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COLUMN LEFT:

Introductory Offer —20 Issues for $1

There's a little advice inside a fortune cookie that our cartoonist Pete Hironaka of Dayton JACL makes, which we'd like to call attention to on page 2 this week. (Go ahead and take a look.)

With the distribution of 1959 JACL membership forms to our chapters, at the bottom is the Pacific Citizen order form. Our regular subscription rate has been increased 50 cents across the board — $3.50 per year for JACL members, $4 for non-members. Savings can be had by subscribing for two or three-year periods. But the deal we want to push is the "$1 introductory offer of 20 issues" for new readers. Attach a dollar bill to this form and we'll send the 20 issues.

It was suggested that the introductory offer be timed with the membership drive—and for that reason, the special $1 offer to "new readers" is being made at this time. We have had assurances that PC subscripions may be easier to obtain during this period when solicitors make the rounds for new and renewal JACL memberships. We have every reason to believe so.

One reminder to our chapter treasurers submitting PC subscription order forms: as recommended by the national PC-membership committee at the last national JACL convention, there will be no chapter commission on subscriptions. This is in line with our attempts to regain financial stability.

Orders received by the first week in December will assure the reader getting a copy of the mammoth Holiday Issue, which is coming out Dec. 19. Non-subscribers who happen to read this column can submit their name, address and $1 remittance now.

Our immediate goal is to see that every JACLer is a regular PC subscriber. We believe our special introductory offer of $1 is not asking too much and once they get the "PC habit", they would become regular readers and loyal supporters of their official publication.

—H.H.

Sign final compromise claim, $36 million on 26,552 awards

WASHINGTON.—The final evacuation claims award of $19,704 signed Monday was to George M. Yanagimachi, of the New Washington Oyster Co., near Seattle. The attorney handling the case was William Mimbu, former secretary to the National JACL Board, the Pacific Citizen learned.

Attorney General William Rogers, following the signing of the award, presented the pens with which he signed the last award to Mike Masaoka for ten years of cooperative leadership in the program and the other to Shig Wakamatsu, national JACL president.

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON.—Attorney General William P. Rogers concluded the administrative settlement of Japanese evacuation claims by the Justice Department in an official ceremony last Monday in his office with the signing of the 26,552nd claim in compromise award.

The claims were for property losses sustained by persons of Japanese ancestry as a result of their hurried evacuation from homes and businesses on the West Coast in 1942.

The claims were authorized by the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 and an amendment passed in July, 1956. Settlement of the last remaining administrative claim brought the total amount awarded for losses to $36,874,-240.49. Eight suits to recover for losses have been brought to the Court of Claims.

The final award was executed by the Attorney General in the presence of Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League; Asst. Atty. Gen. George C. Doub, head of the civil division; and present and past members of the civil division's Japanese Claims staff.

The initial requests to Congress for claims legislation were formulated by JACL.

"Disposition by this date (Nov. 10) of the final claim is a remarkable achievement," Rogers said. "Although the Department has placed major emphasis upon the expedition of the claims program it has been completed much sooner than the most optimistic forecasts.

"I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Masaoka, the JACL and the claimants themselves for their helpful cooperation toward this result, and to commend Mr. Doub and the staff assembled here upon the success of their sustained drive to complete the work as much ahead of schedule as possible and, especially, for the administrative efficiency and legal competence which accelerated the compromise agreements in the final group of large and complex cases which Congress, in 1956, authorized the Department to settle."

The Attorney General in conclusion said, "All of us are very pleased that substantial restitution has now been made to these American citizens of Japanese ancestry for their property lost as a result of the extraordinary demands made upon the claimants by our Government in time of war and particularly when this group of our citizens has had such an admirable reputation for integrity, industry, obedience to law, civic responsibility and loyalty to the United States."

Masaoka congratulated the Attorney General upon the speed with which the Department carried out its responsibilities under the Evacuation Act and upon the fair, orderly and considerate procedures employed to afford all claimants an opportunity to pre-

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MTN.-PLAIN DIST. CONFAB TO FETE BILL HOSOKAWA

DENVER. — William K. Hosokawa, assistant managing editor of The Denver Post, and selected "Nisei of the Biennium, 1956 58" at the 15th Biennial national JACL convention at Salt Lake City last August, will be the honored guest of the Mountain-Plains JACL, at a dinner-dance here on Friday, Nov. 28.

Hosokawa will speak on the highlights of his recent 30,000-mile trip in the Far East.

Robt. M. Horiuchi, general chairman for the affair, indicated that National JACL officers, including national president Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, Washington representative Mike M. Masaoka, and national director Masao W. Satow of San Francisco would be in Denver to present Hosokawa an illuminated scroll, attesting to the highest honor that can be made to a Nisei in the United States.

Y. "Tak" Terasaki, Mountain-Plains district council chairman, announced that the eight member-chapters of the district, including Mile Hi of Denver, Ft. Lupton, Arkansas Valley, San Luis Valley, No. Wyoming, Montana, Omaha,

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30 of 45 AJAs in Hawaiian general elections win; 22 Nisei in counties win

HONOLULU. — Days of special appeal to special "national" groups are over, so far as the elections in the Territory of Hawaii are concerned. This and other observations were noted by Hawaii politicos in the last Nov. 4 election, which saw 30 of the 45 Nisei on the territorial ballot victorious. In the four separate county elections, 22 of 37 Nisei were successful.

With an enlarged reapportioned territorial legislature scheduled to meet next February at Iolani Palace, the Democrats won in the 25-member Senate, 16-9; and led in the 51-member House of Representatives, 34-17.

Elected last week to the Senate were:

Nelson K. Doi (D) inc., 1st Dist. Hawaii; Thomas S. Ogata (d), Nadao Yoshinaga (D), 3rd Dist. Maui; Daniel Inouye (D), 4th Dist. Oahu; Patsy Takemoto Mink (D), George Ariyoshi (D), Sakae Takahashi (D) inc., Wilfred Tsukiyama (R) inc., 5th Dist. Oahu; and Matsuki Arashiro (D), 6th Dist. Kauai. In the populous 5th district, Mrs. Mink polled the most with 28,197, while Sen. Tsukiyama was fifth with 22,188. Five other AJAs running for the Senate were unsuccessful.

Elected to the House were:

Jack K. Suwa (D), 1st Dist. Hawaii; Stanley I. Hara (D), inc., Raymond Kobayashi (D) inc., 2nd Dist. Hawaii; Yoshito Takamine (D), 3rd Dist. Hawaii; Takeshi Kudo (D), 4th Dist. Hawaii; Barney Tokunaga (R) inc., 7th Dist. Maui; Yasutaka Fukushima (R) inc., 9th Dist. Oahu; George M. Okano (D), 10th Dist. Oahu;

James H. Wakatsuki (D), Akira Sakima (D), 11th Dist. Oahu; Robert E. Teruya (R), Sidney I. Hashimoto (D), 12th Dist. Oahu; Sakae Amano (D), 13th Dist. Oahu; Howard Y. Miyake (D), Walter Harada (D), 14th Dist. Oahu; James Y. Shigemura (D), 15th Dist. Oahu; Spark M. Matsunaga (D) inc., Hiroshi Kato (D), Tadao Beppu (D), 16th Dist. Oahu; Clinton I. Shiraishi (R), Yoshiichi Yoshida (R) inc., 18th Dist. Kauai. Ten other AJAs running for the House were unsuccessful.

Of the 51 Representatives elected from 18 districts, 14 were incum-

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'Nigger' just 'bad grammar' rules L.A. judge as house vandalism case filed

It's not libel to call a Negro a "nigger" in California.

At least that's what Superior Judge Bayard Rhone held last week when he sustained a technical motion to strike a claim filed by Harold L. Clark in his $320,000 suit against a neighbor, George Campeau, who threw a cement block through his (Clark's) window.

In making his decision, Judge Rhone expressed the opinion that the term "nigger" is just bad grammar and added that it is not a term of opprobrium in this state.

Clark filed his suit after he said that he had been subjected to a long series of annoyances by Campeau, allegedly because the latter objected to a Negro moving into the formerly all white neighborhood just below the Hollywood Reservoir. Judge Rhone ruled that the 19 page complaint filed by Clark was faulty but gave him 15 days to amend his claims.

The vandalism is alleged to have occurred Sept. 16, when Clark was preparing to move into the house at 2233 Cheremoya Ave. Clark claims Champeau became enraged and threw a cement block through one of the picture windows. Although the district attorney refused a felony complaint the city attorney's office issued a malicious mischief complaint against Campeau and trial was set for Nov. 28 in municipal court.

Clark's complaint filed by Atty. Sidney Gordon charges that his civil rights were violated by what he described as a long series of unlawful acts by Campeau which began on June 1 when he learned the house had been bought by a Negro. Judge Rhone also refused to issue a preliminary injunction against Campeau.

FRANK CHUMAN TO SPEAK OVER RADIO SUNDAY

Frank Chuman will speak on juvenile delinquency this Sunday, 8:15 a.m., over KTYM (1460) on "Radio Li'l Tokyo" show. The talk is part of the Japanese American Youth, Inc., educational program.

DR. BILL HIURA EARNS LIFE MASTER IN BRIDGE

CHICAGO. — Dr. Bill Hiura was officially notified this past week that he is a Life Master from the American Bridge Congress. He is the second Chicago Nisei to receive the honor, the first being Jake Higashiuchi.

Seven points won at the Miami (Fla.) national tournament and 16 points at the Team of Four tournament held here did the trick.

Dr. Hiura's brother, Dr. George, was awarded his Life Master last June. Dr. George Hiura has been instructing a group of Sequoia JACLers.

Dr. Bill Hiura, an optometrist, is also a Life member in the 1000 Club.

Recommend standards be set for new JACL pin

SAN MATEO. — The No. Calif.-Western Nev. District Council, at its final quarterly meeting of the year here, recommended that the National JACL Recognitions Committee draft a general criteria for awarding the new JACL silver pin.

The silver pin was authorized at the national JACL convention held at Salt Lake City to be given to local members for outstanding and loyal service at the chapter level.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher, nat'l JACL sponsor, dies

ARLINGTON, Vt. — Dorothy Canfield Fisher, 79, noted author and magazine writer, died Nov. 9. She had been in poor health for the past year. During her career she wrote 35 books.

During World War II, she was among prominent Americans who served as national sponsor of the Japanese American Citizens League.

CHINESE AMERICAN LOSES IN ARIZONA ELECTION

PHOENIX. — Attorney Wing F. Ong, who served in the 1951-54 Arizona state legislature, was unsuccessful in his bid for the same seat in the Nov. 4 election. The Chinese American Democrat sought the 31st District seat in the House.

He was the first American of Asian ancestry to serve in a state legislature, chairing the Un-American Activities and constitutional amendments committees.

DATES, LOCALE FOR 1960 NAT'L CONVENTION TOLD

SAN MATEO. — Preliminary plans for the 1960 National JACL Convention to be hosted by Sacramento JACL were revealed at the recent NC-WNDC quarterly meeting here by Tak Tsujita of Sacramento.

It was announced that the convention site would be the El Dorado Motel on June 22 27, 1960. The dates are tentative.

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The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

New National Board Members

The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council elected a strong Executive Board on Sunday, (Nov. 2) headed by Jerry Enomoto, two-term San Francisco president, 14th Biennial Convention chairman, chairman of our National Progrom Committee for two bienniums, and 1955-56 JACLer of the Biennium. The smooth operation of the District Council depends upon the Executive Board which meets before each quarterly meeting. This means Board members are committed to two months of Sundays each year for two years. Akiji Yoshimura has done an exceptional job as NC-WNDC Chairman for the past two years, and National gets the benefit of his efforts as First Vice President.

BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION NOTES

By this time all official delegates to the Convention have received the Official Minutes. The minutes have also been sent to Presidents of Chapters which were not present. A number of members have requested copies of the Minutes, but we are holding the remaining copies for distribution to the 1959 chapter presidents.

The Salt Lake National Convention Board reports a total of 485 actually registered and a profit from the Convention, thanks to the fine cooperation of all the chapters. The larger Convention attendance is not reflected in the registration since local members attending a single event were not required to register for the Convention.

Meantime, Sacramento has already begun preliminary plans for the 1960 Biennial, and the tentative date has been announced as June 22-27, the earlier dates to avoid the valley heat.

National Convention travel pool checks have been sent this week to 66 participating chapters. We are indebted to Pat Okura, chairman of our National Planning Committee, who volunteered to compute the mileages and reimbursements. With the National Council on record to continue the travel pool for the 1960 Convention, chapters will be billed $25 per year for each year of the next biennium.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

We met with the nucleus group of the National Membership Committee under the chairmanship of Thelma Takeda of San Francisco. Assisting Thelma are Frank Oda -Sonoma, Eichi Sakauye and Phil Matsumura of San Jose, Ko Ijichi - Berkeley, and Tsutomu Uchida of Headquarters. The immediate work of the Committee is to prepare a membership leaflet for use in the 1959 membership campaign and a special informative bulletin for membership solicitors. The 1959 membership cards are being sent out this week to all the chapters. All memberships from November 1 will be considered for 1959 with the exception of those who designate their memberships for 1958.

JACL MAILING LISTS

The election campaign has brought requests for membership mailing lists. It is our national policy that JACL mailing lists from Headquarters are not given out under any circumstances,and the mailing list of our officers and chapters are only for official JACL business by National officers and National Committee Chairmen. We expect chapters and officers to whom the National listing is sent to respect this policy. What chapters do with their own local membership listings is entirely up to the chapter, but we feel the same general policy should be followed.

NEW YORK JACL'S 15th ANNIVERSARY

National Treasurer Aki Hayashi has been named the Chairman of the joint EDC-MDC Convention over the 1959 Labor Day weekend in New York. The New York Chapter will be celebrating its 15th Anniversary in conjunction, and we have been digging into the records at Aki's request. The NY Chapter followed by a year the opening of JACL's strategic Eastern Office by Teiko Ishida Kuroiwa in 1943. Peter Aoki, Yurino Takayoshi Starr and Sam Ishikawa followed Teiko as National staff personel. Your present Director also did a year's stint, shuttling between New York and the Midwest Office in Chicago our first year on the staff. Sam Ishikawa now serves on a semi voluntary basis to preserve our national contacts in New York.

Yurino Starr is now located in Denver and is assisting Mt. Plains Chairman Tak Terasaki in promoting the Mt.-Plains meeting in Denver Nov. 28 and 29. Newspaperman Bill Hosokawa, Nisei of the Biennium, just returned from a trip to the Far East for the Denver Post, will be the headliner.

1000 CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

Four new Life memberships were received this past month. Ken Nogaki of Seattle, brother of NY Board Chairman Kenji and Liier Kenko Nogaki of Washington D.C. has converted his regular membership. Also Ed Yamamoto of Moses Lake, along with both his dad and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Shoji Yamamoto operate the El Rancho Motel in Moses Lake, Wash. Three more Thousanders, George Ono (Southwest L.A.), Yosh Inadomi (East L.A.), and Dr. Harry Kita (Salinas) have achieved their tenth year membership.

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Good Fortune Cookie

PROSPECTS BRIGHTER FOR CHOKING OFF FILIBUSTER IN U.S. SENATE

WASHINGTON. — Advocates of a change in Senate rules to make it easier to choke off filibusters said this week their prospects are much brighter as a result of the Nov. 4 elections.

(The Japanese American Citizens League has been committed by its mandate at the 1958 national JACL convention to strive for a modification of the Senate rules regarding unlimited debate and has joined the campaign of the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.—Editor.)

Southern Senators who have bitterly resisted any weakening of the filibuster weapon they have used in the past against civil rights measures are well aware that this is undoubtedly the case.

The battle will be joined almost with the opening bell of the 86th Congress in January. A group of northern Democrats and Republicans will move to adopt new Senate rules.

Their target is Senate Rule 22, which requires the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the membership to halt a filibuster and force an issue to a vote. In the past, this has meant the votes of 64 Senators were needed. In the new Senate, with its membership swelled to 98 by the addition of two Senators from Alaska, the requirement would be 66.

The controversy will put a quick strain on the unity of the Democrats' new top heavy majority in the Senate. Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas can be expected to do his utmost to fashion a compromise and avert a damaging intraparty fight.

Leaders of the move to modify Rule 22 are Sens. Case (R., N.J.), Javits (R., N.Y.), Douglas (D., Ill.), and Humphrey (D., Minn.).

In a letter last September to all Senate candidates, they contended the present anti-filibuster rule has proved wholly ineffective and appealed for support to bring about achange.

Aides of the Senators said responses to the letter, as well as other surveys, indicate they may have the votes in the incoming Senate for at least partial victory.

Even before the general election, which increased the strength of northern and western Democratic Senators and cut the number of old line Republicans, Sen. Russell (D., Ga.), acknowledged it was quite possible the Senate might agree in January to modify Rule 22.

Russell, one of the Southerners' chief strategists in their fight to preserve unlimited debate, said the rule might be revised to permit two-thirds of the Senators voting, rather than of the entire membership, to cut off debate.

He suggested this might be coupled with agreement that the Senate is a continuing body and that its rules carry over from one Congress to another.

Leaders on the other side have indicated, however, that any such compromise would be unacceptable to them. They maintain that each new Senate is free to adopt its own rules. They say they want a rule permitting filibusters to be halted after 15 days by the votes of a majority—50 in the new Senate.

Sen. Clifford Case (R., N.J.) remarked the Democrats' election gains may mean less chance for enactment of stronger civil rights legislation. He had in mind the split between northern and southern Democrats and felt "the Democratic desire to avoid being torn apart" over the issue might bode ill for further civil rights legislation, although it was his personal hope that the law enacted by the last Congress should be strengthened.

He spoke Sunday in a recorded interview over the Reporters' Roundup for Mutual Broadcasting System.

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NISEI IN HAWAII

Editor: . . . Forty-five of the 96 Nisei survived the rigors of political life by being nominated in the Hawaiian primary election of Oct. 4. Many politicians are friends and classmates of this writer and their political party preferences are divided between the Democrats and Republicans.

While this is heartwarming news, the fact that Nisei are actively engaged in politics might be "one more reason for the die-hards" in the House and Senate of the 86th Congress to refuse statehood for Hawaii. This writer hopes that, at least in this instance, he is wrong.

. . . the Minneapolis Star stated in its editorial last summer when Alaska was admitted that one of the reasons for not admitting Hawaii as a state was the fact that the Orientals were not "Americanized" enough to govern themselves. The political lives of the Nisei disprove the allegation in the Star's editorial.

We know that syllogism is not applicable above, since, on the one hand it is said that the Nisei (Orientals) are not "Americanized" enough to govern themselves, and on the other hand it is said that the Nisei are too powerful politically. Both reasons, inconsistent though they may be, are given by the "die-hards" as reasons for not admitting Hawaii to the Union. The Nisei in Hawaii are unfortunately caught between the horns of a dilemma.

A.S.

Minneapolis.

Candidate Weiner thanks many Nisei supporters

Sanford Weiner, Republican candidate for the 59th Assembly District, last week thanked his many Nisei supporters and workers throughout the West Los Angeles area.

Weiner stated, "There are many satisfactions that come even in defeat. My wife and I have been deeply humbled by the loyal devotion of those worked so hard in our behalf. The magnificent job performed by these people had nothing to do with my defeat. Barbie and I will be forever grateful for this support. It is also comforting to know that we made the best showing of any non-incumbent running in California!

"Our door-to door experience was also most gratifying. We found that while we might not have a Republican District, we do have an area filled with many wonderful people. We will never forget the gracious welcome given to us by all of these residents."

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Nacirema's Plans for 1959

Hollywood's Nisei-financed movie production outfit, Nacirema (American spelled backwards), has announced some ambitious plans for the coming year.

Nacirema is an independent firm which has a history of making films for profit. The idea has been to produce pictures inexpensively—all of the productions have been budgeted around $100,000—and to sell them at a nominal profit. Although the money is mostly from Nisei businessmen in California, Nacirema has employed veteran Hollywood professionals in every phase of production.

The company did well with "Hot Rod Girl" which was released nationally two years ago as a teenage exploitation feature. Its two most recent films have been "Dateline Tokyo" and "Sierra Stranger." The policies used in the sale of these last two pictures will govern the shape of company policy in the future.

"Dateline Tokyo," still to be released nationally, was sold to Paramount which will distribute the story inspired by the Girard case. The picture stars Michi Kobi as the Japanese girl and Richard Long as a Marine accused of killing a young boy in a Tokyo accident. "Sierra Stranger," which starred Howard Duff, was sold to Columbia.

Nacirema is believed to have grossed $330,000 in the sales of the two pictures. Paramount reportedly paid $180,000 for "Dateline Tokyo" and Columbia $150,000 for "Sierra Stranger." Total costs for the two pictures is believed to have been around $200,000.

As one of Hollywood's smaller production firms, Nacirema went along with the teenage-horror-science fiction cycle with "Hot Rod Girl" but it is branching out in plan for 1959. According to Norman Herman, executive producer for Nacirema, the emphasis next year will be on controversial, problem films.

Perhaps the first picture Nacirema will put into production next year will be a story called "Hell Street," which involves narcotics and juvenile delinquency in New York's Puerto Rican section. Herman also has plans for a comedy called "Sports Car Wife" and a Civil War story. Meanwhile, he is now negotiating for two screenplays by Reginald Rose ("Twelve Angry Men"), one of which has a segregation angle.

Although the focus will be on problem dramas, Nacirema is sidestepping, for the time at least, any film about the Nisei. There is currently no property in sight, involving a Nisei theme, which spells boxoffice.

QUOTE: Nobu Atsumi McCarthy, the Canadian-born girl who plays opposite Jerry Lewis in "Geisha Boy", told the other day why she wanted to remain a McCarthy. "Someone wanted to change it to an all-Japanese name. I disagreed. After all, it's important to be remembered, and it's hard to forget a Japanese girl with a name like McCarthy. Besides, it's my name and I'm proud of it."

Mrs. McCarthy, wife of an ex-GI, was featured in a series of photographs in the Nov. 3 issue of Life magazine.

'CAMP ON BLOOD ISLAND'

The protest which the Japan America Society of Los Angeles initiated two months ago against the British (Hammer Productions) film, "Camp on Blood Island," has been taken up by the Japanese government.

Movie circles in New York and Hollywood are concerned regarding the precedent such an official protest may set as a measure of censorship. Shiro Kido, president of Japan's Film Producers' Association, has filed a protest with Eric Johnston, head of the Motion Picture Association, and with Columbia, which is distributing the film in the United States. According to the protest, the film's depiction of atrocities by Japanese solders against non-combatants in a POW camp in southeast Asia at the end of World War II might incite feeling against persons of Japanese parentage in the United States and elsewhere.

"It is most unfortunate that a certain country still maintains a hostile feeling toward Japan and cannot forget the nightmare of the Japanese army," Kido's letter to Johnston said. "I am certainly not aloof of the moral responsibility of what our nation has done in the past." But, Kido added, pictures like "Camp on Blood Island" perpetuate racial feeling and work against "the search for peace."

Kido, head of the Shochiku movie firm, noted "the dreadful inference of presenting such a film to the public of the United States where a great many people of Japanese parentage live peacefully as citizens."

Kido additionally called Johnston's attention to sensational advertising used to promote the picture which, he felt, might arouse sentiment against Japanese Americans.

There is no record of any limitation of release dates for "Camp on Blood Island" in any part of the United States as a result of the protests. The picture already has been shown throughout the Los Angeles and Denver metropolitan areas, to cite two regions.

However, the picture has been denied a police permit in Sao Paulo, the Brazilian metropolis which has a large Japanese Brazilian population. There, it appears, the Japanese consulate has followed through on Kido's protest to American officials by prevailing on the police to ban the picture. It is this latter development which worries U.S. film distribution firms which fear that, if the Japanese protests become widespread, other national groups may take similar action against films meeting their disapproval.

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Sequoia JACLer suggested to Human Rights Commission

SAN JOSE. — Attorney Peter Nakahara was among 10 suggested for the newly created San Jose Human Rights Commission this past week by San Jose State College professor Dr. Claude N. Settles.

In proposing the names, Dr. Settles said he has been teaching classes in human relations for 20 years and therefore doesn't feel "presumptuous in suggesting some names".

Nakahara is a past president of the Sequoia JACL.

Issei farmer reaps first Japanese rice crop on Canada soil

TORONTO. — Teizo Nakashima of Comber, Ont., has succeeded in producing a small harvest of Japanese rice for the first time in Canada, a reward for his many trials and failures of past years, it was reported this past week by the New Canadian.

Due to lack of sunshine last summer, the crop yielded only half the amount he had expected. Undiscouraged, Nakashima intends further research in producing a type of rice which can be grown in Canada to meet the local demand.

His efforts have also attracted encouragement from Canadian agricultural officials when news of last year's crop was heard. The Japanese Embassy at Ottawa, also hearing of his efforts, sent him special rice seeds from Hokkaido, which were thought to be better suited for Canadian weather. Unfortunately, they grew too fast and did not mature their kernels for a crop.

Nakashima intends to try the Japanese method next year—planting seedlings instead of seeding directly into the earth, although there is more work connected with this method. He also is considering the possibility of grafting Canadian wild rice and Japanese rice, which may prove strong and more suitable to Canadian soil and climate. Canadian wild rice is very strong and has a different flavor.

San Jose beauty

SAN JOSE. — Violet Kawamoto of South San Jose was selected "Miss Bussei of Coast District" to compete in the 1959 Miss Bussei contest at Fresno next March. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomezo Kawamoto, student-nurse and is 21 years old, 5 ft.-2.

Aged Issei visited by S.F. Auxiliary

SAN FRANCISCO. — The hearts of 13 elderly Issei residents of Laguna Honda Home for the Aged were lightened on Sunday, Nov. 10, when members of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary brought them gifts of Japanese foods, magazines, cigarettes, confectioneries, notion items and spending money.

Service Chairman Tess Hideshima was assisted by Louise Endo and her committee who purchased the gifts and decorated them in holiday wrappings, adding a gay and cheerful touch. In preparing for this visit, a workshop was had one evening supervised by Miss Endo, at which time Miss Hideshima, Kiku Hori, May Ishino, Kuni Koga, Torie Tomimatsu and Thelma Takeda constructed small paper houses made of old Christmas cards laced with bright yarns and which were filled with small notion items.

Transportation arrangements were handled by Mrs. Tomi Yasueda and provided by Lucy Adachi and Georgia Tanaka. Others who joined in the visit to the Home were Louise Endo, Yo Hironaka, Louise Koike, Kuni Koga, Thelma Takeda, Yae Tsumura and Tess Hideshima.

Purchase of the gifts were made possible through the profits enjoyed from the highly successful Autumn Gold benefit dance chaired by Mrs. Charlotte Doi on Oct. 18.

Japan-born soprano making Met debut has 'Italian voice', comments her teacher

(The first news report that a Japanese singer would sing Cio-Cio San on the New York Metropolitan stage tomorrow came from Tokyo last month. This past week, Tooru Kanazawa of New York interviewed Kunie Imai and tells of his visit in his column, "Informal Lines", in the Hokubei Shimpo.—Editor.)

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BY TOORU KANAZAWA

New York

"She has an Italian voice."

Without meaning offense to anyone, as he put it, this is the way Maestro Ettore Verna describes the voice of his student Miss Kunie Imai. In saying this he means a compliment. She has a round, full and rich voice.

Miss Imai is the unheralded soprano from Ehime-ken, Japan, who will make her New York and Metropolitan Opera House debut Saturday, Nov. 15, in the role of Cio-Cio-San in Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly." She is the first Japanese singer to be engaged as a regular artist at the Met in the 74-year-old history of the company.

Miss Imai was expected here Nov. 5 but arrived Oct. 29 at Idlewild. After clearing customs, Maestro Verna sent her baggage on to his apartment, and whisked her away to the Met where they arrived at noon just as the company was starting rehearsals.

When we visited Verna at his apartment, 30 East 79th Street, she was at the Met rehearsing. This was two days after she had arrived. Verna, whose wife is Mary Curtis Verna, one of the Met artists, regards Kunie quite highly.

Has Attractive Personality

"She is a very nice girl," he said of her personality. "Quiet, naive, intelligent and studious. On the chubby side."

He had heard the late Tamaki Miura, the first and most famous of Madame Butterflys—she sang with the Chicago and the San Carlo Opera companies but never at the Met—but feels that Kunie has a fuller and richer voice. He has not heard Tomiko Kanazawa, Sacramento-born soprano, who has received excellent critical notices in the European press.

Kunie, Verna said, had talent to begin with. He helped to develop her potential. "You can't make a gold ring without gold," he said. "It takes two to develop anything."

Verna does not see her typed as a Madame Butterfly. She can, even now, sing roles in "Iris" by Mascagni and in "Turandot" by Puccini. After her Met performance this coming Saturday she must fly to Turin, Italy, by Nov. 22 to start rehearsals for an opera that will be presented at the Teatro Reggio on Nov. 29. In Italy an opera house is known as a teatro. She will also fill other engagements during the winter season.

Ten Important Minutes

As far as Kunie's appearance with the Met company is concerned there are ten minutes last summer that will be among the most important of her life. Because of those ten minutes she is appearing at the Met Nov. 15.

Rudolf Bing was in Milan trying to locate a particular singer. Verna was contacted but he did not know of this singer's whereabouts. But he said he had a fine singer he would like Bing to hear. The latter had ten minutes, between 5:45 and 5:55 to spare and he agreed to hear Kunie.

Verna had her dress in her kimono and whisked her away to the audition. Bing was impressed and signed her as a regular artist for the Metropolitan Opera Company. She may not be heard many times in New York this season, because opera companies are made up a year ahead of time. but she should be appearing more often in the future.

Kunie, who is about 26 years old according to Verna, is the daughter of a retired haberdashery owner in Ehime ken, on Shikoku Island, southeast of the main island of Honshu. Attracting the attention of the Dominican Fathers she was sent to study music at the Madrid Conservatory four years ago. She won three scholarships that enabled her to continue with her studies.

While she was in Spain, a friend of Verna's, Piamas, general manager of the Barcelona Opera House heard her humming and singing snatches of song. He immediately wrote to Verna, and in July 1957 Kunie moved to Milan to study voice with Verna.

Makes Bebut in Seville

As she developed she made concert and television appearances in Spain, and made her operatic debut last season in Seville in the role of Cio-Cio-San. She also sang the role during the operatic seasons at Turin and Como in Italy.

During Kunie's current rehearsals at the Met, she is entirely in the hands of the directors, for she must be attuned and molded to work harmoniously with the rest of the cast and the orchestra. During this period she is not under Verna's control.

Verna also is expecting another student of his from Milan on Nov. 15, Miss Eiko Kamo of Tokyo. She is due here by ship and will continue her voice study under him.

Maestro Ettore Verna, who was born in Lanciano, Italy, and came to the United States with his family in 1911, maintains a home in Milan and a studio apartment in New York. For the past twenty years he has spent his time between the two cities.

After thorough grounding in the techniques of teaching, and personal appearances in concert and opera, Verna, under the sponsorship of Mme. Luisa Tetrazzini, established a new school of teaching in Milan.

Opera and concert stars who have studied under him include Eugene Conley, Grace Moore, Mary Curtis, Ramon Vinay, Florence Kirk, Winifred Heidt, Polyna Stoska, Germana Di Giulio, Jane Frazier, Bette Dubrow and others.

D.C. area Sansei active on high school campus

WASHINGTON. — Young Todd Endo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aiji Endo, active D.C. JACLers, is currently serving as student body president at Wheaton High School in Montgomery County, Md. He is also a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

At nearby Northwood High School, Francis Kuroda, son of the Rev. and Mrs .Andrew Kuroda, is student congress treasurer. Katherine Horiuchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horiuchi, is secretary of school's athletic association and member of the student congress.

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POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

1958 PC Holiday Issue

This past week we were fortunate in having our first vacation since taking over this job as Regional Director. We returned to the office with our sleeves rolled up, prepared to dig into the Holiday Issue ads we expected would be waiting for us. We found that the returns were not as great as expected, but we're hoping to receive that last minute rush which will keep us going day and night. We're counting on each chapter to contribute to this year's Holiday Issue, even if it means sending in only the chapter's ad. Everything we receive will help tremendously in putting PC on its financial feet again. REMEMBER NOVEMBER 30TH IS THE FINAL DEADLINE.

NATIONAL JACL BOWLING TOURNAMENT—The Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council and the Nisei Bowling Association have been meeting regularly to plan for the coming National JACL Bowling Tournament to be held here in Los Angeles. The plush Holiday Bowl has been selected as the site for next year's tournament (March 3 to 7) with more than 900 bowlers expected to toe the lines.

A welcoming committee is being formed to greet some 300 bowlers who will be flying in from Hawaii. Plans are also being made for a pre-tourney mixer at Man Jen Low in New Chinatown, and a huge awards dinner and dance at the Statler Hotel after the tournament. The Committee anticipates this to be the largest tournament ever held, and to the committees the problems that come with it are just as large.

The booklet will really be a beautiful souvenir for each bowler to take back with him, and persons wishing to place an ad in this booklet may do so, by writing to us in care of our Regional Office.

Since the National Tournament is just a few months away, we suggest you start brushing up on your strikes!

TOT BALL—We attended the annual TOT Ball sponsored by the Legal Secretaries Association, and the Premieres, and as usual it was like money in the bank for the Shonien Benefit. Each year this successful social event has grown by leaps and bounds, and it seems sooner or later they're going to have to get a larger location for the overflow crowd. It was very similar to our National Convention, with so many of our JACLers among the joyful crowd. Wonder why Mike Suzuki had such a broad smile on his face? Maybe it was the $2,500 check he received from the two organizations. Our hats off to the Legal Secretaries Association and the Premieres for a job well done for a worthy cause.

PSWDC 4TH QUARTERLY MEETING—This weekend the PSWDC Chapters will be heading for the Santa Monica Elks Club (21st & Wilshire), to attend their fourth quarterly meeting. Dr. Milton Inouye, president of the WLA chapter, informs us that everything is in readiness and all delegates are promised a very interesting and enjoyable day.

Some of the topics that will be discussed in the Legal-Legislative Committee report include (1) voter registration, (2) renunciant program, (3) FEPC legislation, (4) housing legislation, (5) District Council or Committee Bulletin, (6) letter and contribution to local NAACP, (7) contribution to the Jewish temple in Atlanta, (8) Board or Committee members joining other organizations, (9) referral of welfare and service organization appointments, (10) District Council reorganization—changeover from cabinet to board system.

Other topics on tap are chapter quotas, 1959 PSWDC Convention, PSWDC Clinic, resume of important issues from the National Convention and youth.

A delicious luncheon will be served and colored films on the National Convention will be presented by prexy Harry Matsukane of Orange County, and prexy Harry Momita of Imperial Valley.

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INTRODUCTORY OFFER—Now that the new membership cards for 1959 have been distributed to all the Chapters, we are at the same time opening our $1 Introductory offer campaign for MEMBERS only. This offer is OPEN ONLY TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS AND will entitle the new reader to 20 copies of the Pacific Citizen. This offer will enable our new readers to familiarize and evaluate the value and enjoyment he would receive from reading the PC. We hope that each Chapter will encourage all of their members to subscribe and take advantage of this special offer. We'll probably receive some introductory takers from some of our sharp, old subscribers trying to get in on the deal, but for them we'll have to give them only fourteen copies, fair enough? LET'S GET EVERYONE IN THE PC READING HABIT!

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PHILADELPHIA FOLK FAIR SOURCE OF CHAPTER'S ANNUAL QUOTA

PHILADELPHIA. — Sponsored a third time with increasing enthusiasm and popularity, the Folk Fair brings "glimpses of the bright folkways of other countries which enliven and enrich the culture of the United States". It will be held at Commercial Museum, 34th and Convention Ave., on Nov. 22-23.

The local JACL chapter is joining in a big way this year—not only to add to the general purpose of the project sponsored by the International Institute and the Board of Trade & Conventions—but also as a fund-raising event.

JACL here decided early in the year to make Folk Fair as the fund-raiser in place of the annual chapter bazaar. Tom Murakami, chairman, and his committees have been hard at work since early summer.

"Since this is the only money raising activity this year for JACL everyone should try to do their best help," Murakami suggested. "In prior years, we have had a bazaar to raise money for the JACL budget. This meant all the money had to come from within our organization. At the Folk Fair we expect between 7,000 and 9,000 people, so with proper help at our booths, we should raise more than enough money for our budget next year."

About 30 nationality groups are participating in Folk Fair. Programs of songs, dances, puppet shows and special children shows have been planned. Each group is also sponsoring an exhibit of arts and craft and a booth in the International Cafe.

Japanese goods, including Kokeshi dolls, fans, chopsticks and rice bowls, will be on sale in the JACL booth to be chaired by Mary Toda. Approximately 24 persons will be required to man the concession on three-hour shifts.

Various Japanese delicacies prepared by JACL members will be sold in the food booth, chaired by Ben Ohama. Another staff from 24 to 30 will be needed to serve the public. On the menu will be sukiyaki, sushi, teriyaki, tempura, rice, tea, etc.

"Last year, we were sold out on food within hours," Ohama recalled. "With expanded effort this year, we can anticipate great success."

Other key committeemen include Sim Endo, tickets; Jack Ozawa, business manager; George Higuchi, treas.

The chapter will hold its election of 1959 officers at the chapter Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 14, at International Institute. Meantime, the chapter is also staging its annual canvass for 1000 Club new and renewal memberships. Bill Marutani, who was parliamentarian of the Salt Lake national JACL convention, is chapter 1000 Club chairman.

Auxiliary groups to stage fashion show to CCDC CLers

FRESNO. — "Holiday Fantasy," selected as the fashion show theme, will be presented by the Central California JACL Women's Auxiliary during the ninth annual convention of the Central California District Council of the league.

The affair will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30, from 3 p.m. in the Fresno Hacienda Motel.

This glamourous event is being headed by Mmes. Ted Takahashi and Tok Yamamoto of Clovis, with the assistance of the following committee members:

Mrs. Kaz Komoto, Mrs. Yas Kubo and Miss Eleanor Doi of Parlier, and Mrs. George Abe and Mrs. Dale Okazaki of Selma, fashion models; Mrs. James Nagatani and Miss Lily Misono of Delano, hospitality; Mrs. James Morishige and Miss Yuko Tsuchiguchi of Fowler, original fashion models; Mrs. Frank Kimura and Mrs. Charles Taguchi of Reedley, decoration; Mrs. Kenji Tashiro and Mrs. Hiroshi Mayeda of Dinuba, music; Mrs. George Shimizu and Mrs. Kay Takahashi of Clovis, program; Mrs. Tom Nakamura and Mrs. Robert Kanagawa of Sanger, finance; and Mrs. Hugo Kazato and Mrs. James Murashima of Fresno, general arrangements and publicity.

Gottschalk's of Fresno will show ensembles ranging from casual to formal and a very special feature will be the showing of the original creations by four San Joaquin Valley Nisei designers; Mmes. Yas Kubo of Parlier, Charles Taguchi of Reedley, and Gary Kadani and Masso Kurata of Fresno.

Models in the show include:

Mrs. Henry Tanouye and Mrs. Robert Okamura of Parlier; Arele Abe and Gayle Okazaki of Selma; Mrs. Kenny Nishida and Mrs. James Ikemiya of Reedley; Akiko Nii, Mrs. Bonnie Kawahata and George Nagatani of Tulare County; Mrs. Gloria Bucol, Josephine Slocum and Paul Takahashi of Fresno; Mrs. Tom Nakamura of Sanger; Jane Kubota of Delano; Beverly Takahashi and Jessie Shohara of Clovis; and Mrs. William Ueki and Mrs Frank Sakohira of Fowler; Miss Tina Komoto of Parlier and Mark Saito of Fresno, children's fashions.

On the reception committee are wives of past and present CCDC chapter presidents:

Mmes. George Abe, Larry Hikiji, Jin Ishikawa, Johnson Kebo, Tom Nagamatsu, Ben Nakamura, Dale Okazaki Yoshito Takahashi, Mikio Uchiyama, Bill Matamaru, Eddie Yano, Hiroshi Mayeda, Kenji Tashiro and Noboru Takaki.

Tickets are available at $1 from JACL members or Gottschalk's. There will be no admission charge for those who register for the convention.

Spanish, Mexican cookery to be demonstrated at S.F. Auxiliary meeting

SAN FRANCISCO. — A cooking demonstration on Mexican and Spanish dishes will be shown members of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary, Nov. 19, at the local Buddhist church kitchen at 1881 Pine St.

Sumi Utsumi, chairman for the program, has secured Mrs. Elena Zelayeta, blind author and lecturer known throughout the United States, to be demonstrator.

Mrs. Zelayeta, who has had a weekly television program and had several of her books published, will feature Mexican salad and several of the more popular basic dishes such as tacos and Spanish rice from her latest cook book which was introduced here last week.

The prepared dishes will be served those attending.

It was announced that a short business meeting will be held prior to the demonstration.

Old World Market days for Detroit CL

DETROIT. — Four days out of each year, Detroit JACLers become storekeepers at the International Institute Old World Market. From Nov. 20 to 23, at least fifty different items will be sold in a Japanese store with a curved roof and lanterns.

John Miyagawa, chairman of the event, is faced with deciding what the public will buy. Last year the Kokeshi doll pencils and rice bowls were popular.

Hours at the Old World Market are from noon to 10 p.m. each day. Working in three shifts, at least fifty JACLers will be contributing their services in sales and in transporting merchandise.

Goods from all over the world are sold at the Old World Market. Japanese items have been among the fastest sellers. Since this is the mainstay of the Detroit JACL fund raising projects, it is hoped that this year's sales will be equally successful.

Judie Imoto elected Tulare Jr. JACL prexy

DINUBA. — Judie Imoto was elected president of the Tulare County Jr. JACL and will preside at the next meeting Nov. 16, 2 p.m., at the Dinuba Buddhist Church.

The group will be joined by Sanger Jr. JACLers to prepare for the CCDC convention.

Other officers are Jim Nishimine, v.p.; Elayne Morifuji, rec. sec.; Gloria Ishida, cor. sec.; Akiko Nii, treas.; and Wesley Uyeno, pub.

Mt.-Plains —

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and Albuquerque, New Mexico would be represented at the district conclave.

John Masunaga, president of the host Mile-Hi JACL chapter, indicated that invitations have been extended to CMH winner, Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., "Nisei of the Biennium, 1952-54", and to George Inagaki, past president and also "Nisei of the Biennium, 1954-56".

Robert Noguchi, president of the Denver Nisei Bowling Association, announced that the sixth annual Mountain-Plains JACL Bowling Tournament would be held over the Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29-30, to be held in conjunction with the Mountain-Plains JACL district meeting.

All district JACL officers, including Frank Tamai of Omaha, Nebr., Dr. George Uyemura of Ft. Lupton, Colo., Ugi Harada of Rocky Ford, Colo., and Sumi Takeno, Betty Suzuki, Bill Kuroki and John Masunaga, all of Denver, will be cooperating in order to stage the elaborate dinner-dance to be held at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver on Nov. 28. Dinner-dance tickets are available at $5 per person, and $3 per person or $5 per couple for the dance alone. Reservations must be mailed to Yurino Starr, 1350 Ogden St., Denver 18, on or before Nov. 21.

More than 100 Nisei bowlers are expected to participate in the Mountain-Plains regional bowling tournament to be held at the Dahlia Lanes. Entry forms and blanks, and information can be obtained by writing to Tournament director Bob Noguchi, care of 1225-20th St., Denver 2. All bowlers and Nisei are invited to attend and to participate in any and all activities of the Mountain-Pains JACL over the Thanksgiving weekend.

East L.A. schedules election meeting

A change . . . a new deal?

That's what it'll be at the East Los Angeles JACL meeting Dec. 4, 8 p.m., at International Institute. Nominations and election of 1959 chapter officers has been scheduled for theearly December meeting.

The chapter is also conducting its sixth series of dance classes at the International Institute on Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m. with East L.A. JACLer Mikie Hamada as instructor. She is an Arthur Murray School graduate. Henry Onodera is class chairman.

Parlier chapter, auxiliary in election

PARLIER. — John Kashiki was elected 1959 president of the Parlier JACL chapter, while the auxiliary elected Mrs. Mary Kashiki as president.

Other chapter officers are James Kozuki, v.p.; Bill Tsuji, treas.; Ralph Kimoto, rec. sec.; Jerry Doi, cor. sec.; Robert Okamura, social; Bill Watamura, del.; Norman Miyakawa, alt. del.; Frank Maruyama, ath.; Kazuo Komoto, pub.-hist.

Other auxiliary officers are Mrs. Haru Okuma, v.p.; Mrs. Ruri Masuda, rec. sec.; and Mrs. May Otani, treas.

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Heretical—Then Maybe Not So Heretical

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Recently I was shocked to hear the statement, "Why should I give $25 to National JACL when we could keep the money here and use it for local purposes"?

To one who has been closely associated with National JACL for a decade, it sounded heretical.

Yet upon reflection—and considering the matter from the strictly local viewpoint—perhaps this chance remark by a Thousander is not so heretical. For what he is saying is symptomatic of the growing indifference, complacency and even cynicism arising out of a need for more constructive local, regional and national JACL programs. His remark and also others of similar nature are indicative of the failure to educate the grass roots member.

Local chapters particularly are looking for more concrete programs; they feel the need to justify their existence. Although it would seem clear that the primary responsibility for local growth and development rests upon the local chapters and their leaders, nevertheless the fact remains that most chapters are looking to National for information, leadership and guidance.

At the last national convention in Salt Lake City, broad and general foundations were laid down regarding JACL's future. But the implementation of this program was left to the chapters. How easy it is to plan in broad generalities! How difficult to follow through on implementation! !

Implementation seems to be the key which national, regional and local JACL units need most. This need is manifested in the face of a growing mass of molasses-like resistance composed of indifference, complacency and smugness on all levels. This "soft" resistance is hard to attack. For by its very nature it yields to attack, flows around it and gradually engulfs it. But to be fair, we should remember the limitations in manpower of our professional staff and the predominantly voluntary nature of our organization.

What seems to be required is a rallying or focal point. A program is needed which will generate enough warmth to melt away the resistance. A specific program is required in which interest and enthusiasm is high—one which every chapter can start modestly and which has unlimited growth possibilities. Such a program should not only help the local chapter and its members but should receive the support of the community as well because it fulfills a great need. At the same time such a program could be the focal point of education and training in leadership and good citizenship. And if such a program can encourage the future growth and development of the JACL on all levels, so much the better.

It seems to me that there is one program which is eminently qualified in all of these respects: The JACL Youth Program. If this program can be successfully developed, we have the best possible answer to that recurrent, insistent question which comes from the grass roots: "What is JACL doing . . . Why should I join"?

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Surely in the final analysis each local chapter is as active and as strong and as influential as its leaders are. Yet these leaders need education, encouragement and guidance from the District Councils and from National JACL—perhaps to a far greater degree than has been provided heretofore.

Perhaps National and Regional JACL have become so engrossed in administrative details that they have very little time to devote to creative work. [This is not a new problem—it has been growing for several years—and all of us are to blame, including this writer.] If I have spoken bluntly, it has been with the hope that this article might shock us out of our natural tendencies to drift along and to let things slide simply because it is easier that way.

Periodically, one needs to make a reappraisal. To stand back, so to speak, so that the forest is discernable from the trees. We need to survey the scene objectively and candidly in order that improvement, growth and development will not be hindered by self-satisfaction or by the overlooking of a problem which is crying for attention. And we need to do this even if it is not the popular thing to do.

We in JACL need to do more than merely exist. We need to grow and develop. To this writer, this is our fundamental problem.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa
Immediate Past Nat'l President

SAB KIDO TO SPEAK AT SALINAS VALLEY JACL ISSEI APPRECIATION FETE

SALINAS. — Attorney Saburo Kido, wartime JACL national president, will be the main speaker at the Salinas Valley JACL Issei Appreciation Night following the potluck dinner tomorrow night at the Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church gym.

The program has been described as a night to give the Issei a long overdue "pat on the back", said general chairman Roy Sakasegawa. John Terakawa will be emcee, assisted by Mrs. Margaret Tanda and Mrs. Masu Abe, potluck co-chairmen; and Harvey Kitamura and Tom Miyanaga, entertainment.

A transportation committee has also been arranged to assist Issei.

Dr. Kashiwabara installed Placer Cty. chapter president

LOOMIS. — Dr. Kay Kashiwabara, Penryn dentist, has been installed president of the Placer County JACL chapter.

Dr. Kashiwabara and his cabinet were sworn in last Saturday at the chapter's 18th annual goodwill dinner at the Multi-Purpose room of the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville.

Past-president pins were presented to 16 former leaders of the chapter.

The Rev. Boardman Reed, former U.S. air force officer who was ordained an Episcopalian priest last year, was the main speaker. He served in Japan during the occupation.

Supporting the chapter president as vice-president from the various districts are Arthur Uyeda, Loomis; George Hirabayashi, Penryn; Yoshio Nakamura and Ted Fujii, Auburn, and Bob Nakamura, Lincoln.

Other cabinet members are Junius Matsumoto, treas.; Fusae Matsumoto, rec. sec.; Satoko Ikeda, cor. sec.; Bunny Nakagawa, social chmn.; Charley Oseto, athle ticdirector; Hiroshi Takemoto, 1000 Club chmn., and Grace Hayashida, historian.

Long Beach judge to address Issei

BY MARTHA MOROOKA

LONG BEACH.—Recognition dinner honoring the naturalized Issei citizens of the Long Beach-Harbor area is anticipated as a family celebration. The Long Beach-Harbor District JACL hopes Nisei as well as friends of the new citizens will participate in honoring them.

The recognition dinner is to be held tomorrow, at 6 p.m. at the Harbor Japanese Community Center, 1766 Seabright Ave.

The main speaker for the evening will be Judge Martin DeVries. Among the honored guests include the Long Beach Mayor Raymond C. Kealer; Fred Ikeguchi, Nikkeijin Kai president; and an officer of the National JACL. The program includes a variety of entertainment.

Tickets for the event are available at the Azuma Gift Shop, HE 7-4005 and at the Nisei Mobile Service Station, HE 7-8086.

'Autumn Whirl' community dance at Pasadena slated

PASADENA. — "Autumn Whirl", the second annual community dance of the Pasadena JACL, will be presented Nov. 26 at the Community Center, 64 W. Del Mar St.

Teen agers, adults and young adults are invited to join an evening of dancing fun. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. A nominal fee will be charged adults, while teenagers will be free.

Trojan alumnae head

Kay Matsumoto, active Long Beach JACLer, was elected president of the Japanese Trojan Alumnae for the coming year.

Problem of integration worries Nisei parent with daughter in high school

(Katsu Kunitsugu, able editor of the Southwest L.A. JACL publicaiton for several years and now a regular columnist in the Kashu Mainichi English section, touches on a personal problem that has many Nisei parents in Los Angeles concerned. Mrs. Kunitsugu is also president of her PTA group.—Editor.)

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BY KATS KUNITSUGU
Los Angeles

An acquaintance of mine who has a daughter going to Dorsey High School confided to me recently that her daughter is going steady with a Negro boy. She added that she wasn't happy about the situation, although she had nothing against the boy and even thought that he had better manners than the average teenager. She did not know the boy's parents nor did she care to. She said she was allowing her daughter to go out with the boy because her daughter would go anyway. She thought it the wisest solution to ride out the alliance and hope that it would go the way of most teenage infatuations.

The question of "How much integration?" is one that an increasing number of Nisei parents are facing today. It is the most ticklish in the area of their offspring's social life.

It is no secret that a great many Nisei mirror the prejudices of the white majority. They harbor preconceptions about Negroes, and it takes only one case of seeing a Negro spit on the street or of seeing a Negro involved in an auto accident or of hearing a Negro laugh loudly and they are convinced with thin-lip certainty that all Negroes are that way.

They escape from "integrated" communities to areas like Gardena which will admit Nisei but bar Negroes.

On the other hand, there are Nisei who take up the cause of the Negro with the zeal of a crusader. And because Negroes are a "cause" to him, he will not admit that some Negroes are less than pleasant to have as friends, just as some Caucasians are less than pleasant company.

Because we live in an area in Los Angeles which, within the past eight years, has seen a complete reversal in the proportion of white to colored families, the question of integration is a real one to us, and we have thought a lot about it, if only to try to work out sensible and conscientious solutions to questions and problems that come about because we have Negro neighbors.

One of the situations I am not happy about is the corruption of spoken English that seems to be resulting in my children because they come in daily contact with a large number of colored children. Dipthongs get slurred, and "my" becomes "mah" or "poor" becomes "poh." Persons are addressed as "girl" or "man" and the "ing" ending get shortened to "in's." ("Meetin'," "cheatin'" "bringin'. etc.)

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I was interested in the article in a recent "U.S. News and World Report" in which a white girl told what it was like to attend an integrated school in Milwaukee. Among other things, she reported that it was necessary to watch what one said because something said in all innocence might be taken wrong. "When coming out of a basketball game at night, we could comment, 'Gee, it's dark out tonight,' but a colored student overhearing us might think we meant something else," she pointed out.

You can get oversensitive on both sides. I've found that tiptoeing around trying to avoid hurt feelings makes everyone uncomfortable; it's better to keep the same attitude wherever you go, even though you step on a few toes unconsciously sometimes.

The U.S. News article also mentioned that the white girl felt that one of the advantages of integrated schools was that you got to know persons of other races as individuals. "At first you could only think of them as Negroes. Then when you got to know them better, they became simply John or Mary, individuals like yourself."

Because we have segregated patterns in housing (parts of San Fernando Valley, Inglewood, Westchester, etc., are still pretty much white) and because Negroes are grossly discriminated against in employment, we have a long way to go in achieving a truly integrated community.

Eight years ago, this West Adams district was predominantly white and predominantly Jewish. Japanese and Negroes began buying property, not without cases like the Dunsmuir Ave. bombing. I have heard rumors that the PTA in our school in those days had some heated discussions about "admitting" Negroes, although judging from what I know about PTA, I discount them as rumors and nothing else. Now the community is predominantly colored, as is our school.

This pattern is repeated all around us, and no doubt will continue to be repeated until the pressure for housing on the part of minorities lets up ..... or until the Caucasians stop selling out in panic.

Where the mixture of races is a recent thing, as at Dorsey High, there appears to be an undercurrent of uneasiness and race is often the big unasked question in school affairs. White students stick pretty much to themselves, — although, there seems to be some mingling between Sansei and Negro students.

The situation can't help but get better, however, as more and more individuals get to know one another as individuals and an integrated school becomes an accepted habit, as it is at Roosevelt High, which I attended for one year.

Segregation is certainly not the answer, because we do not live in a segregated world. Hope and goodwill will go far in conquering the number one problem in the U.S. today.—Kashu Mainichi

San Fernando JACL plans benefit movies Nov. 22

SAN FERNANDO. — Two Japanese movies will be shown at the San Fernando Gakuen Nov. 22, 7 p.m., at the local Gakuen for the San Fernando Valley JACL.

The two films are "Kokowa Shizukanari" and "Bijyo Komori" (color) and have English subtitles. There is no admission fee but donations will be accepted at the door.

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Nisei swim coach of 25 years . . .

A couple of swimming schools have been in business in Los Angeles—Roy Nakai's and Albie Nakazawa's—but they will have to go a long row to hoe to match Nelson Kawakami who has been credited with an estimated 25,000 pupils in the last 25 years of teaching at the Palama Settlement in Honolulu . . . Kawakami, on the Palama athletic staff since 1932, has had students ranging in age from 4 to 60. Some of the students learning the fundamentals today are grandchildren of pupils he had in the first years. Over half of his 25,000 are aquatic graduates in years before World War 2, many of them elementary school children in his district during the annual citywide "learn to swim" campaign under auspices of the Red Cross . . . A pupil is pronounced a competent swimmer after meeting all progress requirements in Red Cross's three classes: beginner, intermediate and advanced . . . Kawakami developed his swimming diving for coins in Honolulu Harbor, was an all-around athlete in his day playing softball, barefoot football, soccer, badminton, tennis, basketball and volleyball.

SOCIAL SECURITY:

Payments for Totally Disabled

(Third in the series of articles explaining changes made this year in the Nation's Social Security Law.)

SINCE JULY OF last year, the Federal Social Security program has been making cash monthly payments to permanently and totally disabled persons, beginning at age 50 and continuing until age 65. (Old-age and survivors insurance payments totalling $1,000,000 each month are currently being made to disabled workers in Southern California.)

However, until the 1958 changes in the law, no payments could be made to family dependents of the disabled worker. Now, beginning for September, payments can be made to the following family members of a worker receiving disability payments:

1. Children under age 18.
2. Disabled children, over age 18, who have been disabled since before age 18, and who are unable to work.
3. Wives of disabled workers who are caring for either type of child above, entitled to benefits.
4. All wives, age 62 or over, whether or not children are involved.

According to estimates made by the Social Security Administration, there are between 10,000 and 15,000 such dependents in the Southern California area who are immediately eligible for payments. However, these payments to the dependents of disabled workers will not be made automatically —an application must be filed. So, the Social Security Office urges all persons who believe their family might qualify for these additional family payments to contact their nearest Social Security Office.

NEXT ARTICLE: Disability payments are no longer reduced because of payments made by another agency.

(Los Angeles area readers may call on Jimmie M. Okura, SSA field representative, 836 S. Figueroa St.; RI 9-4711, ext. 1115, with questions or further information.)

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MOUNTAIN-PLAINS KEG TOURNAMENT NOV. 29-30

DENVER. — The sixth annual Mountain Plains JACL Bowling tournament will be held Nov. 29 and 30 at the Dahlia Lanes in Denver, with Bob Noguchi, president of the Nisei Bowling Association, in charge.

The tourney will be held in conjunction with the Nov. 28-29 meeting of the Mountain Plains district council.

Team events will be held Saturday evening. Singles and doubles will go on Saturday afternoon or Sunday, and a special ragtime doubles event will be rolled at all available hours.

Prizes will be awarded late Sunday afternoon in ceremonies at the alleys.

17-LB. PLUS BASS WINS FLORIN JACL'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY FISH DERBY

FLORIN. — About 150 local fishing enthusiasts participated in the annual Florin JACL bass derby on Nov. 1-2 here. Mikio Takeoka, general chairman, was assisted by Oscar Inouye, George Dekuzaku and Kanao Takeoka, weightmasters; Paul Takehara, Roy Sumida, Eddie Kadoya, Kern Kono, Donald Ishii, Henry Sakakihara and Jack Kawamura.

First prize went to S. Kihara who landed a 17-lb.-9 oz. bass. Prizes were distributed to 32 other places, as follows:

Joe Nakatogawa, Sam Murakami, L. Stampley, James Takahashi, George Yasui, Jim Ito, Frank Okazaki, Don Yamada;

10th—Lester Matsumoto, Dick Kadoya, John Otani, Joe Yamanake, Sam Tsukamoto, Ronald Yamada, Harry Yamasaki, Tom Matsumoto, Yoshi Murata, Henry Hashimoto;

20th—Shiro Tahara, Frank Umeda, Don Isiui, Tosh Tanaka, J. Hashimoto, Sam Furiki, K. Hashimoto, Jim Namba, T. Tanaka, Tom Yokoi;

30th—T. Kawano, Roy Kanzawa, Kern Kono, Charles Nishi

Bill Kajikawa to address Maryknoll troop court

Bill Kajikawa of Arizona State University will be the guest speaker at Maryknoll Troop 145 and Explorer Post 145-X court of honor Nov. 23 at the Nickabob Restaurant, Ninth St. and Western Ave., it was announced last week by Bro. Theophane, institutional representative.

Kajikawa, a member of troop 145 in the early years of its formation when he attended Maryknoll School, is presently director of physical education at ASU and gained national prominence with his famous basketball teams.

While every scouting rank will be awarded at the court, 11 Eagle Scouts will be invested, a record number since the troop was organized in 1926.

Monterey golfer

MONTEREY. — Yo Tabata was elected 1959 president of Monterey Peninsula Nisei Golfers. He and his officers will be installed at the annual Awards Banquet, Dec. 6, at the Ginza Restaurant.

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Sequoia JACL to organize bridge club; chapter finishes 18-weeks instruction

REDWOOD CITY. — Members of the Sequoia JACL chapter, finished their latest series of bridge lessons at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. George Hiura with a duplicate bridge tournament.

Mrs. May Soules, who instructed the group in the Oakie method of bridge, during the eight week series, directed the tournament and announced the results as follows:

North-south winner—Misses Luri Masuda and Mary Tsukushi, 2nd—Mrs. Marina Todd and Namiko Honda; East-West winner—Miss Jne Kumagai and Mrs. Mae Ura, 2nd Henry Hamasaki and John Enomoto.

Winners were awarded silver cups, donated by Mrs. Soules, and second place winners were awarded plastic playing cards donated by Dr. Hiura.

At the conclusion of the tournament, the players decided to organize into a bridge club, with the help and inspiration of Dr. Hiura, one of the very few Nisei life Master Bridge players in the United States, who has helped to organize and teach, with Don Oakie and Mrs. Soules, the past 18 weeks of lessons for members of the Sequoia chapter.

The bridge club will apply for a franchise with the American Bridge League, and Master Points will be awarded during each of the bi-monthly meetings. All interested bridge players on the Peninsula are asked to contact Hiroshi Honda, 1576 Valota Rd., Redwood City, if interested in joining the bridge club. The Club will meet on Wednesday evenings, and the locale will be announced.

Long Beach peewee baseball holds awards presentation

LONG BEACH. — The Long Beach-Harbor District JACL program of baseball for youth was climaxed last Saturday with an awards program at the Harbor Community Center.

Baseball coaches Bill Crutchfield of Jordan High, John Herbold of Polytechnic and Ron Fairley were on hand to talk baseball with members of the P-Wee Atoms, Little Atoms and Yankees. After the awards were presented, refreshments were served followed by World Series movies. George Iseri, baseball commissioner, was in charge.

Basketball practice opens

MONTEREY. — Youngsters between the ages of 10 and 14 have begun basketball practice this week under the tutelage of former and present Minato A.C. cagers at Bayview Grammar School gym.

The Monterey Peninsula JACL and Minato A.C. are jointly sponsoring the Tuesday night sessions.

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LAST YEAR, we honored some of the old-timers in JACL in our mammoth Holiday Issue. These were the men and women who have been active in JACL for at least 20 years, or JACLers who were outstanding before evacuation and still support the organization, though they relinquished to the younger generation, the more vigorous reins of chapter responsibility.

AS WE approach the end of the year, our attention focuses on the 1958 Holiday Issue — soliciting original short stories, chapter reports that will point out the most unusual or most successful events of the year, holiday greetings from the community and readers and human-interest yarns of old-time JACLers.

WE HOPE this announcement will come to the attention of our JACL chapters across the country in selecting personalities they'd like to see featured in this year's special edition. We'd appreciate hearing from them at this time, indicating who they have in mind.

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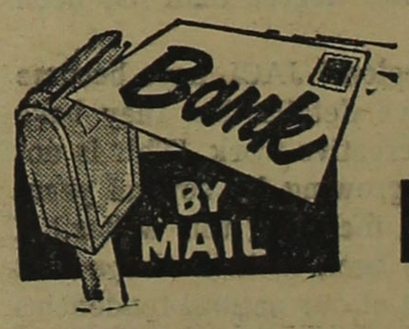

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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

Alaska Statehood

Seattle

Statehood for Alaska, a prophecy of Secretary of State William H. Seward in 1869, has at last become a reality.

Just two years after he had led the negotiations for the purchase of the vast territory from Russia for $7,200,000, Seward made a trip to Sitka, then the district capital. Visionary that he was, his picture of the future seemed almost too fantastic.

Secretary Seward said that in his lifetime he had seen 20 new states join the Union; that there were 10 territories "in a forward condition of preparation" and that Alaska was soon to join with these ten in status as a territory, to eventually embrace statehood as a "worthy constituency to the Republic."

Our neighbor to the north, to which Seattle has long been accredited as the gateway thereto, became more than ever, a prime topic of conversation last week when the Post-Intelligencer came out with the very splendid Alaska statehood edition.

In the Nisei community, from our worm's eye view, we were wont to reminisce and concoct imaginary stories of our own to grace the pages of a similar special edition. Stories of the contributions of the lowly Japanese laborer and cannery worker who contributed his mite to the building of an empire. On 10 cents a can pink salmon, a 12-hour day and 25 cents an hour overtime, he helped in the building of a $60,000,000 salmon industry. A small contribution, it is true, a byproduct of the struggle for a daily existence, just as the Chinese helped build the railroads and did the laundry and cooking for the more romantically occupied builders of the West.

No one seemed to have a definite answer to our question we asked Issei and Nisei who formerly resided in Alaska, the year around: "How will statehood now affect the daily life of Mr. Average Alaskan." One would say, "Aw, it'll increase taxes, and they'll have to pay and pay, more and more." Another would say statehood will bring a decrease in taxes because of difference in form of legislative machinery.

And there, the discussion would end, to invariably shift into the nostalgic mood. Alaska "gets" people that way, including yours truly.

Most poignant memories were of the round-up after Pearl Harbor, and eventual evacuation to the States. In each town there were a handful of Japanese entrepreneurs engaged in small businesses, plus a sprinkling of people who just worked.

One Nisei, a Seattleite, had gone to Fairbanks, with his bride, to make a stake. He worked at three jobs; garbage truck, bakery, and in a restaurant. His wife also worked as a waitress.

As he told it, everyone had been under surveillance by the FBI for a long time. They were rounded up in a dignified manner by the FBI, although in the questioning they were asked to explain all the money in the bank—which can be easily explained by anyone working seven days a week at three jobs, living in a cabin, and no food bills (an important item in Alaska) because both members of the family worked in restaurants.

There was no complaint at all about the treatment until the displaced persons got to the assembly point at Anchorage; the stockade, barbed wire, guards, tommy guns. A group demanded to see the commanding officer, protested that they were American citizens who had committed no crime, and what was the idea, etc. etc—and they got the usual answer of a GI with a job to do.

From remote settlements came a forlorn group—Indians who were one quarter or more Japanese. They were for the most part not used to associating with any Japanese, knew not a word of Japanese, and had none of the interests or background that may be described as a Nisei characteristic. They hung apart in sullen groups and hated the fellow inmates who were the "cause" of their confinement.

Alaska is a good place to try for anyone who is willing to work hard to make a stake, it was said. It requires working at more than one job, and one of the jobs should be the kind with meals provided. The formula sounds familiar. In the same pattern followed by a passing generation; frugality and relentless toil, as they made their way on the railroads, in the woods, sawmills, fields, and mines. It's the no short-cut formula, as so many who have made their stake in America can testify.

NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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BEAUTY BEHIND BARBED WIRE

In answer to periodic requests, we have obtained additional copies of "Beauty Behind Barb Wire" by our good friend Allan Eaton, which tells the story with pictures of the handcraft created in the relocation camps. We prefer this book over the other written about us during this period because it evokes appreciation rather than sympathy. Special price to JACLers $5. (List price $6).

THIS AND THAT: We are glad to have Blanche Shiosaki back at our Southern California office after a leave of absence following the National Convention to be with her father during his last days . . . We hope to have a few more Endowment dollars within the next week to hike our Endowment Trust to $200,000 . . . Thanks to Buddy Iwata of Livingston for the nice plant which graces the Director's Office.

(Editor's Note: The column arrived last Friday—the post office being at fault, for the letter was conspicuously marked "special delivery" on an air-mail envelope and posted from San Francisco on Tuesday.)

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

OAKLAND

AIKAWA, Jack—girl, May 2.
CHISAKI, Sunichi—girl, June 9, Berkeley.
FUJISHIGE, Henry — girl, Apr. 30, Berkeley.
HAMATAKA, Henry — girl, May 21, Berkeley.
HASHIMOTO, James — boy, June 4, Alameda.
HATASAKA, Harry—boy, July 3, San Leandro.
IINO, William T.—girl, Apr. 17, Berkeley.
KAJIOKA Thomas — boy, May 21, Berkeley.
KAMI, Frank—boy, May 12, Berkeley.
KANEGAKI, Seiso—girl, Mar. 4.
KIKUGAWA, Tadaaki—boy, Feb. 26, Berkeley.
KIMURA, Shoji—girl, May 6, Hayward.
KOIKE, Tom—boy, Apr. 20, Berkeley.
KOKKA, Norio—girl, Mar. 31, Berkeley.
KUBOTA, Shigeru—girl May 6.
KUMAMOTO, Junji — boy, Aug. 24, Berkeley.
MIYAZAWA, Tatsuo — boy, July 12, Berkeley.
MITSUDA, Toshio—girl, June 22.
MURAMOTO, Masami—girl, June 14, Berkeley.
NAGATA, Toshio—boy, June 8, Niles.
NAKASO, Jiro—boy, Apr. 10, Berkeley.
NISHIFUE, Kozo—girl, Mar. 9, Berkeley.
NISHIO, Harry K.—girl, Feb. 17, Berkeley.
NOMURA, John—girl, June 7.
NOMURA, Robert—girl, Sept. 9.
OYAMA, Paul—boy, June 19.
SAKURADA, Kay—boy, Mar. 31.
SHIKASHIO, Ned — boy Ronald G., Mar. 3.
SHIMASAKI, Fred—girl, June 19, Hayward.
SHINODA, Yoshimi—girl, Sept. 18.
SHINTANI, Harumi—boy, Mar. 6.
SHIRO, Shigeo—girl, June 3, Mill Valley.
TAKATA, Paul H.—boy, May 9.
TAKEI, Shuji—girl June 26.
TANDA, Yoshinori — girl, Aug. 11, Berkeley.
TOTARO, Richard—girl, Mar. 18, Hayward.
UCHIKURA, Donald S.—boy, Apr. 14, Hayward.
WATARI Kiyoshi—girl, Mar. 17, Niles.
YAMAMOTO, Yoshio—boy, Feb. 28, Irvington.
YAMAUCHI, Mitsuo—boy Eric Yasuo, Apr. 29, Irvington.
YOSHIDA, Mitsuo—girl, Aug. 24.
YOSHIOKA, Togo—boy, Aug. 31.

SACRAMENTO

TAMAI, Ted—girl, Mar. 20.
WADA, Yutaka—boy, July 18.
YAMAGIWA, Ben—girl, June 21.
YAMAICHI, Richard—girl, June 14.
YAMAMOTO, Tom—boy, June 27.

Jr. Tri-Villes announce theme for Nov. 15 dance

REDWOOD CITY. — The Jr. Tri-Villes stag-stagette dance tomorrow night from 8 o'clock has been themed as "Oh, What a Night!" It will be held at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 2751 Louis Rd. The group is sponsored by Sequoia JACL.

Color expert to speak to Chicago JACLers

CHICAGO. — Louis Cheskin, director of Color Research Institute of America, will address the Chicago JACL membership meeting tonight at the McCormick YWCA. He will discuss "How Colors Influence Our Daily Living."

MONTEREY CHAPTER SLATES POTLUCK FEAST

MONTEREY. — A menu featuring Chinese cuisine prepared by Monterey Peninsula JACL auxiliary members will be featured at the chapter's annual Thanksgiving potluck supper Nov. 16, 6 p.m., at the JACL Hall.

Two turkeys will be given as door prizes, it was announced, and more prizes will be offered in the games to follow. Diners were reminded to bring their plates, silver and chopsticks.

The Auxiliary, at its Nov. 8 meeting, witnessed Ruth Blanchard demonstrate original and practical Christmas gift idea. And Yoshi Esaki and Fumi Kodani were in charge of the Oct. 25 evening when members filled cascarones to be used at the New Year's Eve dance and packed candies for men in the service.

CORTEZ CHAPTER ALSO POTLUCK NOV. 16

BALLICO.—The Cortez JACL has announced a potluck dinner for this Sunday.

Free Japanese movies

SANTA ANA. — Japanese movies with English subtitles, "Bijyo Komori" and "Kokowa Shizukanari", will be presented free of charge by the Elites of Orange County at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 21 at Westminster grammar school.

State FEPC more likely as result of November election, says advocate

Immediate launching of a campaign for a state FEPC law, "to turn the new opportunity resulting from the elections into victory", was announced today in a statement issued by C.L. Dellums, chairman of the California Comittee for Fair Employment Practices.

The committee serves as a coordinating body for all California groups seeking passage of FEPC legislation.

Chances for enactment of fair employment practices legislation in the next session of the state legislature opening in January appear substantially improved as a result of the last week's election, according to a preliminary canvass of state senators and assemblymen, Dellums said.

"However, passage of FEPC is far from assured" his statement cautioned. "Although an overwhelming majority of the Assembly will unquestionably vote for the measure, a majority of state senators are not yet unequivocably pledged to support it. Also, the selection of Senate committees will have an important bearing on the final action of the Senate".

This estimate of the chances for legislation to establish a Fair Employment Practices Commission with powers to enforce a prohibition of racial, religious or ethnic discrimination was based on interviews with the legislators, a study of their voting records and their answers to questionaires submitted by the Committee.

Officers of the Committee include C. L. Dellums, pres., West Coast Region, NAACP; John Despol, sec.-treas. of the State CIO Council; C.J. Haggerty, sec.-treas. of the State Federation of Labor; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles; Judge Isaac Pacht, past-pres., L.A. Jewish Community Council; Edward R. Roybal, L.A. City Councilman; the Rev. Gilbert S. Zimmerman, St. Mark's Community Methodist Church of Los Angeles. State Secretary of the Committee is William Becker, and Southern California coordinator is Max Mont.

The committee will hold planning meetings in both Los Angeles and San Francisco in November and a state-wide meeting of its officers in December.

Church, civic, professional, labor, civil rights, and social welfare groups associated with the Committee include: the NAACP, Community Service Organization, Japanese American Citizens League, Jewish Labor Committee, Anti-Defamation League, Los Angeles County Central Labor Council, Los Angeles CIO Council, Los Angeles Church Federation, Board of Rabbis of Southern California.

BILL MATSUMOTO GETS 1000 CLUB DERBY, GAVEL

SAN MATEO. — Past national 1000 Club chairman Kenji Tashiro of Tulare County JACL presented the traditional 1000 Club derby and oversize gavel to William Matsumoto of Sacramento, 1959-60 national 1000 Club chairman.

The presentation was made during the NC-WNDC banquet here Nov. 2 attended by 230 persons.

New restaurant

SAN FRANCISCO. — Nikko Sukiyaki, managed by Frank Dobashi, opens today at Van Ness and Pine. The new $250,000 restaurant has been heralded as among the most beautiful to open in San Francisco in recent years.

NC-WNDC chapters vote $10 for state FEPC fight

SAN MATEO. — The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League at its quarterly session here Nov. 2 voted to contribute $10 per chapter to the 1959 statewide FEPC effort. There are 25 chapters in the district council.

Similar action is being anticipated by the other two California district councils in Central and Southern California.

Toys, canned goods for Cheer sought

A full crew of volunteer workers is standing by to sort and package the mountainous pile of staples, canned goods as well as toys for the 1958 Christmas Cheer campaign, announced campaign chairman George Fujita last week.

Call for toys and food items was made to social clubs, churches, other organizations and individuals. The Cheer committee added that all toys should be gift-wrapped and tagged with information indicating the age and whether for boy or girl.

On the financial side, the community has been generous this year with 52 per cent of the $2,000 goal already surpassed. The current total stands at $1,047.73. Recent donors were:

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$3—Joe Nomoto, J. Asakura; $2—K. Kanda, Y. Emi, T. Tatsui; $1— S. Ishitani.

Cheer Fund Recapitulation

Total Previously Repotred	$ 924.73
Total This Report	123.00
Current Total	$1,047.73

SAN FRANCISCO OPENS PERMANENT FEPC OFFICE

SAN FRANCISCO. — San Francisco's Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity has opened its permanent office at 500 Golden Gate Ave., availing its services to individuals, employers, labor organizations, employment agencies, city departments and contractors concerning their rights and obligations under the city's fair employment practices ordinance.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Nov. 4 Election Results

Washington, D.C.

THE MIDTERM (non-presidential year) elections ten days ago (November 4) resulted in the anticipated Democratic landslide. In this respect, it was unlike that of ten years ago, when the pollsters, the politicians, and the professionals all predicted the election of New York Governor Thomas Dewey as president, along with a GOP Congress.

IN THE SENATORIAL contests, the Democrats won 25 seats and the Republicans only eight, with the Democrats favored to add at least another when the newly admitted State of Alaska votes Nov. 25 for her first two senators.

This means that when the First Session of the 86th Congress convenes next Jan. 7, the Democrats will control at least 62 seats (no counting Alaska's) and the Republicans only 34. This will represent their largest margin since 1940, when the Democrats controlled 66 seats. Compared to their razor-thin margins in the past two Congresses (84th and 85th) when they controlled by a single vote, the Democratic victory is all the more pleasing to the Democratic Party.

In the House, where all 436 seats (including Alaska's to be voted later this month) were up for re-election, the Democrats won 281 seats, the Republicans 152, with two still undecided. The pick-up of 47 seats will give the Democrats the greatest margin of control since 1936, when they had 333 seats.

Altogether, there will be 16 new faces in the Senate and 79 in the House.

No "sitting" Democratic senator seeking re-election lost, while only two "sitting" Democrats seeking re-election to the House lost. One was Brooks Hays, Little Rock, Arkansas, "moderate" in school segregation matters who lost to a last-minute write-in candidate who is an ardent segregationist backed by Governor Orval E. Faubus. The other was Mrs. Coya Knutson, whose difficulties over politics with her husband, caused her defeat in Minesota.

OF THE 32 GUBERNATORIAL contests, the Democrats won 23, the Republicans eight, with one still undecided (Nebraska). Nine Democratic governors not up for election this year, plus the September victory in Maine, means that next year there will be a total of 33 Democrats in the state houses. The Republicans have six holdocers which, added to the eight they won two weeks ago, will give them 14 governorships next year.

THE DEMOCRATIC TIDE that flooded Congress also swept Democrats into control of 12 state law-making bodies formerly dominated by Republicans. In the 35 states which held elections for legislatures, the Democrats ousted the Republicans in California, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois (House only), Indiana (House only), Massachusetts, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota (House), Utah (House only), Wisconsin (Assembly only), and Wyoming (House only).

POST-ELECTION ANALYSES indicate that in most states local "bread and butter" issues dominated, although there was widespread disenchantment with the Administration itself. The Republicans attributed their losses to the lack of organization and division within the Party, the economic recession, including farmer unrest, and the opposition of organized labor. Although the President at his press conference the morning after the elections declared that the results did not represent a repudiation of his Administration's foreign and domestic policy, the Democrats naturally contend that they have received a mandate to review and perhaps revise and reverse them.

If these substantial majorities in both Houses do not result in a breakdown of party discipline and control, the Democrats are in an excellent position to secure any of their own legislative objectives even against a presidential veto. In the Senate, they will lack only four votes for the absolute two-thirds necessary to override a veto (including Alaska's two senators), while in the House, they will lack only ten votes for the absolute two-thirds vote required. Since the full membership is seldom present, and since there are a number of "modern" or "liberal" Republicans that may vote with them, it should not be too difficult to secure the two-thirds of those present and voting, if the Democrats can retain the support of their full contingent.

AN EXAMINATION of the winning congressional candidates, especially for the Senate, reveals that most of them are younger, more liberal, and better educated than the old-line "conservative" Republicans they replaced.

Moreover, the infusion of this "liberal" element may destroy at long last the Southern Democrat Conservative GOP coalition that has held the balance of power for so long in the Congress.

Interestingly enough, all of the Democrats who were chairmen of committees and were up for re-election won, but many of the ranking Republicans, most of whom were considered "die-hard conservatives" either retired voluntarily or were defeated. These include Senators George W. Malone of Nevada, John W. Bricker of Ohio, Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, and H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey, ranking Republicans on the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, Finance Committee and Public Works Committee, and Labor and Public Welfare Committee, respectively.

Interesting too is the coincidence that the only three new Republican senators to win election replaced Republicans who had voluntarily retired this year: Senators Kenneth Keating of New York, Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, and Winston L. Prouty of Vermont, replacing Senators Irving Ives, Edward Martin, and Ralph Flanders, respectively.

THE NEW LINE-UP in the Congress is not expected to adversely affect JACL's legislative objectives, even though several outstanding congressional friends of the organization were defeated in the midterm elections.

YOUTH CONFAB IN PORTLAND SLATED WITH PNWDC MEET

PORTLAND. — Tsutomu Uchida, who joined National JACL Headquarters as a trainee last September, makes his "debut" representing National at the two-day Pacific Northwest District Council quarterly meeting Nov. 29-30, it was announced by PNWDC Chairman Henry T. Kato.

Uchida, actively associated with youth work in the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL before joining the national staff, will participate in a youth conference to be hosted by Portland JACL on Nov. 29.

The youth meeting will be climaxed by a community dance with selection of a queen that evening.

The PNWDC business session will be held at the JACL Office, 327 NW Couch St. On the agenda are reports from National Headquarters by Uchida, national convention report, district council committee and officer reports and the 1959 district council convention.

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bents.

Six of eight AJAs running in the city-county of Honolulu elections winning were:

James Murakami (D) inc., auditor; Lawrence S. Goto (D) inc., treasurer; Richard Kagayama (D) inc., Masato Doi (D) inc., Clesson Chikasuye (D) inc. and Matsuo Takabuki (D) inc., supervisors. Kageyama polled 59,900 votes to lead, while the seventh man Takabuki had 50,897. The Democrats clean swept the 7-member board of supervisors as compared with 6-1 in the 1956 elections. Republican Mayor Neal Blaisdell was reelected by a decisive 15,000 votes however.

The 16 AJAs elected in the neighboring counties were:

Hawaii — Yoshito Tanaka (D), attorney; R.T. Tanabe (R) inc., treas.; Hiroshi Tanaka (D) inc., James H. Hamasaki (R), 3-member board of supervisors, East Hawaii; Ikuo Hisaoka (D) inc., 3-member board of supervisor, West Hawaii.

Maui — Toshi Enomoto (R) inc., clerk; S. Murayama (D), treas.; Toshio Anzai (R), Tom T. Tagawa (D) inc., Harry Kobayashi (D) inc., 6-member board of supervisors; Goro Hokama (D) inc., 1-member board of supervisor, Lanai.

Kauai — Toshio Kabutan (D) inc., attorney; George H. Toyofuku (D), Raymond X. Aki (D), Tsuneto Kunimura (D) inc., Joe Shiramizu (R), 6-member board of supervisors.

Democrat John A. Burns was reelected Delegate to Congress over his Republican opponent Farrant L. Turner. Burns' margin of victory was over 14,000 votes and over the figure anticipated by even his most ardent backers. Burns carried all the counties, including the Island of Hawaii which was considered Turner's territory.

Other observations of the Hawaiian general election show that incumbents have the edge with 56 being re-elected and only one losing. There were 25 Nisei incumbents.

The AJA vote has little or no bearing on the outcome of key races as they are probably equally divided for Republican and Democratic candidates. And no group based strictly on racial antecedents can dictate the course of politics in the Islands.

Also noted was the vigilance by the Hawaiian electorate of selecting candidates who are for full-fledged statehood and alert in defeating candidates who may be a detriment to Hawaii statehood.

60th anniversary rites

SAN FRANCISCO. — Special services and programs were featured last week at the 60th anniversary celebration of the San Francisco Buddhist Church.

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sent their claims.

He reminded Rogers that he had recently had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of JACL at its 15th biennial convention at Salt Lake City, scrolls to Doub and Enoch E. Ellison, chief of the Japanese Claims section, honoring them for their excellent administration of the claims law.

Doub reviewed the events which caused the property losses and the provisions enacted by Congress governing the claims for compensation.

"In 1942 the War Department, acting under Executive Order of the President, directed the exclusion of all persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific Coast of the continental U.S., Alaska and a portion of Arizona. Of a total population of about 113,000 in this area, 110,442 persons of Japanese ancestry were removed to relocation centers where they were held for almost three years. The evacuation orders did not give them adequate time to provide for the care or liquidation of their property and personal possessions.

"The governmental safeguards designed to prevent undue losses were entirely inadequate under the circumstances. Distress sales of homes, farms, stocks, businesses and personal possessions usually realized no more than a fraction of market value.

"It was often impossible to make reliable arrangements for the protection and management of property and, in many cases, valuable properties had to be abandoned.

"The Evacuation Claims Act established the right to recover for these losses but there was no means of measuring and compensating for all the intangible losses and for the suffering and mental anguish of loyal citizens temporarily treated as aliens.

"The Act of 1948 required an adjudication by the Attorney General of each claim after full hearings had been held and a formal record of evidence prepared. Under these requirements and the limited appropriation provided progress was drastically slow. At the request of the Justice Department, Congress, in 1952, authorized administrative settlement up to $2,500 and in 1956 raised the compromise ceiling to $100,000."

Doubs continued: "I am pleased to be able to report to you that the Japanese Claims Section of the Civil Division, with offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Washington, has completed this program. Administrative awards have been made in 26,552 claims, including the one submitted for your personal signature. The aggregate payments under the program total $36,874,240.49. Of the total number of claims disposed of not more than 3% were dismissed."

Doub thought the most significant testimonial to the fairness with which this program has been administered consists in the fact that only eight claimants have brought suit in the Court of Claims. In seven, court action was required because the amounts demanded by the claimants are far in excess of our $100,000 settlement authority. Only one involved a claim within our $100,000 jurisdictional settlement limit.

Doub also congratulated members of the Claims Section for their conscientious efforts in the administration of this unique government restitution program.

The San Francisco office was closed in June, 1958. Other offices are now in process of closing and members of the Section are being reassigned by the Department.

To introduce queen candidates at CINO dance

FRESNO. — Queen candidates from the Central California area for California Intercollegiate Nisei Organization convention will be introduced a pre-conference dance Nov. 21, 9 p.m., at the local FOE hall. Jack Rustigan will provide the music for the dressy sports affair.

The 195 CINO conference will be held here Dec. 27-2.

ANTI-VIOLENCE LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS SEEN

The Community Relations Conference of Southern California last week said efforts will be made during the forthcoming session of Congress to pass legislation designed to curb hatemongers advocating terror and violence.

The Community Relations Conference of Southern California, known until recently as the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations made public an exchange of telegrams between Senators Jacob K. Javits, of New York, and Thomas H. Kuchel, of California. The telegrams indicated that the New York Senator intends to propose legislation which would enable the Federal Government to bar from the mails hate literature inciting to violence and to prosecute interstate conspiracies to involve in the kind of terror which the country has witnessed recently.

Senator Kuchel advised Senator Javits that he will be glad to co-sponsor the bill. "I share the deep revulsion of the American people," Senator Kuchel said in his wire, "over the dastardly bombings of places of worship and the other unspeakable acts of violence which in recent weeks have been directed at our fellow citizens on the bigoted basis of their color or their creed. It does not matter who may be the target," Kuchel continued, "violence and intimidation are reprehensible to thinking people."

Senator Javits stated that his bill will be drafted so as not to "infringe upon traditional freedoms of speech and the press and the essential responsibilities and jurisdiction of local law enforcement officials."

The So. California JACL office is a member organization of the Community Relations Conference.

CALENDAR

Nov. 15 (Saturday)

Long Beach—Issei Citizen recognition dinner

Salinas Valley—Issei Night potluck, Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church gym, 6:30 p.m.

St. Louis—JACL Fall Festival, Artists' Guild Hall.

Sequoia—Jr. Tri-Villes dance

Nov. 16 (Sunday)

PSWDC—Quarterly meeting, West L.A. JACL hosts, at Santa Monica Elks Club.

Tulare County—Jr. JACL meeting, Dinuba Buddhist Church, 2 p.m.

Monterey Peninsula — Thanksgiving Potluck.

Nov. 17 (Monday)

West Los Angeles—Auxiliary Election Meeting.

Nov. 18 (Tuesday)

Sonoma County—Auxiliary Potluck, Memorial Hall, 6::30 p.m.

Nov. 19 (Wednesday)

Monterey Peninsula—Board meeting, JACL Hall, 7:30 p.m.

San Franicsco—Auxiliary cooking class, Buddhist Church kitchen.

Nov. 20 (Thursday)

Boise Valley — Thanksgiving Shoot, Marsing Rod & Gun Club trap range, 9 a.m.

New York—JACL Meeting, Japan Society Aud., 18 E. 50th St.

Nov. 20-23

Detroit—Old World Market, International Institute, 12n-10 p.m.

Nov. 22 (Saturday)

San Fernando Valley—Benefit movies, San Fernando Gakuen, 7 p.m.

Sacramento—"Your Stars of Tomorrow" Show, YBA Hall.

Nov. 22-23

Philadelphia—Folk Fair, Commercial Museum, 34th and Convention Ave.

Nov. 23 (Sunday)

Sonoma County—Striped Bass Derby, Nelson's Resort, Napa.

CCDC—Golf tournament.

Nov. 26 (Wednesday)

Pasadena — "Autumn Whirl" dance, Community Center, 64 W. Del Mark, 8 p.m.

East L.A.-Southwest L.A. — Christmas Cheer dance, University Women's Club, 540 S. Catalina St., 8 p.m.

Nov. 27 (Thursday)

Gilroy — Thanksgiving Dance, IOOF Hall, 55 N. Eigleberry St., 9 p.m.

Nov. 28 (Friday)

Twin Cities—General meeting, J. A. Center, 8 p.m.; Paul Siegal, spkr.

Nov. 28-29

Mt-PDC—Annual convention, Denver.

IDC—Annual convention, Ontario, Ore.

PNWDC—Annual convention, Portland.

Long Beach—Basketball tournament, L.B. City College.

Nov. 29 (Saturday)

Chicago — Inaugural dinner-dance, Edgewater Beach Hotel, dinner from 6 p.m.

CCDC—JACL Bowling Tournament.

Nov. 29-30

Gardena Valley—Benefit movies, Community Center, 7 p.m.

Nov. 30 (Sunday)

CCDC—Annual convention, Fresno Hacienda Motel.

Dec. 4 (Thursday)

East Los Angeles—Election meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.

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Dec. 6 (Saturday)

St. Louis—Inaugural dinner, Roncaro's.

Southwest L.A.—Hele Mai.