

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Essential, valuable service for chapters

The purpose of a JACL chapter clinic is to acquaint chapter officers and members with the history, purposes, goals and programs of the organization on the national, regional and local levels. Just about every conceivable type of JACL problem is discussed. For the newcomer to JACL, the chapter clinic is a "must" and has proven its value over the years.

What is surprising to us is that more district councils do not set aside at least one of their quarterly meetings for a workshop of this kind. It is axiomatic that a good JACL member must be an informed and enthusiastic one. The local chapters should be the first to recognize the benefits of sending as many delegates as possible to these clinics.

Observant JACL leaders have asked for more information and education on the local chapter level for many, many years. They recognize that the chapters which have enlightened and devoted leaders are the chapters which are most active and most successful. On the other hand, the few chapters which lack leadership and know-how seem to be the units which are always on the verge of becoming inactive.

Two shortcomings prevent a chapter clinic from being as effective as it might be: 1st—the people who need this kind of background and information fail to attend the chapter clinic, and 2nd—so much material must be covered in the one-day session that delegates (especially those with limited organizational experience) are overwhelmed by the sheer quantity of material offered. Nevertheless, the chapter clinics perform an essential and valuable service for those local leaders and members who are diligent and ardent enough to attend.

The Pacific Southwest District Council is having its annual chapter clinic on Feb. 9 with Long Beach-Harbor District JACL as hosts. Chapter president Dr. David Miura, clinic chairman Mas Narita

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ASSEMBLYMAN GRANT TO SPEAK AT PSWDC CLINIC

LONG BEACH.—State Assemblyman William S. Grant, long-time friend of JACL here, was announced as principal dinner speaker for the fifth annual Pacific Southwest District Council chapter clinic meeting Feb. 9, it was announced by Mas Narita, clinic chairman.

The dinner will be held at 6 p.m. at Eaton's Chicken House, north-east of the Harbor Community Center, 1766 Seabright Ave., which is locale for the chapter clinic sessions. Long Beach-Harbor District JACL is host for the day.

An additional dinner attraction will be the announcement of the winner of the PSWDC "Chapter of the Year" award, made annually in the form of a gavel presented to the president of the winning chapter and the chapter's name inscribed upon the George J. Inagaki Perpetual Plaque.

Chapters are judged according to performance of duties as outlined by the national organization, services to their respective communities, chapter programs, projects and other factors, according to committee chairman Tut Yata. Mas Satow, National Director from San Francisco, will present the award.

Nisei Personality

Present plans call for Steve Abe, staff psychologist at the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk, to make a preliminary report of his findings on the personality traits survey of the Nisei as they differ from the Caucasian American average at the clinic sessions. Abe has been working for over a year on this project and many Nisei who have participated in his psychological tests have been waiting for the final results.

PSWDC Chairman David Yokozeki asked that all chapter and district officers be on time for the PSWDC quarterly business meeting, which will begin at 10 a.m. A buffet luncheon will be served from noon by the host chapter.

The clinic sessions will begin with a lecture series on JACL history, organizational background and legislative work and will be followed by three one-hour discussion groups. Subjects for the discussion groups will include chapter programming and activities, public relations-publicity, and membership-finance.

Committeemen

Long Beach chapter members who are working on arrangements under the chairmanship of Mas Narita and chapter president Dr. David Miura are Mrs. Sue Joe, associate chairman; Frances Ishii, sec.; George Iseri, gen. arr.; Dr. Katsumi Izumi, dinner; Dorothy Matsushita, luncheon; Marlene Hada, coffee service; Harry Kitahata, procurement; Grace Nakahara, regist.

The daytime business and clinic sessions will be held at the Long Beach Japanese Community Center, 1766 Seabright Ave.

ACLU BACKS SELF-RULE FOR OKINAWA CITIZENS

NEW YORK.—Criticizing the U.S. Dept. of Defense's "military interference" in the affairs of Okinawa, the American Civil Liberties Union this week urged that "full self-government" be granted to the Okinawans, restricted only by the interests of military security.

The ACLU protest arose from the recent Naha city elections in which the issue of military interference was regarded as a major problem.

Special features of JACL convention revealed at IDC



One of the first committees to make its presence known across the country as Salt Lake JACLers began planning for the 15th Biennial National Convention is masterminding the booklet. At left is Mas Horiuchi, ass't editor; Jeanne Konishi, editor; and Henry Kasai, business manager. Terashima Studio

POCATELLO. — Progress reports of the forthcoming 15th Biennial National JACL Convention to be held Aug. 22-25 at Salt Lake City were highlights of the quarterly Intermountain District Council meeting here last Sunday.

Rupert Hachiya, convention board chairman, introduced various committee chairmen who then explained their phase of activity.

Isamu Watanuki, queen contest chairman, reported Salt Lake JACL was successfully creating interest in the selection of its chapter candidate for "Miss JACL—1958", who will reign as official hostess of the convention. He hoped other IDC chapters would select a candidate in time for the finals to be staged in Salt Lake City on April 5.

Mas Yano, IDC chairman, reported on the progress being made in the national oratorical contest, which will be publicized in detail very soon. IDC chapters were being urged to choose candidates by April 6, when one will be picked as district representative for the convention speechfest.

Mrs. Alice Kasai outlined the national convention essay contest as drafted by Prof. Elmer Smith of the Univ. of Utah. The rules will be announced pending approval by the national JACL board.

Henry Kasai, business manager for the convention souvenir booklet, appealed for cooperation from the chapters on solicitation of greetings from local merchants and businessmen.

Ichiro Doi, chairman of Operation Fordnik, hoped the chapters would push the project to the limit as it would assist the convention immeasurably in terms of finance. Continued on Page 5

100th Bn. commander wonders if U.S. can take it if nation is ever attacked

WAILUKU, Maui.—"The old man" of Hawaii's famed 100th Infantry Battalion of World War II, then Lt. Col. Farrant L. Turner and now secretary of Hawaii, claims Russia's Sputniks have been "a blessing in disguise for America."

"They have alarmed America out of its complacency, with no lives being lost, as no other event has done since the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor 16 years ago today," Turner told members of his former command and their wives.

He made his remarks as guest speaker at the annual installation dinner of Maui chapter, Club 100, at the Maui Grand Hotel recently.

He reminded the former members of his unit that the "British and Japanese had guts" the way the former took the Nazi buzz bombs over England in World War II and the latter kept fighting until our atomic bomb attacks.

"I wonder if we can take it if they start throwing this stuff at us?" Turner asked.

"No country values human life more than we do," he added.

He said the only defense against guided missiles and an atomic attack is an offense.

Territorial Comptroller Michael Miyake, president of the Territorial Club 100, installed Goichi Shimadani, president.

MILE-HI JACLER JOINS PANEL DISCUSSION ON DENVER RACE TENSIONS

DENVER. — Robert Maruyama, Mile-Hi JACL vice-president for public relations, participated in a panel discussion of "Racial Tensions in Denver" at the St. Paul Lutheran Church here as representative of the JACL last Sunday.

Other panel members included Sebastian Owens, director of the Urban League, Dr. Gilbert Maestas for the Spanish-speaking people, and Mrs. Edna Bugdanowitz.

The discussion, involving adult as well as junior levels, was aimed to pin-pointing what churches in particular could do to ease racial tensions in the metropolitan Denver area. The meeting concluded with a pot-luck supper at the Church.

Maruyama is a native Coloradoan, originally from the Arkansas Valley, and a graduate of Adams State Teachers College with a master's degree in education from Denver University. He has taught in various schools locally and is now a teacher at the Kempner Jr. High School.

Southland Nisei Democrats elect Kunitsugu president

Design engineer Kango Kunitsugu, 34, was elected president of the Japanese American Democratic Club at a recent dinner meeting at San Kwo Low.

Its purpose is to awaken the political interests of Southland Nisei and "not necessarily to acquaint political leaders with Nisei voters", the past Southwest L.A. JACL leader explained.

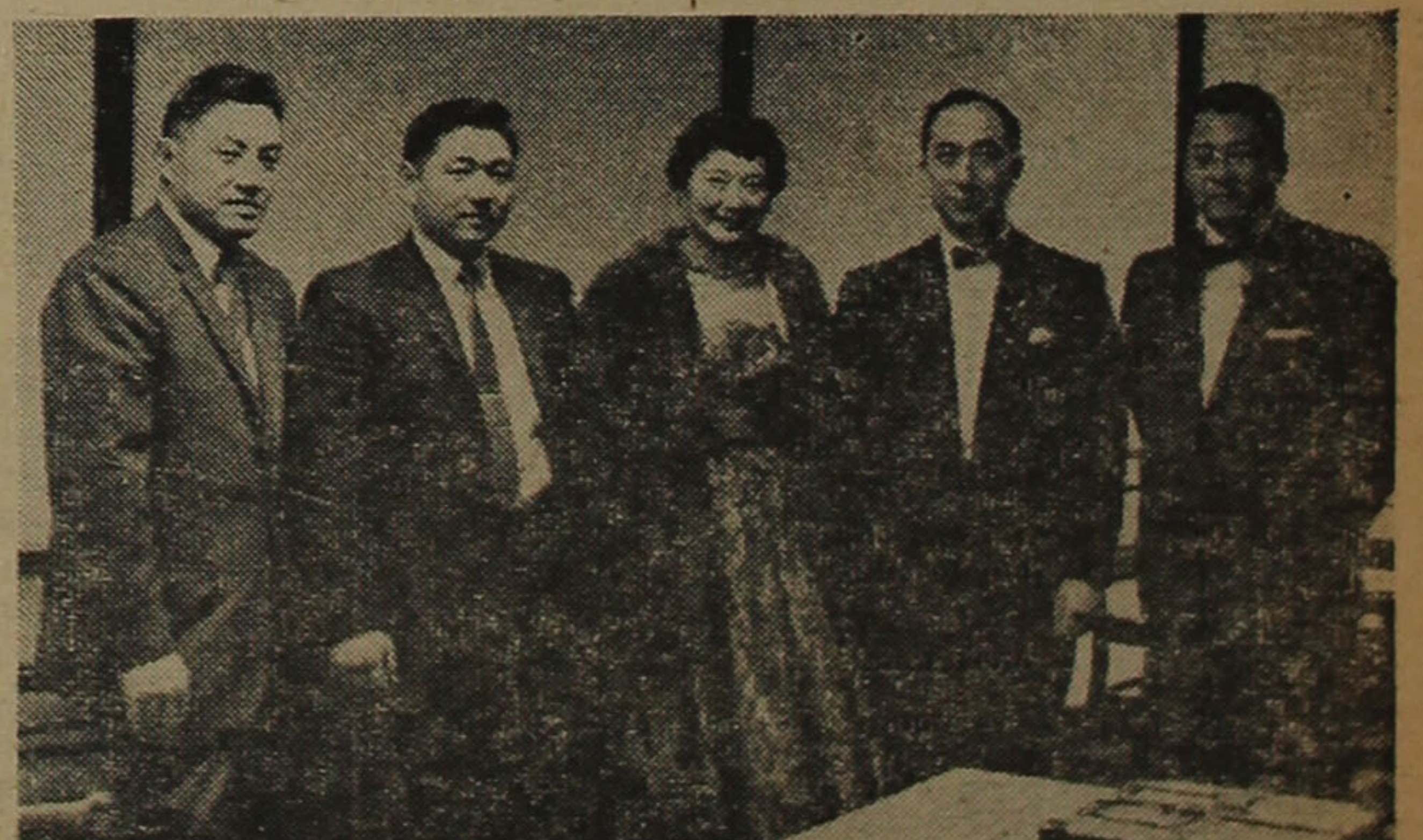
MERGER RUMORS FILL FOUNTAIN VALLEY CITY

FOUNTAIN VALLEY. — Rumors that Fountain Valley would seek to unite with Huntington Beach or some other city were disclaimed by City Mayor James Kanno, who is a member of Orange County JACL.

"I do not feel that way and I am sure that no members of the council feel that, but I do hear a lot of talk in that direction as I go around town," the Nisei mayor admitted this week.

He has been assuring everyone that "it is not coming from myself or the council."

Charles Ishii, another Orange County JACLER, is a member of the council and up for election this year. He plans to run again. The city was incorporated last June.



Principal speaker, guests and honoree at the Jan. 11 installation dinner of the Twin Cities United Citizens League are (left to right) Tom Kanno, toastmaster; Tom Ohno, chairman of the 1953 UCL board; Mrs. Lily Okura, secretary to National JACL Board; Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, Midwest District chairman, who was the installing officer; and Patrick K. Okura of Omaha, guest speaker.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Alamosa, Colo.

VALLEY OF ACCEPTANCE — They call it the San Luis Valley, a hundred miles long and 75 miles wide. Ringed by some of the nation's tallest peaks, the valley for the most part is a flat, fertile saucer a mile and a half above sea level. Here, perhaps 40 families of Japanese descent have made their homes.

The position these families hold in affairs of the valley is, to say the least, unique. Take the San Luis Valley chapter of the JACL, for instance. It has approximately 120 members; one-third of them are Caucasians who heard about the JACL and its good works and wanted to join. Virtually every eligible Issei and Nisei man and woman in the valley is a member. How many other chapters can boast 100 pct. membership? Some of the members say that if the number of Caucasian members continues to rise at the current rate, the Issei and Nisei may soon be in the minority in their own organization.

A couple of years ago the Buddhist church in La Jara, near the southern end of the valley, decided to put on a benefit dinner featuring Japanese and Chinese foods, to raise funds to paint the building. Including the children, there aren't more than 60 or 70 Japanese Americans in the entire La Jara area. But more than 750 persons bought tickets at \$1.50 per head and came to eat. The local newspaper commented that the turnout was a concrete expression of the high regard everyone holds for the Japanese Americans.

INTEGRATED — The Nisei hereabouts take as much part in community affairs as the Caucasians do in JACL activities. Take the Costilla County Rotary Club, whose members are concentrated in the Blanca area. The club has 25 members, five of whom are Nisei, and three of whom currently are serving on the board. The club holds weekly dinner meetings, and every fifth week the Nisei wives serve an Oriental menu. Some of the Caucasian members say they'd be just as happy if they got Oriental food every other week.

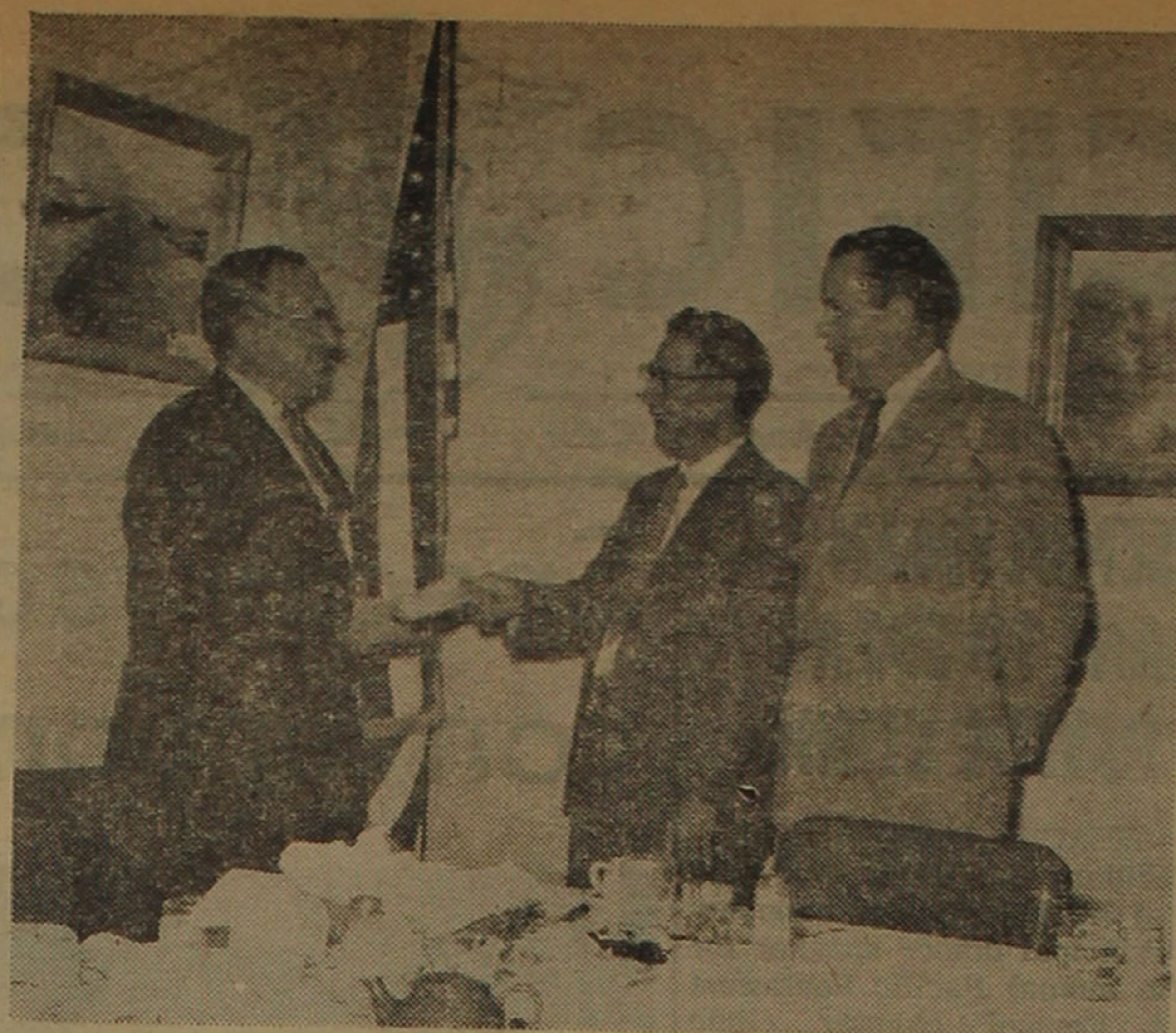
Down in La Jara, Roy Inouye is the only Nisei member of Rotary and is past president. Inouye was also active in the Junior Chamber and currently is a five-county representative in the Farm Bureau Federation. This means he represents something like 1600 farm folks.

JACL LEADERS — Reason for my being in the San Luis Valley was the annual installation dinner of the JACL. Roy Fujii was stepping out after a year as president and Charles Hayashida succeeded him. Fujii, referred to locally as the perennial bachelor, farms some 320 acres of his own land, plus some leased land, with his father just outside of Alamosa. Roy enlisted in the army after Pearl Harbor, went to the language school and found himself attached to an infantry outfit on Guadalcanal and Bougainville, among other places. Discharged as a lieutenant, he was only too happy to get back to the farm.

Hayashida is a husky amiable sort still on the sunny side of 40. He farms 600 acres near Blanca, is married to a girl from Hawaii named Sadako, and has three youngsters. Hayashida was born in Fort Lupton, Colo., moved into the San Luis Valley with his folks as a teenager, looked over California for a couple of years and then decided when evacuation talk got started that Colorado was the place for him.

Mr. JACL in these parts, however, is Roy Inouye, a prosperous farmer who finds himself serving on more darned non-paying community projects. Inouye just happened to attend the first JACL postwar convention in Denver, heard Mike Masaoka talk, and immediately became a convert. He was chiefly instrumental in getting the chapter started and is the one fellows look to for guidance on JACL matters.

Next week we'll introduce you to some other San Luis Valley Nisei and tell you how they make a living.



Calipatria Mayor Ed Rademacher (left) accepts Harry Momita's personal check for \$500, which will be added to the fund for construction of the tallest flagpole in the U.S., 184 feet high. City Councilman Franklin Garrett looks on. — Courtesy: Brawley News

'Tallest flagpole in U.S.' for Helen Momita memorial to be sold by inches

CALIPATRIA.—A large thermometer to show progress on Calipatria's 184-foot flag pole has been set up on one of the pillars in front of the post office here. The tower is scaled to one inch per foot and as the money comes in the red marker will go up.

Certificates, that look like the real thing, are being prepared and will be issued to all who donate. Minimum donations to rate a certificate is \$5 and the certificate will show how much interest the donor gets in the "tallest flagpole in the U.S.A." First certificate will be mailed to Vice President Richard Nixon, who recently donated a large flag that had flown over the Nation's Capitol.

Estimates given the flagpole committee show possible cost may be around \$3,500. The fund now has something over a thousand.

Opposite City Hall

When enough has been given to start construction the pole will be erected in the South City Park across from the city hall. A plaque at the base will show the dedication to Shizuko Helen Morita, late wife of Calipatria's druggist Harry Momita.

When Helen was accidentally killed last October in an auto accident and her husband was injured, Calipatrians, headed by Mayor Rademacher, city councilman Franklin Garrett and chief of police John Beauchamp, opened the

drug store and operated it for two weeks until Momita was well enough to return to his business.

The story of being a good neighbor was picked up by the UP and AP wire services, TV and radio and given national publicity with stories and editorials printed in city papers all across the nation and in the Orient.

Momita's Suggestion

Following the accident Valley friends of the Momitas sent money for flowers or a memorial for Helen. An active Chamber of Commerce worker and past president of the local chamber, Momita knew that plans for the 184-foot flagpole were dear to the hearts of the mayor and others in Calipatria.

So in order to repay their kindness in some small way it was his suggestion that the money be used to start the flagpole fund.

Since that time contributions have been coming in and the idea of giving the certificate of interest in such a unique project is a recent outcome of the committee's thinking.

Progress on the flagpole will be shown on the thermometer pole and with stories in the papers.

It is hoped that the pole may be erected soon and that the dedication may be at a time when Vice President Nixon is on the West Coast so he might be prevailed upon to help with the ceremonies. —Calipatria Herald.



TOKYO TOPICS By Tamotsu Murayama

Emigrants of Japan

TOKYO.—Emigres, who are generally scorned and poo-pooed, are gaining new favor following the recent report from the Federation of Japanese Overseas Association, a semi-governmental agency, which revealed Japan's economy received an ¥13 billion shot-in-the-arm during 1956 from an estimated 800,000 Japanese emigrants.

The sum represents the total contribution from former Japanese residents in the form of gifts, remittances to relatives in Japan and touring expenditures. The same report disclosed 5,514 Japanese emigrants revisited Japan during the year, spending an average of 166 days at ¥2,476 a day. Close to 40 per cent of them utilized Japanese ships and aircraft, which meant ¥600 million alone on transportation.

And observing the tradition of bringing gifts from overseas, the emigres brought in an average of ¥120,000. The total value of gifts received from Japanese emigres is estimated at ¥1.2 billion. And trade that was directly stimulated

by the presence of Japanese overseas is estimated at ¥10.3 billion a year.

While the report was presented as an estimate, it created great surprise. As Japanese emigrants are regarded as a group of the lower or poorer class and almost forced to leave Japan in order to subsist (and it's true from this aspect), such was the attitude for the generation of people who became pioneers in North and South America and elsewhere.

In the past six years, the bulk of emigration has been found in the 30,000 now in Brazil.

Nisei as a Group

Equally humiliated were the children of these emigrants. The Nisei who have been in Japan is treated as if he did not belong to the community.

After Japan was defeated, a tremendous amount of financial and material assistance came to Japan in the form of relief. Without it, Japan was not able to stand on its feet. Much of this came from the United States—from the

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Bits & Bites

A women's shoe store falls within the term "other places of public accommodation" of the California Civil Rights Act, so ruled the Appellate Dept. of Superior Court last month. The decision was rendered in a damage suit by Mrs. Virginia Lambert, a Negro, against Mandel's of California. . . . The state civil code reads: "All the citizens within the jurisdiction of this state are entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, hotels, eating houses, places of public accommodation or amusement . . . and applicable alike to all citizens."

Tooru Kanazawa, now editing the Hokubei Shimpō English Section in addition to running a travel bureau in New York, has written his 20th installment (so far) of his recent Far East travels. He relates his reunion with John T. Fujii of Yomiuri Shimbun and Ken Tashiro, formerly of Los Angeles but now with a U.S. gov't office in Tokyo. . . . Tooru and John hadn't met since 1941, adding "John became so entangled that his experiences would be one for the books". Last time Tooru and Ken saw each other was in Italy "when us 'old men' of the 442nd RCT were being deployed home" after the war.

A psychiatric patient in Salt Lake VA hospital has been writing vicious anti-"Jap" letters to several Nisei in the community. Recipients known to date, according to the SLC JACL Newsletter issued this week, have been Tom Nakamura, Gil Oshiro, ABC Cleaners and Alyce Watanabe. Still seething with hatred for the "Japs" who caused the last war and demanding all of them be removed from the U.S., the writer happens to be an ex-Army nurse. . . . The newsletter is a gem, loaded with vital statistics of NINE lovelies vying for "Miss Salt Lake JACL". Watch for the pics next week. No space this time.

Talking about 30th Anniversaries (San Francisco JACL celebrates its founding in 1928 this Sunday), the PC celebrates its 30th next October—about the same time, we get the 1,000th edition off the press.

Space prevents us from featuring the Pocatello JACL Newsletter personalities for the month of December (Ronald Yokota) and January (the former Kihara twins; Mrs. Marianne Endo and Mrs. Joanne Kawamura), but it's still on file ready for the typesetters. . . . This is the time of the year when JACL is never ending with chapter news and it revives wishes we had advertising to warrant 12 pages.

Kimi Tambara, new Portland JACL president, is editor of the Oregon Weekly English section, though her main line is that of beautician. . . . A recent note from Brother Theophane Walsh, undergoing medical treatments in Kansas City, Mo., reveals the Sunday papers make it a habit to feature some of the few Japanese Americans living in their midst. . . . And we found out ex-Coachella Valley JACLs Taro Inouye is now farming near Manzanita, Mexico. His brother Ernest, a furniture designer, was featured in the L.A. Times Midwinter Issue on Jan. 2.

SANTA BARBARA JACL FIRST CHAPTER TO GIVE

CALIPATRIA.—The Santa Barbara JACL was the first chapter to respond to the Pacific Citizen appeal for the Helen Momita Memorial Flagpole Fund, it was revealed. The chapter donated \$10. (Contributions should be forwarded to the Flagpole Fund, P.O. Box 666, Calipatria, Calif.—Editor.)

Benkei, the Boy-Giant

A new children's book, "Benkei the Boy-Giant" by Marjorie Fribourg, is being published by Sterling Publishing Co., N. Y., for a March release. The adventures of this legendary figure, which has thrilled Japanese for over 800 years, is making its first appearance in English.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

COMEBACK OF SESSUE HAYAKAWA

Denver

Sessue Hayakawa, on the strength of his vital portrayal of Colonel Saito in "The Bridge on the River Kwai," probably will win the greatest honor of his career, an Oscar for the "best supporting actor of the year." The remarkable fact is, of course, that Hayakawa is in his 45th year of acting in the movies and was considered "washed up" as long as 30 years ago.

Whether or not Hayakawa gets the Oscar—and he is considered in Hollywood this week as a prime contender as nominations for the Academy Awards were opened—his comeback is a heartening one. Back in 1913, when movies of feature length were still a novelty, Hayakawa got his first role in films after he was seen in Japanese amateur theatricals in Los Angeles. In a year he was starring in Ralph Ince productions, portraying Indians as well as Orientals. He later joined the late Jesse Lasky (who died only a week ago) in the new Famous Players-Lasky studio, now Paramount, and became the screen's first Oriental villain. He was a heavy lover in many films, playing opposite Hollywood's greatest beauties, but never got the girl at the fadeout. He later started his own company and appeared in a number of films with Japanese backgrounds, in which he was able to portray sympathetic roles as well as dastardly ones, and was often cast opposite Tsuru Aoki, who later became his wife.

Hayakawa's name was a byword for movie fans for more than a decade, and he was one of the industry's highest-paid stars, earning \$5,000 weekly and spending most of it on his Hollywood mansion (torn down only two years ago to make way for a freeway), his staff of servants and several limousines.

By 1925 Hayakawa was having a little difficulty getting starring roles and he embarked on a vaudeville tour with his own company on the Orpheum time, playing in a one-act drama titled "The Bandit Prince." He left shortly afterward for France, taking up residence in Paris where he appeared in a number of films, including "Le Battle" (later remade as "Thunder in the East," the film which introduced Charles Boyer and Merle Oberon to American audiences), the love triangle involving a Japanese commander, his wife and a British officer, and "Yoshiwara," in which he portrayed a ricksha puller. Both of these pictures raised the ire of the hyper-sensitive Japanese and the Tokyo government went as far as to ask that they be banned.

Hayakawa returned once to Hollywood in 1932 to make "Daughter of the Dragon" with Anna May Wong for his old employers, Paramount. It was Hayakawa's first talkie in the United States and his command of English was faulty. The whole thing proved a fiasco and Hayakawa hasn't made a picture in Hollywood since then.

All of his appearances in American films since then have been in pictures made overseas. He was tapped by 20th Century Fox to portray the Japanese commandant of a prison camp, a role not unlike that in "Bridge on the River Kwai", in Agnes Newton Keith's "Three Came Home," in which Claudette Colbert was starred. Hayakawa later appeared in such films as "Japanese War Bride" and in "House of Bamboo," in which he was the chief of police. None of these roles, however, offered Hayakawa any scope of acting.

It is in "Bridge on the River Kwai," a picture which probably will sweep the Oscar awards (for best actor, Alec Guinness, best production and best director, David Lean), that Hayakawa has the part long denied him in Hollywood. His command of English this time is faultless and he is the embodiment of the stiff-necked, hard-headed Japanese militarist who meets an officer as tough and unyielding as he is Guinness' Colonel Nicholson, the commanding officer of the British prisoners. It is the duel between the two over a point of procedure which gives the film much of its starch and suspense.

Producer Sam Spiegel and Director Lean were fortunate in getting Hayakawa for the role. Had a weaker performer been cast as Colonel Saito, much of "Bridge" might have lost its meaning.

Hayakawa was in Hollywood recently to attend the Los Angeles premiere of "Bridge on the River Kwai." On the basis of his performance, he probably will be once more in demand, particularly if scripts can be found for him.

ONCE PLAYED IN 'WINGS'

Colonel Saito's aide in "Bridge on the River Kwai" is another familiar face. The part is played by Heihachiro (Henry) Okawa who, as a young actor, played a number of roles in Hollywood more than 25 years ago. He was in "Wings," with Buddy Rogers and Richard Arlen, back in the late 1920s before going to Japan to act in Nipponese films. Okawa has turned up in a number of recent American films made in Japan and his best role probably was that of the priest in "Three Stripes in the Sun," the Columbia film which detailed the romance of an American GI, Aldo Ray, and a Japanese girl, Michiko Kimura.

A story by Lee Belser, International News Service writer in Hollywood, suggested this week that both Miiko Taka and Miyoshi Umeki may also be nominated for "best supporting actress" in the Oscar voting for their performances in "Sayonara."

Cleveland Nisei honor airforce GI for 'international understanding'

CLEVELAND.—A man who has been convinced that American ideals are not only worth fighting for but worth paying for has been singularly honored by the Japanese American community of Cleveland.

Master Sgt. Charles R. Jordan, a Cleveland native now stationed at Chanute AFB, Ill., has dedicated his efforts in promoting international understanding and good will by tossing his \$3,000 savings, his \$10,000 life insurance policy, and a \$100 a month allotment into a fund to bring Japanese students to the United States for their education.

That all started in 1952 when Sgt. Jordan was stationed in Nagoya, Japan. The fund, known as International Student Trust, still exists and is growing, being administered by Attorney John E. Forrester, whose office at 711 Park Bldg. is headquarters for the fund.

JACL Tribute Paid

Last Dec. 28, the Cleveland Young Buddhists Association and the Cleveland Nisei Tennis Club sponsored a dinner-dance, at which time the Cleveland JACL chapter was invited to present its plaque to Sgt. Jordan.

At the same time, the Japanese American Community Fund contributed \$300 toward the student trust with William Sadataki, chapter president, making both presentations.

Outcome of this tribute was prominently covered by feature length articles in the two leading newspapers here, the Plain Dealer and the Press, for three days.

The Plain Dealer editorially commented:

"... There have been others before and there will be more in the future, for Sgt. Jordan's idea was no spur of the moment project. It was only fitting that Cleveland's Japanese American Citizens League and his present proteges (four Japanese students studying in Ohio colleges) should honor him with a plaque—but more to his liking a \$300 contribution to the student fund. Other Americans who want to help international relations might take a hint. Here is a truly personal person-to-person program."

Acceptance Speech

Sgt. Jordan, a very humble and modest person himself, said attempts to describe the expressions of thanks would be difficult in his acceptance speech. But the plaque means that the efforts of the International Student Trust "to spread democratic ideals and international good will have been recognized by the JACL, whose principles were weighed upon the scales of justice in the highest court of our land."

"You have championed these principles upon which our nation was founded," the Army serviceman of 17 years declared. "The manner in which you have defended these principles bears the stamp of patriots."

"That JACL has found us worthy of notice is, in itself, a cardinal honor. To be, as an individual, distinguished by the JACL is to be likened to hearing one's name spoken on the lips of heroes," he praised. "No man who knows the history of the JACL can doubt that it is a force for democracy whose ultimate objective is to achieve a lasting democratic unity of mankind, based more on intellect and sympathy than upon law and treaty. You of the JACL know this to be a slow and painful task. We of the Student Trust are discovering this fact, also. We both seek the same goals, though our means differ."

Climbing Upwards

Sgt. Jordan pictured the struggle for the "democratic unity of mankind" as a climb up the mountain, which "has but one top". There are different paths and "as we climb there comes to our ears now and then the shouts of other climb-



William Sadataki (right), Cleveland JACL president, presents plaque to Air Force Master Sgt. Charles Jordan for his "dedicated efforts in promoting international understanding and good will." Sgt. Jordan, using his own military pay, has assisted Japanese students to study in America through the International Student Trust. Seated at left is Attorney John E. Forrester, who has been contributing his own time and expense to manage the fund.

ers encouraging us" on, although their task be equally or more difficult. "Once in a rare while we may cross the camp of fellow climbers and, as tonight, be invited to share their substance."

Hopeful that the association has set a wise example and helped the spirit, he concluded with an old saying: "Climb Mt. Fuji, O Snail, in thine own way". When we have achieved that goal, we shall meet you there, and our debt to you will have been cancelled."

Kenji Miyazawa, one-time Kamikaze pilot trainee whom Jordan sent to school at Fenn College, was present to pay his tribute to a "man who did more to promote understanding of American ideals in the Far East than any number of diplomats".

Students Helped

The three other students who are being helped similarly agreed. They are Tatsuo Miyazawa, Daisuke Harada and Kunisaki Tada. Tada, known as Kit, handed his Cleveland friends a gift of pride. Tada, who stepped, cured, through the doors of Sunny Acres Sanatorium on Dec. 31, is a student at Fenn College. The other two are studying at Kent State University.

Tada's present, according to Sgt. Jordan, was the pride in the city and county that made possible the recovery of 25-year-old Tada, who became ill last April.

"It looked as if we would have to send him, sick, back to Japan," Jordan said. "Since he is not a citizen, we did not think that we could find any public aid for him. It was impossible for us to meet the costs of his treatment."

Hospitalization would cost \$14.62 per day. There was also the question of admission. "That fee was more than I and the boys could earn," he added. So he told the plight to Edward R. Michel, on the board that rules admission at the sanatorium.

Problem Solved

Jordan was told that since he was acting like a parent to the boys here, some of the expenses

would have to be met. "Between myself and the boys, we could possibly raise an additional \$50 a month," he was going to say when Michel asked, "Can you pay \$20 a month?" "I didn't even try to thank him then," he explained.

The problem of curing Kit was solved when Michel and Dr. H. G. Curtis, sanatorium director, agreed to admit him. "They were kind enough to read between the lines in the rules that govern admission," Jordan said. But before reaching Michel, Jordan had canvassed friends, "who could never afford a big donation". In 24 hours, he received \$3,000 in pledges.

Thanks to Dr. Curtis and Michel, the gift was not used, "therefore we did not take it," Jordan explained. "But it was there when we needed it. This is what makes me so proud of this city of mine."

Proud of Fund

It is a remarkable fund with no overhead, managed by Attorney Forrester. "We are proud of this fund of ours," he declared. "The boys work. They are independent. We ask for no help from big foundations."

The earnings of students go in the fund, which was launched as an answer to the hate-America feeling Jordan had found in Japan. To do it, he used his \$3,000 savings, his service pay and \$10,000 GI insurance.

With an additional \$100 allotment out of his \$280 monthly pay, Jordan sent Kenji Miyazawa to study at Fenn College. He studied, worked and saved money and in a year's time reported enough was on hand to bring another student here.

Now there are four students here, drawing on the fund for tuition. "It is important for us to work," Miyazawa explained. "That way, we learn more about the system, about this great country, than we ever could through books."

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POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

BASKING IN THE CALIPATRIA SUN

We received a long distance phone call last week from Tak Momita of Calipatria to join him in their annual Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting. This was our second journey to this lowest-down city in the country (184 feet below-sea-level, that is!) It was really beautiful weather in Imperial Valley, and it was quite a thrill driving along the Salton Sea. The State Parks system has opened up several recreation areas along the sea, and we won't be a bit surprised that this area will become quite a resort one of these days. The sea is so large that you can't see across to the other side in some places, and we understand that there is quite a bit of fish accumulating there.

We arrived in Calipatria on Thursday afternoon and was quite pleased to see Tak back on his feet again, after that tragic accident last October. As usual we managed free load on Tak's coffee at his drug store fountain. In front of the drug store is a huge thermometer, showing the temperature rise as the money for the flag pole project comes in. We were quite pleased to learn that the Santa Barbara Chapter had made a contribution to this project.

During the dinner meeting, Tak presented to Mayor Rademacher of Calipatria, a bank book totaling over \$600, most of which were contributed for Helen Momita's funeral flowers. Tak expressed to all those present that, his wife had asked for a very simple funeral with no fan fare, if she should ever pass away. With this spirit, he asked that it wasn't important to have the flag pole project dedicated to his wife, but suggested that it be built in the "Spirit of Good Neighborliness." Tak also contributed a personal check for \$500 together with the bank book to get the project rolling.

After the dinner meeting, we met at the Momita home with the Hatchimonji of Niland, and Dr. Frank Nishio of El Centro, who are interested in reactivating the Imperial Valley Chapter. They are having a steering committee meeting this weekend, and we are looking forward to welcoming back this chapter to our ranks. Dr. Nishio and Momita are planning to attend our chapter clinic here on Feb. 9, at the Long Beach Community Center. Ike Hatchimonji expressed his regret that he could not be with us, because of the annual Niland Tomato Festival at that particular time. Hatchimonji is the treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce there.

On our return trip, we stopped in Niland to meet Ike's charming wife and mother at their prosperous seed store. Ike brought us some delicious Niland tomatoes (and I don't mean the two legged kind) to bring back with us, through the compliments of Kenny Masamitsu. All we can say, Kenny, is that they were the best tomatoes we've had the privilege of sinking our chops into. All of us here on the staff in Los Angeles really enjoyed them, thanks loads. It sure was disappointing for Editor Harry Honda, Roy Yamadera and yours truly to leave that sunshine and head for Los Angeles, where we were greeted by a thunderous rainstorm, but "sho-ga-nai", it's still home.

DANCE COMMITTEEMEN WORK IN SHIFTS

This past weekend the Los Angeles Coordinating Council held its joint installation at Park Manor. It was one of the most successful installations that the Coordinating Council has sponsored, due to the hard working committee composed of the following people: general chairman—Yoichi Nakase (DTLA); finance chmn.—Hide Izumo and Danar Abe (H); refreshments chmn.—Terumi Yamaguchi (SWLA), and Frank Okamoto (ELA); hall & orchestra chmn.—Tom Ito (P); tickets—Peggy Tanaka (ELA); posters—George Nomi (ELA); publicity—Kats & Kango Kunitsugu (SWLA). The MC chores for the evening were ably handled by Kaz Kawanami of the Hollywood Chapter. Many thanks should go to the various chapter members, who worked in shifts to allow everyone to have an enjoyable evening.

Dr. Nishikawa installed the new president Frank Suzukida (DTLA), Roy Yamadera (ELA), Hide Izumo (Hollywood), Dr. Ken Yamaguchi (Pasadena), and Carl Tamaki, who is the executive v.p. of SWLA. The outgoing presidents of 1957, who received their past-president's pin from Dr. Nishikawa, were Duke Ogata (DTLA), Roy Yamadera (ELA), Kaz Kawanami (Hollywood), Harris Ozawa (Pasadena), and Kango Kunitsugu (ICBG).

The proceeds of the Installation dance will be kept in the Coordinating Council, and will be used for various projects sponsored by the organization, of which the Annual Nisei Relays is one. We'll certainly be looking forward to another successful installation next year.

Just received a long distance phone call from Bill Matsumoto of Sacramento, and we just learned that they've already

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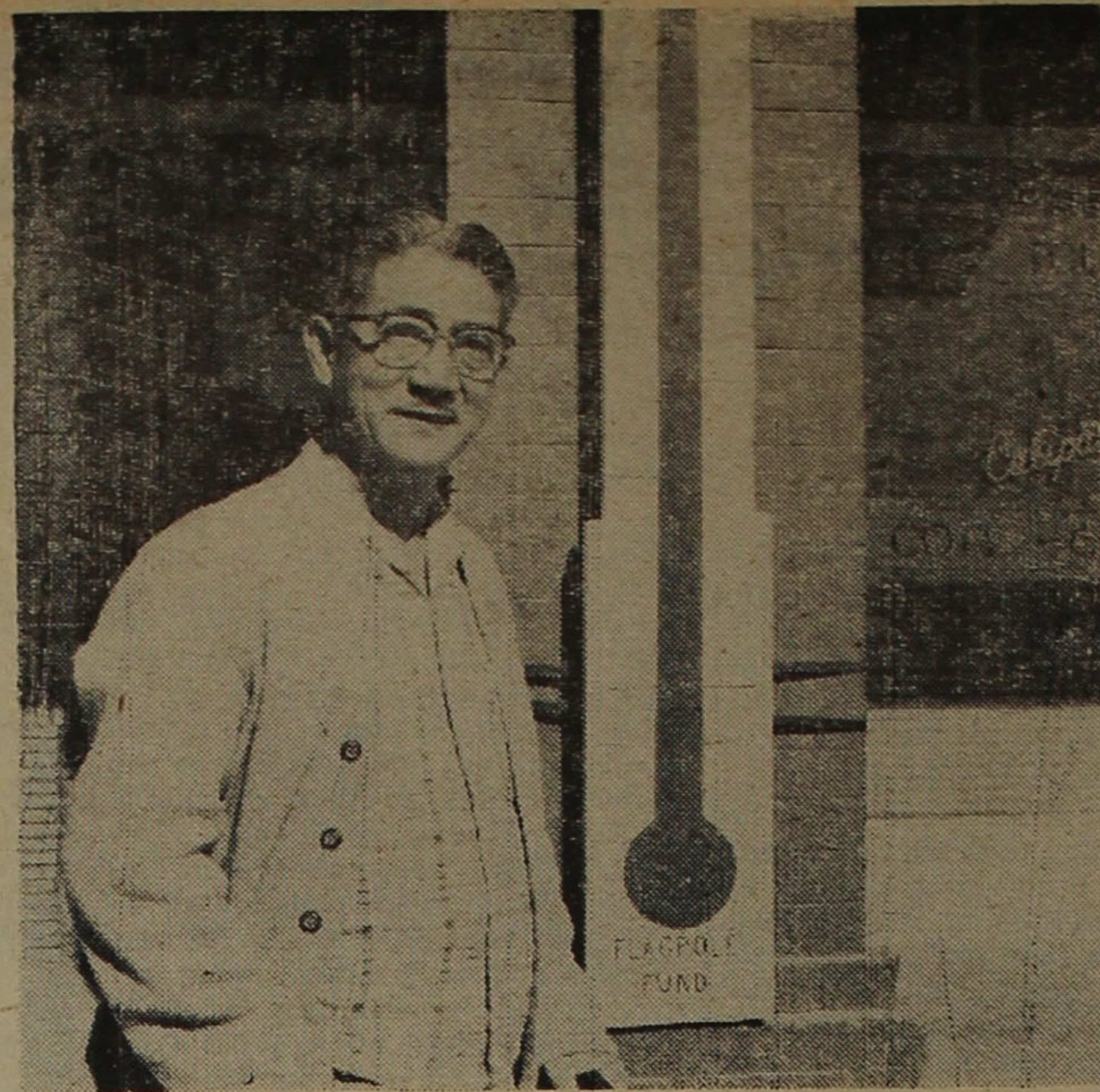
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Tak Momita, back on his feet and slightly limping while tending to customers at his Calipatria Drug Store, stands in front of the special thermometer indicating the rise of the flagpole fund.

FOUR LOS ANGELES AREA CHAPTERS INSTALL OFFICERS AT JOINT DANCE

While a mean rainstorm left an inch of water last Saturday in Los Angeles, it failed to keep 300 persons who enjoyed the annual joint installation dance of five local JACL chapters at Park Manor.

Officers from four of the five chapters were sworn into office by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president.

The Hollywood chapter announced that this year their cabinet is under a new 16 member board system. Hideo Izumo, public accountant, has been elected by the board as their new board chairman and president of the chapter. Others elected were Mike Suzuki, v.p.; Nancy Kuwata, rec. sec.; Clark Harada, cor. sec.; and outgoing president Kaz Kawakami treas.

Hollywood Board

To take full advantage of the board system, each board member will work on a specific phase of chapter activity in addition to general board responsibilities as follows: George Saito, membership, assisted by Fumi Iwasaki; Mrs. Miki Fukushima, newsletter and publicity, assisted by Dick Zumwinkle; Miwa Yanamoto, program and planning, assisted by Art Endo and Art Ito; Dr. Tadashi Akaishi, special projects; Noboru Ishitani and Mits Aiso, youth program; and Danar Abe, 1000 Club chairman.

The East Los Angeles chapter has reelected Roy Yamadera, physical therapist, as president. Members of his cabinet include: Hiro Omura, 1st v.p. (program); Frank Okamoto, 2nd v.p. (membership); Grace Sakurai, 3rd v.p. (social); Mikie Hamada, treas.; Kay Hasegawa, rec. sec.; Jean Sato, cor. sec.; Sam Furuta, aud.; Sakae Ishihara, pub.; Tets Tani, hist.; Ritsuko Kawakami, 1000 Club chairman; and Linda Ito,

FIF associate opens office in Li'l Tokio

Matao Uwate, prominent Li'l Tokio radio program director and associated with Financial Industrial Fund, has opened his office at 110 N. San Pedro St. this past week. The Downtown Los Angeles 1000er was informed he had earned membership in the FIF President's Club for 1957 in recognition of his outstanding performance in sales and servicing of FIF shares.

Before he joined the FIF agency headed by George Inagaki, Uwate was manager of the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce and also public relations man for the local Bank of Tokyo.

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CORTEZ:

Elect Mark Kamiya Cortez CL president

New cabinet members and directors of the Cortez JACL were installed and honored during a dinner at Minnie's Cantonese restaurant in Modesto on Jan. 17.

Mark Kamiya is the newly elected president for the chapter. He and other members of the 1958 cabinet were installed by Jack Noda, national JACL 2nd vice-president.

Other officers are Kiyoshi Yamamoto, v.p.; George Okamura, treas.; Mrs. Setsu Kajioka, cor. sec.; Mrs. May Toyoda, rec. sec.; Mrs. Susie Asai and Mrs. Edith Yotsuya, social chmn.

Board of directors—Mrs. Helen Yuge, Mrs. Haruko Narita, Yeichi Sakaguchi, Yuk Yotsuya, Hiro Asai, Nogi Kajioka, Shin Sugiura and Frank Yoshida.

Past president Hiro Asai served as chairman for the evening program. John J. Viarengo, Turlock chief of police, was guest speaker.

Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. John J. Viarengo and Mrs. Rosamuni Ferrari.

Mrs. Setsu Kajioka and Keiichi Yamaguchi were prize winners in the bridge and whist games which were played following the dinner.

PASADENA:

Chapter officers for 1958 announced

Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, optometrist, announced the members who will serve with him on the Pasadena JACL cabinet as follows:

Harris Ozawa, retiring president, 1st v.p.; Ken Dyo, past PSWDG chairman, 2nd v.p.; Frances Hiraoka, 3rd v.p.; Tom Ito, treas.; Kimi Fukutaki, rec. sec.; Rose Shimoda, cor. sec.; Florence Wada, pub.; Mack Yamaguchi, hist.; Butch Tamura, aud.; Al Takata, 1000 Club chmn.; Ronald Ueda, sgt.-at-arms.

Andrew Tsuchiya, George Okada, Kanji Watanabe, Issei reps.; Joe Kuramoto, Tets Iwasaki, Mary Yusa, Eiko Matsui, Sat Yoshizato, Aki Abe, Alice Ochiai, Ruth Ishii, Bill Wakiji, Toki Yamagishi, membs.-at-large.

DETROIT:

Tentative calendar for Detroit Teens announced

Preliminary approval to the Detroit JACL Teen Club constitution drafted this past year was made by its cabinet which met Jan. 10 at the home of president Carolee Matsumoto. A film on parliamentary procedures was also shown.

The group has also sketched its tentative social calendar for the year as follows: Feb. 1—general meeting, Feb. 2—ice skating, Feb. 8—Joint Installation at Northwood Inn, Mar. 8—splash party, Fisher Y; Apr. 13—roller skating, May 4—Mothers' Day tea, May 24—election, June 1—potluck supper for Fathers, June 28—graduation party, July—bowling party, August—outdoor splash party, September—hayride, Oct. 25—Halloween party, Nov. 29—dance social, Dec. 27—Holiday party.

Mrs. Hifumi Sunamoto and Sud Kimoto were announced as new club advisers, succeeding Mrs. Pearl Matsumoto and Roy Kaneko.

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VERY TRULY YOURS:

Public relations value of JACL

Two separated incidents in this week's Pacific Citizen again tell the public relations value of organization. The fact that there is a recognized group of Japanese Americans from coast to coast can be appreciated by the praises lavished on JACL at Cleveland and hopes of Nisei leaders in Imperial Valley in Southern California on the threshold of formally organizing themselves with JACL.

While there are internal problems with any organization, its worth to the wider community in which it is situated is hardly a theorem. Over the past 25 years, JACL through its many chapters has become a dynamic force in American society. It may be tragic, indeed, if the Nisei are the last to recognize this. How JACL looks to an "outsider" like Sgt. Jordan of Cleveland can be found in the special report from one of our Ohio correspondents. What JACL can mean to a community is established in the Helen Momita Memorial flagpole project of Calipatria.

Both point to the external relations a chapter has with the community about them. If it helps the local chapter, it means the esteem of Japanese Americans are enhanced. It also fortifies the place the Nisei across the country enjoy. The mechanics of public relations work in this fashion. By the same token, "one bad apple can spoil a barrel of apples" also.

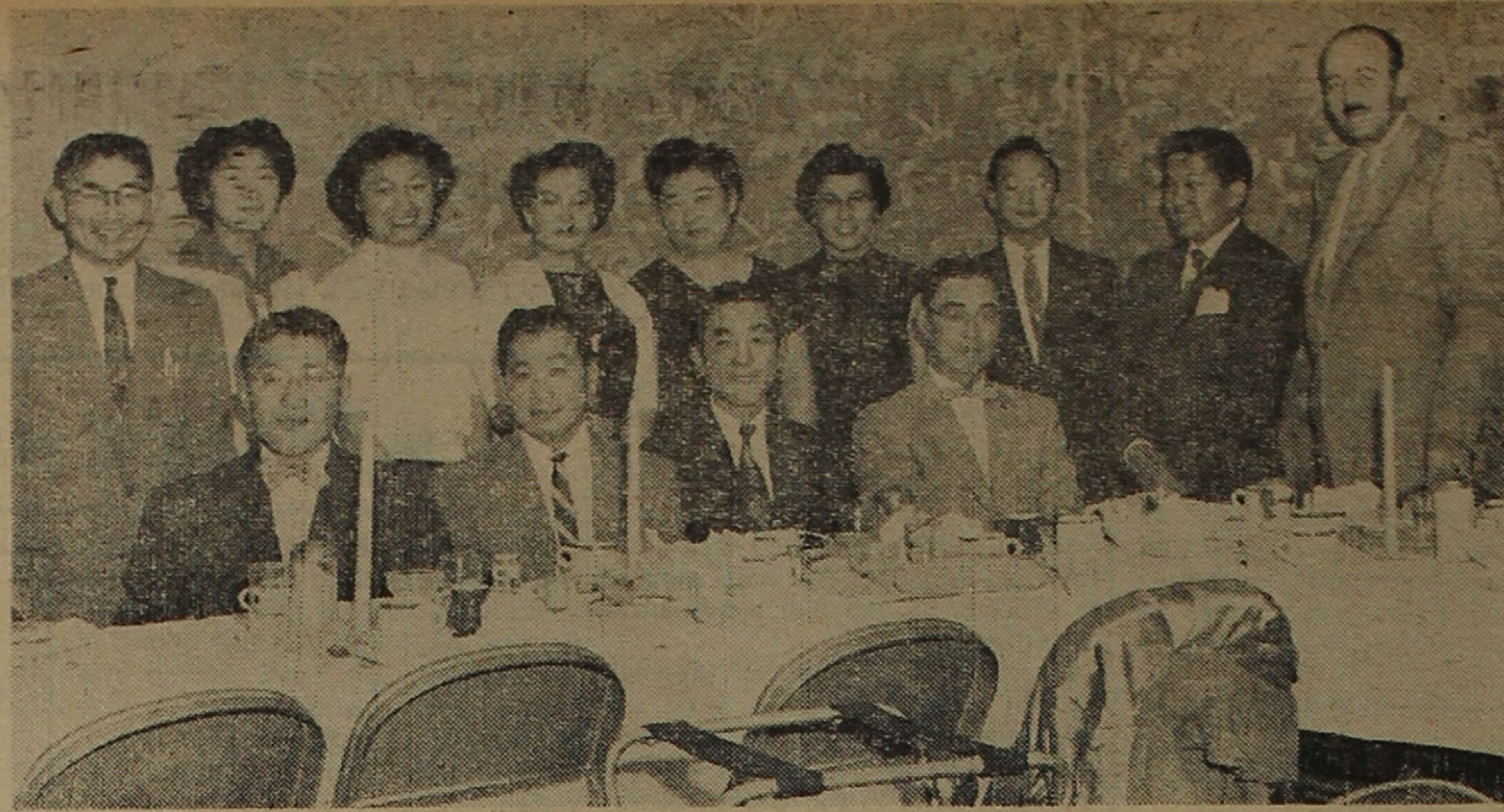
In this day and age when communications and transportation have shrunk the nation, a sterling deed one Nisei performs has an edifying manifestation upon all Nisei. How the neighbors respected a fellow Calipatrian during his tragic hour by volunteering to man his drug store until he was able to recuperate from a horrible mishap gained international attention. It showed that Americans were not like the rabble of Little Rock altogether. Now the Nisei there want to forge a chapter to see that this story is not forgotten.

— Harry K. Honda.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

From the Front Page ta and chapter spark-plug Sue Joe are among the key leaders planning this annual district-wide enterprise.

As i anll things, we



Newly-elected officers of the Idaho Falls JACL honored at a recent installation banquet are as follows: (left to right) seated — Bud Sakaguchi, del.; Shoji Nukaya, social; Deto Harada, pres.; Eli Kobayashi, v.p.; standing — Fred Ochi, del.; Takako Nukaya, hist.; Martha Sakaguchi, pub. rel.; Kochee Tokita, rec. sec.; Fumiko Tanaka, Ruth Morishita, pub. rel.; Todd Ogawa, treas.; Lee Date, sgt.-at-arms; and City Councilman Donald Foote, installing officer. Absent were Miki Kobayashi, cor. sec.; and Misa Haga, social chmn.

PROGRESS OF 15TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION TOLD AT IDC MEET

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IDC Business Session

Mas Yano, Salt Lake attorney, who presided at the IDC business session, introduced Toshiko Odow as secretary. Although she is new at the district council level, she has been active in Salt Lake JACL during the war years and in Southwest L.A. JACL the past five years.

Other reports were made by Henry Suyehiro, past IDC treasurer, in the absence of newly-elected treasurer George Iseri of Snake River, and chapter delegates or activities within recent months.

National Director Mas Satow, who had flown to Salt Lake City to meet with the Convention Board last Friday and meet with Idaho Falls JACL on Saturday, joined the IDC meeting and elaborated on the various questions being scheduled for the convention agenda.

They include Nisei Soldier Memorial Day, site of National Headquarters Building, endo w m e n t

PHILADELPHIA:

MRS. MAEHARA NAMED PHILADELPHIA CHAIRMAN, INSTALLATION FEB. 15

Mrs. Louise S. Maehara, supervisor of the Children's Aid Society branch here, was elected 1958 chairman of the Philadelphia JACL at its recent meeting of 1957 and 1958 board members.

Other board members are Tadamichi Mikuriya, a naturalized Issei; Tomomi Murakami, George S. Sakai and Hiroshi Ueyehara; Hirata, treas.; William M. Marutani, 1000 Club chmn.; S. Sim Endo and Warren H. Watanabe, past chairmen, ex-officio.

The chapter will install the new officers at a dinner meeting Feb. 15. Details are to be announced soon.

DAYTON:

MRS. JAMES TAGUCHI TO HEAD DAYTON JACL

Mrs. James Taguchi was elected president of the Dayton JACL at its Dec. 22 election meeting at the home of Dr. & Mrs. James Taguchi, prior to a Christmas party tendered for the children.

Also elected were George Nakama, 1st v.p.; Mrs. Mark Nakachi, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Saburo Watanabe, 3rd v.p.; Roy Sugimoto, treas.; and Mrs. Mas Yamasaki, sec.

A Chinese dinner prepared by a committee headed by Mr. and Mrs. Yoichi Sato concluded the party.

have found that education in JACL problems for JACLers — as the PS-WDC chapter clinic points up to be — is a continuous process.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

fund, national membership, the special "anti-defamation" committee, COJAEC, travel pool, PC with membership, youth programming and international relations.

Some of these questions were reviewed by Dr. Roy Nishikawa at the IDC convention last November.

Bill Yamauchi of Pocatello was appointed to the national JACL nominations committee. Lou Nakagawa of Mt. Olympus was named to the youth committee.

Novo Kato, president of the host chapter, greeted some 30 delegates meeting at the Green Triangle restaurant for a chicken luncheon. A smorgasbord supper brought to a close a very profitable afternoon.

MILE-HI:

Susan Tawara editor of Mile-Hi Bulletin

Susan Tawara, 2240 Tremont Pl., Denver, was named 1958 editor of the Mile-Hi JACL Bulletin, which commences its 12th consecutive year of continuous publication of chapter news.

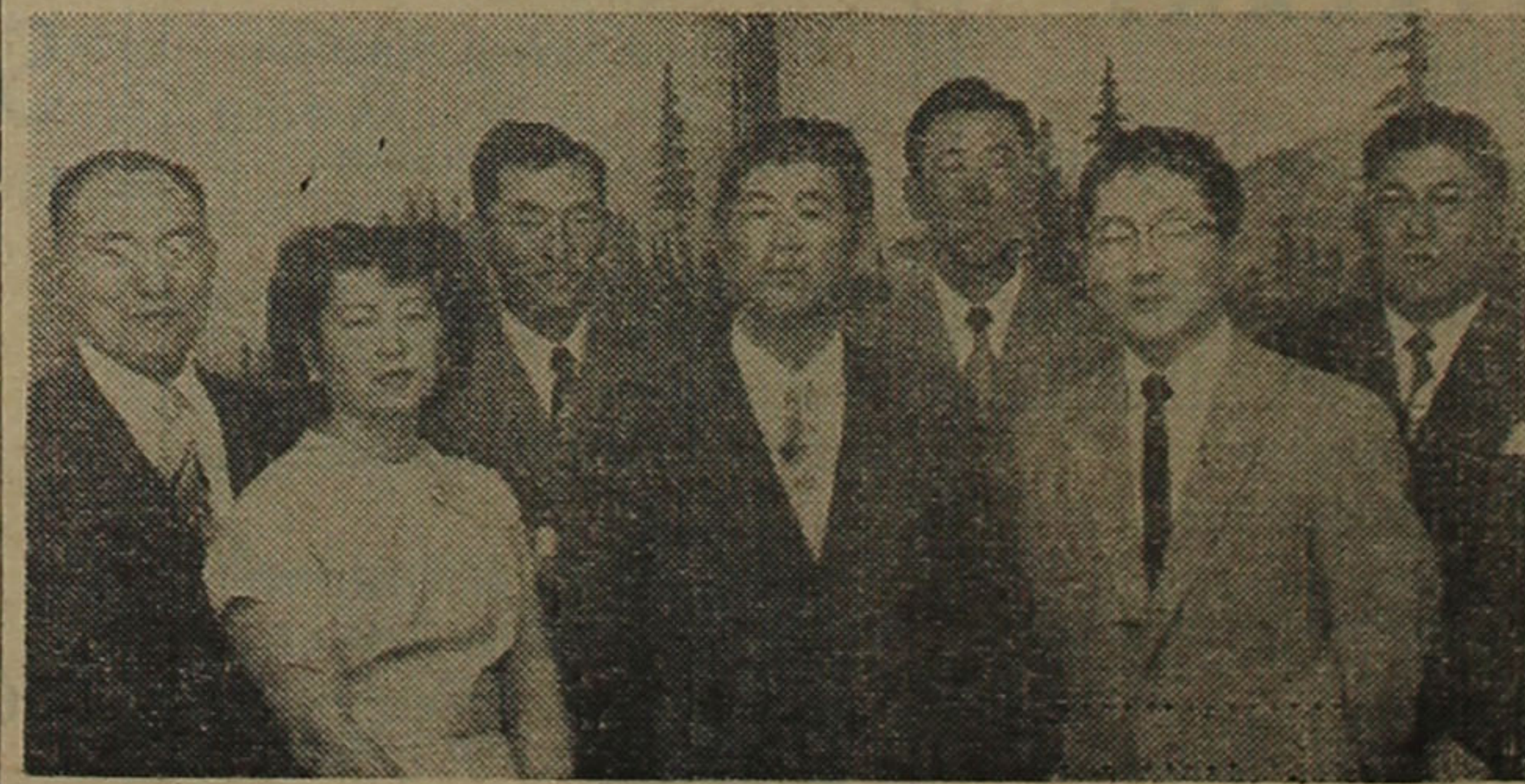
The Mile-Hi JACL Bulletin, first inaugurated during the presidency of Dr. Takashi Mayeda in 1946, was published by Katie Kawamura as its first editor. Miss Kawamura is now office manager of the Delta, Colo., branch of the Grand Junction Sentinel.

Miss Tawara is a native of Peru, deported to the United States for internment at the outbreak of hostilities with Japan in 1941, and has made Denver her home. She is a graduate of Manual High School and at present is employed as a secretary at the Farmers Union.

SAN JOSE:

Snow hike planned

Reservations on the chartered bus for the San Jose JACL snow trip to Dodge Ridge, Feb. 15, are being accepted by Dollie Kawanaami and Tom Kumano, it was announced this week. Round trip fare is \$5 per person.



New officers of the Arkansas Valley JACL installed by National Director Masao Satow in mid-December are (left to right) George Hamana, La Junta rep.; Mrs. Sets Hirada, rec. sec.; Frank Shiba, aud.; John Maruyama of La Junta, pres.; Jimmy Hiraki, treas.; Sam Mayeda, 1st v.p.; and George Fujimoto, Rocky Ford rep.

FOWLER:

BUSY YEAR SEEN AS CITY TO FETE SILVER JUBILEE

The brief report allowed by the Fowler JACL after its recent chapter board meeting portends an extra-active year in 1958, which is the 50th anniversary of the city of Fowler.

Floyd Honda, who has served as mayor pro-tem several years ago, will represent the chapter when the city plans its silver jubilee celebration. The chapter hopes to participate in a most active manner.

With the local YBA relinquishing sponsorship, the Fowler JACL will manage the Fowler Japanese Community picnic this year. Hideo Kikuta and Frank Sakohira were appointed co-chairmen.

In keeping with the chapter policy established several years ago to abstain from collecting contributions and prizes from local business for picnics and other social affairs, the chapter is planning to purchase all the necessary prizes for the picnic.

Floyd Honda, local city councilman, explained that "it is illegal to solicit without a license in the city of Fowler".

Other Appointments

Several other committee chairman appointments were made. They are Sunao Onaka, membership; George Teraoka, scholarship; Harley Nakamura (chmn.), Tom Shirakawa, Dr. George Miyake, 1000 Club.

The chapter has decided to set the third Thursday of each month as general membership meeting night for the next six months. Approval of the JACL travel pool was also extended.

The chapter acknowledged a \$5 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Y. Nakahira in memory of their daughter who died recently.

FRENCH CAMP:

20 teenagers form French Camp Jr. CL

The newly organized French Camp Japanese American Youth Club, composed of some 20 teenagers, was introduced at the French Camp JACL New Year's banquet held Jan. 18 at the local Japanese Hall. Bob Takahashi, toastmaster, welcomed the group.

The French Camp JAYs have elected the following officers: Larry Ota, pres.; Helen Shiromizu, v.p.; Gayle Nakano, rec. sec.; Arlene Higashiyama, cor. sec.; Amy Kosugi, treas.; Richard Itaya, social.

Advisers selected for the group at a recent chapter meeting are Tosh Hotta, Bob Ota and Ayako Tsugawa.

The banquet concluded with entertainment arranged by George Shimasaki. Tosh Hotta and Lydia Ota were event co-chairmen, assisted by Michi Egusa, decorations; Mrs. Iwata, food; and Tom Natsuhara, finance. Approximately 90 attended the banquet.

Murayama —

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Issei of Hawaii and the States. The people of Japan gradually recognized the emigrant and were appreciative of their efforts. The Japanese Overseas group recognized this personal support but the Nisei were not included.

In the past years, many Nisei have come to Japan, helping its economy substantially and in tremendous strides. The prewar picture of the Nisei in Japan was to the contrary as they were under constant surveillance by the Thought Police and Kempeitai.

More recently, however, the Metropolitan Police started to check on some of the Nisei, along with undesirable foreigners, who engaged in smuggling, gambling, black marketeering and other crimes.

Lady overstays visa, but to remain



CHICAGO CORNER
By Smoky H. Sakurada

Record Attendance

Chicago

"CANDIDLY YOURS" drew a record attendance Jan. 10 as Chicago JACL's first general meeting of the year featured some 500 color slides of various JACL and community activities of 1957 from the collection of Fred Ohi. There were slides of the dance classes, EDC-MDC convention, fashion show, inaugural party, etc.

Produced by the Chicago JACL, the technical crew consisted of Fred Ohi, cameraman; Hiro Hamano, projectionist; George Iwasaki, music; Larry Ogino, special effects; Maudie Nakada, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Lillian Kimura, narrators.

CHICAGO CHATTER: Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura was featured last week in Chicago Daily News' "Keeping Up to Date" column. The Medal of Honor winner of Gallup, N.M., since his release as a Red war prisoner in North Korea and discharge from service in 1954, has been working in White's Auto Store in Gallup. Now 32 years old and married, he has two young sons. . . The weekend ski trip Feb. 14-16 at Caberfae, Mich., is limited to the first 41—with many from last year's trip already signed up, which puts reservations by Feb. 1 at a premium. Deposit of \$22 which must accompany the reservation and deposited with George Okita, 7527 Indiana Ave., or the J.A. Service Committee, covers transportation, two night's lodging at Wellston Inn, two breakfasts, Saturday dinner and accident insurance. It will not cover lunch at the ski area, Sunday dinner enroute back to Chicago, ski equipment rental, tow fees or lessons. A chartered bus will leave from Olivet Institute, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.

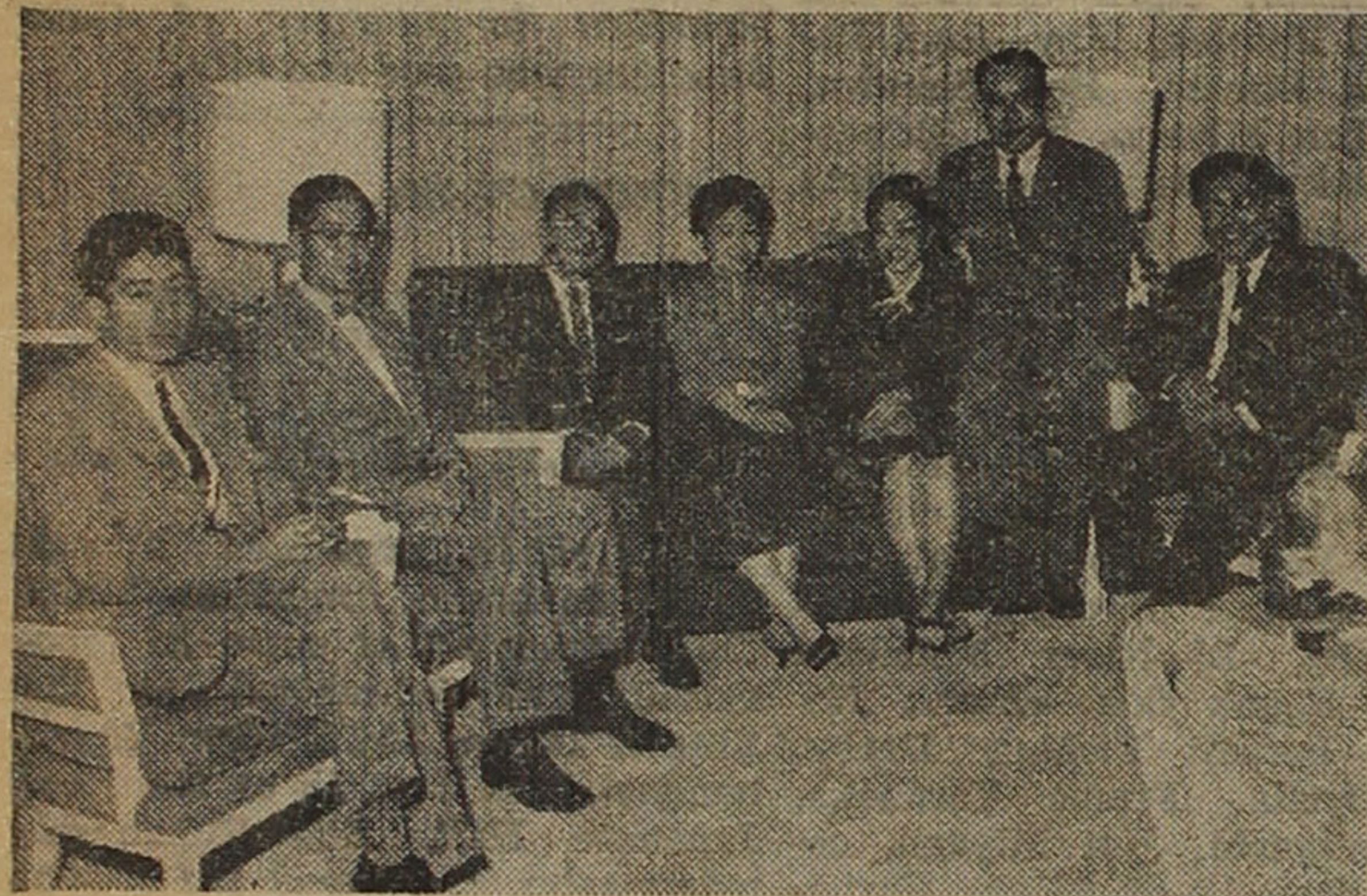
POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD: by Fred Takata

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reached their quota for this year. Hey, what's your formula up there?

GUESTS OF AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

Recently we were invited by H. Okabe, representative of the American President Lines, to dine aboard the luxury liner, President Wilson. We were quite amazed at the different entrees offered on the menu for first class passengers. It was equivalent to any fancy hi-tone restaurant that you might enter. Since we don't know too much about the French language, we stuck to



the good old American roast beef of sirloin. As usual we managed to put on a few more pounds to this already overloaded frame of ours. We were joined at dinner by Phil Chang, another APL representative, who can really sling the Japanese language around. He also brought along two guests, Tamio Katayama and Akira Nakamura of JAL, who also joined our table with Roy Yamadera, Grace Sakurai, Blanche Shiosaki, H. Okabe and yours truly (see above photo). It was really quite an experience having dinner aboard ship.

After dinner, Okabe took us on tour of the entire ship from top to bottom, including all of the luxury suites, a dream for traveling. The whole ship is like a city in itself—everything from barber shops to hospital. Boy, this is really the way to travel if you have the time, and that little item called "money" doesn't hurt either. Well, maybe someday?

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A 79-year old woman who came to the United States from Japan in November, 195, on a temporary visa so that she can spend the remaining days of her life with her "three grown children" was assured this past week that her wish is being granted.

Mrs. Kyo Chikasawa from Kochi prefecture is the mother of Yorio and Yorimasa and Mrs. Masae Kunisawa. She was informed last month by the Immigration and Naturalization Service that her stay in this country had expired as of Dec. 25 and she would have to return to Japan.

Mrs. Chikasawa, in 1955, decided that to wait for her turn on the immigration quota meant a waiting of 10 to 18 years and due to her age, came to the United States on temporary visitor's permit.

A wait of this protracted length, the sons felt, would surely cut down their ever seeing her again and at the sacrifice of losing her position on the second preference quota list, suggested to her to come on a temporary visa.

When informed of the denial of further extension, Yorio appealed through counsel Katsuma Mukae-da, vice-president of the Japanese American Republican Assembly.

Due to Mrs. Chikasawa's advanced age, she is not able to walk and she must be supported on every step she takes around home. Since there is no one in Japan to take care of her, her sons were quite anxious to see that her deportation be cancelled. A letter to Sen. William F.

Knowland by Soichi Fukui of the 40th District Republican Central Committee, backed by Carl Linstrom, president of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly, resulted in a six months' extension.

Later communication from Jim Gleason, administrative assistant to Sen. Knowland, indicated the aged woman was granted permanent stay without further red tape. All three of her grown children are naturalized citizens.

sPortsCope

Minneapolis Tribune sports writer Augie Karcher had some choice observations on Judy Seki, competing in the National All-Star bowling tournament. He eyed Judy's finishing kick would make her "a candidate for the Radio City Rockettes. Judy's form is something to watch."

The "300" bowler has most of the crowd cheering, her colorful style, a real acrobatic maneuver. "A real crowd-pleaser, Judy was decked in green slacks tapered to the ankle and a white pull-over sweater with green applique checks on the back," he added in describing her outfit. She was one of the few wearing high-top shoes. They were white. . . . When the semi-final field of 46 was chopped down to 16, Judy finished 32nd, averaging 182, while Oakland's Nobu Asami wound up a 184 for 28th place. Nobu was bothered with a cold. Both received \$25 in prize money for making the semis, while Judy took home an extra \$60 for placing seventh on the Opening Night Special.

Don Ohashi, Garfield High full-back, was among players picked to play on the West team in the annual Seattle East-West All-Star football game on Aug. 23.

PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

The Chi Alpha Delta alumnae established its perpetual \$100 scholarship to be awarded to an incoming woman student, preferably of Japanese extraction, at the Univ. of California at Los Angeles this past week by forwarding a \$2,800 check to the UCLA Board of Regents.

The regents were asked to invest the sum with annual interest to be used for the award. Scholarship would commence as soon as the principal yields \$100, according to Mrs. Sandie Okada, alumnae group president, who explained that financial assistance would be made to a co-ed showing promise in her particular field of study and school achievements and financial need.

SANTA BARBARA:

'Funfest' planned for first meeting of year

The first general membership function for Santa Barbara JACL will be the "Funfest", Feb. 8, at the First Methodist Church dining hall here, it was announced by Richard Tokumaru, president.

There will be a brief meeting at which time 1958 officers are to be selected.

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BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

ARAKAKI, Richard T. (Lillian Shimizu)—girl, Nov. 30.
 ARIZA, Tom (Edith Shintaku)—girl, Oct. 29, La Puente.
 CRUN, Peter (Eiko Nakagawa)—girl, Oct. 26.
 DANBARA, Gene Keichi (Masue Amasaki)—boy, Sept. 10.
 FUJIMOTO, Steven Shusui (Jean Yoshiko Harada)—girl, Sept. 16.
 FUJITA, Harry S. (Harue D. Matsunaga)—girl, Nov. 27.
 FUKUMAKI, Dale (Betty J. Wong)—girl, Terri Yumiko, Nov. 30.
 FUKUTO, Norio (Grace Mayemura)—girl Donna N., Oct. 29.
 HASHIMA, Ryo (Yoko Mayeda)—boy, Nov. 27.
 HATCHIMONJI, Mike (Grace Sachiko Ishida)—boy, Sept. 6, Gardena.
 HAYASHI, Tetsuo (Clara Seno)—girl, Sept. 14.
 HIAAIKE, Isamu (Reiko Nawata)—girl, Dec. 1.
 IIDA, Nogi (Kikuye Shimokaji)—girl, Nov. 29.
 IKE, Toshio (Fumi Ariyasu)—boy, Sept. 15.
 ISA, Tom (Frances Nakada)—girl, Nov. 23.
 ISHIMARU, Saburo S. (Joan Imamoto)—girl Allison Kellie, Nov. 29.
 ITO, William Katsutoshi (Rosemary Shigeko Takai)—boy, Sept. 11, Burbank.
 ITOMURA, Dickie (Shirley Matsuda)—boy, Oct. 28.
 IWANAGA, Frank Y. (Miyo Semba)—girl Jean E., Nov. 19.
 KAGAWA, Hideo Henry (Nancy Mikiko Yasui)—boy, Sept. 11.
 KAINA, Benedict K. (June K. Tayama)—boy, Sept. 8.
 KAMEI, Hiroshi (Tami Kurose)—boy, Nov. 19, Downey.
 KAMEI, Nobuji (Hisako Tanabe)—boy, Nov. 10, Sun Valley.
 KAMIKIHARA, Toshinari (Nobuko Nakawatase)—girl, Nov. 27.
 KAMIMORI, Roy (Mitsuko Okumura)—girl, Nov. 13.
 KANESHIRO, Albert (Katherine Aoki)—boy, Nov. 28.
 KATO, Ralph T. (Alma G. Bando)—boy, Nov. 25.
 KAWABATA, George (Elaine Toyoko Takehara)—boy, Sept. 11.
 KAWAGUCHI, Kojiro F. (Michiko Harara)—boy, Sept. 10.
 KIDO, Jack Y. (Norma Hisamoto)—boy, Nov. 26.
 KIMURA, Masao (Fusako Hatanaka)—boy, Nov. 30.
 KITAYAMA, Ryoyei (Kimiko Nakagawa)—boy, Nov. 22.
 KOBAYASHI, Isamu (Barbara Kazuko Fujikawa)—boy, Sept. 12.
 KOGA, Isao (Masako Kato)—girl, Nov. 27.
 KOMATSUKA, Mike (Helen Nakamura)—girl, Nov. 3.
 KROTZER, Gary K. (Tomiko Hamada)—girl, Nov. 24.
 KUNISAKI, Chikara (Isoko Tanaka)—boy, Nov. 24.
 MATSUNAGA, Koichi (Nellie Goto)—girl, Nov. 18.
 MIYAKE, Jack (Masako Hata)—girl Susan H., Nov. 23.
 MIYAMOTO, Noboru (Helen Kishimoto)—boy, Nov. 28.
 MIYAMOTO, Robert (Judy M. Ishikawa)—girl, Dec. 1.
 NAGATA, Tom K. (Reiko Fukumoto)—boy, Nov. 26, Venice.
 NAKAE, Takuro S. (Louise Budan)—girl, Nov. 26, Canoga Park.
 NAKAGIRI, Henry T. (Florence Sahara)—boy, Nov. 1, Culver City.
 NAKAMURA, Iwao (Doris Heanza)—girl, Oct. 25.
 NISHINAKA, Frank T. (Sally Maeno)—boy, Nov. 21.

NOMA, William K. (Yoriko Kawamura)—girl, Nov. 24.
 NOMOTO, Morio B. (Michiko Ohara)—girl, Oct. 29, Temple City.
 NOMIYAMA, Takashi (Nobuko Saito)—girl, Oct. 26.
 ONAGA, George (Eiko Kinoshita)—girl, Dec. 2.
 RIKMAN, Louis (Aki Suzuki)—girl, Oct. 15.
 SAWAKE, Richard (Laurette Wong)—boy, Nov. 27.
 SAWASAKI, Roy (Toshiko Osada)—boy, Nov. 23.
 SHIOZAKI, Benjamin (Helen C. Abe)—girl, Nov. 25.
 SHISHIDO, Kunio (Mildred Fukuda)—girl, Nov. 28.
 SHOJI, Hiroichi (Kimi Inagi)—girl, Nov. 26.
 SUGIMURA, George (Sachiko Kashiwagi)—girl, Nov. 24.
 TAKAKI, Carl K. (Sumiko Kawamoto)—boy, Nov. 29.
 TOMA, Henry S. (Dorothy Fukuki)—boy, Nov. 22.
 UJIMORI, Tamio (Sumi Kitahara)—girl, Nov. 27.
 VANCE, Otis (Virginia Yamashiro)—boy, Nov. 23, Norwalk.
 WATANABE, John (Janet Okimoto)—boy Greg, Nov. 23.
 WILBURN, James C. (Matsue Yada)—boy, Nov. 17, San Pedro.
 YAMAGUCHI, Shiro (Kazuko Haya-shida)—boy, Nov. 1.
 YASUDA, Yasuhiko (Tayeko Minami)—boy, Nov. 22.
 YOUNG, Jackson (Janette Nishiki)—boy, Oct. 16.
 YOSHIKAWA, Joe H. (Kikius Kawata)—boy, Oct. 24.

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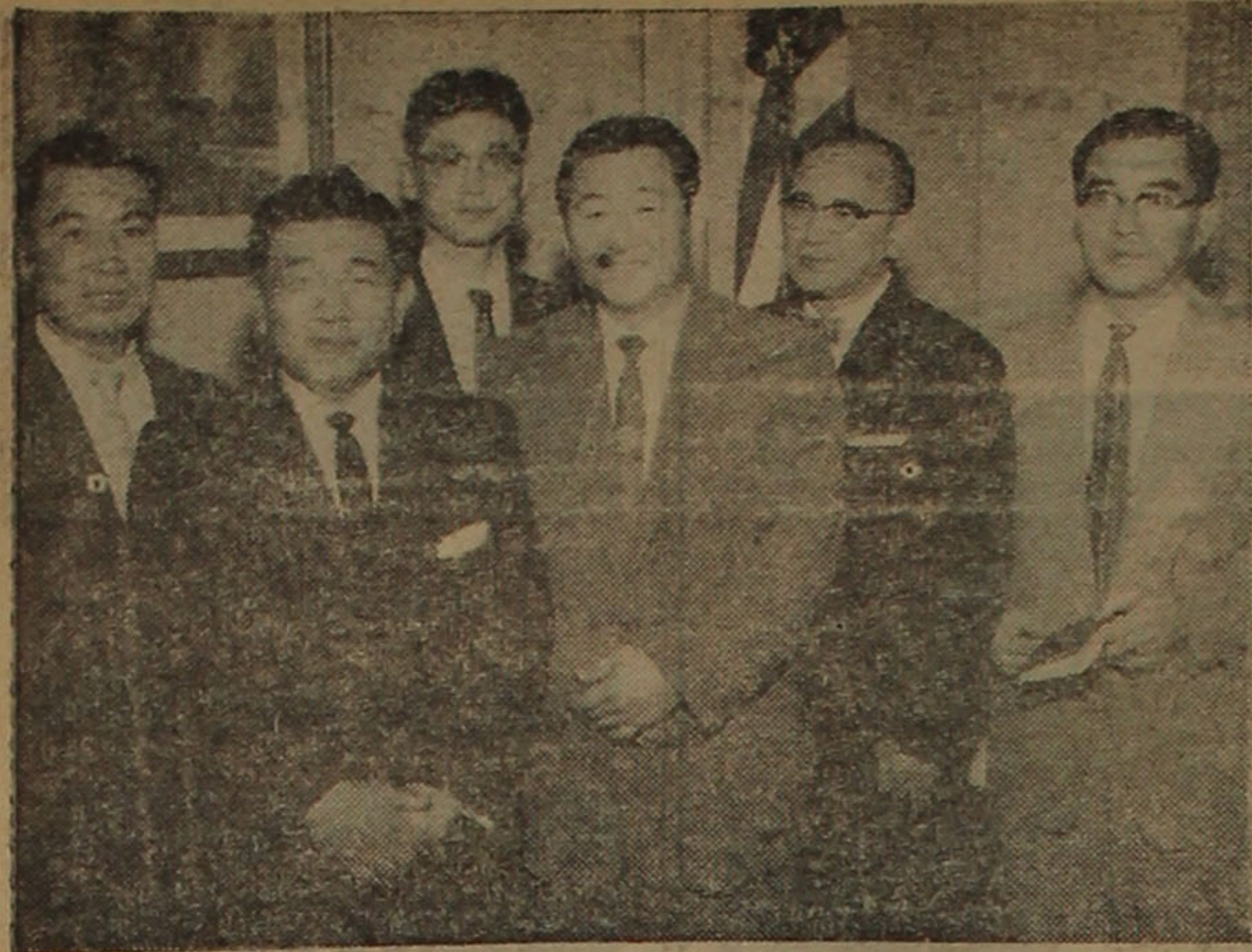
IWATA, Henry—girl Heidi, Dec. 23.
 ONCHI, Dr. Joe—girl Valerie, Nov. 5.
 SATO, Nobu—boy David, Nov. 9.
 SUMIDA, Nobu—girl Susan, Oct. 24.
 TAKEMOTO, Min—boy John, Dec. 21.

ENGAGEMENTS

FUJIMURA-OKUMA—June to Ken, both Seattle.
 IKUMA-HARADA—Toshiko, Sanger, to Etsuo, Del Rey.
 SHIMBO - HRABAYASHI—Sumi, Seattle to Nobuo, San Francisco.
 SHIRAIHI-DONG—Aki to Eddie, both Portland.
 UYEKI-ARAKI—Anne, Fresno, to Minoru, San Jose.

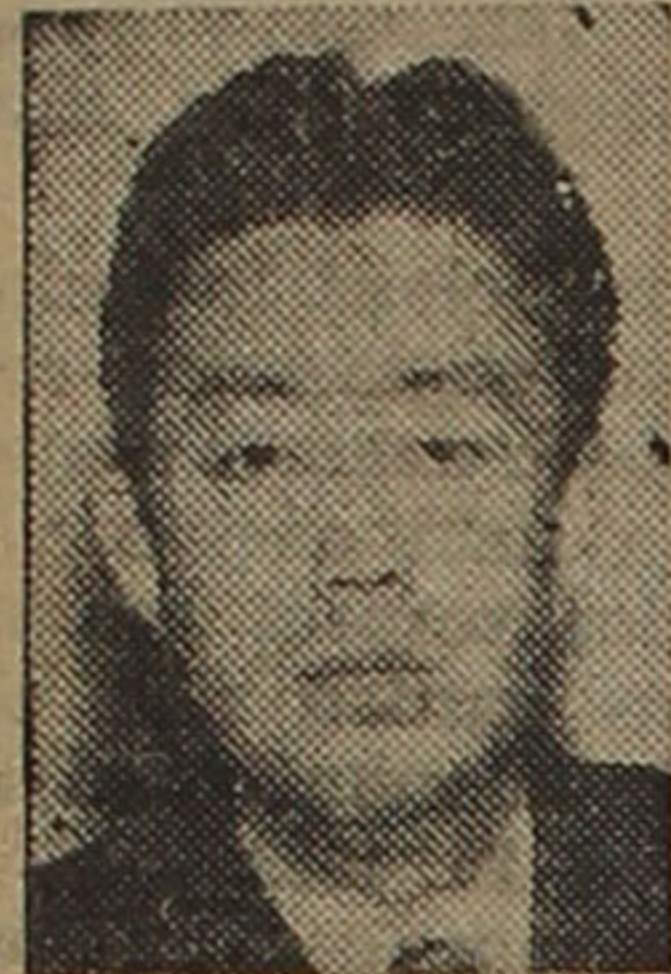
MARRIAGE LICENSES

KATAYAMA - NAKANO—Tatsuo, Brighton; Joan, Denver.
 KUHARA - SAGAWA—Jimmy and Mary Y., both Glendale, Arizona.
 KURASHIGE - ICHIKAWA—Milnes C., 25, Ft. Lewis; Noriko, 21, Seattle.
 Tsuboi - TANAKA—Frank K., 37, Oakland; Fumiye 34, San Francisco.
 TSURUI-HWANG—Allen H., 18, Hayward; Verna W., 18, San Leandro.



New chapter presidents of the Los Angeles area (from left) are Carl Tamaki, exec. v.p. (Southwest L.A.), Frank Suzukida (DT-LA), Hideo Izumo (Hollywood), Dr. Ken Yamaguchi (Pasadena), and Roy Yamadera (East Los Angeles). They were sworn in by Dr. Roy Nishikawa (right), national JAACL president.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

L.A. CHAPTERS FROLIC DESPITE RAIN

We just muffed one of our life's foremost dreams: lining up and taking the oath as a member of a JAACL cabinet. It's not for presidency but by golly we wanted to so much to stand in that limelight and face the crowd of well-wishers!

Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, national president, installed the newly-elected officers from five chapters of the Los Angeles Coordinating Council, including Carl Tamaki, of Southwest, (vice-president); Frank Suzukida, Downtown; Roy Yamadera, East Los Angeles; Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, Pasadena; and Hideo Izumo, Hollywood, all presidents.

Our humble little office is that of editor of the Downtown chapter bulletin, aptly named DeeTee (or in high society "delirium tremens"). That's what you get when you imbibe beyond your capacity and you start raving. Fortunately, or unfortunately as the case may be, we're not the drinking type.

Well, coming back to that installation dance at the Park Manor in which over 300 attended, everyone connected with the affair said it was "quite successful in every way." Despite the drenching rain we were having last Saturday night the crowd did not stay home.

It seemed that from the Downtown chapter the representation was rather poor, including the inconspicuous absence of the DeeTee editor who may never get another chance to raise his quivering right hand with the rest of the top echelon. Well, it rained, you see and the comforts of the warm den at home with TV tuned on overwhelmed this aging man.

COVERING A \$100-A-PLATE BANQUET

Last week was rather a hectic one.

Despite our Democrat affiliations, the GOP's \$100-per-plate dinner at the Palladium two Mondays ago drew a curious urge for us to attend as a member of the press.

Our conclusion is that you eat better at a Japanese American Optimist Club dinner. At least we did, on another free-loading affair. The menu on the United Republican Dinner, of course, was very fancy.

You had (on an estimated \$8 dinner) one half Hawaiian pineapple, filled with fresh fruit, garnished with a vanda orchid. We saw an American Flag pinned on the edge of the pineapple but failed to see the vanda orchid.

Then came the roast New York sirloin of beef, in short roast beef, rissole potatoes, green beans amandine and rolls and butter. For dessert, elephant glacee (because we were at a Republican function), coffee and petit fours. Translated, they're ice cream, java and cake.

But there were more chauffeur-driven Cadillacs milling around the world famous dance arena than we've seen at a Hollywood premiere night.

The pep-talk dinner, featuring guest speaker Attorney General William P. Rogers, can well be summed up by a conversation of two ardent Republicans after the party which we overheard:

"... Well, Paul, that was some dinner, wasn't it! They'll get your money anyway so at least this way you were able to get a dinner out of it..."

"... Well, sure, anyway what's \$100?" the next man says. His voice was hollow, though.

Wonder how the JAACL would fare if it sponsored a \$25 shindig honoring something or another. Would there be enough people to contribute that much for a cause for one evening's fund-raising extravaganza?

We nearly forgot the hospitality of attorney James Mitsumori, president of the Optimist Club, who invited us to one of their Wednesday night dinners. We had top sirloin steak there, and not roast beef. Mitsumori, like us, professes to be a Democrat.

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NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

LEST WE FORGET

Washington, D.C.

WE AMERICANS of Japanese ancestry are so well accepted today that we are prone to take for granted the many opportunities available to us. Lest we forget, fifteen years ago this week the turning point in the treatment of Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country took place.

ON January 28, 1943, the Army announced that it would accept volunteer Americans of Japanese ancestry for combat service. On February 1, 1943, the War Department announced the activation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

SINCE the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the fortunes of Americans of Japanese ancestry had been on the wane, with the arbitrary military evacuation and relocation as the climax of World War II's gravest "mistake".

FOLLOWING the response of the volunteers for the 442nd, and particularly after the 100th Infantry Battalion and it had been committed to battle, the destiny of Americans of Japanese ancestry became a heartwarming story of democracy in action.

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THERE SEEMS to be a legend that evacuee Americans by the thousands stormed the induction centers. This certainly was not the case. Lest we forget, less than 2,000 volunteered from the ten relocation centers. Had it not been for the tremendous response of volunteers in Hawaii, there might not have been a 442nd Combat Team.

UNDER the circumstances, 2,000 volunteers in many ways was a remarkable tribute to the vision and the courage of a few Nisei. Lest we forget, all honor and credit go to the memory of these 2,000 original volunteers from the WRA centers and to the 10,000 from Hawaii, of whom about 2,000 were accepted for the 442nd.

LATER, of course, many thousands of other Nisei were assigned to the 442nd as the Selective Service was re-instituted for Americans of Japanese ancestry. And, all of them acquitted themselves with distinction and glory.

BUT THE fact that we must not forget is that when the chips were really down and Nisei Americans had to stand up and be counted, less than 2,000 had the faith and the fortitude to volunteer for combat duty against the enemy and to earn with their lives and limbs the unprecedented opportunities which Americans of Japanese ancestry enjoy today.

IT IS these 2,000 to whom we Nisei owe so much.

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THIS Memorial Day, two crypts adjacent to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery will be dedicated. One will contain the Unknown Soldier of World War II and the other the Unknown Soldier of the Korean conflict.

IMPRESSIVE rites are scheduled for this May 30 when, without regard to rank, race, or religion, the Unknown Soldiers of World War II and of Korea will be selected from among a number of unknown soldiers who are interred in military cemeteries overseas.

IT MAY well be that the Unknown Soldier of World War II or of Korea may be an American soldier of Japanese ancestry who made the supreme sacrifice for his native land. It may well be too that this Nisei GI hero may be of the Buddhist faith.

WHILE it will never be known of what race, religion, or rank these Unknown Soldiers were, it is perhaps symbolic of our acceptance as Americans that he or they may be an American of Japanese ancestry, that a Nisei "rests" in Arlington National Cemetery "in honored glory" as "an American soldier known but to God".

LEST WE forget the sacrifices not only of the Nisei in the 442nd but also of all the 3,500 Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in Europe and in the Pacific in World War II, and lest our fellow Americans generally forget the heroic exploits of the Nisei GI in spite of their bitter mistreatment at the hands of their own Government, it may be appropriate that at Arlington National Cemetery a special monument be erected to the original volunteers of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, as a perpetual reminder to all that "Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart; Americanism is not, and never has been, a matter of race or ancestry"—the eloquent words of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a letter to the War Department approving the activation of the 442nd on February 1, 1943.

SUCH A monument should be of heroic proportions, perhaps conceived and designed by an American of Japanese ancestry. It should be erected by contributions from Americans of Japanese ancestry and their friends. It should occupy a prominent location in the National Cemetery at Arlington, perhaps near some of the 20 Nisei war heroes of the 442nd interred there.

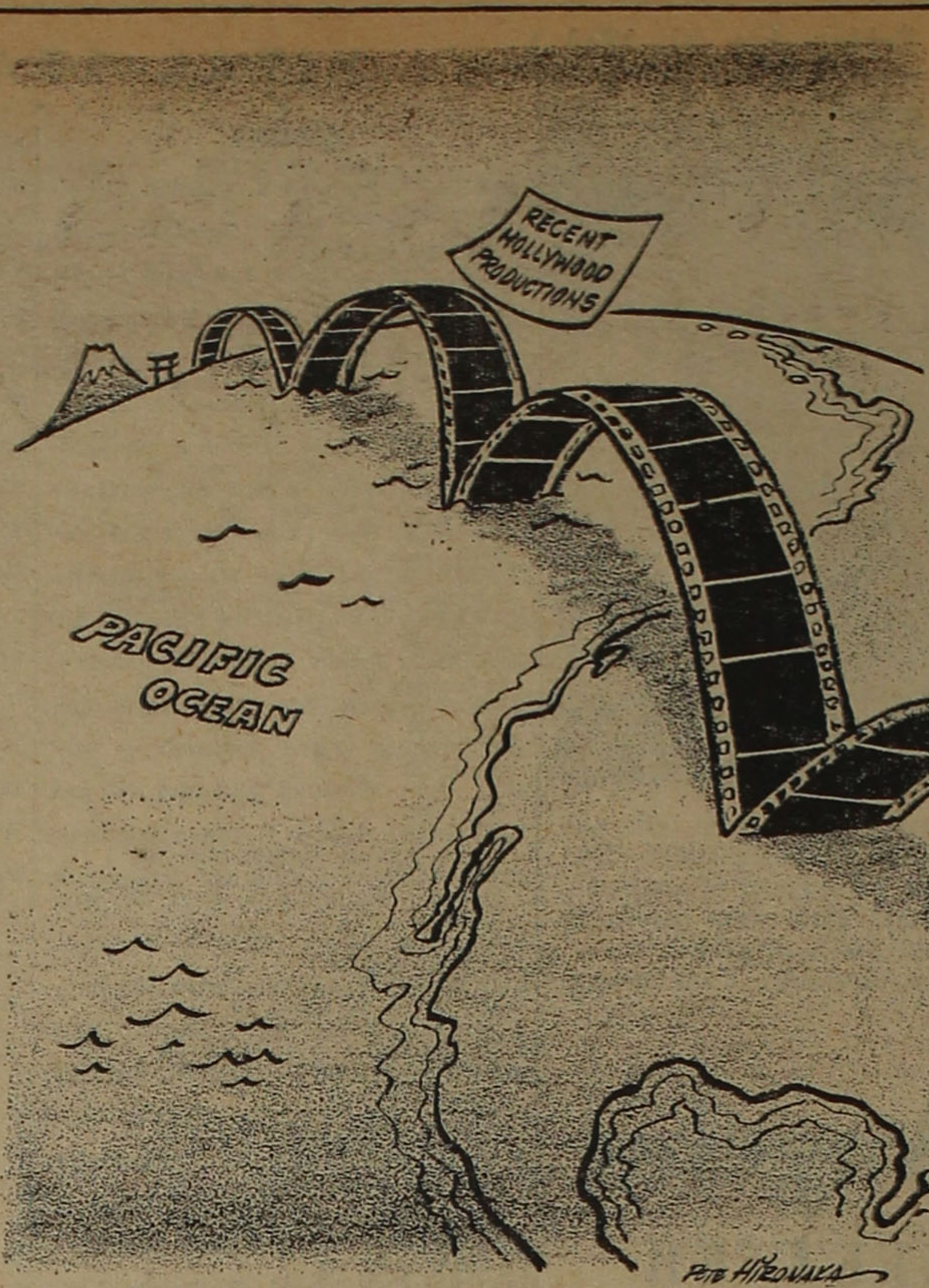
1958 MAY well be the year when this worthy project should be launched, lest we forget with the passing years our debt and America's obligation to the gallant Nisei soldiers of World War II.

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WHEN the veterans of the 442nd meet in Los Angeles this summer to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the activation of their now-famed unit, they might well consider such a project as this.

MOREOVER, when the Fifteenth Biennial National JACL Convention convenes in Salt Lake City, Utah, delegates might well consider such a project too as part and parcel of their national program.

AS A matter of fact, this project is so big and so important that it might be well for all the various Nisei veterans organizations and posts, the JACL, and the so-called "Japanese" communities in both Hawaii and the mainland to join in a common effort to place a worthy monument to the original volunteers of the 442nd, or to all Nisei war heroes for that matter, in Arlington National Cemetery, lest we forget...



Bridge of Better Understanding

Voters registration service available in Li'l Tokio, election deadlines set

Californians wishing to register for the 1958 primary and general elections may avail themselves to the services of two Nisei deputy registrars in the Miyako Hotel, 258 E. 1st St., according to Fred Takata, So. Calif. JACL regional director.

The deputies are Blanche Shiosaki, JACL office secretary in Room 238, and Ted Okumoto in Room 204.

This being an election year, Takata warned, it is best not to wait too long, since registration closes 54 days prior to election day. Forthcoming elections and their deadlines for registration are: (1) the General Law City Elections to be held on April 18, 1958; closing registration date Feb. 13; (2) School District Elections on May 20, 1958; closing registration date March 27; (3) Direct Primary Elections on June 3, 1958; registration closes on April 10.

Those who should re-register for the elections are: (1) those who have changed their addresses since they last registered; (2) those who have changed their names since they last registered; (3) those who desire to change their political affiliation, and (4) those whose registration were cancelled because they did not vote at either the Direct Primary or General Election in 1956, and who have not re-registered since said cancellation.

Those who should register include (1) those who have become of age, and have not registered; (2) new residents of Los Angeles County, who will have the required qualifications by the date of the election. These qualifications are one year's residence in the State;

JACL to continue in naturalization aid

DENVER. — The Mile-Hi JACL, which has cooperated in naturalization programs for Japanese in the Denver metropolitan area, revealed that three more Japanese were naturalized during the December term of the U.S. District Court for Colorado here.

The newly-naturalized Japanese were Taki Onoda, Toshiko Mikuni Ito and Fukuko June Augner.

The chapter indicated that with cooperation of the Rev. George Uyemura and Henry Suzuki, both of whom have acted as volunteer interpreters for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the local JACL would continue to assist in the naturalization of Japanese in this area.

90 days' residence in the County; and 21 years of age; (3) Naturalized citizens—who must have been a citizen for at least 90 days prior to the date of the election, and must show his naturalization papers to the deputy registrar when registering for the first time.

All voters must be able to read the English language, and sign their name, and must not be disqualified to vote by reason of a felony conviction.

Office hours at the regional office are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

\$50,000 BCA special projects fund goal hit

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Buddhist Churches of America last week disclosed its \$50,000 special project fund has been oversubscribed, according to fund treasurer Noboru Hanyu. Among projects being supported are the Kyoto ministerial training center, a retirement plan and scholarships to ministers and students studying in American colleges.

"We are now in the midst of planning and setting up a similar fund drive for 1958," declared Dr. Kikuo Taira of Fresno, fund committee coordinator. Fred Nitta of Watsonville is fund chairman.

Nisei named to N.C. appliance dealers board

SAN FRANCISCO. — Richard M. Seiki of Seiki Bros. hardware store, 1640 Post St., was elected a member of the board of directors of the Northern California Electrical Bureau at their annual election meeting here last week.

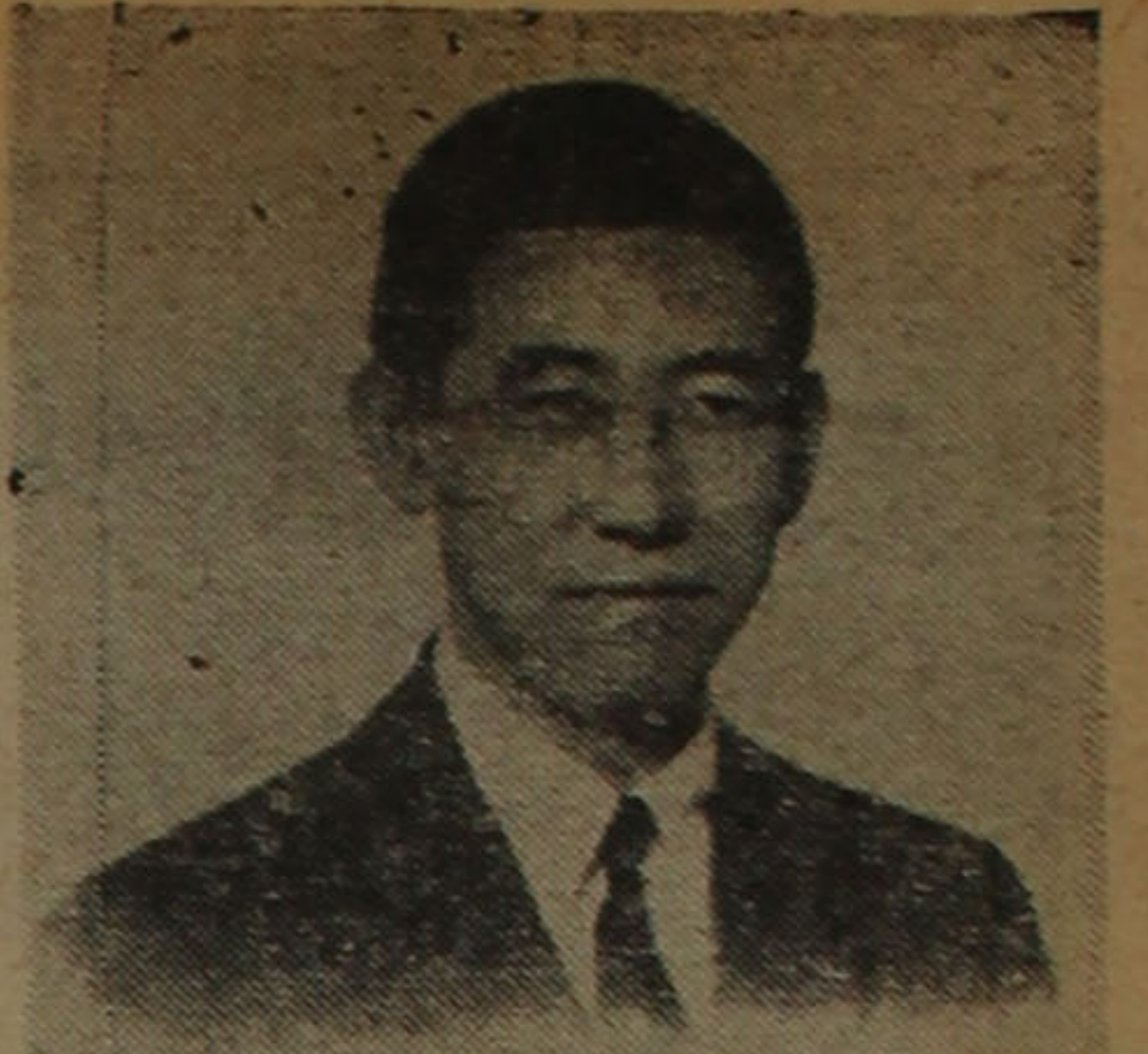
Seiki was the first person of Oriental ancestry ever named to the group's 20-man board, it was reported.

The bureau membership is composed of representatives of leading electrical appliance manufacturers and major retailers in the Northern California area.

Main function of the group is to conduct studies of market conditions and supervise public relation and advertising programs for electric appliances.

NISEI ELECTED AS POTATO GROWER GROUP DIRECTOR

ONTARIO, Ore.—Among the seven new members chosen directors of the Malheur County Potato Growers Association last week was George Hironaka of Oregon Slope.



Tom Yamashita

Ranking executive post in Hong Kong accepted by Nisei

CHICAGO.—Believed to be the youngest Nisei to attain the highest executive position in an industrial organization, Tom Yamashita, civil engineer, has been appointed manager of Far Eastern Operations, of Intrusion-Prepakt, Inc., with headquarters in Hong Kong.

Yamashita first joined Intrusion-Prepakt, Inc., an engineering contractors firm which extends around the globe, as a field engineer in 1945. The genuine respect and admiration he has earned with the company has been manifested by his appointments in 1953 and in 1956 as district manager and regional manager, respectively, with headquarters in Chicago.

His most recent appointment as manager of Far Eastern Operations embraces Intrusion-Prepakt offices located in India, China, Japan, Formosa, and Australia.

Oakland - Born Nisei

A native of Oakland, Calif., Yamashita was attending the Univ. of California as an engineering major at the outbreak of World War II. Following his evacuation to the Central Utah Relocation Project in Topaz, Utah, he relocated to Lincoln, Neb., and obtained his engineering degree at the Univ. of Nebraska in 1943. A two-year stint in the U.S. Army preceded his brilliant professional career.

Yamashita is the youngest son of Mrs. Tomi Yamashita of Oak Park, Ill., and the brother of active JACLers Mrs. Edwin Kitow and Kay Yamashita.

He is married to the former Carol Shinsato of Hawaii, and they have two boys and one girl ranging in age from 7 mos. to 4 years. The family now resides at 29 Bay Road, Repulse Bay, Hong Kong.

Plans \$150,000 center for Toronto Japanese

TORONTO.—The Toronto Japanese Canadian community has earmarked \$150,000 for its center—\$100,000 for the building to be designed by architect Raymond Moriyama, and \$50,000 for the site. The committee hopes to gather the brief and came near the end of

CALENDAR

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Feb. 1 (Saturday)
Marysville — Installation Dinner, Rib, Yuba City, 6:30 p.m.; Masao Satow, spkr.
Snake River Valley — JACL Bazaar, Japanese Community Hall, Ontario, 12n.
Chicago — Jr. JACL Dance, McCormick YWCA, 8-12 p.m.
Feb. 2 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC — Quarterly session, San Francisco JACL hosts, House of Lawton.
San Francisco — Installation Party, House of Lawton.
Feb. 6 (Thursday)
Oakland — Dance Class, 1st session, Buddhist Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8 (Saturday)
Santa Barbara — "Funfest," 1st Methodist Church.
Salt Lake City — "Miss Salt Lake JACL" dance, Memorial Hall, Memory Grove.
Feb. 9 (Sunday)
Detroit — Installation Dinner-Dance, Northwood Inn.
Cincinnati — Installation Dinner.
Feb. 14-16
Chicago — Caberfae Ski Outing.
Feb. 15 (Saturday)
San Jose — Snow Trip, Dodge Ridge.
Philadelphia — Installation Dinner.
Mar. 3 (Monday)
Seattle — Pre-Bowling Tournament Mixer.
Mar. 4 - 8
Seattle — Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament.
Mar. 8 (Saturday)
Seattle — JACL Bowling Award dinner-dance, Olympic Hotel, Royal Brougham, spk.