# Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN 'EPHEBIAN'

"We will never bring disgrace to our city . . . We will strive unceasingly to quicken the public sense of civic duty . . . We will transmit this city not only less but far greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us . . ." This was part of the Ephebic Oath of Ancient Athens recited Sunday by 381 just-graduated high school seniors who were initiated into the Ephebian Society.

What renders this ceremony impressive to us is that of the 381 Ephebians selected from the 1958 graduating classes from the 46 Los Angeles City District high schools, 26 of them were of Japanese ancestry—an all-time high for the Nisei-Sansei.

Being an Ephebian is a distinct achievement as they are chosen on the ratio of one out of every 40 in a graduating class. The Ephebian Society is not open automatically to those of a high scholastic standing but to one who has shown outstanding leadership and ability to get along with others by his activities and services, good conduct and citizenship as well as good grades.

To bring the figures closer to home, there were 346 Japanese American high school graduates here this month. The 26 Ephebians of Japanese ancestry, thus, represent one out of every 13 Nisei or Sansei senior.

The 26 honorees (14 boys and 12 girls) this year are as follows: Roosevelt—William H. Okamura, Carolyn E. Sano; Banning—Asako Yamamoto, Kenji Matsumura; San Fernando—Nancy N. Fukuda, Harry Muranaka; Dorsey—Reo Yoshitani; Fremont—Kenji Sasaki; Jordan—James T. Tanaka; Lincoln—Esther R. Arakaki; Narbonne—Jane Y. Wada; Polytechnic—Morris K. Nakamura, Julie H. Shimizu, Colleen K. Sumida; Venice—Karl T. Tani, Tommy Y. Yoshikawa; Gardena—Gerald A. Kado, Akiko J. Ikegami, Roland T. Minami, Yosie Kamiya; Wilson—Joanne K. Kondo, Nancy S. Yamada; Garfield—Gerald T. Nomura, Michiharu Sakata; Los Angeles—Susan Otsubo; and Manual Arts—Hiroshi Tokunaga.

These young people will be worth watching in the future as they are prospective Jr. JACLers for sure.

## U.S. JR. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We had a brief but pleasant chat last week with Seiji Horiuchi of Brighton, Colo., who was attending the United States Jr. Chamber of Commerce convention here. The friendly 33-year-old leader is well known in Colorado for his jaycee activities. He became the first Mainland Nisei to gain a national office by being voted one of 10 national vice-presidents with an overwhelming vote. "It was just like a national Republican or Democratic convention," he said.

A 65-man delegation from Colorado campaigned vigorously for the Nisei who carried 44 of the 48 states, Alaska and Hawaii or winning nearly all of 3,500 votes of registered delegates. Twice that many attended, Horiuchi added. He was accompanied by his wife, nee Kay Imamura of Santa Ana, and their three boys: Paul 8, John 6, James 2½. You guessed it! They visited Disneyland before going home.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

**LOS ANGELES**  
 HONDA, Ben M. (Yuriko Yoshimoto) — boy, Apr. 13, Gardena.  
 KAHUKU, David N. (Yoshiko Oshiro) — girl, Mar. 4.  
 MAKUYA, George E. (Sumiye Domoto) — boy, Apr. 12.  
 MATSUDA, Yoshito R. (Michiko Nakahara) — boy, Apr. 11, Canoga Park.  
 MORIGUCHI, Shigeru F. (Michiko Kawabata) — boy, Apr. 4.  
 MURAKAMI, Frank A. (Keiko Yoshida) — boy, Apr. 14, El Monte.  
 NAKABE, Keiji (Yumiko Nagaoka) — boy, Apr. 11.  
 OHBARA, Juji (Keiko Kakeda) — boy, Mar. 31.  
 ONAGA, George T. (Shirley S. Shimbukuro) — girl, Apr. 9.  
 OTA, Tadasni (Tomiko Nakada) — boy, Mar. 27.  
 PAULSON, Earl (Akiko Hirano) — boy, Mar. 29, Northridge.  
 SUGIMOTO, Masami (Kimiko K. Shitoyama) — girl, Apr. 4.  
 TOMA, Kazuyasu (Helen M. Matsuda) — girl, Mar. 2.  
 UJIFUSA, William (Esther M. Kinoshita) — boy, Apr. 4.  
 UYEDA, Saburo (Alice Nishimine) — girl, Apr. 12.  
 WADA, Haruo (Carmen Duran) — girl, Apr. 7, No. Hollywood.  
 WU, Jack G. (Vonita Harada) — boy, Apr. 1.  
 YAMAGUCHI, Ko (Mary S. Nakamine) — boy, Apr. 5.  
 YAMANAKA, Hiroyuki (Kikuko Yamada) — girl, Apr. 16.

**ORANGE COUNTY**  
 MUKAI, Hitoshi — girl, Mar. 23, Huntington Beach.  
 OKABE, Akio — girl, Apr. 11, Fullerton.

### SANTA MARIA

IKEDA, Kazuo — boy, Mar. 29.

**SEATTLE**  
 FUJII, Frank — girl, Apr. 3.  
 FUKUDA, Minoru — boy, Mar. 22.  
 GOSHIO, James — boy, Apr. 8.  
 HASHIMOTO, Roy — girl, Mar. 18.  
 HAYASHI, Emil — boy, Apr. 13.  
 INOUE, Kuchiro — boy, Apr. 3.  
 KOKITA, Hideo — boy, Mar. 21.  
 KUROSE, Paul — boy, Mar. 14.  
 MAYEDA, Frank — girl, Apr. 12.  
 MURAKAMI, Chester — boy, Apr. 14.  
 NAKASHIMA, Tsutomu — boy, Apr. 14.  
 NARAHARA, Hiromichi — girl, Feb. 8.  
 OGISHIMA, Sab — girl, Apr. 13.  
 OKAMOTO, Hisaka — girl, Apr. 12.  
 OKAZAKI, Tom — girl, Mar. 8.  
 SEKIJIMA, Haruto — boy, Apr. 16.  
 SHIMADA, Mitsuyoshi — girl, Apr. 4.  
 SHIMIZU, Yoshiaki — boy, Apr. 4.  
 SUGITA, Dale — girl, Feb. 7.  
 TAKIZAWA, Etsumi — girl, Apr. 5.  
 TANJI, Yoshiro — boy, Apr. 2.  
 TSUJII, Isao — girl, Apr. 13.  
 UCHIMURA, Min — girl, Apr. 6.  
 YAMASAKI, Frank — girl, Apr. 21.  
 YOROZU, Henry — girl, Apr. 5.

### PORTLAND, ORE.

OKAZAKI, Tosh — girl, Mar. 9.

**ONTARIO, ORE.**  
 FUJII, Larry — boy, Apr. 16.  
 KUWAHARA, Tak — girl, Apr. 1, Jamieson.

MATSUMURA, Juro — boy, Mar. 12.  
 NOMI, Ben — boy, Apr. 19.


**DENVER**  
 ESHIMA, Nobuo — boy.  
 HASEGAWA, William H. — boy.  
 OWADA, Sam — twin boys, Mar. 29.  
 UBA, Dr. Mike (Lillian Noda) — boy, Mar. 24.

### ENGAGEMENTS

TAKAHASHI - WATANABE — Connie K., San Francisco, to Frank A., Los Angeles.  
 TERAMOTO - SAKAMOTO — Kazuko to Kiichi, both Gilroy.  
 TERAMOTO-TANAKA — Shizuko to Herbert, both Gilroy.  
 YEDA-UMENE — Mary T. to Yoshimi, both Alameda.

### WEDDINGS

ISHIKAWA - TACHIBANA — Mar. 21, Noboru and Grace, both Portland.  
 KANAI-SUZUKI — Mar. 29, Koji and Mae, both Denver.  
 KAWAKAMI-ABE — Mar. 22, Tom and Hannah, both San Francisco, at Reno.  
 KOSAKURA - KUSUMI — Apr. 19, Takeshi, Los Angeles; Phyllis, New York.  
 OLSEN-UROSE — Apr. 5, Norman, Dinuba; Rose, Layton, Utah.  
 OSAKI-NODA — Apr. 12, Wayne and Sally S., both San Francisco.  
 WATANABE - OURSSO — Feb. 22, Dr. James M. and Laura, both Seattle.  
 YAMAGUCHI - MIKAWA — Mar. 22, Bill T., Derby, Colo.; Louise Y., Kersey, Colo.  
 YOTSUYA - MIYASAKA — Mar. 22, Asaji and Ruth, both Watsonville.



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Young lassies in kimono will welcome the public at West Los Angeles JACL's benefit carnival being held this weekend, June 28-29, at the Japanese School, 2100 S. Corinth Ave. They are (left to right): back row — Sharon Fujimoto, Laurie Akashi, Sherry Maruyama, Carol Fujimoto; front — Peggy Sonoda and Judy Iwamoto. Seventeen food and game booths are under construction. Those purchasing at least \$1 worth of tickets for food and game booths will be given a chance to pick one of five diamonds among the rhinestones to keep. — Yo Tsuruda Photo.

### Daughter to follow steps of her late father as Nishi Hongwanji minister

FRESNO. — The Rev. Yurii Kyogoku, a prewar graduate of Univ. of California at Berkeley, has returned home here to work as a Buddhist minister, following the footsteps of her late father, the Rev. Itsuzo Kyogoku.

She completed her Buddhist studies at Ryukoku and Kyoto Women's universities and was ordained in September, 1955.

### Buddhist lay leader heads Chicago Nisei Legionnaires

CHICAGO. — Henry H. Fujiura, prominent Buddhist lay leader and owner of Superior Auto Service, was elected commander of the Chicago Nisei Post 1183, American Legion, at its June 5 meeting.

### DEATHS

**Kaichi M. Akiyama, 76**, of Los Angeles died on June 12. Born in Tokyo, he served with the U.S. Navy in World War I in France and was the father of "Jumbo" Mochizuki, local travel agent, and seven daughters.

**Jiro Yuge, 72**, of Los Angeles died on June 15. Born in Hiroshima, he was the father of Mrs. Massie Saito, former IDC secretary, of Ontario, Ore.

**Ayatoshi Kurose, 72**, of Los Angeles died on June 10. A native of Hiroshima, he was the father of active East Los Angeles JACLer, Mrs. Tami Kamei.

**Seiji Horio, 83**, of San Jose died June 14. He was a pioneer orchardist, coming to Santa Clara valley in 1895. He was also engaged with his brother, Fudetaro, producing mushrooms on a large scale.

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### SAN LORENZO NISEI ACCEPTS MINISTERIAL POST.

PASADENA. — The Rev. Harry Kawahara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Momotaro Kawahara, 1550 Ashland Ave., San Lorenzo, and recent graduate from Fuller Theological Seminary here, has accepted the ministerial post for the Christian Oriental Missionary Society Church in Monrovia.

### Five of top six elective school posts won by Sansei

Five of the six top student-body offices at Belmont High School go to Sansei students in the 1958 fall semester, following elections this past week.

Ray Kawaguchi, student body president, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kawaguchi, 4106 Monterey Rd., majoring in math-science. Ray's brother John was student-body president at Belmont.

Other Sansei winning posts were Ellen Yamamoto, girls v.p.; Nancy Fujinaka, sec.; Florence Tanabe, treas.; and Linda Matsushige, hist.

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## Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

### Japanese in Brazil

Washington, D.C.

**LAST WEEK** (June 18), the more than 400,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in Brazil celebrated the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the first immigrant ship, the old freighter Kasato Maru, after 51 days of rough sailing around the Horn to Santos, the seaport for Sao Paulo. The 781 who landed in 1908 went to work on the coffee plantations of southeastern Brazil. Prince Takahito Mikasa, the younger brother of the Emperor, and his wife participated in the festivities as guests of the South American republic.

Since that first shiplod, about 250,000 Japanese have arrived in this once Portuguese colony. Some 70 percent of the population still resides in the state of Sao Paulo, with the next largest group, some 10,000, growing jute in the steaming jungles of Amazonas and Para in the north.

**THE IMMIGRATION PATTERN** to Brazil has been, and still is, in family units organized by authorized colonizing companies. These government-approved companies advance transportation and other expenses that are repaid from earnings over a period of years at low interest rates. The immigrants are established as colonies in specific areas. This immigration continues, with some 9,000 Japanese slated to go to Brazil this year from overcrowded Japan.

Because they were brought over as colonies, to this day many of these colonies exist almost as part of the old Japan they left. The writer recalls that up to a few years ago, there were stories of nationalistic elements in these colonies who insisted that Japan won the war and terrorized those who believed otherwise.

At the same time, the Japanese were not subjected to the kind of legal and social discrimination that the Japanese immigrants to the United States suffered through. They were always welcome to become naturalized citizens on the same basis as European immigrants. Although Brazil declared war on Japan, the Japanese in that country were not subjected to the humiliation of evacuation and other wartime prejudices.

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**TODAY, THE** Brazilian Japanese is well integrated into the national life, though many, especially in the isolated, inland colonies, retain the culture of a Japan long since passed.

Today, many are large landowners and prosperous businessmen. They participate in all aspects of community life, including politics. The highest elective office is held by bilingual Yukishige Tamura, born in Sao Paulo, who is a member of the Federal Chamber of Deputies, the national legislature.

Veterans of the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team may recall that there were a number of Brazilian Nisei scattered throughout the Brazilian Expeditionary Forces that served in Italy during World War II. The highest ranking officer was a colonel in command of an infantry battalion.

**AS IN THE** United States, the greatest contribution of the Japanese has been in agriculture. Though they represent about one percent of the population of the nation and two percent of the population of Sao Paulo state, they are responsible for 40 percent of the state's cotton, 20 percent of the coffee, rice, and corn, 60 percent of the potatoes, 90 percent of the tomatoes, 70 percent of the other vegetables, 50 percent of the bananas, and 70 percent of the eggs.

They are credited with the subjugation of the jungle and the introduction of vegetables that none thought could ever grow in the area. At the moment, they are introducing the growing of jute in order that their adopted land need not be so dependent on imports from the Indian subcontinent for badly needed coffee bags.

Some towns in Sao Paulo especially, like Marilia, Mogi das Cruzes, and Presidente Prudente, have been transformed by the Japanese from quiet, sleepy places into modern, prosperous centers.

They have established large-scale cooperatives that are models for the surrounding territories and have even introduced tea-planting.

**ALSO, UNLIKE AS** to the United States, Japan exports technical skills and capital to Brazil. Japanese capital is participating in the construction of a steel mill in the state of Minas Geris that is needed to turn out 500,000 tons annually. Japanese companies are planning to help establish a 17 million dollar shipyard in Rio de Janeiro. One of the largest Japanese cotton spinning companies is opening a cotton mill.

Blueprints are ready for a plant to manufacture Japanese jeep-type vehicles. And all across Brazil's booming industrial region, Japanese factories are rising to produce chemicals and other articles.

Whereas half a century ago, fifty days were required to make the long ocean crossing, more and more immigrants are flying in. Next year, Brazilian and Japanese airlines plan direct flights between Tokyo and Sao Paulo.

All this contact naturally generates trade, and so a Japanese mission is in Rio now to renegotiate a commercial pact with Brazil. Exports and imports in 1954 totalled \$157,000,000 between the two countries, but last year dwindled to \$64,000,000. It is hoped that they can be increased again.

**IT IS ALWAYS** interesting to compare the progress of persons of Japanese ancestry everywhere in the world with that in the United States. This is especially true insofar as the Americas are concerned.

So, on this 50th anniversary of the arrival of the first Japanese to Brazil, we in this country congratulate the Issei and Nisei in Brazil on a half century of continued progress and salute them on the great and many contributions they have made to our Southern neighbor.

Some day, in the not too distant future, it may be possible to hold a Pan-American conference of Nisei in this hemisphere.

## CONVENTION QUEEN MARGARET ITAMI KEEPS BUSY SCHEDULE WITH PUBLIC APPEARANCES IN SALT LAKE CITY; CONFAB SITE

SALT LAKE CITY. — JACL queen Margaret Itami is spending a busy month promoting the 15th Biennial national convention to be held here Aug. 22-25.

She appeared as a guest artist on Jelesnik's weekly TV talent show last Friday, repeating the "Queen's Ballet" number she introduced at the Salt Lake JACL Graduation dance party. Introduced as a "petite Japanese doll and queen of JACL", Miss Itami performed on a program that ushers Utah talent to Ted Mack's Amateur Show.

Margaret also met another local queen this past week, Ruthann Fisher, who reigns July 24 when Salt Lake City celebrates Utah Pioneer Day, which is the most colorful of statewide traditions.

Another call this past week included a visit of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce convention bureau with Kay Nakashima, convention housing chairman.

### Housing Reservations

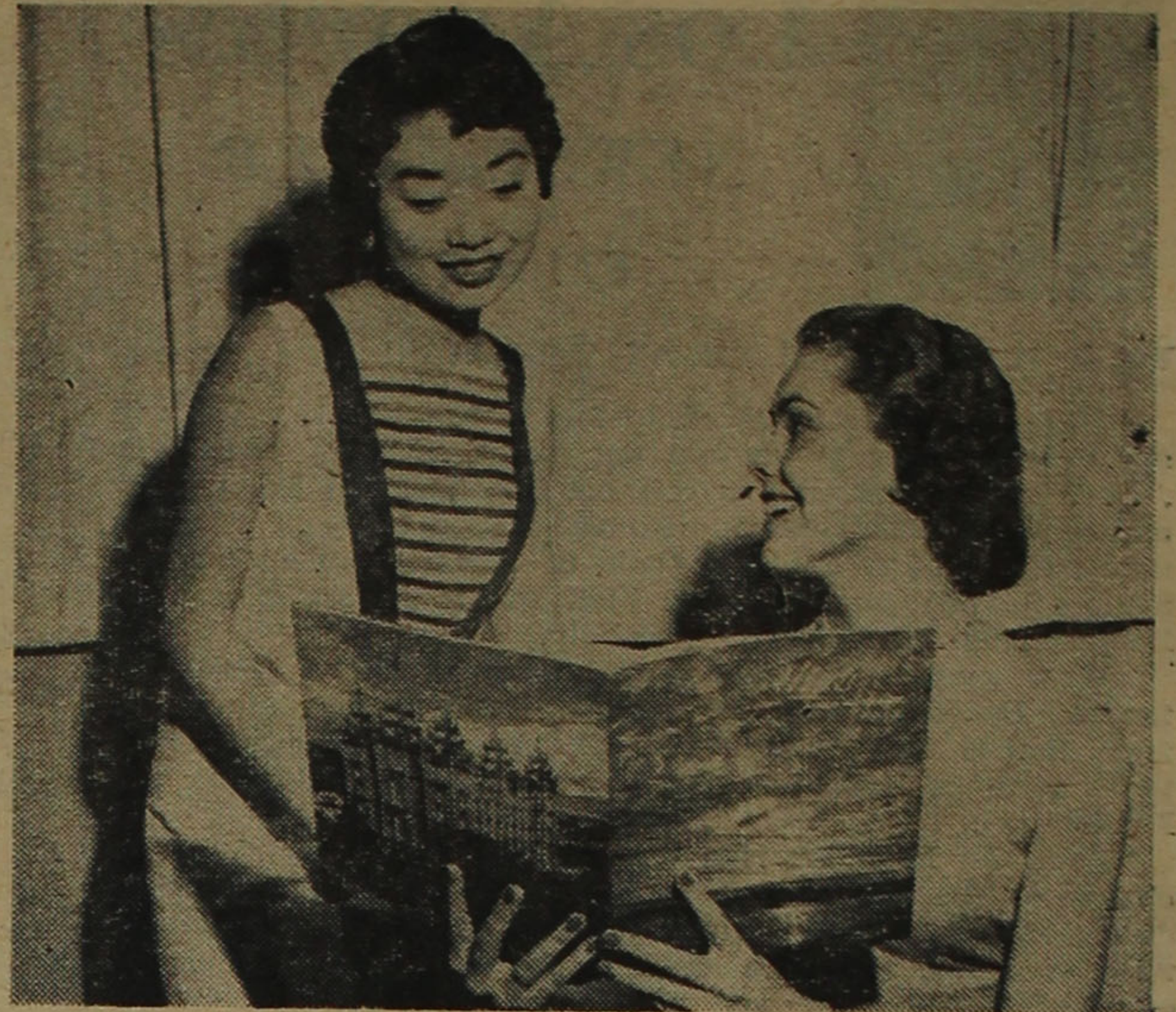
JACL chapters have already been advised of the various accommodations available here for delegates. Convention headquarters Hotel Utah is holding 200 rooms and its new motel is reserving 50 units for conventioners, Nakashima revealed. He reminded that date of arrival must be stated with individual reservations, otherwise the request cannot be honored.

Meanwhile, convention banquet chairman Sue Kaneko reports the handmade decorations symbolic of the state of Utah—the Beehive and Segō Lily (the state flower)—are nearing completion. Chapter Auxiliary members have been meeting each Tuesday night for about three months.

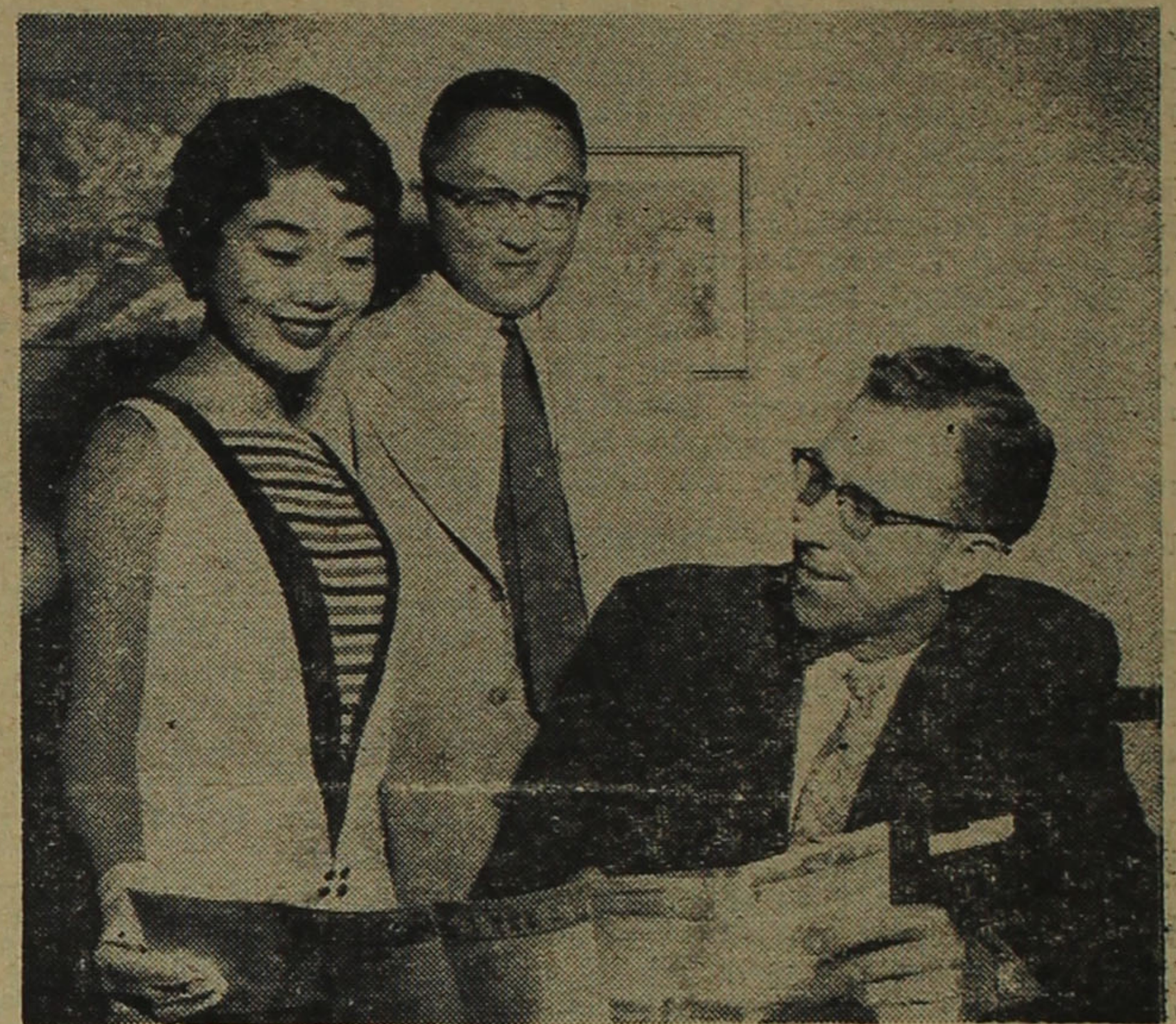
But the most unusual decorative feature, according to Mrs. Kaneko, will be the JACL sign formed of salt crystals from the Great Salt Lake to be placed at the headtable. Rustproof metal frames have been dipped into the lake and will be removed by convention time to present this rare and beautiful sight, it was disclosed.

The 28 per cent saline content of the lake makes this possible, Mrs. Kaneko explained. The saline content of sea water is about 3 to 4 per cent.

Delegates were also urged to bring their swim suits for a dip in the famous Salt Lake. Because of the high content of salt, it is impossible to sink, pointed out convention chairman Rupert Hachiya.



Ruthann Fisher (right), queen of the Days of '47 celebration in Salt Lake City, shows Margaret Itami, Miss 1958 JACL Convention, the famous sites of the Mormon state in a colorful magazine as Utah prepares for its July 24 celebration of Pioneer Day. Miss Fisher will reign next month; Miss Itami a month later. —Twilite Photo.



1958 JACL Convention queen, Margaret Itami of Ontario, Ore., accompanies Kay Nakashima (center), housing chairman for the Salt Lake City convention, Aug. 22-25, to discuss housing plans with William Back, Salt Lake City chamber of commerce convention bureau chief. Nakashima reminds delegates and boosters that date of arrival must be included with reservations for hotels or motels. — Twilite Photo.

## 69 chapters adopt travel pool plan

SAN FRANCISCO. — With 69 chapters endorsing the chapters portion of the National JACL Convention travel pool out of 75 chapters that have responded, National Headquarters is going ahead with plans to initiate this unique project, it was announced this week by Masao Satow, national director.

The plan was originally submitted by the Washington, D.C., chapter at the San Francisco convention to equalize travel expenses of participating district councils and chapters at national conventions.

It was then suggested that each chapter pay \$50 into the travel pool and the entire sum redistributed to the chapters on a mileage

### 12-year legal battle ends for Nisei strande

Climaxing a legal battle which began in 1947, Mitsugi Nishikawa of Los Angeles was adjudged last week by the Los Angeles federal court to be a citizen of the United States and that he did not lose his U.S. citizenship for service in the Japanese army between March, 1941, and September, 1945.

Federal Judge William M. Byrne, following the reversal by the U.S. Supreme Court of a 1955 judgment which held Nishikawa had served voluntarily, ruled that military service was involuntary and as a result of compulsion.

Nishikawa was represented by A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand.

basis. An allocation table for each chapter was prepared for the Salt Lake City convention and was given to the chapters last September.

### Drain on Treasuries

The proposal was prompted by the constant staging of biennial conventions, except in 1950, west of the Rockies incurring a heavy drain on the treasuries of chapters especially in the East.

"So as not to deplete the limited funds of the far-away chapters and district councils to attend each biennial convention, the larger and wealthier brethren of the West should be approached for small financial cooperation," the travel pool proposal declared.

At the 1956 convention, the district council portion of \$75 was approved while the chapter portion was to be studied further.

The matter of the convention travel pool and its problems are to be considered again at the Salt Lake convention, Satow added. He cited the recent action of two district councils on record asking that chapters not sending delegates should forfeit the amounts paid in. "We must also resolve the question of the travel pool if there is not almost unanimous participation," Satow said.

### District Council Pool

Satow also revealed that the district council portion of the travel pool has worked out well and the amounts to the various district council allocations will be distributed next week.

The chapters, in the meantime, have been asked to contribute \$50 to the travel pool by July 15 so that the various amounts can be distributed before the convention Aug. 22-25. Checks should be made payable to National JACL, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco. A full accounting of receipts and disbursements by chapters will be made at the convention.

## CALENDAR

- June 28 (Saturday) Berkeley — Graduates dance, Live Oak Park Recreation Hall.
- June 28 - 29 West Los Angeles — JACL carnival.
- June 29 (Sunday) Santa Barbara — JACL Picnic, Goleta Beach, 12 n.
- Long Beach — Community talent show
- Cleveland — Community picnic, Weiland'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.
- Sonoma County — Community picnic, Doran Park, Bodega Bay.
- July 12 (Saturday) Philadelphia — Chapter picnic, Friend's Central School.
- July 13 (Sunday) Hollywood — Beach party.
- San Francisco — Auxiliary Outing, Morton's Warm Spring, Sonoma County.
- July 21 (Monday) West Los Angeles — Auxiliary pot-luck-picnic, Rancho Park, 6:30 p.m.
- July 27 (Sunday) Contra Costa — JACL Picnic, Curry Creek Park.
- Long Beach — Community picnic.