



Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Ladies Have the Spotlight

When it comes to performers of Japanese ancestry, the female of the species has fared much better than the male in Hollywood pictures in recent years. With the exception of Sessue Hayakawa ("Bridge on the River Kwai," "Green Mansions") and James Shigeta, star of the forthcoming Little Tokyo story, "The Crimson Kimono," the ladies have had the spotlight.

Shirley Yamaguchi, already a star of Chinese and Japanese pictures, was brought to Hollywood for "Japanese War Bride" and was starred in "House of Bamboo." MGM used the reigning Japanese actress, Machiko Kyo ("Gate of Hell," "Rashomon") for the Lotus Blossom of "Teahouse of the August Moon." Director Joshua Logan made a star of a Nisei girl in her first picture, casting her opposite Marlon Brando. The girl was Miiko Taka and the picture was "Sayonara." 20th Century Fox found young Reiko Oyama in "Stopover Japan." Director John Huston cast a Tokyo showgirl, tall (5 feet 7) Eiko Ando, opposite John Wayne in the Townsend Harris story, "The Barbarian and the Geisha." The British, in turn, used European-born Yoko Tani in the interracial romance, "The Wind Cannot Read." Nacirema, the Nisei-financed production unit, used a Nisei girl with a firm background in the New York theater, Michi Kobi, as the star of "Tokyo After Dark." Paramount picked Nobu McCarthy as Jerry Lewis' girl friend in "Geisha Boy."

Each one of these actresses made a good impression in their roles. As a result, most of them are in demand for new parts. Miiko Taka is expected to go to Japan to star in William Castle's production, "Michiko," which is an adaptation of the English literary classic, "Confessions of an Opium Eater." Miss Kobi was recently cast in a science fiction thriller, "Twelve to the Moon," which goes into production soon. She and Shigeta were co-starred in a Japanese murder drama on the Oldsmobile Music Theater over NBC.

20th Century Fox would like to use Miss Ando in another film, but the studio has no immediate plans for her. Shirley Yamaguchi retired from films last year when she married a member of the Japanese diplomatic service, and went off to live with him in Burma. But Miss Yamaguchi and her husband are back in Japan and Hollywood agents have been advised that she is available again for motion pictures. Machiko Kyo, on the other hand, is too busy in Japanese films of Hollywood films in prospect which will have Japanese to listen to American offers for a while. (There are a number settings. Among them are Julian Blaustein's "Bridge to the Sun" for MGM, and three planned by William Goetz, producer of "Sayonara." These are Theodore White, "Mountain Road," which will star James Stewart, "Cry for Happy," about GIs taking over a Tokyo geisha house, and "Time of the Dragons," a dramatic story with political overtones which is set in China and Japan).

Yoko Tani recently got the co-starring role opposite Anthony Quinn in a British production, "The Top of the World." The setting is the Arctic and Miss Tani will play an Eskimo girl.

Letter from the Canadian Rockies

Nobu McCarthy's career is in ascension. Miss McCarthy (she's the wife of David McCarthy, an ex-GI now in the printing business in Los Angeles) had played walk-on roles in three films when she got her big break as the young Japanese widow in "Geisha Boy," the comedy which starred Jerry Lewis. Miss McCarthy ("They tried to get me to use my maiden name, Atsumi, but I insisted on McCarthy. People don't forget a Japanese girl with an Irish name").

We met Nobu the other day on the Paramount lot where she had made "Geisha Boy." A lot of things had happened to her since then.

One of the interesting things was a letter from a small town in the Canadian Rockies. The writer, William Thompson, wanted to know if Miss McCarthy was the child, then six months old, who spent several weeks at the Thompson home with her parents more than 20 years ago. Miss McCarthy doesn't remember, of course, but she had been told by her parents about the incident.

One winter, back in the 1930s, Masaji Atsumi, then a member of the Japanese legation at Ottawa (where Nobu was born) was recalled to Tokyo. He and his wife and his child were aboard a Canadian Pacific train, crossing the Rockies, when a tunnel cavein blocked the right-of-way. The passengers were parcelled out to homes in the little Canadian Rockies town and the Atsumis wound up with a man named William Thompson who, more than 20 years later, read about Nobu and saw "Geisha Boy" and wondered if the beautiful young girl of that film was the infant guest at his home. Nobu has written him assuring that she was.

Miss McCarthy has been busy in TV since "Geisha Boy." She co-starred with Dean Stockwell in a Playhouse 90 on CBS, "Made in Japan," last month. In this drama she is killed by Stockwell, drowning in a river. She was supposed to struggle with Stockwell on the bridge, and a stunt girl was going to be substituted for the actual flip over the bridge rail. But the struggle was so realistic that Miss McCarthy was thrown over the rail herself.

Currently Nobu McCarthy is under a three-year contract to CBS which has made a pilot film about an ex-GI turned private eye, "Man on the Beach." This is an adventure drama about a soldier who returns from Japan with a wife, Miss McCarthy, and he and a Nisei ex-GI, played by George Shibata, go into the private-eye business. If "Man on the Beach" finds a sponsor, Miss McCarthy is going to be very busy. Thirty-eight more half-hours are planned.

14th annual Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference ends, Furukawa elected president; Don Furuta wins 'NICCer' award

DENVER.—David Furukawa, junior at Colorado University at Boulder, was elected president of the Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference, which concluded its three day meeting here, April 24-25. It was the 14th annual conference.

Officers of the NICC, for the 1959-60 school year are: David Furukawa, CU, pres.; Richard Yamaguchi of CU, 1st v.p.; Nancy Tanaka of CSU, 2nd v.p.; Edward Teruya, CU, treas.; Lorraine Yoshimori, CU, rec. sec.; Amy Kanai, CU, cor. sec.; Bernice Koshio, CSU, Social; Ruth Sagara, DU, and Tom Muroya, CU, pub.; and Ken Namba, CU, athl.

Colorado State College won the NICC basketball trophy, followed by CU Hawaiian Club (consolation), and CU Team No. 1 (runner-up). Bob Fujioka presented the trophies, including the Most Valuable Player award to Charles Hastings of CSU, a native of Tokyo.

Y. "Tak" Terasaki, district chairman of the Mountain-Plains JACL, was the principal speaker of the NICC banquet, held at the Albany Hotel, with almost 100 Nisei students attending. Stephen Osuga, retiring NICC president, presented his cabinet, including vice presidents Carl Yorimoto and Norman Yabe, treasurer Rich Yamaguchi, secretaries Ruth Sagara and Nancy Tanaka, social chairman Bev Tani, athletic chairman Dave Furukawa, and publicity chairmen Dorothy Okazaki and Marian Tamiya.

During the Saturday seminar "buzz sessions", discussion leaders Clifford Fujii, Ted Saito and Dorothy Okazaki presented William L. Miller, principal of Manual High School; Thomas A. Anderson, student personnel director of Opportunity School; Lino Lopez of the Denver Commission on Human Relations; Sebastian Owens, director of the Denver Urban League; and Gertrude Corkery, director of civilian personnel of the USAF Finance Center.

Beautiful Florence Ozaki of DU, "Sweetheart of the NICC", assisted by her court, including Elsie Shimabukuro of CSC, Amy Kanai of CU, and Bernice Koshio of CSU, were official hostesses for the conference.

NICCer of the Year

Donald T. Furuta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Furuta of Los Angeles, was named the outstanding "NICCer of the Year". Furuta, a graduating senior at

Wayne Kanemoto named 'distinguished' citizen

SAN JOSE.—Attorney Wayne Kanemoto, active JACLer, was among 10 local residents named "distinguished citizens" during the ninth annual San Jose Civic Week.

Public attention was focused on community problems during the week to obtain larger participation in city-wide activities. Principal event was the presentation of awards to the 10 citizens by Mayor Louis Solari.

Detroit JACLers sponsor Mothers Day program

DETROIT.—An afternoon of wonderful entertainment and food is assured every mother attending the Detroit JACL Mothers Day program and supper this Sunday, May 3, 2-5 p.m., at International Institute.

Judy Tanaka and Doris Fujioka, co-chairmen, are being assisted by members from the Teen Club, Junior Mr. & Mrs. Club and Motor City Gold Club.

Fresno community picnic washed out by April rain

FRESNO.—The American Loyalty League sponsored community picnic was rained out last Sunday and rescheduled for this Sunday, May 3, at Kearney Park, slightly southeast of Oaknoll in Sections 1 and 2.

The Picnic Committee reports that every family attending will receive a prize.

the Colorado State College at Greeley, was selected as the most outstanding among four finalists, because of his record of NICC participation for four years as a representative and an officer in the organization. Moreover, Furuta was Distinguished Cadet at CSC AFROTC in 1958, and named Wing Commander for his senior year. He will receive a commission in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation in June, and will serve for five years.

Besides his distinguished academic and ROTC career at college, Don Furuta has been active in community activities, participating in church work and serving as Cub Scout leader.

Other candidates for the NICCer of the Year award included Ted Saito, a major in fine arts who

served as NICC president in 1957-58; Sam Suehisa of CSU from Hawaii who will be Junior Prom chairman at Colorado State University; and Sam Kobayashi, a Korean war veteran, who had a distinguished career at Northeastern Junior College at Sterling, Colo.

Judges were Robert M. Horiuchi (past Mt.-Plains DC chairman), Sam Matsumoto (a past Mile-Hi JACL president), Joe Ariki (teacher at Gilpin School), Min Yasui (chairman of the judging committee) and Robert Y. Uveda, president of the Mile-Hi JACL, who presented a \$25 award to Furuta as a token of encouragement to future Nisei to live up to the high standards set by him in winning the NICCer of the Year award in 1959.

School teacher-war hero sees self in special Hawaii showing of 'Pork Chop Hill'

HONOLULU.—Tsugio (Eddie) Ohashi, vice principal of August Ahrens School in Waipahu, relived the battle of "Pork Chop Hill" at a private screening of the movie by the same name recently.

Ohashi is one of the key characters portrayed in the Korean War action film based on the retaking of the hill from Chinese Communists, despite heavy odds.

The film is to be released by United Artists this month with ex-West Pointer George Shibata of Utah portraying the Ohashi role.

Actor Gregory Peck, who was vacationing here and plays the principal role in the film, was at the private viewing along with a score of Ohashi's friends.

Ohashi said the movie "sticks to the facts. It's authentic, but

of course, some of the lines had to be put in for audience appeal."

The person who walked away most impressed with the film was Ohashi's wife.

She was plainly awed. "You know, he (Eddie) never talked about what he did. I never knew what he had to go through," she said.

Their friends, too, expressed surprise. "He's so modest. He never wants to talk about himself. Boy! What he went through," one of them remarked.

Western Pioneer to reward safe driving

Drivers insured by Western Pioneer Insurance Co. will now set their own rates by the way they drive. A.D. Ericksen, president of Western Pioneer, announced last week. Premiums for policyholders will be based on their individual driving records, he said. Under an individualized rating plan, the company will reward safe drivers with discounts and shift the burden of the cost of accidents to the careless drivers.

Western Pioneer's new rating program is more liberal than the nationwide trend in insurance companies to provide cash incentives for safe driving, and will go further in providing inducements for accident-free driving than most companies, according to Ericksen.

YWCA bridge benefit

Local Nisei bridge enthusiasts are invited to the YWCA duplicate bridge tournament benefit May 8, 7:30 p.m., at 695 S. Catalina, according to Mrs. George Shinno, chairman. A dollar donation is being asked. Further information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Shinno, at NO 4-1534.

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By the Board

By George Inagaki, Past Nat'l President

There are several items we would like to bring to the attention of the readers of this column today. The first pertains to this publication, The Pacific Citizen, of which this writer is serving as Chairman of the Board at the present time.

For quite some time now, we have been working on an advertising program which would appeal to the business concerns located in the various chapter areas throughout the country. At last, we feel we have come up with something that would be of benefit to those potential advertisers whom we have not been able to interest heretofore.

In a matter of weeks, the Pacific Citizen is going to inaugurate a nominal rate business and professional section listed under different cities. We feel that there will be a wide spread interest in an advertising section of this nature.

For instance, under Los Angeles, San Francisco or any other city, a flower shop advertisement would bring results because whether we live locally or elsewhere we have many occasions to send flowers to our loved ones who may be residing in that particular city. How easy it would be to pick up the PC and send an order to the advertised shop.

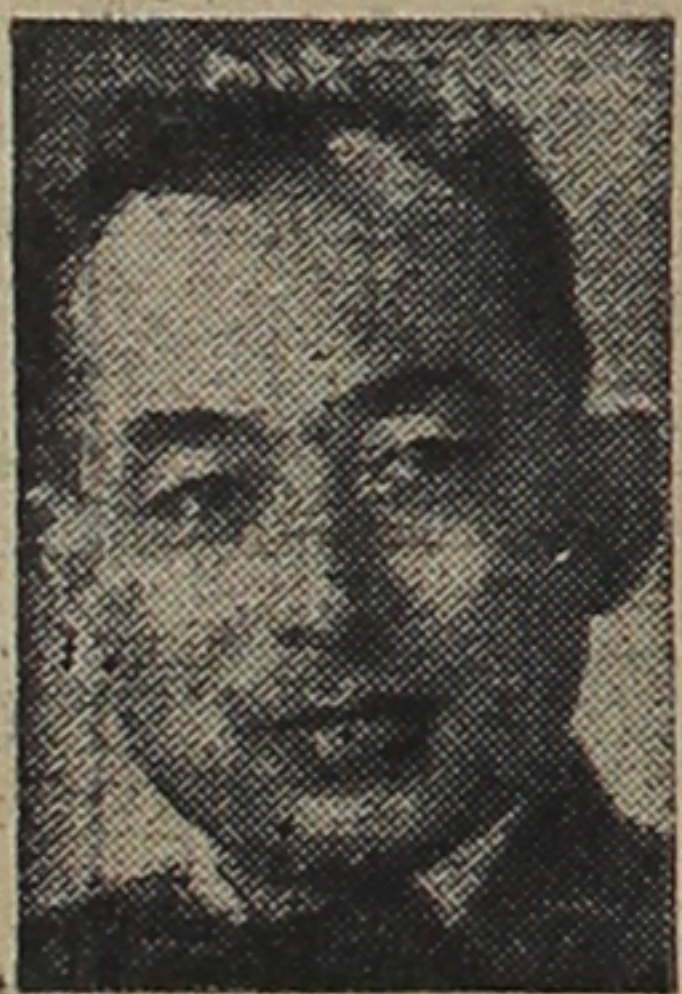
Or, it could well be a motel or hotel. In this day of congested travel, a glance in the PC and we would be able to make advance reservations. Restaurants, Real Estate establishments, resorts, and many, many other types of businesses would derive much benefit from an advertising program of this nature in the Pacific Citizen with its wide circulation.

Very shortly, the many professional and business readers of this paper will be approached by chapter representatives for their advertisement. We urge them to give full consideration to the high advertising possibilities that this new program offers.

Secondly, because of the many inquiries received from chapters concerning the recent showing of the motion picture "Go For Broke" by the Venice-Culver Chapter and because we found the reaction to the reshowing of this picture of the Nisei 442nd Combat Regiment so gratifying, we are passing on to the readers the information on how to obtain this film for chapter showing.

The 16mm talkie film is available anywhere in the country through the various branches of FILMS, Inc. Branch offices are located in Hollywood, California; Portland, Oregon; Wilamette, Illinois; and New York City, New York. They will parcel post the film to you and the cost should be about \$22.50.

The picture makes a very good general meeting project and will give the Nisei a boost in spirit and the sansei MIGHT gain a bit more respect for their Nisei parents.



Chicago Corner

By Smoky H. Sakurada

New Objectives Sought

Chicago
Feeling that the original purpose of the Japanese American Service Committee is no longer a vital one, the Chicago Welfare Council and Community Fund recently curtailed its financial assistance. At the same time, the JASC welfare committee was asked to restate its purpose for a future program and plan new objectives. Also suggested was the printing of public information matter covering the Japanese American community general. . . . The City Missionary Society, in an emergency meeting last month, voted to offer the JASC financial assistance by matching any amount raised through membership over and above last year's amount . . .

KENWOOD-ELLIS—The massive old church at 4608 Greenwood once had a congregation of 500-600 members and counted among them several socially prominent Southside families. Today, the 115-member interracial Kenwood-Ellis Community Church is fulfilling its mission with more zeal than ever, according to the Rev. George Nishimoto, pastor, and active Chicago JACLer and credit union director for many years. In an interview with the Chicago Daily News recently, he told of the church's role to keep the adjacent community from becoming a slum. "Our church is a demonstration that Protestantism hasn't abandoned the inner city. We have not given up by a long shot," pointing to the 500 teenagers who

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NEW YORKERS ATTEND SEABROOK DINNER

Japanese Consul Katsuyoshi Nakamura (center) was among New Yorkers attending the recent Seabrook JACL chow mein dinner. He chats with two pretty entertainers Akemi Nakai and Yuriko Sugimura. Over 1,000 persons attended the annual fund-raising affair. —Jeff Toughill Photo.

New York telecasting of 'Little Tokyo' movie protested by JACL representative

NEW YORK. — The recent telecast of "Little Tokyo—U.S.A." over National Telefilms Associate station in Newark was protested by the Japanese American Citizens League through Sam Ishikawa, its New York representative.

The anti-Nisei film was shown April 24 on the "Nine O'Clock Movie" program.

Ishikawa, in his letter to the station's production manager the following day, explained that the film "as being the most unfair motion picture ever made in Hollywood" for it depicts a racial group in unfavorable light and contains in its dialogue absolute lies about the loyalty of Japanese Americans during World War II.

"These are the same lies which have been repeatedly disproven by records and documents of the FBI and numerous responsible officers of the U.S. Army and Navy," the NTA official was informed.

"But what is more important, we have it proven in the deeds of Japanese Americans during World War II, and since, then, in the Korean war."

Ishikawa cited the record of the 442nd RCT which sustained 9,486 casualties or 314 per cent of its original strength in its seven ma-

ior campaigns in Italy and France and became known as the "Purple Heart Regiment". The unit received 18,143 individual decorations and medals and seven Presidential Unit Citations to be the most decorated unit of its size in the annals of U.S. Army.

"We believe it is only a matter of justice and fair play that films (like "Little Tokyo—U.S.A.") be refrained from being shown over a media where not only adults but children may be viewers," Ishikawa added.

SERVING SUKIYAKI MONEY MAKER FOR OMAHA JACL, TREAT KIDDIES AT EASTER

OMAHA. — During the month of March, Omaha JACL held two projects: one a money-maker and the other a social.

The chapter on Mar. 10 served sukiyaki to the Chi Omega alumnae at the Commercial Savings & Loan Assn. Bldg. There were over 50 guests present. Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, chairman, was assisted by:

Mmes. Ishii Hirabayashi, Nakadoi, Hardy, Holmes, Takechi, Arikawa and Misaki. Misses Matsunami, Hirabayashi, Kaya and Misaki.

It was a chilly day here in the midwest but that did not stop the youngsters from absorbing all the fun at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hanscom Park. Under the chairmanship of Mary Misaki, on the preparation committee were:

Mrs. Kaz Ikebasu and her daughter, Cathy, Mary Ann Matsui, Frank Tamai, Bonnie Hirabayashi and Sumi Misaki.

Flower arrangement

DETROIT. — Flower arrangement classes, sponsored by the local JACL, are meeting Wednesday nights from 8 at International Institute with Mrs. Rose Lendrum, instructor. Both advanced and beginner students are welcome, according to Mrs. Toshi Shimoura, chairman, who added the cost per lesson is \$1.50 for members, \$2 for non-members. The cost includes flowers to be used in class.

Cake decorating topic of Parlier Auxiliary meeting

PARLIER. — William Bull of the Reedley Bakery demonstrated party cake decorating at the April 21 meeting of the Parlier JACL Auxiliary held at the local Buddhist social hall.

Three cakes were decorated: a sheet cake in a baby shower motif, two florals, one a sheet cake and the other a nine-inch layer cake. One of the cakes was won by Mrs. Flora Doi, who also won the regular door prize for the meeting.

Sue Miyakawa reported on the recent Auxiliary visitations to the three rest homes.

Pasadena JACL announces titles of benefit movie

PASADENA.—Two Japanese films will be presented by the Pasadena JACL on Saturday, June 27, 7:30 p.m. at Cleveland Elementary School on Washington and Lincoln Aves.

"Otomito Kirareyosaburo" and "Hanawa Nagekazu" are the titles of the pictures.

OMAHA JACL MIXED KEG END SEASON AT PICNIC

OMAHA. — The Omaha JACL Mixed Bowling League concluded its 1958-59 season last month with a picnic at Hanscom Park. Seventy bowlers and members of their family enjoyed the day, chaired by Mrs. Gladys Hirabayashi, league secretary-treasurer.

The winning mixed foursome, the Fouls, of Alice Kaya, Renelle Withrow, Jerome Sera and William Kagawa, won the bulk of league honors.

Sam Hirasawa heads L.A. JACL group

Sam Hirasawa, past Southwest L.A. JACL president, was unanimously elected president of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council, composed of six chapters in Los Angeles county. He succeeds Roy Yamadera of East Los Angeles JACL.

Hide Izumo, past Hollywood JACL president, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Other members of the council are the presidents of the six chapters as follows:

Southwest L.A. (Joe Yasaki), East L.A. (Roy Yamadera), Hollywood (Mike Suzuki), Pasadena (Dr. Ken Yamaguchi), Downtown L.A. (Gongoro Nakamura), and San Fernando (Sam Uehara).

The Coordinating Council sponsors three events a year: the annual joint installation dance, Nisei Relays and Christmas Cheer. It is also a member of the Community Relations Conference of Southern California. More recently, it co-sponsored the National JACL bowling tournament.

Milwaukee picks homelowner prexy

MILWAUKEE. — Albert R. Popp, recently elected chairman of the Milwaukee JACL board, is a native Milwaukeean, one of ten children born to Dr. and Mrs. Albert Popp.

He is the first Caucasian elected to head a JACL chapter.

Drafted prior to the Korean war, he saw service in the Far East for four years, detached from the army in Japan for a civilian post and met and courted his wife, Yaeko.

Upon his return home, he attended Marquette University and graduated with a B.S. degree in business administration. He is currently an employee of the Continental Casualty Co., serving as one of their office supervisors here. The Popp's have four children.

Ex-Takarazuka performer dances at JACL meeting

ST. LOUIS. — Mrs. Emiko Schwenenger, who was a member of the Takarazuka troupe before her marriage, performed two classical dance numbers at the first dinner-meeting of the St. Louis JACL at Tokyo Inn recently.

Fowler Nisei wins Kato memorial scholarship

SAN MATEO. — The Rev. David Shigekawa, second-year theology student at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, was named 1959 Kato Memorial Scholarship winner last week.

Youth leader at the Berkeley-Richmond Free Methodist Church and son of the Rev. Yoshimasa Shigekawa of Fowler Free Methodist Church, the selection was made at the Sturge Presbyterian Church. The award is in memory of the Rev. Suzunosuke Kato, who organized the Young Peoples Christian Conference movement in the San Francisco bay area.

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