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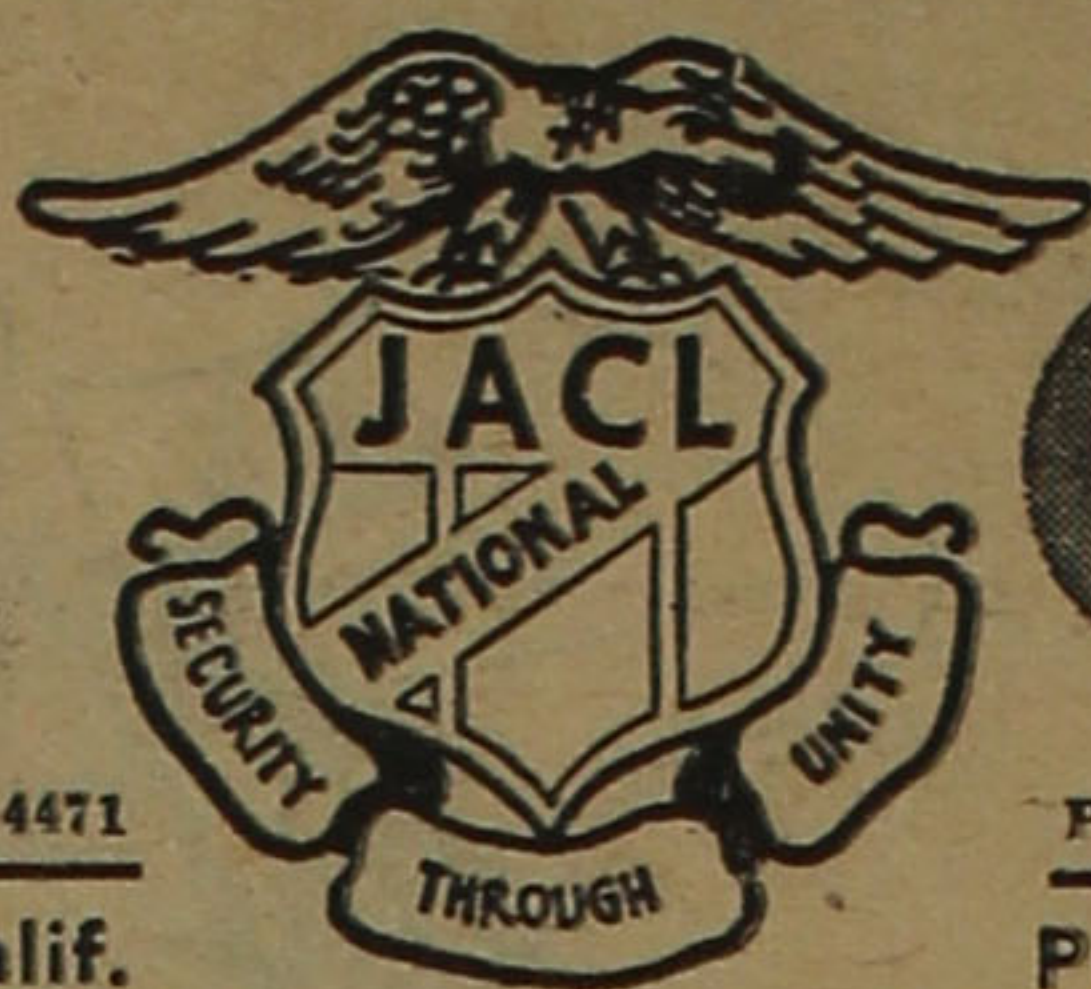
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EDITORIAL:

The word, 'Nisei,'
making double round

With the Nisei Veterans Reunion closing to night and the 1958 Nisei Week Festival opening today, Southern Californians are getting a double dose of the word "Nisei" — which in Japanese means "second generation" and referring to Americans of Japanese descent. Both events have been well publicized in the local press, radio & TV.

The word, "Nisei," may not be new to native Californians. To recent newcomers, however, it may be new and the two celebrations here are helping to introduce it to them in the most meaningful manner.

The Americanism of the Nisei was told again by the Veterans Reunion, which attracted over 2,000 from all parts of the United States and Hawaii. What the Nisei accomplished as Uncle Sam's fighting men in World War II, despite the enforced concentration of their families into relocation camps, were recalled. The Nisei proved himself much a part of America.

And this coming week the Nisei Week Festival portrays the rich culture of their forbears has not been forgotten. Uniquely Japanese events are the ondo parade, tea ceremony and flower arrangement demonstrations, judo and kendo tournaments, and a program of Japanese music and dancing. Moreover, there are some typical American events: queen contest, talent show, baby show and carnival.

Undoubtedly, there are calloused Nisei who regard such celebrations as "passe," ignoring the public relations merit of presenting these attractions as a vehicle to publicize a distinctly Japanese word, "Nisei," perhaps making it as widely understood and correctly pronounced as "kimono."

As for Nisei Week, its participants are doing the job of keeping "Nisei" in the public eye—at least once a year in August—in a very colorful, joyous

Pasadenans listed for top 'Nisei' honor

Two more Californians—silver-smith Harry Osaki and community leader Harris Ozawa, both of Pasadena—have been nominated for "Nisei of the Biennium", it was announced by George Inagaki, national chairman of the JACL Recognitions Committee.

At the same time, deadline for nominations of "Nisei of the Biennium" was extended to Aug. 10. Inagaki suggested that chapters can observe the nominations deadline by merely reporting who is being considered by the chapter and then submitting supporting evidence in time for the judging at the convention.

Harry Osaki

Osaki, a lad who grew up on a Fresno farm, turned to sculpturing and the fine arts while in

an Arizona relocation center during the war years. After military service, he enrolled at the USC School of Fine Arts, was its alumni association president last year and has taught art to Pasadena students and Los Angeles school teachers.

During the past decade, he has exhibited in the leading museums here and abroad. His works have been exhibited six times under U.S. State Department auspices. Among the numerous prizes in art competition won by Pasadenans were received at the California State Fair, Los Angeles County Museum, San Joaquin Art Festival, Unitarian Arts & Crafts Shows and the Pasadena Art Institute.

Among the important commissions (he has had over 700 of them) in private collections include the silver chalice presented by JACL to President Eisenhower, a four-foot cross of walnut and silver for the Fresno Japanese Congregational Church, and the silver trophy for the trans-Pacific yacht race to Hawaii.

Long a member of the Boy Scout movement, Osaki has been a scoutmaster for over 12 years, is an Eagle Scout himself with over 100 merit badges, and is on the board of directors of the San Gabriel Valley District Council. He is the only Nisei holder of the Sir Eagle Degree in the Knights of Dunamis, highest order in the national scouting organization composed of Eagle Scouts.

He is an active member of local veteran, businessmen and civic groups including the American Red Cross, Pasadena Businessmen's, American Friends Service Committee, Tuberculosis Association and several art clubs.

Harris Ozawa

Ozawa, active Pasadena JACLer who served as chapter president for two years in addition to a number of other posts in previous years, chaired the affiliation committee that joined Pasadena and the Japanese city of Mishima as "Sister Cities" last year.

A graduate of Pasadena Nazarene College with a degree in

theology, Ozawa has taken an active role in the Boy Scouts as troop committee chairman, in church as chairman of the deacon's board at the Union Presbyterian Church and treasurer of the church's credit association, and in the Pasadena Gardeners Assn.

During the war years, he served with the Army Maps Service.

Previously nominated for honors to be conferred at the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention at Salt Lake City, during the recognition banquet Aug. 25, are Olympic champion Tommy Kono of Sacramento (and Honolulu), pharmacist Harry T. Momita of Calipatria, rancher Tom Shimasaki of Lindsay, Superior Court Judge John F. Aiso of Los Angeles, attorney Frank Chuman of Los Angeles, and Mayor James Kanno of Fountain Valley.

Nisei on Hawaiian GOP candidates list

HONOLULU. — Possible Republican candidates for office in the elections this fall were recently listed by sources in the Republican Party here.

Heading the list, described as tentative, is Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, popular Hawaiian senator, as candidate for Delegate to Congress.

Other Japanese Americans listed include Lawrence Goto, treasurer; Joe Itagaki, Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, senate; Tad Fukushima, and Edward Kato, house.

Stranded Japanese wife of sailor finds U.S. Navy has heart as red tape cut

ERIE, Pa. — "Stranded here when her sailor husband was transferred overseas, a young Japanese wife found there is truth in the old saying, "the Navy takes care of its own."

Mrs. Kuniko Kuhn, 25, was close to tears when she entered the office of Chief Yeoman Al Lambert at the Naval Reserve Training Center here.

Dumping a pile of government papers on his desk, she pleaded for help. She hardly knew what her problem was, much less how to solve it.

Lambert sorted through the papers and found out that Kuniko, the wife of a 2nd class lithographer, Harold Kuhn, had not been permitted out of the country to follow her husband to Morocco because she was not a citizen.

Navy into Action

"It's hard enough for some Americans to understand all the red tape that goes into things like this," Lambert said.

"Here was a Japanese girl, new in the States, and she didn't know where to turn."

Chief Lambert got the Navy into action and enlisted the aid of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in getting citizenship papers for Kuniko.

A few well-worded telegrams, a test in American history which Kuniko, aided by two years of college in Japan, passed easily, and the red tape was cut.

Special Section

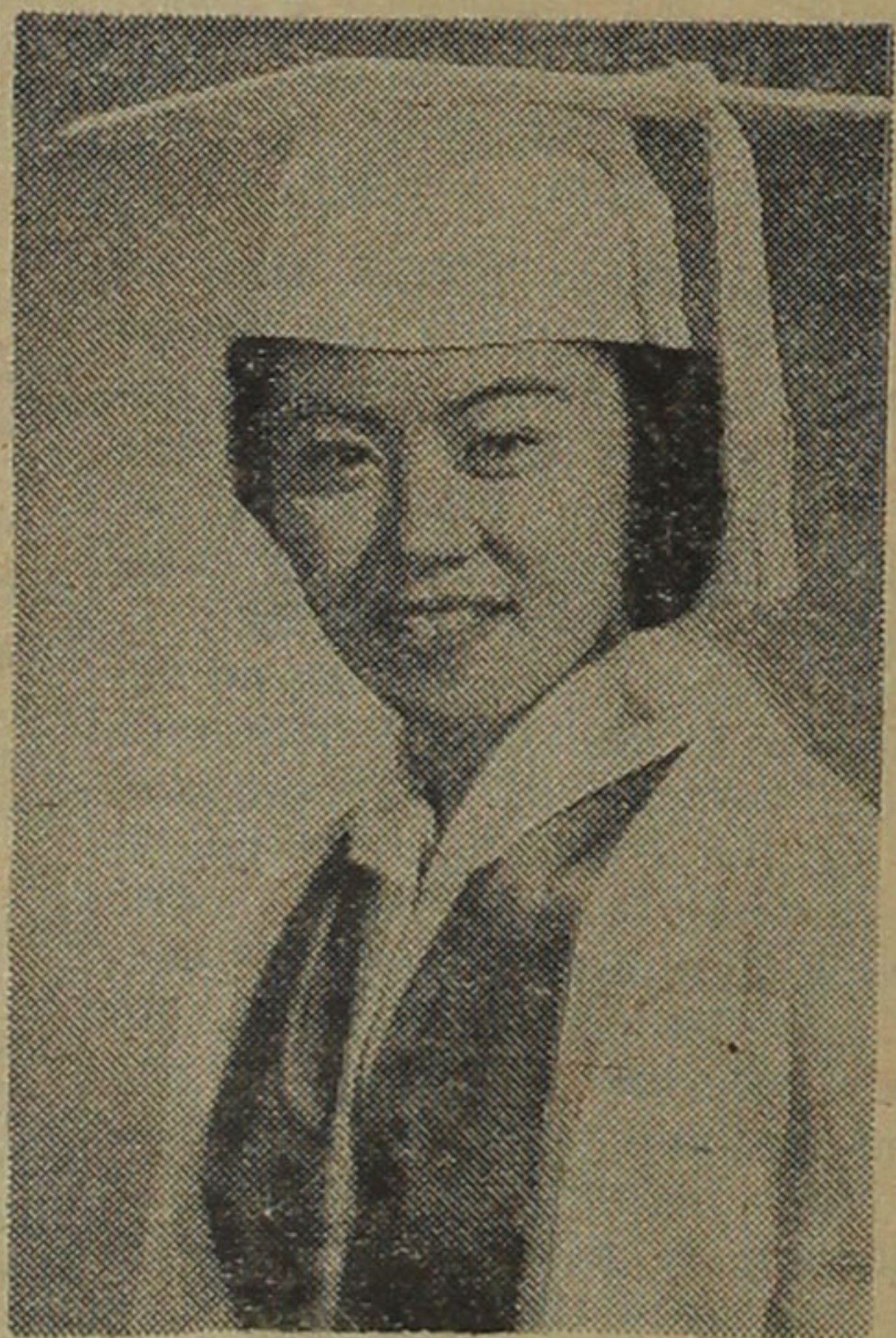
A special section of the citizenship law covering wives of servicemen permitted the waiver of the usual three-year waiting period, and within a few weeks Kuniko—now legally dubbed Kay, in keeping with her new nationality—took the solemn oath of loyalty to the United States of America.

DORE SCHARY TO ADDRESS VETERAN REUNION DINNER

Dore Schary, who produced MGM's "Go for Broke!", was announced as the speaker for the Nisei Veteran Reunion Sayonara Awards banquet to be held tonight at the Alexandria Hotel.

Currently engaged in producing "Lonely Hearts" here, Schary will be honored by the '58 Reunion for his contribution to better understanding among Americans through his production of "Go for Broke!" Marvin Segal will be dinner emcee.

Seabrook scholarship student named EDC speaker in Nat'l JACL oratoricals



PAULINE NAGAO
EDC Oratorical Winner

NEW YORK. — Pauline Nagao of Seabrook, N.J., will represent the Eastern District Council in the 1958 national JACL oratorical contest to be held in Salt Lake City, Aug. 23, it was announced by Akira Hayashi, EDC oratorical-essay contest committee chairman.

She is one of the twin daughters of Charles Nagao, EDC chairman, and is being sponsored by the Seabrook JACL as part of its youth activities.

Pauline, who was graduated from Bridgeton (N.J.) High School, with high scholastic honors, took active part in the

manner. What started as a project to sustain the Los Angeles JACL Office has blossomed into a goodwill gesture for the entire Southland to enjoy.

Public Speaking Club in school, serving as its vice president in her senior year. Her experience there has encouraged her to take part in this JACL Oratorical Contest.

Her extra curricular activities were varied and extensive. She served as the president of the National Honor Society, treasurer of the French Club, head cheer leader of the high school. She participated actively in the Student Council, choir, band and orchestra, athletics, too numerous to mention. Her classmates elected her as the "Student Most Likely to Succeed." She also received the 1958 Student Council Best Citizenship Award and the Danforth Award, given to the most outstanding student in leadership. She was a speaker at the commencement exercises.

As a member of the Deerfield Presbyterian Church, Pauline participates in various church activities and is a Sunday School teacher. Having been associated with the Girl Scout Troop for 11 years, she has become a valuable Junior Leader. She is still taking an active part as an assistant leader to the Bridgeton Mariner Troop.

She sings with the Cumbrin Singers of South Jersey, and is a member of the Elks band. In 1956 Pauline went to Cummington, Mass. on an eight week scholarship as a Counselor-in-Training for a Girls' Summer Camp on the Berkshire Trail. She is now serving as Camp Counselor for the Bridgeton YMCA Day Camp.

Pauline is planning to enter Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa., this fall as a pre-med student. She is the recipient of a \$1,600 scholarship.



Frances Sumida will represent the Pacific Northwest District Council at the forthcoming National JACL oratorical contest to be held Aug. 23 at Salt Lake City. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sumida, Portland; a member of the Portland JACL and a student at Oregon State College majoring in medical technology.

PNWDC selects Frances Sumida as oratorical entrant

PORTLAND. — Frances Sumida was designated to carry the colors of the Pacific Northwest District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League at the national JACL oratorical contest to be held at the 15th Biennial National Convention in Salt Lake City Aug. 22-25.

Frances, a candidate from the Portland chapter, was one of the recipients of the supplemental award made by National JACL to the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka scholarship award. She completed her freshman year at Oregon State College where she is majoring in medical technology.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sumida.

At the regular quarterly meeting held July 13 at G-T Hall hosted by the Gresham-Troutdale chapter, Mas Satow, national JACL director, devoted much time to the future of the JACL as concerning U.S.-Japan international relations. A spirited discussion period followed Satow's report.



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

VACATION NOTEBOOK—Roughly west of massive Grand Coulee Dam in Washington is a community with the unusual name of Moses Lake. It is best known these days for the Boeing Aircraft Company's field nearby where experimental work is being carried on. All about the town of Moses Lake itself is a vast expanse of farmland, the crops thriving in the hot semi-desert sun and watered by the snowmelt captured behind Grand Coulee.

A number of Nisei farmers have purchased land in the Moses Lake area, and from reports it seems that most of them have been doing mighty well. This is big farm country, with fields reaching to the horizon worked by heavy gasoline and diesel equipment.

What brings all this up is that Moses Lake was a name much in the news in Seattle's Nipponese community early in 1942 when the threat of evacuation was hanging heavily. I don't remember where Jimmie Sakamoto got the inspiration, but he came up with the idea of possibly shifting the entire community to Moses Lake, there to set up a model city in a voluntary evacuation movement.

As it turned out, nothing came of the idea. The government stepped in with a somewhat confused but much more extensive evacuation plan. Most Seattleites were shipped, willing or not, to undeveloped desert land on the Minidoka irrigation project in south-central Idaho. As we sped past Moses Lake toward Seattle on our recent vacation. We had occasion to wonder how things would have turned out if the community had laid claim to several tens of thousands of acres of that now valuable land.

MONOTONY—While driving through northern California, our 10-year-old Pete became quite excited by the prospect of his first glimpse of the giant Redwoods. He waited with admirable patience for the Redwoods to appear, but soon he became intolerably sleepy. Before leaning back to nap, he asked us to awaken him as soon as we reached the first grove.

In due time we reached a forest of Redwoods, awakened Pete, and he gazed at them in complete awe and enrapture. Presently, however, the novelty wore off. After we'd driven through our fifteenth or twentieth grove, Pete was paying no more attention to the Redwoods than he would to a forest of ponderosa pine in Colorado.

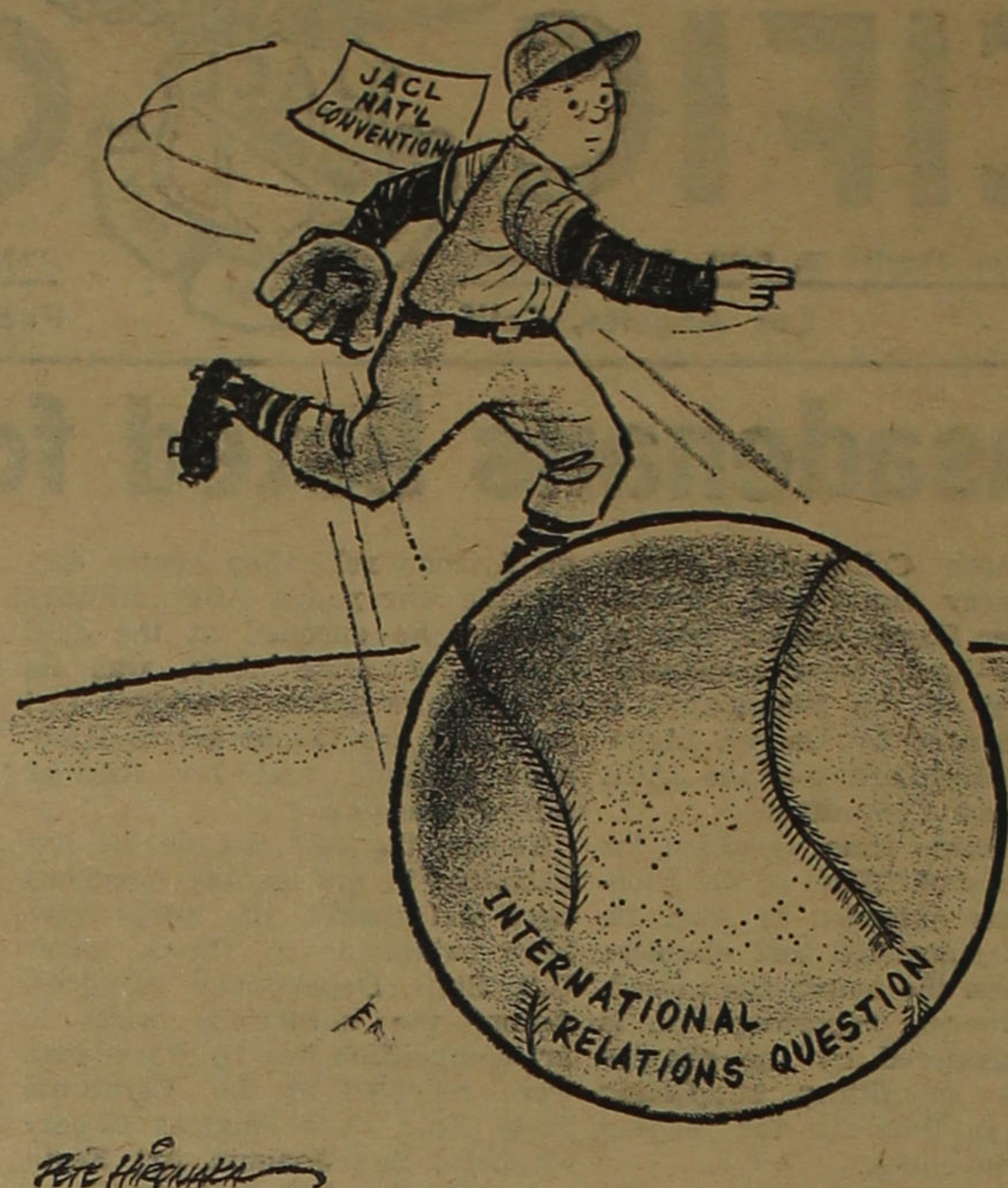
"It's like they say," he explained. "You see one, you've seen 'em all."

GALLUP REVISITED—On the next to last leg of the trip home, we drove into Gallup, the western New Mexico town made famous as the home of Sgt. Hershey Miyamura. Miyamura, you may recall, was captured by the Communists in the Korean war, and was notified on his repatriation in the summer of 1953 that he had been awarded the Medal of Honor.

There was no answer when we telephoned Miyamura's home. So we called the operator and asked where Hershey might be found. An obliging young lady, the operator suggested trying White's, a general merchandise and auto supply firm with branches over many parts of the West. Sure enough, Hershey was there, just getting ready to go home for lunch.

A little later we dropped by the Miyamura home in a pleasant development just east of town, renewed acquaintances with wife Terry, and met sons Mike and Pat for the first time. Miyamura has been working at White's ever since he came home, still hopes that some day he'll have the capital to own the drive-in restaurant that he and a buddy used to dream about during those dreary months in the Communist PW camp.

No one was more surprised at Hershey's boyish appearance than our Susan. Before we dropped in, Susan had been briefed that Miyamura was "the only living Nisei winner of the Medal of Honor," and somehow she had expected to see a wrinkled old man.



The Big Pitch



15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA
Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

Fishing Prospects Fine: Some of the most ardent fishermen in the Salt Lake JACL are serving on the fishing contest committee. Such trout experts as John Tomita, Isamu Watanuki, Norton Kanasaki, Roy Sera, Kayo Niwa, Al Ju, Tom Aoyama, Frank Endow and Frank Ujifusa are assisting chairman Henry Kasai. Now that a most successful campaign to finance the booklet has terminated, Henry accepted the new job scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. till noon at Silver Lake, situated near the Brighton Resort where the outing will be held.

Many merchants, forbidden by store policy to advertise in our booklet, have offered prizes for the fishing contest. The convention board is also offering a trophy for the biggest catch.

We are indebted to Henry and the Utah Fish & Game Commission for arrangement of their special promise to plant an extra load of Rainbows so that contestants will be assured their money's worth. Henry even went to the lake for a test of the 9-12 fishing hours last week and came home with the 10-limit in 45 minutes. . . . Only problem now is how to rise early enough Sunday after the Saturday Night social to be ready and cast away lakeside by 9 a.m. for it's a good hour ride into the Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Choristers Rehearse: As choristers began their rehearsal last Tuesday at the Japanese Christian Church, it was inspiring to see a Nisei group of all ages and rank in our community working together for a common cause of contributing their talent to the success of the convention. They will climax the Convention Banquet. Sue Kaneko, chairman, and being assisted by Elna Miya, introduced us to Richard Pixton, the choir director, and to Paul Griffin, both of Univ. of Utah music department.

'PIP' at Family Outing: To acquaint fellow picknickers with our Convention Rally personality,

"Pip", the annual JACL summer outing Sunday was called "Pip, Pip, Hooray". The gang really "pipped" it up, playing ping pong, volleyball, hiking and bingoing for prizes that Rae Fujimoto had "imported". The barbecued burger feast with all the trimmings fixed by the Auxiliary was topped with watermelon and burnt marshmallows — the children's delight. Colored movies ended the long "pipping" day of play for our families at Lindsey Garden.

This and That: Elbow deep in work each Wednesday are Mixer Committee members pitching papier mache for their decorations. . . . Wally Toma, local florist, is advising the Sayonara Ball committee on decoration planning. . . . James Dorsey (who claims no relationship to the famed orchestra leader) volunteered to record any part of the convention for us. It was decided to tape parts of the Opening Ceremony, oratorical contest and Convention Banquet. He is also offering assistance on any sound problems we might have. . . . Kay Nakashima, housing chairman, is getting gray hairs over the slow flow of housing reservations. . . . Our Philco hi-fi, pre-registration prize, is on display at Dawn Noodle—located in what we call "Japanese town". . . . Harry Ishimatsu, outstanding Nisei vocalist here, has consented to sing at the Opening Ceremonies. We've always thought highly of his voice and ability.

By the time you read this column, it'll be only 3 weeks till convention time—a fact that doesn't exactly tranquilize us. But we are eager to seeing all of you, so be sure your pre-registration and housing reservations are in by the Aug. 5 deadline. . . . As I try to beat the deadline for this week's column, I am writing in total darkness, feeling my way for the papers and still trying to see the movies being shown by Dorsey, Konishi and Terashima. I hope our publicity chairman who usually types out my draft makes sense out of the table cover on which I am jotting my thoughts, so that she won't call on me in

PC Letter Box

PROVES TO BE HEADACHE

Editor: . . . I would like to add a comment on Henry Kato's "By the Board" (see July 18 PC), because it is proving to be a headache here. Also, the amount mentioned for the ship's entertainment was \$1,000, not \$100 as printed.

Chapters from Hood River, Gresham-Troutdale and Portland helped out but the general chairman was (from) the local Nikkeijin Kai in cooperation with the Japanese Consulate, Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Japan Society of Oregon. In all, nine Japanese community clubs participated.

Club or individual participation is not compulsory, but the community setup here is rather unique and the Issei-Nisei relationship has been very good to date. Although the JACL here is not too strong, community reaction to the chapter has been very good and we have been able to accomplish a great many things. We were very sorry to see that little item in the PC . . .

KIMIE TAMBARA
Portland JACL.

(The problem presented is not entirely a new one for JACLers on the West Coast, which has seen a revival of visiting governmental and semi-official dignitaries from Japan in recent years. Whether being neighborly to Japanese merchant marine cadets is a breach of the JACL policy in international affairs is one that will require some clarification.—Editor.)

U.S.-JAPAN AFFAIRS

Editor: JACLers are now confronted with the issue of whether the JACL, as the accepted organized body for the interest of promoting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, should be involved in U.S.-Japan relations. This issue needs a great deal of study before concluding to a final decision.

JACL was primarily organized by our elder leaders as an organization promoting the welfare of all persons of Japanese ancestry in the U.S.A. It is a fraternal, civic and educational body. JACL is and always has been non-political and non-sectarian; non-political meaning not to get involved with political groups or issues. Some of these points were ably pointed out by Saburo Kido recently.

Unlike Other Ethnic Groups

JACL differs with other ethnical organizations in the United States because:

1. JACL was originally organized as a citizenship and educational group, interested in promoting the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry and in educating the American public that the Nisei stand for "better Americans in a greater America". Thus, the security of Nisei today is based upon JACL's unity of thought and action.

2. JACL was never organized to perpetuate the culture and heritage of Japan like many other American ethnical groups do, for the primary objective of JACL was to stress the loyalty of Japanese Americans during those critical years of 1920-1943.

3. JACL was not organized in the interest of any national group except for the Nisei in U.S.A.

Thus, if there is any misunderstanding by others about JACL, these facts must be pointed out since other ethnical groups do have some ties with and some interest in their ancestral background, politically or non-politically. Just because JACL happens to a Japanese American organization, there is a presupposition that JACL has some ties, interest with and knowledge of Japan.

Another point one must remember is that there are many hyphenated organizations in the U.S. JACL and Mike Masaoka have stressed we are not a "hyphenated" organization. "Japanese" is

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the wee hours to inquire what I had written.



Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

MGM Looking for Japanese Story

Encouraged because "Teahouse of the August Moon," partially filmed in Japan, is one of the company's biggest successes in recent years, MGM is looking into other Japanese story material. Although scores of Nisei were employed in "Teahouse," when incessant rainfall in the Kyoto area forced the location unit to return to MGM's home base in Culver City, Calif., prospects are limited in the two films with Japanese themes which Leo the Lion currently has in mind.

MGM has sent a topflight executive, Maurice Silverstein, to discuss co-production deals with Japanese movie companies on two possible pictures.

Silverstein hinted the other day that one of the pictures would deal with the situation of an American woman married to a Japanese diplomat. He indicated that, although all papers have not been signed as yet, MGM hopes to acquire the book on which the movie would be based. Silverstein didn't identify the book by title but it could very well be Gwen Terasaki's "Bridge to the Sun," published last year by the University of North Carolina Press. This was the true story of the interracial romance and marriage of a young girl from the mountain country of Tennessee and a young Japanese embassy official, Hidenari Terasaki. Gwen Terasaki's choice took her after Pearl Harbor to a Japan which was soon besieged by raiding American planes, and she told her story in the book which was condensed last fall in Reader's Digest.

Terasaki was a strong advocate of peace between his country and the United States and he tried dramatically to do something about it. It was Terasaki's suggestion which resulted in FDR's last-minute attempt to reach the Emperor of Japan with a personal message in the hours of crisis before Pearl Harbor. The facts are that the message never was delivered to the Japanese emperor. If it had, there is a possibility it may have helped avert a war. The dramatic possibilities latent in the book attracted Paramount's attention and the studio bought the book. There was even some speculation Yul Brynner would be asked to play Terasaki. But months have passed, and Paramount has announced no immediate plans to film "Bridge to the Sun." It is certainly possible that this real Japanese-American love story is the one which Metro has in mind.

MGM's other story possibility is the J. Malcolm Morris book, "The Wise Bamboo," which is about a man who ran the Imperial Hotel during the first years of the depression.

HAYAKAWA SIGNED FOR 'GREEN MANSIONS'

Speaking of Metro, Sessue Hayakawa has signed to portray an important role in one of MGM's biggest projects, "Green Mansions." The film, from W.H. Hudson's classic novel, will star Audrey Hepburn as Rima, the bird girl.

Hayakawa's part is that of a South American Indian chief. It won't be the first non-Oriental role in the actor's long career. As far back as 44 years ago, he played an American Indian in a film called "Pride of Race."

His role in "Green Mansions," which will co-star Anthony Perkins and Lee J. Cobb, may dim the possibility that Hayakawa may be able to do one of several scripts he has been offered in the legitimate theater. One, tailored to Hayakawa's taste, is a stage version of his part as the Japanese officer in "The Sea Is Boiling Hot." It is being adapted for theater under the title, "The Conqueror and the Enemy."

NISEI AUTHOR PREPARING SECOND NOVEL

Shelley Ota (Mrs. Lynn Wells of Milwaukee, Wis.) has taken the "Eta" problem for her second novel. The Etas were pariahs in Japan, doomed to a life of social ostracism and relegated to unpleasant. Some fled a life without a future and came to the United States and Hawaii. But prejudice followed them across the sea.

Mrs. Wells is still working on her book. Her first novel, "Upon Their Shoulders," was published in 1951 (Exposition Press). It concerned two generations of Hawaiians of Japanese ancestry and showed insight into the problems of Japanese American. Her novel was about a Japanese immigrant, Taro Sumida, and his children in a Hawaii developing from a plantation culture to its present state.

In Denver this past week on vacation, Mrs. Wells (Lynn, a Milwaukee JACL member, works for the Bell Telephone system) reflected on the vicissitudes of the book author. She cited a contradiction encountered by many another novelist. "I made more money on my lecture tour about the book, than I did on the book itself."

In addition, "Upon Their Shoulders" has been pirated by a Chinese publisher. So, though the book has enjoyed some circulation behind the bamboo curtain, the author is not the beneficiary. Mrs. Wells also has received protests from individuals in Hawaii who believe they were depicted in "Upon Their Shoulders," although the book was presented as a work of fiction. Despite all this, Mrs. Wells is looking forward to more novels.



Over 800 guests were served at the Seabrook JACL chow Mein Dinner which was held this spring in the Seabrook Community Hall. The stage in the background was used for the entertainment program of the evening while the dinner was served.
—Seabrook Farms Photo by Gene Nakata.

Chow mein attracts 1,000 for Seabrook JACL charities

(Too often, those closest to the scene are too busy with the chores of the day—especially when a 1,000 people come to dinner—to fully appreciate the lasting magnitude of the project. What it meant to one of the guests can be gained from one of the best perspectives we have seen that summarizes the successes enjoyed by the Seabrook JACL that annually sponsors a community chow-mein dinner in late March. The story appeared in the April 20 Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin—old but still of interest to many.—Ed.)

By FRANK TOUGHILL
From the Philadelphia Bulletin

A man looking for a good meal found one last week and also made a discovery that sounds unbelievable.

The search had taken him into Cumberland County, N.J., and it was there that he came upon a whole colony of vanishing Americans.

This was a community of 900 persons so fervently faithful to the traditional virtues as to seem curiosities out of antiquity.

Here were families whose parents without exception received the respect and obedience of their children as a matter of course. Here were children who, without exception, went to school to learn.

Here were honor and good living, duty and fun, discipline and civic responsibility, ambition, devotion to country.

Here were 900 Americans whom the rest of the nation 17 years ago tried to disinherit.

They were some of the 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who, following Pearl Harbor, were uprooted from their homes on the West Coast and dispersed among ten relocation centers in the desert country of California, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and the Arkansas delta.

Annual Affair

The man who was hungry discovered them and their story when he bought a newspaper in Bridgeton and read a story which said that the Japanese American Citizens League was giving its annual chow mein dinner at the Seabrook Community Hall from 4 o'clock that afternoon until 8 that evening.

The proceeds, the story said, would go to community projects.

Four Points

There were four things about this that interested the hungry man. First, food; second, he'd always thought chow mein a strictly Chinese dish; third, a four-hour dinner seemed like an awfully long dinner; and fourth, what community projects would Japanese-American citizens be supporting?

To find out, he went to the Seabrook Community Hall, which is on Bridgeton pike, four miles north of Bridgeton, and is part of the 19,000 acres which are Seabrook Farms, the largest food-growing and processing plant in

the world.

Came from Camps

It was the Seabrook chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League which was giving the dinner. The chapter is composed of Japanese Americans to whom Charles F. Seabrook, now chairman of the board, offered jobs in 1943-44. He posted bond for their release from the relocation camps, and eventually 2,500 came to the farms and were housed in a war housing project.

(Actually, no bonds were posted when evacuees were relocated in the East and Midwest during the war years.—Editor.)

With the end of the war, some returned to the West Coast. Some established themselves in the East in the businesses or professions for which they had been trained. The present total of 900 is one that is expected to remain pretty constant.

The community is no longer a geographic unit. Its members live in Bridgeton, Millville, Vineland or the surrounding countryside. They own their own homes and almost invariably have administrative or supervisory positions at the farms.

Executive Posts

Two of them have executive positions in the office of the farms' housing director. Dick Kunishima, who was a classmate of Vice President Nixon at Whittier College, in California, is an assistant manager of the department. Mrs. Ellen Nakamura, a college graduate in journalism, is its cashier and is also publicity director for the eastern district of the League.

She and Kunishima explained that it was the seventh annual dinner for the benefit of the community. Last year's profits of \$1,200 had been donated to Bridgeton Hospital.

Current Plans

This year's profits were expected to be about the same, and of them \$900 was to go to Elmer Hospital. The remaining \$300 was to be spent to buy 25 Japanese cherry trees for the grounds of Bridgeton Hospital and 25 for Bridgeton High School.

"We do this," Kunishima said, "out of gratitude to the people of this community who made it possible for our group to find homes and the comforts of America among them."

Mrs. Nakamura was one of a delegation sent from a western camp to investigate the invitation from Seabrook. She said she and her companions went into the countryside and towns and met people and came to the conclusion that in South Jersey, even in wartime, there was not the animosity toward Japanese Americans that had been so often experienced on the West Coast.

The delegation recommended that the invitation be accepted. Considerable skepticism remained, however, and some husbands did not bring their families to South Jersey until personally convinced that the advance delegation had

not been mistaken.

The dinner, Mrs. Nakamura explained, while it would be bounteous, would not take four hours to serve. Community Hall could seat only 200 diners at a time, and since many times that number were expected, the dinner would be served in shifts to accommodate all.

Chow mein, while popularly associated by Americans with the Chinese cuisine, is also part of the Japanese. But the Japanese dish does not look or taste the same as Chinese chow mein.

The hungry man bought a \$2 ticket for the dinner and then set out to learn more about the Japanese American community.

He found out from school authorities that its sons and daughters are invariably in the top part of their classes.

Throughout the 17 years of the community's existence, every one of the children has gone to high school and every one has graduated. Three-quarters go on to college.

Akira Sasaki, son of Mrs. Fujio Sasaki, is not only one of Bridgeton High's star basketball players but also president of the student council. His schoolmates call him Skeeter.

Pauline Nagao, a senior, is president of the high school's honor society.

'Pleasure and Inspiration'

"It is a great pleasure and inspiration to teach the Japanese American children," said a teacher. "They are so eager to learn, and they learn so well."

Their ambition and their performance have been a tremendous influence on the other children."

The parents take an active interest in community affairs. Kunishima, for instance, is an unofficial assistant coach of the high school football team, on which his son, Dick, Jr., is a halfback. The father not only looks like a football player but was one while attending Whittier.

Police of the surrounding communities and New Jersey state police know the Japanese Americans as a group that is unique. Ever since they came to the country, not a single one of them, children as well as adults, has been in police trouble.

Respect for Parents

It is an amazing record of sobriety and law observance. F. Alan Palmer, director of housing at the farms, was asked how this could be.

"To begin with," he said, "they are a good, clean-living people. Add to that the feeling of responsibility they have to Mr. Seabrook. He sponsored them. He made it possible for them to come here. They have a conviction that to do anything wrong would not only bring disgrace upon themselves but would dishonor their sponsor and disgrace him, too."

"As for the children and their immunity from even the small difficulties that other children

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The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

National Convention Agenda

San Francisco
In the hands of all chapters are copies of the complete agenda for the National Council sessions. Mailed this week to the chapter are details of the items to be considered in the various National Committee meetings. The interchange of correspondence between members of the Convention Board, National Board and Staff, National Committee Chairmen, and the chapters, in preparation for the Biennial is enough to make one wish there were a national preconvention to set up the Convention.

Kumeo Yoshinari, MCD Chairman, has graciously consented to give the Treasurer's report and chair the National Budget and Finance Committee in place of National Treasurer Aki Hayashi whose business commitments coincide with our National Convention dates. NC-WNDC Chairman Akiji Yoshimura has been appointed to head the Convention Resolutions Committee.

Additional Official Delegates have been designated by their respective chapters to participate in the National Council: Berkeley—Ko Ijichi, Chicago—Dr. Frank Sakamoto and Hiro Mayeda, (alternates) Joe Sagami and Earl Nakano; Cleveland—Joe Kadowaki and Masy Tashima; Dayton—Dr. Ruby Hirose, (alternate) Frank Sakada; Detroit—Charles Yata; Milwaukee—Sat Nakahira; Parlier—Sue Miyakawa, (alternate) Norman Miyakawa; Placer County—George Hirakawa; Pocatello—Novo Kato and Bill Yamauchi, (alternates) Masa Tsukamoto, Bobby Endow, and Ronnie Yokota; Portland—George Azumano; Puyallup Valley—Dr. John Handa; Sacramento — Tak Tsujita, (alternate) Dr. George Takahashi; San Diego—Moto Asakawa; Seattle—Tak Kubota and Toru Sakahara; Southwest Los Angeles—Sam Hirasawa and Kango Kunitzugu; Twin Cities—Tom Ohno, (alternate) Mas Teramoto.

Although the matter of JACL's relation to U.S.-Japan affairs has stirred up considerable preconvention interest and discussion, it is interesting to note the majority of delegates so far have designated their primary concerns in National Committee meetings other than Legislative-Legal where this subject will be thrashed out. Of recent dates we have sat in on discussions on the U.S.-Japan matter with Berkeley and Sacramento.

A number of chapters which have yet to turn in 1958 memberships are hereby reminded that a minimum of 25 members is a primary requisite for good standing and official seating in the National Council. This past week Delano, San Francisco, and Eden Township have brought to 34 the number of chapters exceeding their 1957 membership totals.

Most recent 1000 Club Life members are Ed Ennis, Legal Counsel to our Washington Office, and Dr. John Koyama, former prexy of the Gardena Valley Chapter.

CONVENTION LUNCHEON

Now that we have heard three of the oratorical finalists and met with several of the entrants competing in the NC-WNDC runoff slated for this weekend, we have no doubt but that the Saturday Convention luncheon, with the oratorical finals and the presentation of special National JACL awards, should be one of the real inspirational highlights of our 15th Biennial.

We note the current Saturday Evening Post features our main Convention speaker, Congressman Saund. Add to the list of dignitaries attending the Convention banquet, United States Assistant Attorney General George Doub and Enoch Ellison, Chief of the Japanese Claims Division of the Department of Justice. The Kennecott Copper Co. will give recognition to our Convention by presenting a copper gavel to National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa. This company operates the world's largest open copper mine at Bingham, just a few miles from Salt Lake. Many of the Issei worked at Bingham when they first went to Utah.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DC

We are indebted to the hospitality of Chairman Henry Kato in a quickie trip to Gresham to discuss various Convention issues with the Pacific Northwest chapters. We were amazed at the various busy community activities of the Portland Chapter under the leadership of President Kimi Tambara, and pleased with the terrific job being done by Seattle's Tak Kubota on voter registration - described in detail by Elmer Ogawa's PC column last week. Frances Sumida of Portland is the PNW representative to the National Oratorical. The Mid Columbia Chapter delegation of Noboru Hamada, George Nakamura and Sho Endow, Jr. thoughtfully brought along Hood River cherries for delegates to take home as "omiyage". Tom Take-mura of Puyallup Valley decided the Sunday traffic would be frustrating so rented a plane to make the meeting. Tom won the Nisei Air Race held in conjunction with our 1952 National Biennial. Jack Ouchida, Gresham-Troutdale president, is an expert pistol shot, good enough to serve as an instructor for the Portland Police Dept.

SPECIAL JACL ENVOY

Some of us were able to sit down with our special JACL envoy and world traveler, Mari Michener between her attending sessions of the convention of American Librarians. According to Mari, her usually sparkling, interesting and articulate

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Sequoia hosts NC-WN pre-confab

REDWOOD CITY. — Everthing is in readiness here for Sequoia JACL to host delegates to the third quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting this Sunday, according to meeting chairman John Enomoto. All sessions will be held at the Belmont Casino, located between San Mateo and Redwood City on the Old County Road.

Registration begins at noon with Midori Kanazawa and her crew set to register JACLers all afternoon until time for the evening banquet. Registration costs are \$5 for official delegates and \$4.50 for boosters, according to Hero Tsukushi in charge of finances. This meeting will be in the nature of a pre-National Convention rally, highlighted by the District Council runoff for the National JACL Oratorical Contest and a preview of the major business matters which are to be resolved by the delegates to the 15th Biennial National Convention in Salt Lake City Aug. 22-25.

NC-WNDC Bowling

As an added feature, the Sequoia Chapter is sponsoring a bowling tournament at the San Carlos Bowl Sunday morning. Bowling Chairman Dave Nakamura reports a goodly number of entries of local chapter members as well as a good representation from the other Northern California chapters.

There will be a discussion of the more important National Convention items with a determination of the NC-WNDC position on some of the matters at the business session from 1 to 3 p.m., according to District Council Chairman Akiji Yoshimura.

Floyd Kumagai is arranging for the coffee break following the business meeting and prior to the oratorical contest which begins at 3:30 p.m.

Eight Orators to Compete

Eight youth speakers representing five chapters will speak on "What JACL Means to Japanese American Youth" to determine

Shift bazaar date to August evening

FRENCH CAMP. — Originally held in November each year, the French Camp JACL has scheduled its annual bazaar for Saturday, Aug. 9, at the local Community Hall. The summer evening, it was explained, allows for considerable expansion of its carnival facilities.

Hiroshi Shinmoto and Ben Hatanaka, co-chairmen, will be assisted by:

Tom Natsuhara, fin.; Michie Fujiiki, corr.; John Fujiiki, tickets; George Komure, Fumio Nishida, Kiyoshi Hayashi, Mats Murata, grounds and construction; Fumio Kanemoto, Harry Ota, George Matsuoka, Bob Takahashi, Joe Takeshita, George Shimasaki, Mitchei Egusa, Alice Nishida, Henry Nii, Teruo Tanaka, Tosh Hotta, Kaz Masuda, Yutaka Ito, Yone Hisatomi, Art Eto, Pete Takahashi, Tamako Yagi, booths; Tom Itaya, food; Lawrence Nakano, Kahn Yamasaki, drinks; Kathryn Komure, Alice Shinmoto, hot dogs; Eugene Nishizaki, Mitsuko Hatanaka, pronto pups; Jane Matsuoka, Fumiye Higashiyama, corn; Lydia Ota, Terry Hotta, cakes; Ayako Tsugawa, Yo Maseba, tacos; Roy Yonemoto, Masao Takahashi, raspadas; Tomiko Shimasaki, Mitsuyo Hamamoto, sushi; Isono Hayashi, Shizue Hotta, udon; Kamu Shimasaki, Tama Nojiri, ohagi.

Assistance is also slated from Nisei living in nearby communities of Tracy, Manteca, Lathrop, Union Island and Stockton.

'Go for Broke' slated for special JACL re-run

SAN JOSE. — A special showing of "Go For Broke" will be sponsored by the San Jose JACL this Sunday, Aug. 3, 8 p.m., at Okida Hall. Only one screening of the film portraying the exploits of the gallant 442nd RCT has been scheduled.

The chapter has also planned its annual barbecue, which will be held Friday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m., at the newly renovated Alpine Park. Betty Ichishita will be chairman.

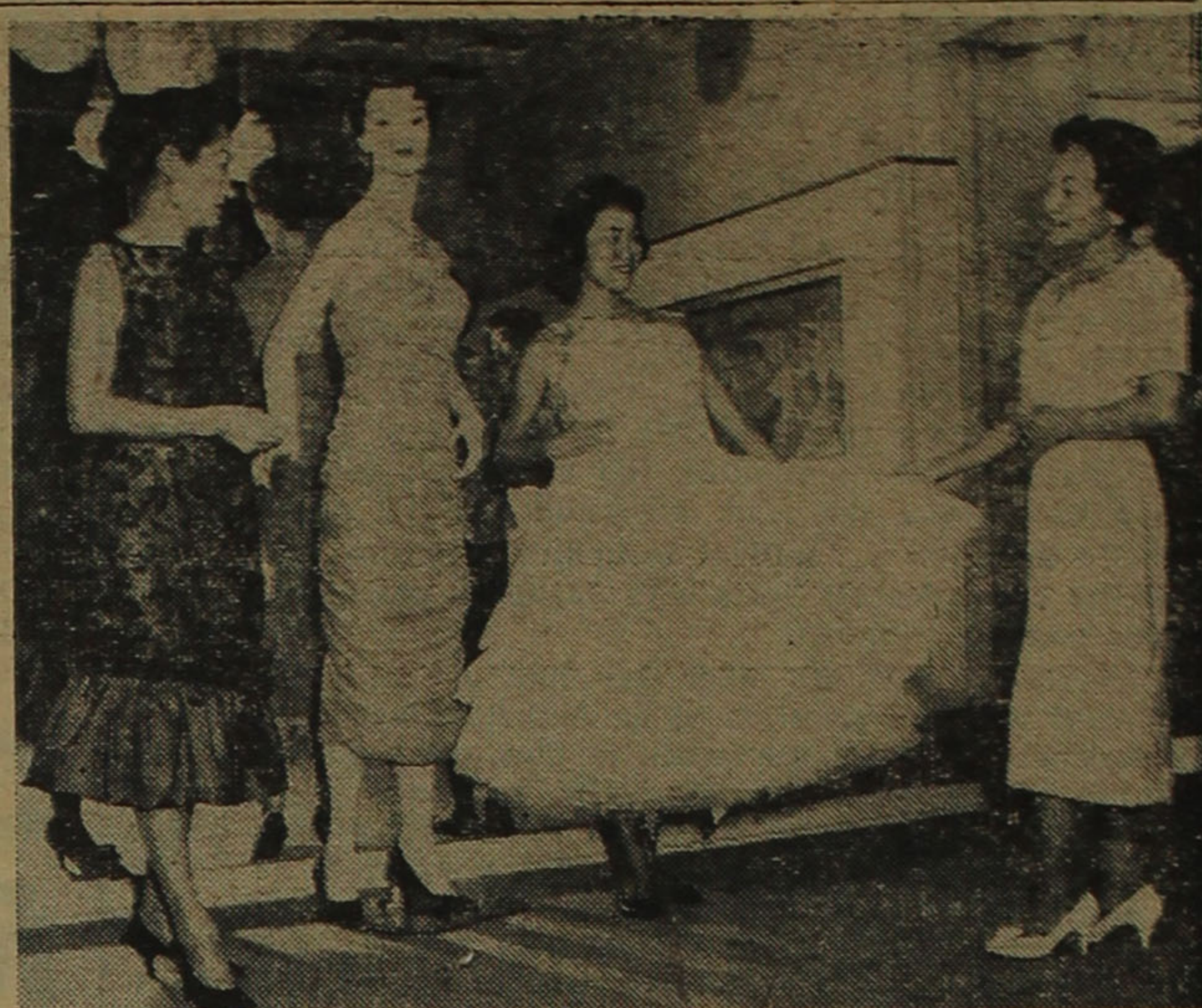
There will be swimming, ping-pong and dancing. Reservations for the chicken barbecue are being handled by Dollie Kawanami, CY 7-3707.

Alpine Park is a mile south of the Hawaiian Garden on Almaden Rd. and left on Canoas.

the NC-WN finalist to the National JACL Oratorical Contest which is being held as part of the National Convention in Salt Lake. The District winner will have all expenses paid to the JACL National Con-

vention, receive a DC trophy and a \$100 government bond. A \$50 government bond goes to the second place winner and \$25 to third place.

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Mrs. Mickey Yano (far right), president of the Salt Lake City JACL Women's Auxiliary, ponders the question as she shops for a gown for the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention Sayonara Ball. Toshi Odow (far left), chairman of the Outing Committee, models a chemise gown of black lace over a strapless beige sheath. The mannekin from Miriams, exclusive dress shop here, shows a bright blue chiffon draped sheath. Alice Sekino, co-chairman of the Informal Youth Dinner, holds a pale pink strapless gown with a bouffant skirt made up in tiers. Any of the gowns would be most suitable for the festive final night social of the convention.

—Ben Terashima Photo

To Chemise or Not to Chemise

SALT LAKE CITY. — The gala Sayonara Ball is in the good hands of Shiz Sakai and her committee, Rupert Hachiya, chairman of the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention commented this week in approving the plans for the traditional closing of the JACL Conventions.

Mrs. Sakai announced that the committee was fortunate in obtaining the 15-piece orchestra of Mel Hall, the leading orchestra in Salt Lake City, to provide a variety of music for the evening including Latin numbers. Hall appears at the leading ballrooms here and is always called upon to accompany big name singers when they make a personal appearance.

The Sayonara Ball is scheduled immediately after the National Recognitions Banquet on Monday, Aug. 25, from 9 p.m. in the new and spacious Motel Utah Auditorium.

The 15th Biennial Convention Committee is extending an invitation to all attending to visit their Hospitality Room during the Ball.

Those wishing to attend the Ball will find it to their financial ad-

vantage to attend both the Recognitions Dinner and the Sayonara Ball and also to purchase their tickets beforehand to save a dollar in admission, Mrs. Sakai noted.

Committee members serving under Mrs. Sakai are Taka Kida, Tosh Iwasaki, Mike Aoki, Mickey Yano, Hatsu Masuda, Midori Watanuki, Hermie Hachiya, and Rae Fujimoto.

Date Bureau Available

An informal date bureau service will be available, it was announced.

The festive gathering will be semi-formal with men in dark suits. For women, after five dresses, short or floor length formals, and dinner gowns would be most appropriate.

The Sayonara Ball has been held with every JACL Convention since the first Biennial in Seattle in 1930 with the exceptions of the wartime emergency meetings of the National Council.

"The 15th Biennial Sayonara Ball Committee is doing their utmost to see that this distinctive social gathering will be a festivity worthy of the many past Balls," Hachiya concluded.

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VERY TRULY YOURS

By Harry K. Honda

Menace of Communism

WHAT GEN. MARK CLARK says of the "menace of communism" and then his plea to keep America strong made a more lasting impression than the bright lights, beautiful legs and booming laughs that followed at the Moulin Rouge last Sunday . . . One is tempted to suggest here that a military man (he is now president of The Citadel, the military college of South Carolina) would be expected to say what he did—but here is a man who sat at conference tables too many times with Russian leaders to realize that they never keep a pledge . . . When U.S. foreign policy today is bent on containing the Soviet menace, Gen. Clark's keynote address before the 1958 Nisei Veterans Reunion may well serve as a stepping stone for JACLers who meet soon to decide on whether JACL policy on international relations should take cognizance of this threat to world peace.

Touching upon the current Middle East crisis, the wartime Fifth Army commander was in complete support of President Eisenhower's decision to land troops in Lebanon. "We must stop this nibbling of the free part of the world one by one," he declared, adding that presence of U.S. troops in the Near East did just that . . . "Don't sell America short! Our Strategic Air Command is the greatest deterrent to war and the Russians know that," a jam-packed audience was told . . . He also held little hope of success of a summit conference to quiet the Middle East issue. Only way for such a meeting to succeed, Gen. Mark Clark now believes, is to devise a new way of making the Communists live up to the promises. "They've signed pledges and treaties in the past but break them when it is their advantage . . . Honesty is not a part of Communist policy".

GEN. CLARK'S CONVICTION of the present "Red menace" stems from his experiences in the past, trying to get along with the Communists but in vain and citing Potsdam, Vienna, Moscow, Panmunjom—some of the sites of the various conferences after World War II that doled parts of the free world to the Iron rule of the Kremlin . . . This threat of communism was even uncovered during the Italian campaign when the Nisei 442nd GIs had liberated towns and cities and the Russian "military" mission then attached to the Fifth Army quietly moved in and began organizing Red cells. Gen. Clark did not know at the time a political commissar (Andrei Vishinsky) was to be a part of the "military" mission . . . And then in Vienna, when he served on the Inter-Allied Command to make Austria a democratic nation, Gen. Clark charged that the Reds murdered, stole, raped and lied in spite of treaty provisions. He also recalled a last-minute dinner invitation from Marshal Stalin in Moscow. The U.S. mission was unsuccessful and the members were not particularly anxious to attend, but they did. Again, there were the rounds of hollow toasts to U.S.-Russian friendship . . . Gen. Clark, who had become accustomed to the kinds of vodka toasting practiced by the Communists in Vienna, during the course of the dinner asked through an interpreter the drinks be served out of the same bottle. The toasts stopped. Gen. Clark knew the Russians were only drinking water . . . His most maddening experience with the Reds came the day he arrived in Tokyo to assume command of U.N. forces in the Far East. A prison riot had broken out on the island of Kojido. The American commander was even captured, but Gen. Clark told how front-line troops were called to regain control. Later, intelligence found Red cells organized among prisoners who were getting orders directly from Panmunjom to show up the Americans.

THE REDS EXPECT and respect force, Gen. Clark said, and when they see weaknesses appear, they exploit it fully as it had done in the past 10 years . . . The Korean war was a good example. "We were not permitted to win this war," we heard him say. "Had we used the naval and air power on Manchuria, where the Communists had stored vast quantities of military supplies to wage the war in Korea, all of Korea may be free today . . . Gen. MacArthur was 100 per cent right in wanting to attack the enemy across the Yalu" . . . While the serious tone of his address seemed incongruous in a glamorous setting of a theater-restaurant, Gen. Clark's appearance was a "must" date he had kept for two years after being invited by the Nisei Veterans Reunion steering committee. He wanted to tell the world how courageous the Nisei men of the 442nd were . . . He also long felt that if the time comes again where he might play another part in containing the "Red menace" he was willing—and said so publicly for the first time Sunday night. And a fitting tribute it was to the Nisei veterans holding its second reunion here this week when he wanted them to know that if he's recalled to active duty, he would want to command men like the 442nd because he would feel secure by them . . . Gen. Clark came to utter his admiration and gratefulness of the Nisei fighting men, to acknowledge their Americanism and to offer a challenge to help the youth of today to appreciate the spiritual values of America.

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Urge chapters give delegates free hand on voting of JACL's U.S.-Japan policy

Opinions on the major JACL issue of the day—its attitude on U.S.-Japan affairs—have been expressed orally for a long time. Only a few have made print. Roy Yoshida, a contributing columnist for the Hokubei Mainichi of San Francisco, last week rendered his views, which PC readers will find of interest. Yoshida is one of the charter members of the Placer County JACL, organized in 1928.—Ed.

By ROY YOSHIDA

San Francisco

"Accordingly, as an organization, JACL will refrain from participating or intervening in any matters relating to the international relations of this government, including those with Japan, except and unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States is directly involved, when such representation shall be through appropriate channels."

Above is the concise, tightly-worded paragraph contained in the JACL policy statement regarding international relations which was adopted at the 1954 national convention in Los Angeles. It is the cause of a red-hot controversy that is now raging within JACL because there are those who believe this policy should be made less restrictive and, therefore, more adaptable to the times.

The question is not one alone of JACL participating in the U.S.-Japan relations. It is also one of JACL's willingness and ability to contribute something towards the maintenance and furtherance of friendly relations between the two countries.

Of General Concern

This latter is of great concern to all Nisei. This is one issue no Nisei can shrug off unconcernedly by saying he is not a JACL member.

Many of us hold a misconception that JACL and non-members are separate entities. Hardly, for what is good or bad for JACL is likewise good or bad for all Nisei. As JACL goes so go the Nisei. Being in or out of JACL has no safety factor — we all have our eggs in the same basket.

No doubt much of our present difficulty rests in not knowing enough about the case. We have the box-score but not the how or why of it.

Extremists on one side say jump off the deep end, we're old enough to swim. The other side says don't go near the water; don't even

bother to "hang your clothes on the hickory limb." Then along come the moderates who say let's start from the shallow end and wade around a bit, a little water won't hurt us.

Two-Sided Proposal

To further confound us, our Washington office in the person of Mike Masaoka says we on the West Coast aren't aware of what's going on in the nation's capital. That we don't realize the need for more liberal policy to meet current problems.

But then some of our respected JACL leaders out here like Saburo Kido tell us those on the scene can't see the trees because of the forest. That they are being carried away by a sudden influx of questions on Japan. Let's not be too hasty, we're advised.

Washington office says we're dragging our feet; we're being shortsighted and we're without any directional approach to vital matters concerning Nisei. To this, West Coast elders say we're being pushed too fast, too far and in the wrong direction.

We knew our leaders are sincere, dedicated JACLers. But we're still standing at the crossroads.

Serious Threat

Out of all this comes a very serious threat to JACL's future well being. Namely, a split in JACL leadership. Differences of opinion are sometimes good for an organization and they can be resolved. But a split may lead to a long-lasting serious consequence.

Therefore, it is doubly important that all official delegates to the coming national convention in Salt Lake City make every effort to resolve the issue amicably. And the local chapters should not hogtie their representatives with an unbending "yes" or "no" instruction to risk crippling our national organization. They should be given certain discretionary power to act in the interest of greatest good for the greatest number.

'Canyon party' for JACL convention delegates promises full day of fun

SALT LAKE CITY. — A day spent at the beautiful Brighton mountain resort, in Big Cottonwood Canyon, concluding with a buffet dinner and dance at the Old Mill Club at the foot of the canyon, will fill the program for Sunday, Aug. 24 for delegates to the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention. Rupert Hachiya, convention chairman said today.

Toshi Odow, chairman of the Outing, commented that this type of picnic is call a "Canyon Party" in local jargon. Although the Outing is scheduled to begin from 12 noon, fishing fanatics will be at the spot from 9 a.m. for a fishing derby. The Bridge Tournament will be held in the Brighton ski lodge from 1 p.m. For artists and would-be artists there will be an opportunity to try their hand at some of Utah's most spectacular scenery at the Artists Retreat.

Conventioneers will be invited to participate in the various games, concessions at this 8,000 foot level resort. For those who

would like to go even higher, the ski lift will be in operation. Lunch will be served from 12 noon to 2 p.m. The United States Forest Service is cooperating with the convention board to stage a successful outing among the pines, streams, lakes and mountains of this noted resort.

At 6 p.m. a caravan of buses and cars will leave the resort site for a ride down the canyon road to the Old Mill Club where the Mt. Olympus chapter will host the Outing Dinner and Dance. The dinner will be served smorgasbord style. Theme of the dinner dance is "Double F" — fun and feasting.

Dance Band Named

Afton Pitt and his 7-piece orchestra with vocalist will play after dinner for dancing in a rustic setting. Several novelty numbers are being planned, but most of the evening the band will play their ballroom variety music. Prizes for the Golf Tournament, Bridge Tournament and Fishing Derby will be awarded during the evening.

The Outing Dinner and Dance is in charge of the Mt. Olympus chapter cabinet headed by president Louis Nakagawa. Others are Ted Isaki, Joe Sueoka, Lillian Sueoka, Ken Tamura, Mary Sugaya, Dot Mukai, Kimi Kojima, Min Matsumori, Shoji Sugaya, Tomi Tamura, Yo Nodzu, Jim Ushio, and Shigeki Ushio.

Conventioneers are warned to bring along warm wraps to ward off the chilly breezes of the evening.

East L.A. to keep busy in August despite normal lull

Summer hiatus of East Los Angeles JACL activities because of the Salt Lake convention is being ignored with a joint luau with Long Beach-Harbor District Chapter and a deep sea fishing derby planned this month.

Surprise entertainment featuring chapter talent is being arranged for the Aug. 16 luau at Kono Hawaii in Anaheim, promises luau chairman Frank Okamoto.

Sam Furuta and Fred Kubota, co-chairmen of the chapter fishing derby, disclosed the luxury boat "Island Clipper" skippered by Frank Manaka has been chartered for Sunday, Aug. 31. Trip will be limited to the first 20 passengers with departure scheduled from the 7th St. Landing in Long Beach.

Nisei Week Queen Hopeful

The chapter is also rooting for its candidate, Miki Tsuboi, who is vying for "Miss Nisei Week" tomorrow night at the Nisei Week Coronation Ball to be held at the swanky International Room of the Beverly Hilton hotel. A booth at the Nisei Week carnival will be managed by Henry Onodera and Tom Horiuchi, co-chairmen.

As for the general meeting last week, it was one of the best attended with 55 present to hear Dr. Roy Nishikawa discuss U.S.-Japan relations. "PC with Membership" was defeated by a close vote, it was announced by Roy Yamadera, chapter president. Decision on U.S.-Japan relations was pending for board consideration this week.

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15TH BIENNIAL GOLF TOURNEY SITES DESCRIBED

SALT LAKE CITY. — Golfers entering the 15th Biennial National Convention Golf Tournament will have a chance to show their varied skills over two golf courses selected for the 36-hole tourney. Tourney chairman Jeri Tsuyuki commented as he described the Meadowbrook and Bonneville courses where the contest will be held on Saturday, Aug. 23 and Sunday, Aug. 24.

"The Meadowbrook golf course is comparatively flat and a long drive golfer will have an advantage, but Bonneville is hilly and risky made for the golfer who can place his shots well," Tsuyuki said. "Dick Kramer, golf pro at the Bonneville course, and Mickey Riley of the Meadowbrook have promised that both fairways and greens will be in tip-top condition for the tournament."

Aug. 5 Deadline

Tsuyuki emphasized that the deadline on applications for the golf tournament is Aug. 5. Applications blanks are now available through the JACL chapter presidents, the JACL Offices, convention registration chairman Maurea Terashima, and golf chairman Jeri Tsuyuki. The green fees of \$5.50 and the required convention registration of \$2.50 is payable with the application.

Also required on the application form is a certified handicap standing signed by the applicant's club secretary or club professional. This certification will be a protection to all golfers in the tournament, committee member Kay Terashima in charge of handicaps said.

Dr. Jun Kurumada who is handling awards, announced plenty of prizes in the form of trophies will be given to contestants in each flight. In addition to the awards in each flight for 36 holes, there will also be awards in each flight for Saturday's 18 holes and Sunday's 18 holes figured on net scores. There will be a grand trophy for the low gross for the 36 holes plus low gross in each flight. The JACL 1000 Club donates a special trophy for the 1000 Club member with the best low net score of the tourney.

Tee off time for both days will be 6 a.m. Special consideration on times will be given to official delegates who must attend the National Council Sessions, Tsuyuki said. He added that 60 or 75 golfers are expected to participate.

"A special event for women golfers can be placed on the program if the girls are interested," said Tsuyuki. If they would like a women's golf tournament of nine holes per day, Tsuyuki asked that they contact him in care of National Convention Headquarters at 411 Beason Building, Salt Lake City 11.

Young golfer wins

HILLO. — Roy Sugawa, 17, of Honolulu won the Territorial Jaycee's Jr. Golf tournament here to win a Mainland trip to compete in the national finals at Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 18-23. Sugawa scored 76-76—152.

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an adjective modifying the proper noun "American".

Not So Powerful

As an ethnical group, JACL is less powerful than many other such groups since the U.S. population of Japanese is comparatively low. On this basis alone, it is evident that the voting power of the Nisei is just a drop in the bucket, compared with groups representing people from Europe or Africa. It would be safe to say that this is the primary reason why interest in Asia has been long ignored for many years, just as much as with Latin America.

Practical politics in pleasing the majority is much more conducive to any political aspirant rather than lose their support by standing up for a minority. Many Nisei should be aware of this for it can be applied to explain the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, to Hawaiian statehood and to the return of vested Japanese property.

The problem of U.S.-Japan relations should be a matter for individuals rather than the organization. For when the organization speaks, the spokesman would represent the majority, not the minority view. But as individuals, the Nisei can speak out without fear to his representative in Congress. This is in line with freedom of speech, the very essence of democracy as stated in the Bill of Rights. The Nisei should not be complacent to write or give their views on the issues of the day, be they on U.S.-Japan affairs or some domestic problem. If more Nisei gave their views openly to their congressmen and senators, many may not have to inquire Mike Masaoka.

Because many Nisei are not familiar with things Japanese to give an honest view on U. S.-Japan problems, it is up to them to obtain information through various available media. More so, one can communicate with students here from Japan. Learning does not come to you; one must get it. And true Americanism is not to have others speak for you.

Writing to Congressmen

Should JACL liberalize the policy on international relations, the Nisei must correspond more than ever to their congressmen since the views of JACL as an organization would be of the majority. The minority view may not be presented. Once we get involved, the thinking of the majority, as well as the minority will change from time to time . . .

If the future security of Ameri-

City 11.

Others on the golf committee are Bill Mizuno in charge of (USGA) rules and Ken Takeno and Fumio Kasai, scores.

Imai wins Great Salt Lake swimfest in record time

SALT LAKE CITY. — Toshio Imai, Tooele High's 17-year-old swimming flash, swam across the the Great Salt Lake (from Antelope Island to Saltair) last week in almost fantastic time of 1h. 45m.23s., bettering the old record of 2h. 9m.56s.

Imai recently accepted a scholarship to Michigan State University. The 5 mile, 500 yd event is sanctioned by the Intermountain AAU as part of the Days of '47 celebration.

BUDDHIST SUMMER SEMINAR SET FOR ASILOMAR AUG. 8-10
FRESNO. — The annual Buddhist Churches of America summer seminar will be held at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, Aug. 8-10, according to the Rev. Hogen Fujimoto, chairman. Among the highlights will be the showing of the movie, "Gautama, the Buddha".

cans of Japanese ancestry depends upon better relationships between U.S. and Japan, then the Nisei must learn the traditions and cultures of Japan and teach their children. One must remember that the Issei taught us the importance of conservatism, patience, diligence, loyalty and sincerity as well as the traditions and cultures of Japan. Many Nisei have frowned on such things, since they believe they should act as Americans do. We must retain the Japanese heritage for this can be our contribution to American society. The loss of such a heritage for our children will destroy our distinction of being able to contribute to America's heritage, for this is based primarily upon the accumulation of the best of various cultures imported from abroad. It seems the American public does not want us to throw off our heritage; thus, the Nisei face a greater responsibility.

How Liberal Is Question

Conservatism cannot last long for the progress of any group depends upon liberalization. The chief question is how liberal the group wants to be, for over-liberalization may destroy the distinctiveness of the group. This is a JACL decision for the members.

Personally, I believe there should be a Committee for Understanding Asiatic Nations. If JACL is to adopt a policy of cementing U.S.-Japan relations, the committee can be composed of many able friends of the Nisei, familiar with Nisei and feeling of the general membership with this particular problem. The committee should not be composed of those with business interests in Japan or Asia. The committee should be approved by the national organization.

Such a group represents compromise thinking for I would prefer to have such a committee, like the ADC where membership wasn't restricted to JACLers. Chief reason here is that JACL should be JACL. Thus, the separate committee can promote U.S.-Asia friendship with mutual understanding.

There is also added danger whenever policies of Asiatic nations change wherein the Nisei has no control. Such policies change whenever a new premier and legislature are picked.

DR. JOSEPH D. SASAKI

Ann Arbor, Mich.

(Dr. Sasaki, active in Fresno JACL before evacuation, is a 1000er of Detroit JACL. He served on the Washtenaw County board of supervisors for three years representing Ann Arbor, but resigned this year when he changed his residence.—Ed.)

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Margaret Itami, Miss 1958 JACL who will preside at the Salt Lake City convention Aug. 22-25, was a surprise visitor to Seattle the past weekend. One evening of the visit was devoted to an informal sukiyaki party at Bush Gardens as shown in this picture. From left are Toru Sakahara, Takeshi Kubota (chapter pres.), Tom S. Iwata, Miss Itami, Frank Hattori and Howard Sakura. Sakahara and Sakura are past chapter presidents. Sakahara is nominated for national 2nd vice president this year.—Ogawa Photo.



THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

NEVER ENDING THRILL: A QUEEN

Seattle

It is a never ending thrill to zero in the camera lens on a new queen. The battered old Graphic and your scrivener have cultivated a special method of communication and understanding, and by concurrent assent, resolve that 18 year old Margaret Itami, Queen of the coming Salt Lake City Convention, is the most.

Miss Itami popped into town late last week. One purpose, without a doubt, to ballyhoo the biennial convention at Salt Lake City. Another, to do some shopping; the Queen is a fashion plate; and designs some herself, too. She saw the sights, visited with Mayor Gordon S. Clinton, and met with Citizen League members and their wives at parties like the one pictured.

As PC readers gather from earlier issues, Margaret is a talented ballet danseuse. Fact is, as we learn just now, she teaches ballet, and has her own dance class.

Such poise and polish, and accomplishment in the arts at an early age—actually not yet 18, as a matter of fact—just couple of weeks to go. There's no fudging on the age of THIS queen, because out here in Seattle we KNOW what a youngster she is despite a sophistication and presence that seems beyond her years.

Margaret Itami was born in Seattle right across the street from the Blaine Memorial (Japanese) Methodist Church. So now a lot of us would like to claim as a Seattleite this talented queen who hails from Ontario, Oregon. In moving to Ontario, with the infant Margaret, the family beat the evacuation by a whisker.

Margaret's father, Tom Itami, is well-known around here as the only son of the Itami family which had a farm near Woodinville, which is in the north Lake Washington area. Mrs. Itami, the former Mary Kanetomi, is from another well known family of agriculturalists who had their interests in the South Park area; the other end of town, so to speak, if you want to extend our present expanded municipal boundaries a few miles.

Former Chapter president, Howard Sakura, pictured in the group, is the Queen's uncle. Mrs. Sakura and Mrs. Itami are sisters.

So the whole visit of the 1958 queen is (she's still in town at the moment) just like an old time family reunion. Other Kanetomis, besides Mrs. Sakura, are still around, and hosting the visit. Besides all the oldtime JACLers who knew the Itami and Kanetomi families so well—they're all mighty proud of Seattle's Sansei daughter.

NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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self, the people of Asia are so wrapped up in their own problems of day to day living that a Japanese American is not a curiosity, but just another American.

ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP

We were among the interested visitors at the open house of the West Coast Encampment for Citizenship which is now winding up its six-week session at the International House in Berkeley. Judy Aoyama of Reno is our representative to this, and Rey Maeno of Los Angeles is another outstanding Sansei participant. We hope to have Judy record her impressions of this very worthy experience in democracy in a future issue of the PC.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

CORONATION BALL

The 18th annual Nisei Week Festival gets under way tomorrow night with the coronation ball at the Beverly Hilton.

This has been a very busy week for various veterans groups which have successfully hosted the Nisei Veterans Reunion. There will be no letdown, however, for the members of the Nisei Memorial Post 9938, Veterans of Foreign Wars, since they will be supervising the ball and later next week the two-day carnival, Aug. 9-10.

The fact that the annual Nisei Week activities has been receiving national coverage is well attested by one ex-serviceman who is from Iowa, here for the Reunion. He said radio monitors in Des Moines "pick up" news from the west coast and give a rundown on what is happening in Li'l Tokio on their local broadcasts.

This year's Nisei Week Festival was advanced in dates to give the out-of-town veterans a chance to witness the many events, from flower arrangements to ondo parade, from baby show to tennis tournaments.

For the oldsters there will be the traditional Pioneer Night. There will be a longer list of honorees again since, as one official put it, "if we honor them a couple at a time, we'd be losing most of them before another year rolls around."

For the ladies of all ages, a fashion show on Aug. 7 can be an inducement. On the same night, Wrigley Field has been obtained for a Nisei baseball game, courtesy Walter O'Malley, boss of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Keglers will find themselves at the new, spic and span Holiday Bowl for a six-day tournament, while experts in kendo and judo will reign in several days of competition as will the golfers.

Meantime the streets of Li'l Tokio are decked in gay colors of the holiday. Some 20 huge banners have gone up at intersections and more than 1,500 Japanese lanterns line the fronts of every store whose contribution make possible the sponsoring of the nine-day show.

ABOUT THE MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT

We may be asking too much of any girl 18, 19 or 20 to speak fluently before 5,000 goggled-eyed beauty spectators plus millions of others on television but we hope that next year Japan will send a "representative" candidate to the Long Beach "Miss Universe" pageant, if such is possible. The consensus was that "Miss Japan" this time was unable to even speak fluent Japanese, without stumbling over words. As we've said, maybe we're asking too much, but the contestant in Tomoko Moritake, from Fukuoka, certainly was far from being expressive. Most of the Issei and Nisei television viewers "froze with fright" everytime she forgot her lines.

One thing however in her favor was that she was quite attractive, rather tall for an Oriental and charming in her quaint little ways. She did win the "Friendship Trophy," a feat none of the other Nipponese contestants were able to do.

One parting shot at the Miss Japan competition setup as seen from a not-too-interested observer is that henceforth, a candidate departing from Tokyo should be able to master simple English like "thank you," "good day, or morning," or "good night" without getting all flustered to forget her native tongue.

You just can't swell with pride when other beauty aspirants rattle off in two or three different languages and still keep their pretty face unburied without embarrassment. As one columnist commented a week ago, the "gal just fell on her face." She did pick up her marbles fast, later, though. At least one kind word to close this week's assignment.

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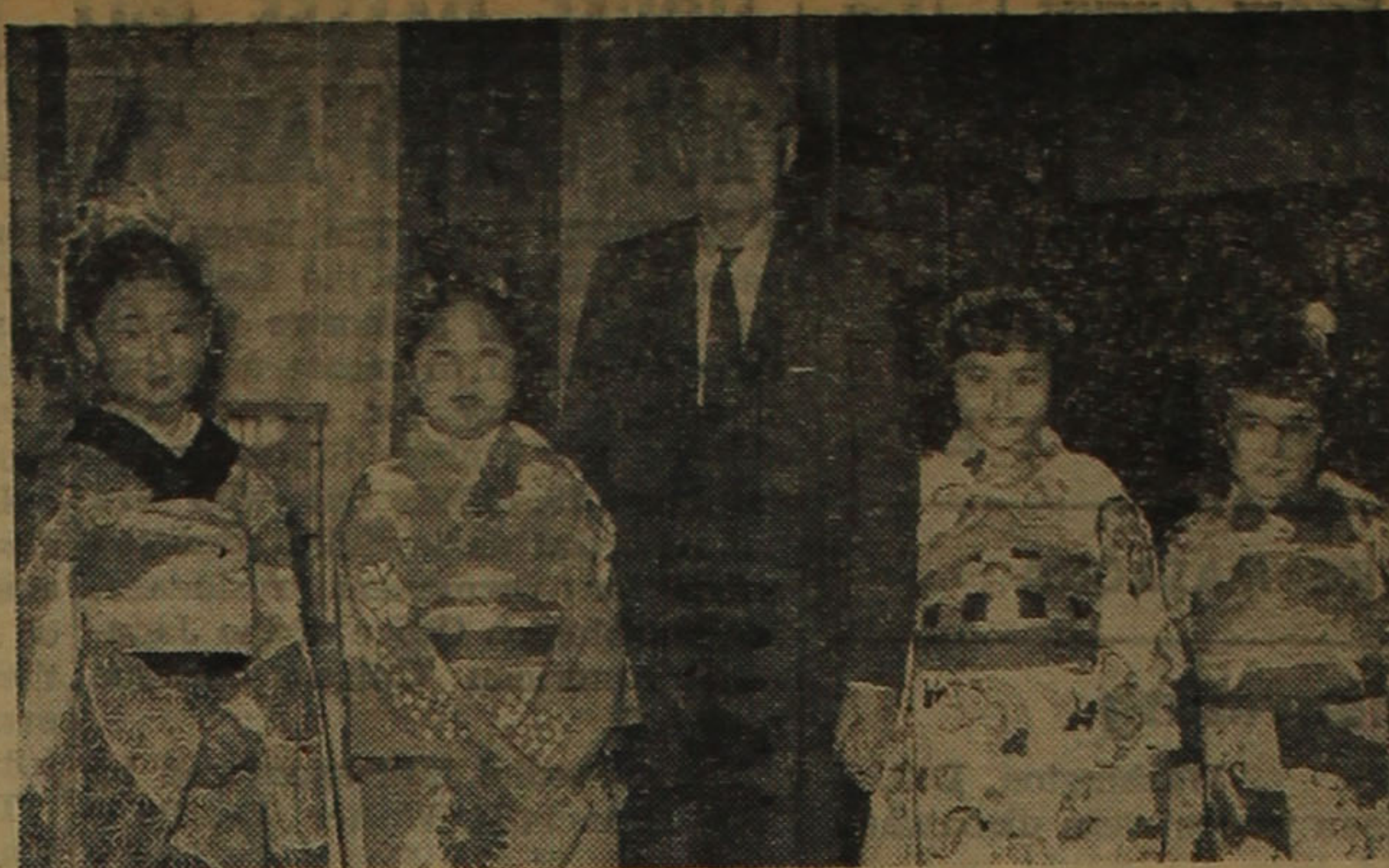
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Evenings by Appointment



Charles F. Seabrook is pictured with four young residents of the Seabrook community at the annual chow mein dinner of the Japanese American Citizens League. The girls are (from left) Jean Taniguchi, Linda Ono, Judy Ogata and Gayle Furushima. Boys and girls in Japanese costume danced during the dinner.

—Photo by Nobu Taniguchi

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sometimes get into, I believe this is due entirely to their upbringing.

"First of all there is their unquestioning respect for their parents and all other elders as well. They are taught by their parents: these are the rules and the laws that we must live by. They listen and they obey.

"Have you read their creed?"

"Their creed, Mr. Palmer?"

"Yes, it was adopted by the League during the war. It was not only adopted, however. It represents the way the Japanese Americans live."

Copy Supplied

A copy of the creed was supplied by Vernon Ichisaka. He is a graduate of the University of California and now heads the soils laboratory for Seabrook enterprises. The laboratory analyzes soils not only for the Seabrook farms, but for independent farmers of the countryside as well. Ichisaka was the first president of the League's Seabrook chapter.

"I am proud," the creed begins, "that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantages of this nation. I believe in her institutions, ideals, and traditions; I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future..."

'I Pledge Myself ...'

"Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way..."

"Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places; to support her Constitution, to obey her laws, to respect her flag; to defend her against all enemies foreign or domestic; to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen..."

With only a few exceptions, said Ichisaka, everyone in the community is an American citizen. The few who are not are elderly people who emigrated from Japan.

Can't Read English

They have not become Americans because, said Ichisaka, they are unable to read English and are, therefore, unable to under-

MARYKNOLL ALL-GIRLS CORPS SCHEDULES SUMMER DANCE

"One Summer Night" is the theme of the dressy sport dance Aug. 16 at Maryknoll Hall, being sponsored by the Maryknoll All-Girls drum & bugle corps, recent state titlists in the junior American Legion statewide competition.

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stand what it means to be an American.

It was now 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and the dinner was ready to be served to the first group.

Many of the guests were businessmen of the county. One of them, the owner of a small department store, said:

"We love these people. They are among our best customers. They buy the best. They ask for quality and do not question price."

The menu included a clear consommé-like soup with a few green leaves floating in it. It was explained that this was a seaweed soup and that the iodine of the weed was credited with the comparative absence of goiter among the Japanese.

There was a mixed green salad with the greens as crisp as though they had just come from the icebox, and there was the chow mein Japanese-style. It had fewer onions than does the Chinese, and instead of the latter's crisp brown noodles there were soft white noodles, similar to spaghetti.

Second Helping

"Have a second dish?" asked one of the waitresses. "We like everyone to have two dishes."

Boys and girls in Japanese costume danced throughout the dinner to music from an orchestra of Japanese instruments.

From time to time one of the members of the community stopped at the place of the man who had been hungry to make certain he no longer was.

One of these was Mrs. Mary Nagao, mother of the president of the high school's honor society. Earl Wescott, Cumberland County clerk, stopped and asked the visitor:

"What are you doing with my secretary?"

Mrs. Nagao smiled diffidently. "It is true," she said, "that I am employed by the county government. But I would not have mentioned it, had not Mr. Wescott seen fit to disclose it."

PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING POST ASSIGNED TO NISEI MARTINEZ

Cherry Tsutsumida, active Arizona JACler and Univ. of California graduate, has been assigned to the Contra Costa County public health department for a 12-week training program, according to Dr. Henrik L. Blum, county health officer. Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki is chief assistant to Dr. Blum. (Miss Tsutsumida was the 1951 winner of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship.)

FORM YOUTH, INC., TO COMBAT L.A. DELINQUENCY

Preventive measures will be stressed by the Japanese American Youth, Inc., announced the non-profit organization formed last week in Los Angeles in its program to deal with the problems of growing juvenile delinquency.

Promotion and coordination of youth activities of existing groups and clubs in the community with a view to minimize delinquency among teenagers are to be undertaken by the new group, which has been meeting in recent weeks since the tragic shooting of Richard Sumii at a teenage dance.

Programs for adults, educational series on radio, press and public meetings are being planned also.

Kenji Ito, local Japanese chamber of commerce president, has been temporary chairman of the steering committee, composed of leaders from the JACL, Japanese language school and community-at-large.

CANADIAN SANSEI SWIMMER WINS EMPIRE GAMES MEDAL

CARDIFF, Wales. — Margaret Iwasaki, 16, of Vancouver, B.C., won a third-place bronze medal July 24 in the British Empire Games 110-yd. butterfly. She was clocked at 1m.15.9s. She paced Canada's women's relay team to second place the following day.



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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Cold War Maneuvering

Washington, D.C.

TWO WEEKS AGO, when American troops were dispatched to Lebanon, it appeared that World War III might well be in the offing. Since that time, however, tensions have eased somewhat and last week the diplomats took over the stage from the soldiers. The so-called cold war maneuvering that began with the end of World War II continues unabated.

On the military front, the situation was quiet, with American and British troops in Lebanon and Jordan, respectively, settled to their task of protecting the pro-western regimes in these two countries from being overthrown by the pro-Nasser forces. The critical question for the West was how these troops might be withdrawn without risking the collapse of the present regimes.

On the diplomatic front, the big issue was the forthcoming "summit" meeting which was initiated by Soviet Premier Khrushchev and reluctantly agreed to by the President. Details for the meeting was still to be worked out, but all indications are for a bitter propaganda battle between the Russians and the Americans.

Thus far, it seems that the Communists have the better of the propaganda war, for they have emerged as the champions of Arab nationalism and of peace in the Middle East by appearing to have forced the free world to the council table. Moreover, it seems as if Khrushchev has gained two of his greatest ambitions, a "summit" meeting of heads of government and a visit to the United States. The wily Khrushchev is proving himself to be a better opportunist and strategist than Stalin.

The challenge to the free world was to focus world opinion on the actual role played by the Soviets in fomenting crisis in the Mideast and to demonstrate that indirect aggression as practiced by the Communists is as potent a weapon of international policy as direct aggression.

Little noticed by most in the publicity battle between the two principal antagonists in the United Nations last week was the stature gained by Japan in her first major effort to influence world foreign policy since her admission to the U.N. Though her compromise resolution to augment the U.N. police or observation force in the Mideast to the point where it could replace American and British troops was vetoed by Russia, her efforts to provide a peaceful solution within the framework of the world organization gained her favorable plaudits from all factions, including Asians and the neutrals.

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THE EASING OF tensions in the Middle East was also reflected in the Congress last week.

Senior Democratic Party foreign policy spokesmen, Arkansas' scholarly Senator Fulbright and Montana's discerning Senator Mansfield, both questioned the lack of a positive Administration foreign policy and warned against either a "defeatist" or a "defensive" attitude at the forthcoming "summit" meeting. At the same time, California's outspoken Republican Floor Leader, Senator Knowland, cautioned of another Munich and the price of appeasement.

Though their respective subcommittees had closed those particular phases of the fantastic so-called Goldfine-Adams hearings and the even more sinister revelations of gangster control of certain Chicago business operations a week earlier, headlines and feature columns relating to these exposes once again appeared in the newspapers and magazines. Speculation was again rife as to whether Assistant to the President Sherman Adams would resign.

House and Senate leaders were once again talking about adjournment on the grounds that Congress could do little about the international situation anyway and that a special session could be called by the President with members present in less than 48 hours should Middle East events require congressional action. Their target date now appears to be about August 16, or possibly a week later.

If an August 16 deadline is to be met, however, it will mean that the Senate especially will have to speed up its consideration of major bills, including appropriations.

Meanwhile, House and Senate leaders in assessing the achievements of this Congress are already agreed that it will have an impressive list of legislation to point to with pride, especially in the light of President Eisenhower's dire prediction in 1956's presidential campaign that a Republican President and a Democratic Congress would result in stalemate.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY prospects in the forthcoming November congressional campaigns are definitely looking up, according to both Democrats and GOPsters.

Two big reasons are advanced for this changeover in prospects in the past month. One is the crisis in the Mideast. This tends to take the attention off domestic troubles, such as the Goldfine-Adams scandal and the troops sent to Little Rock to enforce school integration, and highlights the strength of the President as a military leader in a world that may be at war. The other is that business is on the upturn, with the economic indicators pointing to a more prosperous America before election-time. Democratic strategists admit that these are two factors that will be hard to beat in any election.

On the other hand, the Democrats will point up that the President has only military solutions to his problems, when there should be more attractive and less dangerous alternatives. They will stress that the President refused to take action in the school segregation matters and in the Mideast even when it was clear that the situations were deteriorating until military action was the only answer left. At the same time, they will recall that in the 1952 presidential campaign General Eisenhower deplored the use of troops and promised to conclude peace in Korea.

It is a hallmark of our democracy that even in such troubled times elections remain the basic motivation of most political action.

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO AID ALIEN NOT LISTED AS 'LEGALLY ADMITTED'

WASHINGTON. — The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill that would authorize the Attorney General to create a record of lawful entry for aliens who entered the United States prior to June 28, 1940, but who are not recorded as lawfully admitted aliens for permanent residence, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

The remedial bill, sponsored by Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, extends the current registry deadline from July 1, 1924, the date of the enactment of the so-called Japanese Exclu-

sion Act, to June 28, 1940.

Prior to the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, alien Japanese who entered the country surreptitiously prior to July 1, 1924, were not eligible for discretionary administrative relief enabling them to secure records of lawful entry that would enable them subsequently to become naturalized citizens. They were also subject to deportation.

The Walter-McCarran Act eliminated this discrimination for all Japanese and other aliens who entered the United States prior to July 1, 1924. The pending Walter bill extends this July 1, 1924 deadline to June 28, 1940, the date of the enactment of prewar legislation requiring all aliens to register with the Department of Justice.

To qualify for this new administrative relief, an alien must have entered this country prior to June 28, 1940, has had his residence in this country continuously since that time, is of good moral character, is not ineligible to citizenship, and is not a criminal, procurer, or otherwise immoral person, subversive, violator of the narcotics laws, or smuggler of aliens.

The JACL supports this legislation as a humanitarian measure that will be helpful to a number of aliens of Japanese ancestry in this country.

CCDC to ascertain Issei opinion on U.S.-Japan issue

SELMA. — The No. 1 question among the rank and file of JACLers will be aired at a special Central California District Council meeting next Wednesday, Aug. 6, 8 p.m., at the Selma Japanese Mission Church. The question is: JACL policy on international relations.

With national JACL convention only weeks away, delegates from CCDC chapters need grass-roots thinking on the question which has aroused wide interest, CCDC chairman George Abe noted. The meeting is open to the public and Abe has urged every JACLer and especially the Issei members to attend.

James Matsumura, Tulare County chapter president, will be evening chairman.

DELANO SPEAKER PICKED AS CENTRAL CAL ENTRY

PARLIER. — Jane Kubota of Delano was selected as Central California District Council representative for the national JACL oratorical contest to be held in Salt Lake City, Aug. 23, it was announced this week by CCDC contest chairman Jin Ishikawa.

The district runoff was held at the third quarterly meeting here with presidents of the district chapters acting as judges.

NC-WNDC—

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Yone Satoda, contest chairman, announced that Joe Masaoka, Peter Nakahara and Akiji Yoshimura would serve as judges. In addition there will be two non-Japanese judges. Assisting Yone Satoda on the Oratorical Contest Committee are: Kaye Uyeda, Akiyo Yokomizo, Ko-Ijichi and Dr. Steve Neishi.

Sakaye Okamura, chairman for the evening banquet at 6:30 p.m., has named Hirotsuke Inouye as toastmaster. Tom Yamane, Sequoia chapter president, will welcome the JACLers from the 24 other chapters in the District and introduce Mayor and Mrs. William Royer and other chapter guests.

The winners in the oratorical contest will be announced, and the NC-WNDC representative will repeat the winning oration for the benefit of those not present at the afternoon session. Awards for the bowling tournament will also be made at this time. A special drawing for those in attendance at the District Council meeting will be made with Hiroji Kariya in charge. Dancing will follow the banquet to wind up the day's program.

Teru Tamura will serve as official hostess during the banquet.

Over 200 attend Fresno JACL family night fete

FRESNO. — Over 200 attended to make the recent Fresno JACL Family Night honoring June graduates at Roeding Park Ash Grove. Tom Saito was evening emcee. Mrs. Tomiko Ishikawa and Mrs. Fusa Mikami were general co-chairmen.

FRESNO. — A tiny, dark-haired, girl of 11 last week repeated the oath of allegiance to the United States before Federal Judge Gilbert H. Jertberg and became an American citizen in a special naturalization ceremony.

She was Jan Tachino who was adopted in March, 1955, by Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Tachino of Fresno after they saw her on a motion picture screen in Tokyo.

"We fell in love with Jan when we saw her on the screen," Mrs. Tachino said. "She was playing as an extra in a picture called Twenty-Four Eyes. The star, Hideo Takamine, is a friend of ours and we asked her to introduce us."

The Tachinos, who had been childless for 16 years, decided they wanted to adopt little Jan when they learned her mother was dead and her father had been left with five children.

Home on leave, Tachino is returning to his work in Japan where he is employed as a civilian translator with the U.S. Army.

This is Jan's second visit to America, and she and her mother will visit the east coast before rejoining Tachino in Japan.

Jan's American citizenship was made possible through an amendment to a section of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Robert Winburn, the newly appointed naturalization examiner here, explained that ordinarily Jan would have had to remain

Organize Hawaiian society to welcome Japanese VIPs

HONOLULU. — An organization to promote American-Japanese friendship and help welcome VIPs of Japanese ancestry visiting Hawaii was launched when Prince and Princess Mikasa were honored at a luau co-sponsored by the local Japanese chamber of commerce recently.

Known as the Hawaii Nikkeijin Rengo Kyokai (United Japanese Society of Hawaii), it is composed of some 50 organizations. When finances permit, it plans to aid the aged Japanese and help Japanese in "solving their personal problems".

Venice community picnic

VENICE. — The Venice-Culver JACL community picnic will be held at Centinela Park on Sunday, Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. The chapter will provide free refreshments, it was announced.

Additional \$300,000 awarded in June to evacuee claimants

WASHINGTON. — Forty evacuee claimants were awarded \$299,505.89 from June 18 to June 30, the Japanese Claims Section of the Dept. of Justice informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

The largest and the smallest awards were both made to claimants residing in Seattle. The largest was for \$45,093 and the smallest for \$50. Eight awards were in amounts over \$10,000.

Claimants residing in Illinois, California, Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin, and the Territory of Hawaii benefitted from the awards.

The Washington JACL COJAE Office recalled that during the first three weeks of June, 52 claimants were awarded \$297,574.34. In other words, the total for the entire month of June is 92 claimants being awarded \$597,080.23 in evacuation claims.

The Washington JACL COJAE Office also reported that they will make every effort to have all awards made by the Government during the month of June included in the appropriations bill to be considered by Congress prior to adjournment. If they are successful, it will mean that these claimants too will be paid this summer.

Two-year residency rule waived as orphan adopted by Nisei couple naturalized

in the United States for two years before she could become eligible for citizenship.

But because she is an adopted child of an American couple employed by the federal government the new amendment permits her naturalization without the residence requirement.

CALENDAR

Aug. 3 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC — Quarterly session; District Oratoricals; Sequoia JACL hosts Belmont Casino.
San Jose—Benefit Movie, Okida Hall, 8 p.m.; "Go for Broke!"
Aug. 6 (Wednesday)
CCDC—Special Meeting, Selma Japanese Mission Church, 8 p.m.; "U.S.-Japan" question.
Venice-Culver — Executive meeting, res. of Frances Kitagawa, 1110 Berkeley Dr., 8 p.m.
Aug. 9 (Saturday)
French Camp—Annual bazaar, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
Aug. 15 (Friday)
San Jose—Annual barbecue, Alpine Park, 7 p.m.
Aug. 17 (Sunday)
Venice-Culver — Community picnic, Centinela Park, 11 a.m.
Aug. 16 (Saturday)
East L.A.—Long Beach — Joint luau party, Kono-O-Hawaii, Anaheim.

15TH BIENNIAL JACL CONVENTION
Salt Lake City
Hotel Utah, Convention Hq.
Aug. 21 (Thursday)
Reception for National Board at residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Konishi, 8 p.m.; Betty Gikiu, chmn.
Aug. 22 (Friday)
Issei Recognition Dinner, Lafayette Room, Hotel Utah, 6-8 p.m.; Rev. S. Aoyagi, chmn.
Opening Ceremonies, New Auditorium Motel, 8:30-10 p.m.; Mas Yano, chmn.
Get-Acquainted Mixer, New Auditorium Motel, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.; Mary Ujifusa, chmn.

Aug. 23 (Saturday)
Golf Tournament; Jerry Tsuyuki, chmn.
Official Luncheon, Lafayette Room, Hotel Utah, 12-2 p.m.; Frances Takeno, chmn.
Nat'l JACL Oratorical Contest, Lafayette Room, Hotel Utah, 2-4:30 p.m. Mas Yano, chmn.
Youth Forum, Junior Ballroom, Hotel Utah, 4-5:30 p.m.
1000 Club Whing Ding, Red Chimney, 6-9 p.m.; Mas Horiuchi, chmn.
Evening Social, Motel Auditorium, 9 p.m.; Kuni Kanegae, chmn.

Aug. 24 (Sunday)
Golf Tournament.
Convention Outing, 12-5 p.m., Brighton Resort; Howell Ujifusa, chmn.
Bridge Tournament, Brighton Resort; Bill Mizuno, chmn.
Artist's Retreat, Brighton Resort; Fred Ochi (Idaho Falls), John Mizuno, co-chmn.
Fishing Contest, Brighton Resort.
Outing Dinner-Dance, Old Mill Club, 6 p.m.; Mt. Olympus JACL, Lou Nakagawa, pres., chmn.

Aug. 25 (Monday)
Recognition Banquet, Motel Auditorium, 6-9 p.m.; Sue Kaneko, chmn.
Sayonara Ball, Motel Auditorium, 9-12 p.m.; Shiz Sakai, chmn.

Aug. 30 (Saturday)
Orange County—Chapter luau, Kono Hawaii, Anaheim.

Aug. 31 (Sunday)
East Los Angeles—Fishing derby aboard "Island Clipper."