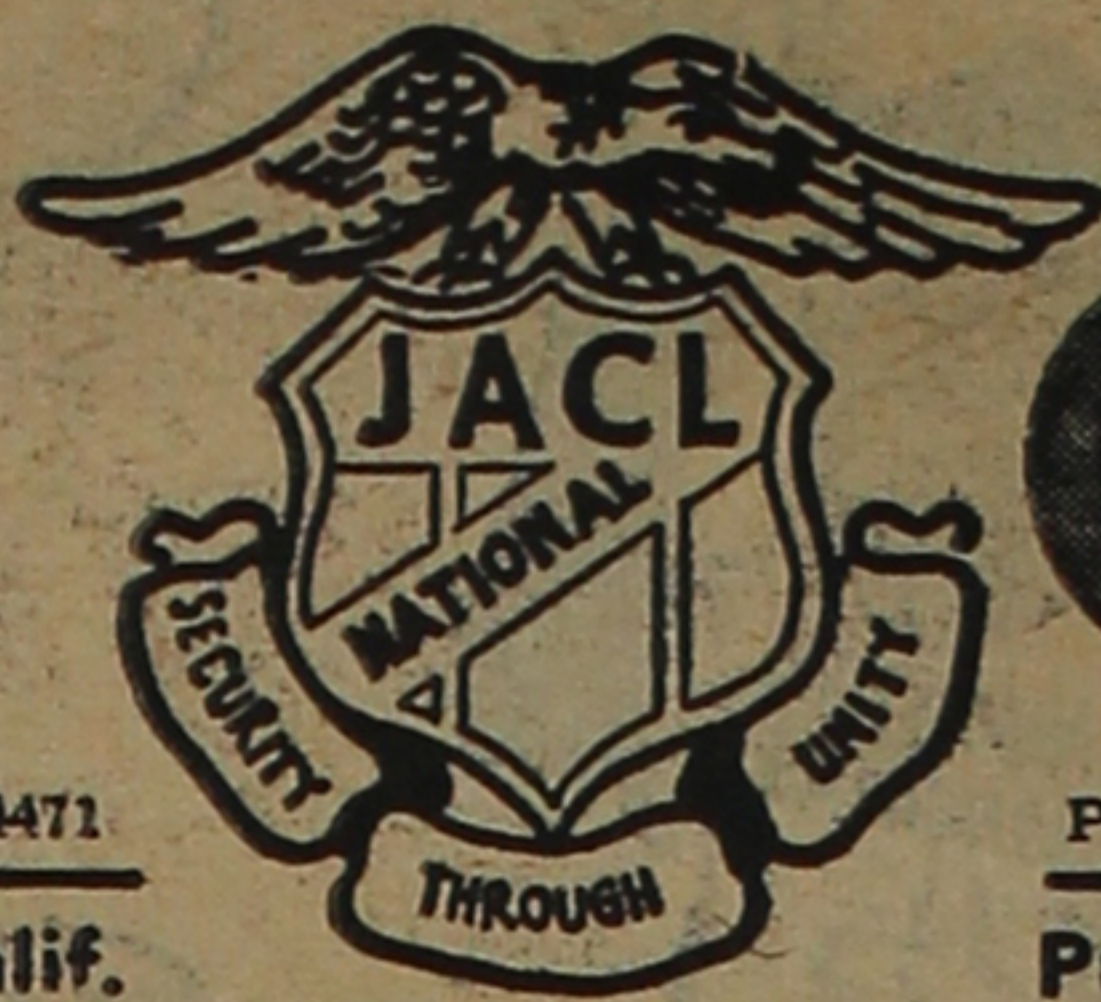


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COLUMN LEFT:

So, the man calls it 'bootlicking'

Not all newspapers subscribing to Robert C. Ruark's nationally syndicated column published his comments on the May 20 ceremonies at the Attorney General's office marking the close of the administrative phase to the Japanese American evacuation, so it appears. We know of one newspaper which clipped off a portion of Ruark's column.

Japanese Americans who happened to find Ruark's column in question in their home town newspaper within the past week or so should feel piqued if not wholly disgraced by Ruark's blunt suggestion that the government might as well "recall the inconvenience, not to mention death, torture and brutality" caused after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Ruark's constitutional liberties were not hampered during the war years by internment or evacuation as sustained by persons of Japanese ancestry. Yet he seemed comforted to note he didn't think "our indignant Nisei had much to complain of their internment."

What the distinguished dean of Yale's School of Law cheered as the day of "correction of injustice," Ruark jests with "bootlicking public relations." However, we should not be naive to hold those who read Ruark would wholly disagree. It is this danger that fair-minded Americans who found Ruark's column irritable can help allay by writing to the editors of the newspapers which published the unfortunate piece.

JACLers in areas where this column was used should not hesitate to let their feelings be known. There's no use being docile about it. It may only encourage further trampling of Japanese American honor and integrity. Nisei have died on battlefields for this prestige. It remains the duty of those living to keep it untarnished and forever glorious. — H.H.

JACL objectives for 1960-70 to be drafted by commission

SAN FRANCISCO.—Not since the wartime emergency board meeting of 1942 has there been so fruitful a 50 hours for the Japanese American Citizens League in view of the recommendations and actions made here this past weekend.

The National JACL Board and Staff met for the first time between convention years in accordance with National Council action at the 15th Biennial Convention. It commenced with luncheon Friday and concluded a few hours after luncheon Sunday with Shigeo Wakamatsu, national president, presiding.

A 1960-1970 planning commission

to hammer out national emphases for the coming decade was formed.

Keep Washington Office

The need for a Washington Office was reemphasized by the board with final determination as to its implementation in the hands of the chapter delegates meeting in the 1960 convention. A committee to prepare data to aid chapters to decide on the need was also organized.

JACL policy on chapter non-involvement on partisan election issues was reiterated by the board. The question of allowing chapters local autonomy on local partisan but non-political issues (such as

school bonds, minimum wage and taxes) was referred to the National JACL Planning Committee.

The substance and spirit of the JACL youth policy draft was approved by the board. The draft, prepared by the JACL Work With Youth Committee, endorsed the development of good citizenship among the Japanese American youth either under local chapter auspices if needed or under other on-going activities. Implementation of the policy is subject to future action.

Recommendations and discussion also followed on other organizational matters such as the

attendance of national officers at district council conventions, Washington alien land law campaign, national election procedures, 1960 convention in Sacramento, national recognitions, scholarship program, membership, international relations, civil right issues, Issei Story, Pacific Citizen, financial quotas, endowment fund, COJAE (Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims), bequest program, public relations brochure and future staff requirements.

1960-70 Commission

Recommendations of the long-range planning committee, which will be headed by Shigeo Wakamatsu, national president, as chairman and assisted by the eight district council chairmen as vice-chairmen, are expected to be specific in terms of what line the organization will be in the coming decade.

It was charged to furnish tangible goals or alternatives to the question being asked by JACL members in recent years: "Where does JACL go from here?"

These recommendations—by no means to be regarded as final but subject to full consideration at the next biennial convention—will appropriately tie in with the 1960 convention theme: "Decisions for Tomorrow," as announced by convention general chairman William M. Matsumoto of Sacramento.

Practical Ideas

In 1946 at the first postwar national biennial convention in Denver, a 10-year program was cast for JACL, it was recalled by Mike Masaoka in attendance from Washington. Since the major goals were achieved by 1952 with the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act and another important goal this year with statehood for Hawaii, "the time has come to think of 1960, now, and what kind of an organization JACL will be in the following decade," Masaoka said.

Should JACL be a social welfare service group, a citizen's group or a fraternal organization with special benefits for its members only, Masaoka asked board members, all of whom were present. He urged the planning commission be practical in its recommendations and avoid generalities.

Rather than selection of a so-called "blue ribbon" committee, the board decided to have the incumbent national president serve as its chairman with the ready-made organization of district councils assisting in determining these goals. An executive secretary was authorized to coordinate the findings and disseminate the information to the chapters in time for adoption, amendment or addition at the next convention.

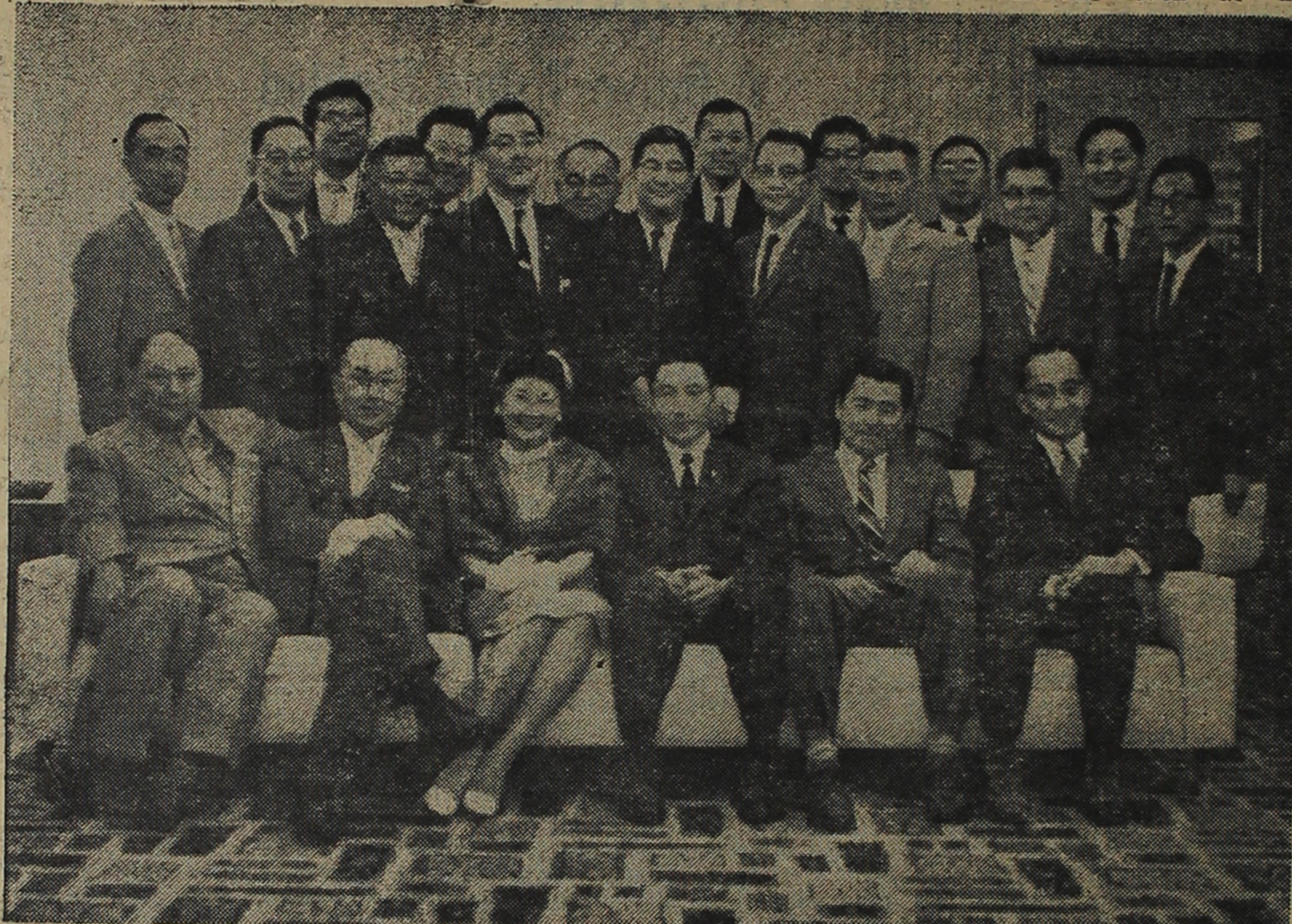
Past nationally-elected JACL officers are expected to meet with respective district council groups to assist in this major project.

Washington Office

As one of the major issues to be decided at the 1960 biennial, the future of the Washington JACL Office—so far as the board members were concerned—called for review of its past operations and prospects of how it should be managed in the future.

Its need was stressed, but the board did not indicate the conditions under which the office would be maintained. It had hoped Mike Masaoka would be retained in some capacity, but since he has asked to be relieved of his responsibility, the question was deferred to the 1960 convention.

Masaoka pointed out to board (Continued on Page 5)



Informal picture of the National JACL Board and Staff after it concluded its first "off-year" meeting shows (seated from left) George Sugai, 3rd nat'l v.p.; Aki Hayashi, treas.; Mrs. Lily Okura, sec. to board; Shigeo Wakamatsu, nat'l pres.; Akiji Yoshimura, nat'l 1st v.p.; Toru Sakahara, 2nd nat'l v.p.; (standing from left) Kumeo Yoshinari, MDC chmn.; Mas Yano, IDC chmn.; Fred Takata, So. Calif. reg. dir.; Bill Matsumoto, 1000 chmn.; Jerry Enomoto, NC-WNDC chmn.; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, George Inagaki, past pres.; Mike Masaoka, Washington rep.; Tak Terasaki, Mtn.-PDC chmn.; Mas Satow, nat'l dir.; Dr. James Nagatani, CCDC chmn.; Henry Kato, PNWDC chmn.; Frank Chuman, leg. counsel; Charels Nagao, EDC chmn.; Harry Honda, Pacific Citizen editor; and Kango Kunitsugu, PSWDC chmn.

Pacific Citizen Photo.

Special Issei citizenship class of nine ranging in ages 77-92 await taking of oath, hope Supreme Court Chief administers it

HONOKAA, Hawaii. — There was no class motto strung up when graduation exercises were held here recently for a special citizenship training class.

But the motto might have read: "It's never too late."

The average graduate was 85 years old. The oldest was 92. The youngest was a mere 77.

Nine local residents—whose ages totaled 769 years—were given a well deserved special recognition at the graduation ceremonies held at the Hongwanji Hall by instructor Hidetsura Miura.

They were part of a much larger pre-citizenship group but because of their advanced ages were instructed separately by Miura.

Ready for Oaths

The senior citizens-to-be have already passed their naturalization examinations and will take the Oath of Allegiance in Third Circuit Court shortly after the July 28 general election.

Oldest member of the class is Hyakutaro Kato who will be 92

when he receives his citizenship. He and his wife, 84, have been married for 65 years and have lived in Honokaa since they moved from Japan on the year of their marriage. They are the oldest couple on the Big Island.

Mrs. Toku Takaki, 77, youngest member of the class, completed the course despite the fact that she is totally blind. She was guided through the graduation exercises by her husband, Denjiro, 88, also a graduate.

Graduate Toyozo Doi, 90, is the father of Oahu Supervisor Masato Doi. He has lived in Paauhau since he left Japan 70 years ago.

Graduate Mrs. Momoko Ueki, 80, is the founder of the Ujiki Store in Honokaa where she has lived for more than 60 years.

Enrolled 50 Others

Mrs. Saki Higashi, 82, was so enthusiastic about the citizenship class that she helped to enroll 50 persons for similar training in the community schools. With her a class was her husband, Kuni-

taro, 88. They have lived in Honokaa for 60 years.

This is an especially significant year for Masaichi Seo, 88, last member of the "old-timers" class. He will become a citizen during Statehood year. He came to Hawaii from Japan in 1898. That, of course, was the year the Republic of Hawaii was annexed to the United States.

The exact date for the citizenship court ceremonies hasn't yet been set. But Hamakua residents, proud of their senior citizens-to-be, think it would be appropriate for Chief Justice Earl Warren to fly to the Big Island to administer the oaths.

Editor resigns

SEATTLE.—Terumitsu Kano, editor of the North American Post since 1947, resigned to join the Japan Air Lines office here. He was a member of the Great Northern Daily in prewar years.

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THE ERA OF "Blueprint for Tomorrow", "New Horizons", "Changing Perspectives" and "Past Is Prologue" (themes of biennial JACL conventions since 1952) is over—if we can seriously accept the 1960 theme of "Decisions for Tomorrow".

The broad vistas of the future sought by JACLers after enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 were intangible generalities though the period witnessed continued growth of the national organization internally. And as each year passed, the question became louder and louder: "What is JACL going to do?"

With the announcement of a 1960-70 Planning Commission (our way of distinguishing it from the plethora of JACL committees manned by loyal JACLers as the commission has been authorized an executive secretary, who will be compensated as "part-time staff") at the close of last week's meaningful National Board and Staff meeting, the time has come for officers, past officers and JACLers, newcomers and oldtimers, to think in terms of specifics and practicalities.

Our national president Shig Wakamatsu once referred to this committee as "blue ribbon", composed of past national presidents and JACL leaders, but the board's insistence that he chair this all-important commission with the eight district council chairmen as his regional assistants envelops responsibility and assurance of a program for the coming decade within the framework of a ready-made organization.

Our district council chairmen, enriched by the experiences of the weekend meeting, will be important arms of the commission, gathering definite ideas within their areas. Past national officers will be asked also to contribute their experiences and suggestions. Equally important will be the thinking of chapter presidents and members.

ONE OF THE decisions to be made in 1960 is the future of the Washington JACL Office. The thinking of our legal counsel Frank Chuman was reported in "By the Board" last week. And this week, in the same space, are the thoughts of our Mountain-Plains District Council chairman on the need of more regional offices. And in forthcoming weeks, other contributors to "By the Board" will add their ideas to what the 1960-70 Planning Commission will consider in the coming year.

The general membership may also contribute their ideas through the "PC Letterbox", as did Harold Gordon of Chicago last week in asking that the Washington JACL Office be maintained.

IT WOULD BE amiss not to thank San Francisco JACL for its hospitality in midst of the 50 hours devoted to the first between-convention board meeting... As forewarned by Mas Satow that sightseeing in San Francisco would be limited between the airport and hotel, we were able to conclude that the web of skyways and freeways spun throughout the city outstretches the hub and four-spoke system of Los Angeles. We were able to tell from the airplane... The weekend weather was ideal—we could only tell from reading the papers, encased as we were in the hotel conference room by day and JACL Headquarters by night... Dr. James Nagatani, CCDC chairman; Kango Kunitzugu, PSWDC chairman; and Bill Matsumoto, 1000 Club chairman, sat through a board meeting for the first time, but what a first meeting—all business and no convention hilarities to offset the gravity of the discussions... If the 1959 meeting can be used as a standard, we shall expect a full day's meeting before the 1960 convention and another full day after the convention... This is to tell the chapter delegates who elect our national officers that the choice of Lily Okura of Omaha to the board as secretary was well appreciated by the board members. With 20 guys facing each other across the conference table, one doll like Lily is a most welcome sight... And "Wild Bill" Matsumoto never did let-up for a minute that the 1960 convention in Sacramento is going to a super-duper.

THE EYE-CATCHING Nisei Trading Co. advertising appearing in the PC for the first time this week happens to be the one found in the Yellow Pages of our telephone book. Nisei Trading, a pioneer firm in Li'l Tokio which was founded by H.S. Murayama and now operated by his two sons, Henry and Herbert, has been constant supporters of the local Nisei sports program by sponsoring teams in baseball, track, bowling and basketball. Their annual volume of business reaches close to a million dollars, handling furniture and home appliances for Southern California Japanese families... Henry and Herbert are both 1000 Clubbers, Henry in his 7th year, and Herb in his 4th year. A couple of years ago, they moved from their former 2nd and San Pedro site to 348 E. First St., providing three floors of merchandise space... Welcome to our family of PC supporters!

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PRESS COMMENTS:

A Grave Wrong Righted

Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, June 1, 1959

It's not easy for a man to admit he was wrong. It is nearly unprecedented for a nation to make a sincere and public apology for a grave injustice, particularly one committed in time of emotional stress.

But the United States of America has made such an apology, and to its fullest power righted the wrong it did 17 years ago to more than 72,000 of its citizens.

When World War II broke out, a wave of anti-Japanese hysteria struck not only private citizens but also the United States government. Because of their racial identification, even American-born persons of Japanese ancestry were suspect. As in some wild dream, our highest authorities envisioned wholesale sabotage and treachery by the Americans of Japanese descent who lived on the Pacific coast. There was no discrimination between the Japan-born individual and the California-born individual. "A Jap's a Jap," said Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, military commander in the west.

So all 72,000 Issei and Nisei were taken from their homes and herded into concentration camps. The Pajaro valley's 1,800-person "Japanese colony" disappeared, the truck farmer and the high school honor student alike. They were herded off to Santa Anita, to Tulelake, to other barbed-wire enclosures euphemistically called "relocation centers." It was made plain to them that they were suspected as traitors; and in those early days of American involvement in the war they knew many of their neighbors were vowing that "they'll never come back here."

Remarkably enough, most of them endured this public disgrace with fortitude. Understandably enough, a minority of them were embittered—frustrated and hysterical enough that 5,766 of the Nisei (American-born and therefore U.S. citizens) renounced their American citizenship, and some were sent to Japan on their own request.

As their bitterness diminished, nearly all the "renunciants" chose to stay in their native America and try to regain citizenship, rather than ask to be sent to Japan. Of the entire group of 4,984 who applied for restoration of their citizenship, only 78 were turned down.

The process of restoration of citizenship was speeded by assistant attorney general George Cochran Doub, who saw to it that an American principle of justice was applied. Previously, the renunciants had to prove that they weren't disloyal; under Mr. Doub's theory, their citizenship was re-

stored unless there was evidence of disloyalty. They were given, in other words, the presumption of disloyalty. They were given, in other words, the presumption of innocence that is a cornerstone of American justice.

The happy ending finally arrived. The thousands of Americans of Japanese ancestry who were herded off to camps returned to their homes and are once again valued friends and good neighbors. Americans of Japanese ancestry by the thousands volunteered to fight for their country, and they wrote a glorious record in American military annals. Those who renounced their citizenship in a wave of bitterness, including a dozen Pajaro valley residents, have had their birthright restored to them, and they have the official blessing of the federal government which treated them so shabbily in a time of hysteria.

Attorney general William P. Rogers, at a ceremony attended recently by other high government officials, said the restoration of citizenship was an attempt to "make up for a mistake our nation made" toward a group of its citizens. Assistant attorney general Doub expressed hope that the Nisei would "have the charity to forgive their government."

Dean Eugene V. Rostow of the Yale law school called it "a day of pride for American law." And it was indeed a prouder day, not only for the officials of the government but also for the Americans of Japanese ancestry who are more proud than ever of their native country.

TERASAKI NAMED TO METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

DENVER. — Y. Tak Terasaki, Mountain-Plains JACL chairman was recently named to the Board of the Metropolitan Council for Community Service (Health, Welfare and Recreation). The Metropolitan Council supplants the former Denver Area Welfare Council, and is an important factor in community relationships in the Denver area.

Dr. Minami appointed grand lodge representative

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. Henry K. Minami, past master of the Harmony Lodge 17 and an Almas Temple Shriner, was honored last week as the grand representative of the Grand Lodge of Japan near the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

(Jack Hirose was similarly honored to serve in the same capacity in the Grand Kodge of Maryland.)

PC Letter Box

RETAIN WASH. OFFICE

... To my mind, there is no question but that JACL should maintain a vigilant, well organized office in Washington, and further, it should make every effort to retain Mike on whatever footing he desires. Mike is the Washington Office!

With all due respect to the many capable leaders in JACL, none of them could possibly do the job of which Mike is capable. Mike can accomplish as much during a "coffee break" as would take anyone else days of groping through Washington. Mike has developed into a tremendously unique Nisei talent, well respected by all in the capitol. Undoubtedly without Mike's services, the effectiveness of JACL in national legislation would have been virtually nothing.

Chances are, however, that JACL would never really lose Mike for as a citizen and a JACLer, he would continue to bring matters of concern to our attention... Nonetheless, JACL should maintain an office in Washington. Much of what is accomplished in Washington is dependent on who you know. What better way to foster such relationships than to maintain an office there staffed with capable, personable, tactful persuasive, working people? Even though no one at present could step right into such a job, such people should be developed. We've relied altogether on Mike Masaoka and he has been capable of responding with the most successful job in Washington...

... (But) should a crisis arise in the future, we must be organized and prepared to meet it adequately. In many cases, a problem can be "nipped in the bud" diplomatically, but only if we are aware of it. In closing of the Washington Office, I feel, would remove much of the purpose for which JACL exists.

GEORGE ICHLEN

Orange County JACL.

JAY compiling youth club directory for L.A.

A directory of Nisei-Sansei clubs in the Southland is being compiled by Japanese American Youth, Inc., to supplement the youth activities survey it has undertaken.

Expected to be a ready source of central information for all youth groups and their activities—social, church or special interests, it will be available to listed groups and interested organizations, announced Su Uyeno, JAY executive secretary, of 112 N. San Pedro St.

Youth groups through college age are expected to submit the following information: club name, list of officers and advisers, address of president or secretary, purpose, age group, number of members and affiliation.

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SACRAMENTO IN 'SIXTY: by Shig Sakamoto

Convention Board - Committeemen

SACRAMENTO'S 16th Biennial Convention format is shaping up real nice now as I am pleased to mention in this week's column.

After many sleepless nights (or I should write)—after through many days of staying up to the wee hours with bags hovering below our eyes enough to store several groceries—the convention Board of Governors finally wound up its troublesome and trying hours of selecting and appointing many of our chapter members to various committees and we're proud to say that this task has been successfully terminated and we have acquired one of the finest in the way of personnel for our committees and if them fighting words to other chapters, all you 86, it's because I have the backing of 200 pound Bill Matsumoto and I'm always BEHIND you, William.

You don't know what kind of groundwork and close planning is needed to stage this big convention and although Sacramento JACL has sponsored its share of District Council meetings—the DC affairs are kindergarten jobs compared to what we're going through at this early stage for the National convention.

We Sacramento chapter members all know that it will take a lot of time, work and organization to put the 16th Biennial over the top and like we said in the previous column, the men folks have rolled up our sleeves and the women folks have rolled up their hair, (I think that's what they said) and we'll put on a show that you people have never seen in true California fashion, plus real good SACRAMENTO HOSPITALITY.

Bill Matsumoto has been designated General Convention Chairman and his two Associate Chairmen are Toko Fujii and Tak Tsujita. Matsumoto will be the big boss and this youngster who drools with talk of insurance, West Coast Life (free plug), is also National JACL 1000 Club Chairman. So he has his hands full. He can't seem to forget the wonderful time he had down in Long Beach for the PSWDC meeting and the pretty hostesses they provided for him during his visit as National 1000 Club chairman.

Toko Fujii, who sells insurance also and real estate for the Percy Masaki Agency, has his hands in a Variety Store and formerly owned a hotel before the current redevelopment program hit his block. He will not only handle the associate chairmanship but is also chairman of the Official Events. Tak Tsujita, the other sidekick is chief accountant for a local supermarket chain, also will handle the convention booklet. So he has his hands full and most probably acquire a few more grey hairs.

We will have a charming lass as board secretary and I'm glad the Board is on the ball by getting something glamorous to brighten many of our long tedious meetings in naming Miss Norine Nishikawa, sister of Pioneer Methodist Church pastor, Rev. George Nishikawa. Also following in the charm parade, we have Miss Marian Uchida as treasurer succeeding Harry Fujii, who earlier had accepted the job but resigned due to pressure of personal affairs. We hope to place Fujii in another assignment.

And rounding out the above-mentioned personalities are Attorney Henry Taketa as public relations chairman and yours truly in the publicity department to comprise the convention board of governors.

SPECIAL EVENTS chairman is Dr. George Takahashi, optometrist and JACler from way, way back (before my time, he says). His wife showed me some newspaper clippings about the Sacramento chapter from 1936-39 and imagine, those were my junior high school days! It couldn't be but they were. The people who were very active those days and even to this present day, still pitching with us as much as they can include Dr. Akio Hayashi, May Shirai, Gladys Masaki, Frank Hiyama, Kiki Ryugo, Dr. Jiro Matsumoto, Henry Taketa, Percy Masaki, etc. . . .

REGISTRATION chairman is Mrs. Betsy Sanui, who formerly resided in Walnut Grove prior to the war, and sister of supermarket owner Richard Inaba of Sacramento and Flu Inaba of Fresno branch. Another brother operates the North American Food Product distributorship here in Sacramento.

We had to have young blood and we have it in Stan Umeda who will chair the JUNIOR JACL division during the convention and newbits about the Junior JACL department will be forthcoming real soon.

Already mentioned is the QUEEN CONTEST chairmanship in Mrs. Mary Yamamoto. Mary and her husband operate their own cleaners and have been for a number of years. She is the former Mary Sugiyama of the well-known Sugiyama family of Sacramento.

CONVENTION BOOKLET has been mentioned with Tak Tsujita in the leading role and FUND RAISING DEPARTMENT will be handled by Arthur Yoichi Mitsutome, who is currently on the Sumitomo Bank staff and no finer man to handle this project than a man from a bank. The convention board has three able attorneys available and all three Perry Masons stated that they will plead him guilty. . . .

See you again soon with another column of committeemen. Maybe some of our PC readers recognize some of the people.

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Sachiko Tokunaga, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Shigao Tokunaga of 245 So. 12th East, Salt Lake City, an honor South High graduate, selected by the local chapter as the candidate for the Pvt. Ben Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, was on hand to welcome George Shibata, star of "Pork Chop Hill" when he came for personal appearance for the picture's premiere. George's mother, Mrs. Shibata of Garland, came to welcome her son and to attend the premiere —Terashima Photo

Salt Lake JACL nominates active Jr. CLer for Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka scholarship

(Special to Pacific Citizen)
SALT LAKE CITY. — Sachiko, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shigao Tokunaga of 245 So. 12th East, and an outstanding South High graduate, was nominated by the Salt Lake Chapter for JACL's annual Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship. She will enter Univ. of Utah College of Pharmacy this fall.

The local scholarship committee consulted with local high schools to secure candidates. Also mentioned for the honor were Kaye Nakamaye and Kim Adachi of West High.

Sachiko has been an outstanding student all her life from the days of grammar school, not only scholastically but in her extracurricular activities. She graduates this year after holding the highest position to which a girl can be elected, secretary of the student body. She was also active with the Pep Club for the past two years, and served as chairman to one of the biggest events of the year, the annual Girl's Dance. She was one of the 15 selected as Indian exchange student to live with Indian students at the Intermountain Indian Reservation at

Brigham City in exchange for hostessing one of the Indian students in her own home.

She was junior class secretary, served on the yearbook literary staff for two years, was chairman for the Mother-Daughter's Tea, a member of the School Flag committee, board of control, model U.N., House of Delegates, Social Arts Club, Swimming Club, Campaign Manager, French Club, Award Banquet Committee, and Chemistry Club.

In spite of Sachiko's busy schedule, she is employed part time as a clerical assistant in the office of Dr. Frank Tyler, associate professor at the college.

She is a member of the Japanese Church of Christ, vice president of the Christian Youth Fellowship, and has served as Sunday School teacher for the summer Bible School.

During the Invitational Nisei Basketball tournament held this past March, she reigned as one of the queen attendants.

Sachiko recently participated in youth meetings conducted by the local chapter in an effort to determine its participation in the National JACL youth movement.

L.A.-born strandee restored citizenship on basis of 'certificate of identity'

Clarification of the citizenship status of Los Angeles-born Yoshio Tanaka by a procedure provided in the Walter-McCarran Act was revealed last week. Tanaka had been denied a passport in Japan on the ground he had "volunteered" for service in the Japanese Navy during World War II.

While the State Department did not agree with the contention of Tanaka's attorneys that the term "volunteer" was an incorrect description of his navy service, it did issue Tanaka a Certificate of Identity—the first one under the Act to come to the U.S. to present his case to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Pending his hearing, Tanaka was allowed to enter the U.S. on parole. Bert Kearney, special naturalization inquiry officer, agreed with Tanaka's contention last week and the I&NS later informed his attorneys, A.L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, that the decision would

not be appealed.

Kearney commented on the argument that "volunteering" for the navy made the service voluntary, explaining that "the compulsion which overcame his freedom of choice was the certain knowledge that he would have to serve in the army if he did not elect the navy. This can hardly be said to be any choice at all but only the necessity to accept the lesser of two evils."

PERRY POST CHOOSES BOYS STATE DELEGATE

Sam Harada, Belmont High junior, was named Commodore Perry Post delegate to the 1959 California Boys State meeting in Sacramento June 20-27. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harada, 772 Lucile Ave.

TOT Ball planning

The Nisei Legal Secretaries Assn. will meet with the Luknes tonight at the Shonien, to plan for the TOT Ball, set for Saturday, Oct. 31, 1959, at the Fox Hill Country Club.

Pocatello CL bowlers

POCATELLO. — Farmers' Feed and Seed team captained by Guy Yamashita defeated Bannock Implement, second half winners, to win the 1958-59 Pocatello JACL Bowling League. Other members of the championship team were Leon Morgan, Bob Ovard and Rudy Willecke.

HAVE YOU TURNED IN
YOUR PC RENEWAL?

NBC radio series on minorities begins in L.A.

Children are very resistant to prejudice—but by the time they are 12 years old, they have acquired all the adult prejudices of their group, according to Prof. Gordon Allport, of Harvard University, describing the process by which youngsters learn about racial and religious bias on the first program on the NBC-Radio series, "Image Minorities" broadcast last week.

The series will continue Mondays through Thursdays in the same time period until June 24, heard locally from 8:40 to 10 p.m.

"St. Thomas Aquinas once said that prejudice is a matter of thinking ill of others without sufficient warrant," stated Prof. Allport. He also noted that a prejudice is a negative feeling based on false over-generalization.

"It is important to realize that legal court action is not aimed at prejudice at all, but rather discrimination," the professor added. "The relation is that if we stop discrimination—if we admit children on an equal basis to our schools—the probability is that in time prejudice will lessen."

The history, problems and ambitions of minority groups in America (including the Japanese American) will be examined during the four-week series.

It will deal with the immigration, cultural traits and assimilation of various racial and religious groups. Narrator will be Bob Considine.

"A subject as complex as the past and present status of the nation's minority groups requires the analysis-in-depth provided by this four-week series," the network announced. "A single hour-long radio documentary could not possibly begin to do justice to a topic of such great significance to the American people."

"Image Minorities" is the second in the "NBC Image Series" of undomesticated radio programs created by NBC-Radio network. The "Image" series was designed to explore important and controversial subjects on a scale never before attempted in broadcasting history.

UTAH CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP PICKS JACLER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SALT LAKE CITY.—Henry Kasai, active Salt Lake JACler, was announced among directors of the citizens' committee of the newly formed Utah Citizens Committee for Civil Rights last week.

Adam Mickey Duncan, chairman of the Utah State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, reported that copies of the advisory committee's report on conditions in the Beehive State are available at the YWCA.

The advisory committee was set up after the congressionally backed U.S. Civil Rights Commission began studying the civil rights situation throughout the nation.

The citizens' committee was formed with the backing of several groups in the state, Milton L. Weilenmann, president, said. This development took place after a state-appointed committee issued a report on civil rights very late in the last session of the Utah Legislature and the lawmakers failed to act on the controversial issue.

FFA chapter head

DINUBA. — Chester Fukushima was named president of the Future Farmers of America chapter of Dinuba High School.

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1959 JACL Board-Staff Summary

With so many decisions and recommendations made at the National JACL Board and Staff meeting in San Francisco last week, this recapitulation may serve as a guide to board members when reporting to their chapters and districts in the months to come. The Pacific Citizen is not at liberty at the present time to divulge all the details. In due time, stories arising out of these discussions will be published.—Editor.

1. Attendance of National Officers at District Council Conventions: Policy of two from outside particular district at National expense was reiterated; but expenses of those invited from inside own district should be born by the host chapter, travel if possible. Courtesy of registration fees for all invited board members at district conventions is well practiced.

2. Boy Scout from Japan: Chapters and individuals will be invited to participate in the sponsorship of a Boy Scout from Japan to attend the BSA national jamboree next year in Colorado Springs.

3. Washington Alien Land Law Campaign: (See No. 27). A sum has been allocated from the Reserve Fund. Discussion followed on repeal of the Arizona and Wyoming alien land laws.

4. Election Procedures: A pro & con information sheet from Headquarters outlining several amendments to the JACL Constitution will be sent to chapters in time for the 1960 convention. Certain changes in council procedures (proxy voting), nominations and voting of board officers will be recommended.

5. 1960 Convention Progress: Convention chairman Bill Matsumoto announced the dates to be June 28 (Tuesday, board meeting) to July 2 (Saturday), 1960, at the new El Dorado Hotel in Sacramento. Convention board will bear hotel expenses and registration fees for board members. Package deal was announced at \$25.

6. Recognitions: It was understood that the JACL "Nisei of the Biennium" need not be selected each time if no suitable candidate is found. Selection will be made early enough to assure honoree's presence.

7. Essay-Oratorical Contest Theme: Since the original purpose was to interest youth in JACL, the theme will be "Our Role—as Japanese American Youth—in the Future of JACL". More Nisei judges were recommended.

8. JACL Youth Policy: The statement recommended by the National Work with Youth Committee was approved in substance and spirit by the board. Its implementation will be acted upon by the national council.

9. Scholarship Program: Four JACL scholarships of \$200 each are given in addition to the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship each year. June 15 is the chapter deadline for nominations. July 15 is the candidate deadline for applications. Rotation of judging in other cities was recommended.

10. JACL Policies: Certain membership procedures were set up for review and recommendation by the National Membership Committee. Question of chapter endorsement of political but non-partisan issues not concerning persons of Japanese ancestry directly was referred to the National Planning Committee. National president has traditionally abstained from engaging actively in politics and other board members agreed to stay out insofar as possible. The question of testing the constitutionality of the evacuation was referred to the National Legislative-Legal Committee.

11. Office Furnishings: Recommended furnishings for Headquarters be presented as a budget item in 1960.

12. Washington Office: Because the chapters would want to know the operations of the Washington Office before rendering a decision as to its future at the 1960 convention, a special committee was formed to prepare the information. The Board recommended the Washington Office be continued, but how would be decided by the national council.

13. Implications of Hawaiian Statehood: While JACL ably advocated statehood for Hawaii each year since the Washington Office was established, JACL has never solicited members in the Islands. Now that Hawaii has become a state and with suggestions reaching Headquarters that JACL organize chapters in the 50th State, the Board recommended a coordinating group between Mainland and Hawaii Nisei be formed to discuss the possibility.

14. Civil Rights: The Board reviewed miscegenation cases in Missouri, Utah, Virginia and Georgia.

15. Pacific Citizen: The Board reviewed PC operations, studied suggestions for PC "Chapter of Year" award, and was asked to promote PC subscriptions and advertising, at least two business and professional men's directory ads from each chapter. PC with Membership was also discussed.

16. COJAE: The Board commended Dr. Roy Nishikawa, COJAE chairman since its formation, after making his report. With the administrative phase of evacuation claims payment about over, he will recommend that COJAE be dissolved after the 1960 convention.

17. Endowment Fund: Present status of endowment fund was reviewed. Expansion of the fund board was also considered.

18. Bequest Program: The Board received an up-to-date report of JACL's bequest program. (Contributions in memory of the deceased to JACL are placed in the endowment fund.) Sums mentioned for JACL in wills will also be placed in the endowment fund.

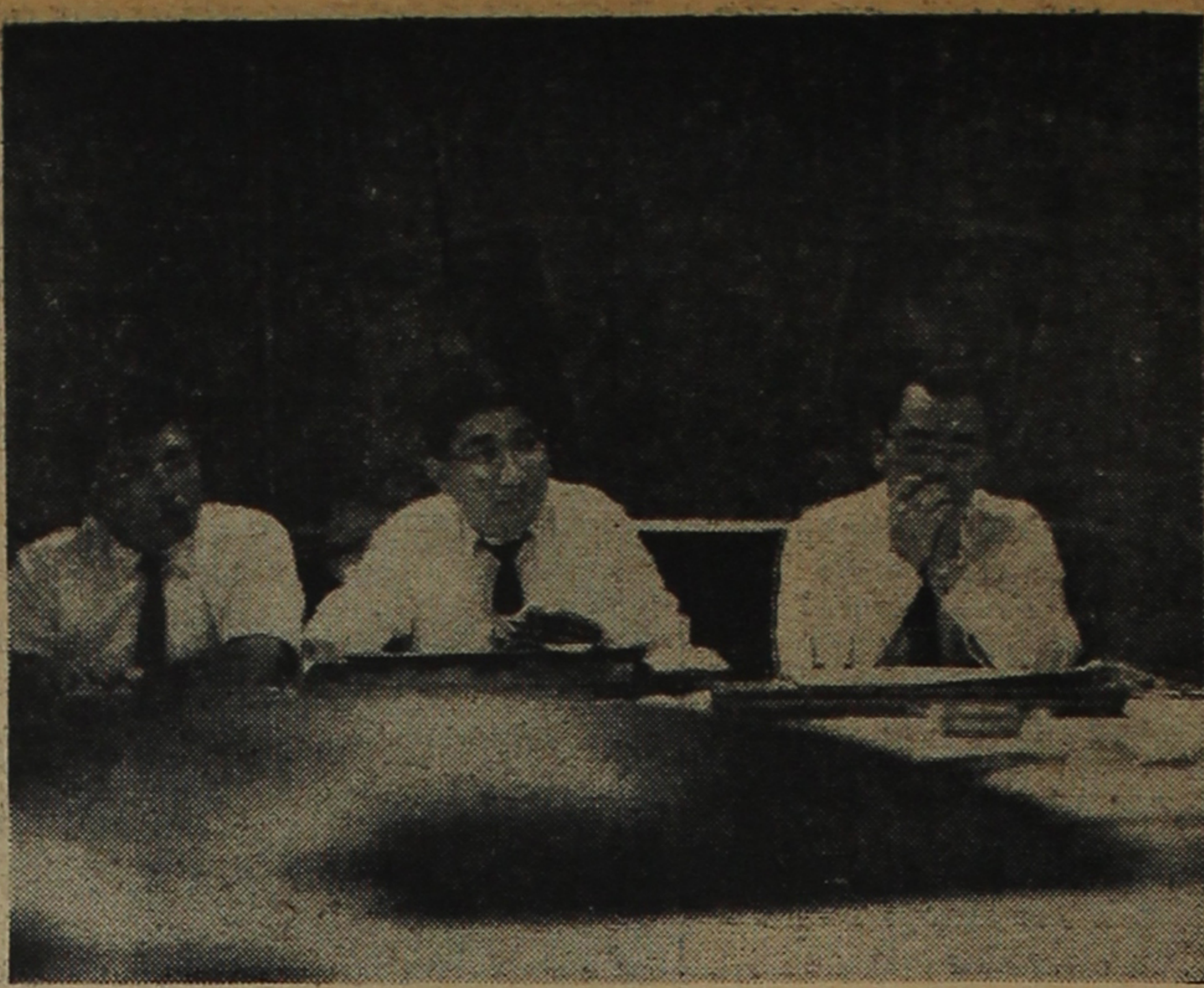
19. Issei Story: Board directed Headquarters to solicit resource material from chapters by questionnaire. Biographical material of the Issei available in the Japanese language will be researched by a special committee. Also considered were the JACL Story and a Legal History of Japanese in America.

20. Financial Quotas: A national 1000 Club membership from those living in areas not serviced by chapters was suggested. A rebate formula to chapters for 1000 Clubbers was also recommended.

21. Travel Pool: The late remittances are to be placed in the 1960 pool. There were 66 chapters responding last year.

22. Intra-board Communication: Certain procedures were recommended to be followed by Headquarters and all board members. Certain expenses entailed by board officers and national committee chairmen were also outlined as compensable with a 15-day cutoff after incurrence.

23. JACL Policy on Property: The Board directed Headquarters (Continued on Page 6)



First session of the 1959 National JACL Board and Staff meeting was held in the Riviera Room of the Richlieu Hotel in San Francisco last weekend. Mike Masaoka (center), Washington representative, is discussing an issue as Bill Matsumoto (left), 1000 Club chairman, and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, immediate past president, listen attentively.

Pacific Citizen Photo

Philadelphia JACLers to hear embassy counselor Shimanouchi talk on Japan

PHILADELPHIA. — Henry T. Shimanouchi, counselor of the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C., will speak on the "Problems of Present Day Japan" at the Philadelphia JACL general meeting tonight at the International Institute.

Shimanouchi, a graduate of Occidental College in Los Angeles, has been associated with the Tokyo Advertiser, with the Japan Cultural Society of New York, and has accompanied both premiers Yoshida and Kishi as secretary. Shojiro Horikawa is program chairman.

At the last chapter executive board meeting at the home of Sumi Kobayashi, a new chapter constitution was drafted by William Marutani, remembered nationally as parliamentarian at the 15th Biennial convention, discussed and recommended for approval at the business portion of the meeting tonight.

Most important revisions concern the election of officers not later than March 1 instead of during the busy December Christmas season meeting and the board con-

sisting of six instead of five with two year tenure, half to be elected each year.

The annual community picnic has been set for Saturday, July 11 at the Friends Central School. The rain date is July 18. Dr. Stanley Nagahashi is picnic chairman.

CHICKEN BARBECUE FOR GILROY GRADUATES SET

GILROY. — A chicken barbecue dinner this Sunday at Gilroy Hot Springs will honor local area graduates, it was announced by Gilroy JACL, sponsors of the annual event, this past week.

The graduates being honored include:

Ben Higa, Fred Higashihara, Thomas Itani, Victor Itani, Tak Katashima, Chester Kawahara, Gary Matsuoka, Marion Muraoka, Victor Nokaide, Mary Noto, Jeanne Numoto, Kazuyue Ouchida, Joyce Yamane, Henry Yamano from Gilroy High; Patricia Hashimoto from Rucker School; Gary Kato, Leslie Muraoka, Harry Nagareda from San Ysidro; Irene Fujikawa, Howard Nakashiki, Dan Nikaide and Betty Noto from Brownell.

June Kuwada is in charge of food, assisted by Sumi Hirasaki, Nori Shiba and Atsuko Obata. Those attending are expected to bring their own plates, silverware and coffee.

Bowlers get-together

All Southwest L.A. JACL summer league bowlers (regular and subs only) will get together at "Kotonk Manor", 1038 Elden Ave., on Saturday, June 27, 9 p.m., it was revealed by Sam Hirasawa, league chairman. They bowl on Thursdays at Holiday Bowl.

20 JAPANESE BRIDES WELCOMED AT JACL TEA

PETALUMA. — A tea party climaxed by a buffet supper was hosted by Sonoma County JACL Auxiliary for some 20 Japanese brides who have moved into the county here recently.

Greg Hamamoto screened some travel movies before games and mixers were played to have the newcomers become better acquainted with the local womenfolk. Mrs. Chiyoko Miyano and Mrs. Jean Miyano were co-chairmen. Mrs. Florence Kawaoka was in charge of table decorations.

SAN FRANCISCO PICNIC SCHEDULED JUNE 28

SAN FRANCISCO. — The annual San Francisco Japanese community picnic has been scheduled for June 28 at Speedway Meadows in Golden Gate Park, scene of previous picnics. The local JACL, Nichibei Kai and No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce jointly sponsor the gathering.

1000 CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — National JACL Headquarters last week acknowledged 79 new and renewal 1000 Club memberships during the last half of May for a monthly total of 139. The current active list shows 1,251 members as compared with 1,275 as of Apr. 30.

The May 15-30 listings:

TWELFTH YEAR
San Francisco—Masao W. Satow.

ELEVENTH YEAR
Southwest L.A.—Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

TENTH YEAR
Detroit—Peter S. Fujioka.

Chicago—Noboru Honda, Thomas T. Masuda.

Gardena—Paul Shinoda.

EIGHTH YEAR
Long Beach—Fred Ikeguchi.

SEVENTH YEAR
Omaha—Mrs. Lily Okura.

SIXTH YEAR
Chicago—Dr. George J. Kittaka, Mike M. Kudo, Lincoln Shimidzu, Masato Tamura.

Omaha—Frank F. Tamai.

FIFTH YEAR
Stockton—Harry S. Hayashino.

Chicago—Samuel T. Jimoto, Masuo Charlie Hira, George Ikegami, Calvin E. Ishida, Kiyosaki Ito, Corky T. Kawasaki, George K. Kittaka, Dr. Kenji Kushino, Shigeru Nakahira, Takaharu Nishi, Toshio Noma, George Tanaka.

Southwest L.A.—Dr. Victor Makita.

Downtown L.A.—George K. Sayano, Placer County—Roy T. Yoshida.

FOURTH YEAR
Oakland—Arata Akahoshi.

Chicago—Frank Y. Doi, Tachio Goya, Marie H. Hori, Mrs. Toshiko Sakamoto, Dr. Arthur T. Shima, Kay Sunahara, Louise A. Suski.

Mountain Plains—Mrs. S. Ruth Y. Hashimoto.

Seattle—Richard K. Murakami.

Downtown L.A.—Roy J. Takeda, S. K. Uyeda.

Stockton—Richard S. Yoshikawa.

THIRD YEAR
Southwest L.A.—George Fujita, Hisashi Horita.

Long Beach—Elliott H. Fukumoto, Dr. Katsumi Izumi.

Chicago—Harry T. Kuwahara, George Matsuura, John T. Mertz, William T. Mitsuchi, Masato Nakagawa, Harry Y. Tanaka, Fred Y. Tsuji, Charles Y. Yamazaki.

Downtown L.A.—Kazuma Matsumoto, Katsuma Mukaeda, Ichiro Nakajima, Toshio Nakajima, Meljoro Sato.

SECOND YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Henry Ida.

Southwest L.A.—Roy H. Ikegami.

Salt Lake—Seiko Kasai.

Florin—William Y. Kashiwagi.

Sequoia—David Nakamura.

Chicago—Henry K. Osumura, Paul M. Otake, K. Joe Sagami, Miss Misao Shiratsuki, Charles Sugai, George Taki.

FIRST YEAR
Milwaukee—Albert R. Popp.

Sanger—T. Y. Kanagawa.

Chicago—Harvard A. Fujiwara, Wallace Heistad, Nelson Katsue, Miss Fuki Mayeda, Mrs. Mary Shimidzu.

Downtown L.A.—Wing Art Wong.

Long Beach—Arthur Noda.

Puyallup graduates

TACOMA. — The annual Puyallup Valley JACL graduation dinner-dance last week honored nine Sansei high school and three college graduates of the Tacoma-Puyallup area.

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Nisei to speak on jobs at Latin American confab

DENVER. — Robert Y. Uyeda, MILE-Hi JACL president, was named one of the panel speakers for the fourth annual Colorado Latin-American Conference to be held in Trinidad, Colo., on June 26-28. His subject will be "Education and Employment", representing the Japanese American Citizens League.

By the Board

By Tak Terasaki, Mtn.-Plains DC Chairman

NATIONAL JACL PICTURE: We, in the Rocky Mountain West, few in numbers and seemingly buried in wide expanses of mountains and plains, may not numerically or from the standpoint of influence, represent a major factor in the national JACL picture.

Obviously, with the major Japanese population concentrated on the West Coast, and particularly in California, we understand the preoccupation of national JACL with West Coast problems and programs. Moreover, the weighty importance of the East in national affairs, particularly because of New York and Washington, D.C., we realize that JACL tap-lines of information and influences must be maintained on the East Coast.

Strategically, since the heart-land of America lies in the Mid-West, with bustling concentrations of urban populations, we appreciate that JACL is concerned in the Chicago area.

Nevertheless, in the over-all national picture, we fervently believe that the JACL, to remain a national organization and to truly present a national picture, must concern itself with the Mountain-Plains region, the Deep South, and the Inter-mountain region. Population-wise, the numbers of persons of Japanese ancestry in these regions are relatively insignificant, and finance-wise, we realize that monetary support for national programs is negligible.

National Structure Needed: However, from two standpoints, we believe it is vital for the National JACL to maintain and perpetuate its organizational structure in these less-favored regions:

1st) Because in the Senate of the United States, each of these less populous states have two senatorial votes, and in crucial issues affecting the welfare and future of Japanese Americans, such votes may be critical. We need to maintain our day-by-day and personal contacts, through local persons with senators and legislative or national leaders in these regions.

2nd) We believe that areas such as the Deep South will continue to produce such peculiar phenomenon, such as the Little Rock school integration cases, which do affect Americans everywhere, and may have most serious consequences for persons of minority groups. On the converse side of the coin is that perhaps some of these more insulated regions might produce steady influences in times of national crisis.

We recall with pride that the late Gov. Ralph L. Carr of Colorado in 1942 stood up alone and magnificently at the conference of governors of nine western states to declare that the American citizenship rights of Japanese American evacuees would be fully protected by law in Colorado, despite evacuation.

For the above, and many other readily apparent reasons, it is our conviction that if the national JACL is to survive and to be a meaningful part of the lives of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the U.S., the national organizational framework of the JACL must be maintained.

Disintegration of National Organization: Specifically, we believe that regional offices, maintained by permanent, paid secretaries, to help strengthen local chapters and to carry on national programs, must be maintained in Salt Lake City, in Denver, Chicago, in Seattle, and strenuous efforts should be made to activate a "watch-dog" office in the Deep South, as well as to continue an Eastern office in New York or Washington, D.C.

Unless such efforts are made, it is our feeling that possibly California and/or Hawaii will come not only to dominate the over-all Japanese American programs in the United States, but will by default, give the appearance of being the sole voice of the Japanese Americans in the U.S.

If this should occur, and it seems highly probable in view of the trend during the past seven years, since the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 that granted citizenship to our Issei parents, we submit that the JACL would be presenting an untrue and distorted picture of the Japanese Americans in the U.S. Moreover, with Californian AJAs, with or without the Hawaiian AJA influences, ostensibly speaking for all Nisei, we lose the national significance of the JACL movement.

Perhaps we are but a voice crying out from the mountain wildernesses of the Rockies; perhaps our lone voice from the wide plains regions will be drowned out by the insistent roar of demands from the numbers and wealth and influences of the California AJAs. But, we hope that at least our voices from the mountain-tops will serve at least as a pip-squeak of conscience and give perspective to our national JACL leadership and national structures.

Have We Fulfilled our Needs? It may be that the basic function of a national JACL, expressing the united and cohesive will of all persons of Japanese ancestry, has been fulfilled with the attainment of our last great national legislative objectives, and now we are disintegrating as a national organization and losing our identity in the broad mainstream of America. And this might not be bad.

If this be so, then perhaps the fundamental functions and purposes of the JACL has now been fully achieved, and perhaps we should now concern ourselves only with local problems and immediate community affairs, to make ourselves and our families better citizens in our own localities.

If such should come to pass, then we submit that the national JACL would, if continued under present processes, become mainly a California organization that wags the national body, and the interests and purposes of the widely-varying regions would be fragmented with no relationship to a national JACL.

We cannot bring ourselves to believe that this is the future of the national JACL. We do want to contribute our little strengths, our small influences and our wide contacts to a national organization.

We agree with National President Shig Wakamatsu that a reappraisal of the National JACL picture, its purposes and functions, with a realistic role for every member, should be made and planned for the next decade, 1960-70. And it is our conviction, that in pursuance of any national objective, that permanent regional offices of the national JACL must be maintained in Seattle, Salt Lake City, Denver, Chicago, New York and or Washington, D.C., and in the Deep South.

Tri-city Idaho CLs honor graduates

BY MARTHA INOUE
(Chapter Correspondent)

IDAHO FALLS. — Eleven high school graduates whose parents are members of the Yellowstone, Pocatello and Idaho Falls JACL chapters were honored last night at a tri-city graduation dance here at the White Elephant Supper Club.

The event, held for the second time, was jointly sponsored by the three chapters. The graduates were:

Idaho Falls — Margaret Furukawa, Nadine Hansen, Jim Brownell, Gary Watanabe, Kenneth Tanaka, Gandy Giachette, Jr.

Yellowstone — Chi Fujimoto, Pocatello — Judy Okamura, Mitzi Yamauchi, Chi Shiratori, Mits Inouye.

The local chapter will have its annual picnic this Sunday at the Shelley Jr. High School. Ruth Morishita and Shoji Ueda are co-chairmen.

Potted house plants were given to both parents in the chapter's Mother's Day festivities last month. The parent growing the largest plant by the next Mother's Day program will receive a special gift, it was announced by Leo Morishita, program co-chairman.

Others in charge were Mrs. Leo Morishita and Hid Hasegawa. Entertainment was provided by LeAnn Sato and Cookie Hahn in a tap-dance number and Hid Hasegawa, who showed his moving pictures taken while in Japan as a serviceman. The program was held at the local JACL Hall, 187 First St.

Shoji Nukaya, membership chairman, completed the 1959 campaign with a record high of 157.

Locale switched for Long Beach party

LONG BEACH. — The Long Beach Harbor District JACL announced the site of its Nisei Week Queen dinner-dance has been changed to the LaRonde Rue, 4401 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., at the Circle.

Originally scheduled for Grisham's, the change was due to the unprecedented demand for dinner reservations. The date remains unchanged: June 13, 6:30 p.m., with Arthur Noda, queen committee chairman, in charge. Assisting are other chapter 1000 Clubbers, dinner emcee Dr. Mas Takeshita, Haruo and Kathy Ichikawa and Jim Okita.

Special guests include Shirley Mizufuka, 1958 chapter queen, and Mitzi Miya, 1957 chapter queen who won the Nisei Week crown that year. Mrs. George Kawaichi, who reigned as Nisei Week queen Margaret Nishikawa, Mrs. Wilma Hastings and Bill Graf, the latter three being contest judges.

Tickets for the dinner-dance are \$3.50 with dinner reservations due tonight. A limited number of tickets is available at Santa Fe Jewelers, 2053 Santa Fe.

Board meeting—

(Continued from Front Page)

members that there were other Nisei lobbyists in Washington as well as a number of professional lobbying firms, which would be interested in the JACL account.

A comparative prospectus to gether with background information of the Washington Office activities since 1946 will be presented to district council in the coming year so that the issue would be settled at the Sacramento conclave.

The board firmly rejected the suggestion that JACL close its Washington Office, recognizing it to be a vital part of the national organization.

The board approved the convention oratorical and essay contest theme: "Our Role—as Japanese American Youth—in the Future of JACL."

100 Per Cent Attendance

It was the first 100 per cent attendance of national board members. The three national vice-presidents, secretary to the board, treasurer, 1000 Club chairman and the eight district council chairmen were convened for some 30 hours in steady conference. Even breakfast and luncheon hours were utilized by special committees to iron out details.

The San Francisco JACL hosted the board and staff at a Chinatown restaurant dinner last week. Steve Doi, chapter president, introduced members of his executive board present.

Nisei talent being recognized in Japan by top business firms for first time

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO. — One of the encouraging signs is the placement of Nisei in supervisory or managerial positions with the big Japanese companies and newspapers. And the Nisei are showing confidence and determination in their new tasks.

In prewar years, Nisei seldom had an opportunity to serve as representatives for Japanese firms in America. But business policies have since changed and many companies are recognizing Nisei talent.

Susumu Yamashita, who studied in Berkeley and Japan during his boyhood days, is manager of Mitsubishi Shoji's New York Store. A prewar employee with Mitsubishi, he was in business for himself after the war but rejoined them when it started to make its comeback in the business world. The Occupation had eliminated the Zaibatsu of which Mitsubishi was a prominent member.

Sus is one of the first Nisei businessmen of Japan stepping into the upper division. Behind him was Ichiro Terao, one of the youngest and ablest business directors for Mitsubishi who strongly recommended Sus manage the New York store, adding that Nisei talent should be recognized.

Sus is no longer a young man by age, but he is in spirit and aspiration.

JAL Office Head

Another Nisei making good in top business circles is Shig Kameda, Hawaiian-born manager of the Japan Air Lines office in Los Angeles. Kameda joined JAL from the Philippines Air Lines after the war. Of course, JAL is strictly a postwar firm but it is a distinct honor for a semi-governmental agency like JAL to place such a fine fellow in a responsible post.

Masaru Ogawa of Los Angeles, who was graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors from UCLA and then doing graduate work at Columbia, is managing editor of the Japan Times. He was elected to its board of directors. In any Japanese firm, a director is a big shot. The Nisei journalist is succeeding another prominent Nisei of the Japan Times, George Togasaki, ex-president, who is now preparing for the world convention of Rotary International at his office at the Imperial Hotel.

(Ogawa has been revisiting Los Angeles this week, having arrived on the inaugural Tokyo-to-Los Angeles JACL flight last week.—Editor.)

Another rising figure is Seiji Chihara of Seattle, manager of

SALINAS VALLEY CLERS TO HONOR 23 GRADUATES

BY S. KANOW
(Chapter Correspondent)

SALINAS. — Four college, 11 high school and eight junior high school graduates will be honored at the Salinas Valley JACL Graduation dance tomorrow at 9 p.m. They will be honored at a dinner by the Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church from 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Marion Tanda is dinner chairman. The following are local graduates:

Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley—Mrs. Patricia Fukumura, William Oka; Sacramento State—Doris Kitamura.

Hartnell College—Beatrice Tanda. Salinas Union High—Shirley Kitamura, Carol Tanda, Florence Tanda, Roger Urabe, Samuel Tashiro, Jared Ikeda, Barry Abe, Violet Shiratsuki, Victor Osgui, Barbara Tashiro, Robert Inouye.

Washington Jr. High—Nancy Tashiro, Douglas Shirachi, Robert Kitaji, Carol Iwamoto, Jo Ann Shiratsuki, Naomi Hirozawa, Norman Sato, Matsue Ueyahara.

On Sunday, June 21, the Japanese community barbecue will be held at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds from noon.

Mile-Hi JACL leader elected to council post

DENVER. — Robert Y. Uyeda, president of the Mile-Hi JACL, was one of the six members elected to the board of directors of the Denver Coordinating Council for Education and Research in Human Relations, at the annual meeting of the Council, held at the American Legion Hall here June 3.

The Denver Council was active and instrumental in the passage of the Fair Housing Act in Colorado, and now concerns itself with the practical working of law in the fields of minority housing.

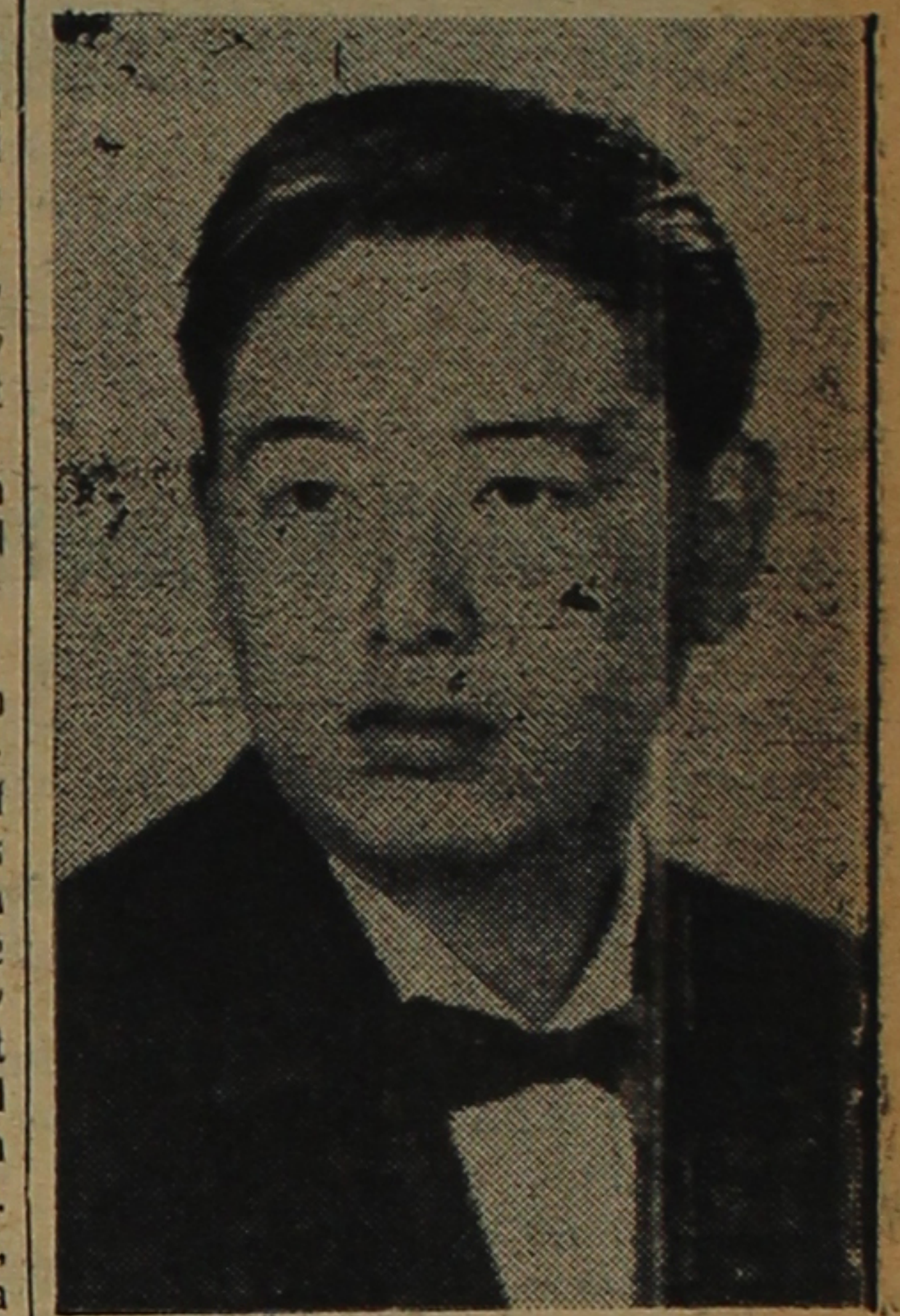
The Council is sponsored by the Denver Commission on Human Relations, which recently added a Nisei commissioner.

the international section of the prominent Dentsu Advertising Agency. Any Dentsu man has to be good and capable to head such an important division of Japan's biggest advertising firm. He is ably assisted by another Nisei, Hichinosuke Yoshioka of Los Angeles, who is deputy manager.

Progress Slow

The Nisei in Japan have suffered much in the past by the prejudiced policies of Japanese business and industry. But gradually, their talents are being recognized. As more firms eliminate this prejudice, more capable Nisei will step into key roles. Of course, employment of Nisei in Japan has a long row to hoe to match the progress of Nisei in the United States, but the Nisei in Japan are steadily moving up.

One of these days, we may see Nisei make similar strides in the game of politics. Let's hope so.



WILLIAM AKUTAGAWA
Sonoma County JACL Awardee

FIRST SONOMA COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

SANTA ROSA. — Analy High School senior William T. Akutagawa of Sebastopol was named winner of the first Sonoma County JACL Pioneer Memorial scholarship this week. Sara Higbee of Healdsburg High School was named alternate winner, according to Edwin Ohki, chapter president.

There were three candidates nominated by the eight high schools of Sonoma County, it was revealed.

Akutagawa, who plans to continue his studies at Santa Rosa Jr. College under a Doyle Scholarship, is an honor student, Bank of America Achievement Award winner, active in student body and class activities and a three-year varsity letterman in tennis.

Detroit community picnic scheduled for July 19

DETROIT. — Plans are now under way for the annual Detroit community picnic on July 19 at Gursolly Mill in Mitterlough Park. It is annually attended by hundreds of Japanese Americans from this region.

Various groups are assisting with committee work. The local JACL chapter is in charge of grounds; Detroit Bowling League, games and prizes; Motor City Gold Club, pub.; Mr. and Mrs. Club, refreshments; and Nichibei Club, donations.

Teaching assistant

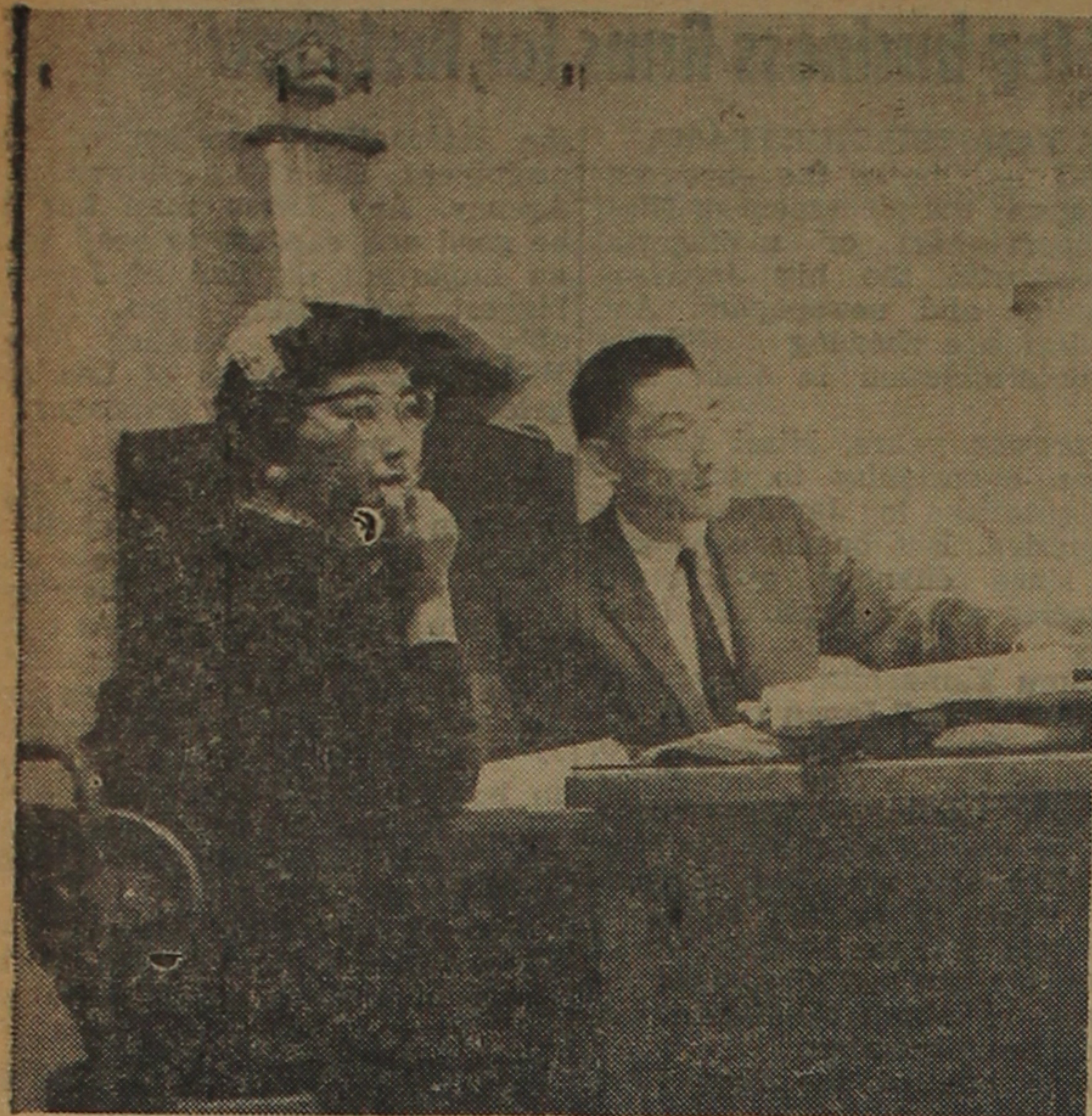
POCATELLO. — Tom K. Shikashio of Blackfoot, senior at Idaho State College, has been awarded a teaching assistantship for post graduate studies at the Univ. of Kansas in September. The position allows a \$1,800 stipend from the university, according to the Pocatello JACL Newsletter.

SALT LAKE JR. JACLER MERITS CAMPUS HONORS

SALT LAKE CITY. — Julia Kiyoguchi, active Salt Lake Jr. JACler, received the University Women's Club award at the Univ. of Utah Hall of Fame assembly honoring the top women students on campus.

District officer

IDAHO FALLS. — Sam Sakaguchi was elected Seventh District American Legion commander last week at the annual district convention and picnic.



Evening sessions of the JACL Board and Staff meetings were held at the new JACL Headquarters "conference room." Seen presiding is Shig Wakamatsu (right), national president, with Mrs. Lily Okura, secretary to the board, by his side handling the minutes. Pacific Citizen Photo

Board-Staff summary—

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quarters and its regional offices not to loan its material or books for use outside. JACL will also insist on the right to review if such material is used.

24. 1960-70 Planning Commission: A special committee headed by the National President with eight district council chairmen as vice-chairmen will delineate specific objectives for JACL action in the coming decade. An executive secretary (to be compensated as part-time staff) was also authorized. The findings will be reported at the 1960 convention for national council action.

25. International Relations: The National International Relations Committee report to the board was accepted in the case of handling visitors from Japan, but the recommendation dealing with mass media communications concerning anti-Nisei themes was referred back to the committee for clarification.

26. PR Brochure: Need of up-dating JACL's public relations brochure (not available anymore) and printing as much as 25,000 copies was discussed.

27. Washington Alien Land Law Campaign: Specific campaign objectives were outlined with kickoff planned for the PNWDC convention to be hosted by Puyallup Valley chapter in January, 1960.



Thousand Club Notes

By Bill Matsumoto

Decisions for Tomorrow

SACRAMENTO. — We had the great honor of attending the first off-year National Board and Staff meeting in San Francisco this past weekend as the 1000 Club chairman of our national organization. If the immediate past meeting is any indication of what usually goes on, let us assure you that the money expended by National Headquarters is well spent. As a first timer at such an event, I was certainly impressed. It is my conclusion that I am sorry that all of us could not attend—but to go a step further here,—I'm sure that the 16th Biennial convention will be one convention that all of us should not miss.

President Shig Wakamatsu did a swell job of conducting the meeting. With the very heavy agenda on hand, he saw to it that we were kept on the move in order to complete the job. Mas Satow, our national director, should be commended for the very fine and convenient accommodations that greeted us for all of us who were present.

OUR HATS GO off to the San Francisco prexy Steve Doi and his group for the hospitality extended to us during the three days. Incidentally, Steve will be a daddy very shortly, it was overheard somewhere.

Our good friend Jerry Enomoto should also receive a bouquet of thanks for his part in making our stay in the Fog City a pleasant one.

I also had the pleasure of meeting our national treasurer Aki Hayashi of New York and he has assured me that brother Tom (related only by 1000 Club ties), an ex-Sacramentan, will be on hand when we convene in Sacramento in June, 1960, to spell out our "Decisions for Tomorrow". The convention board has also hinted that our program will include a special "homecoming" for Sacramentans that have settled elsewhere to earn their daily keep. So you other ex-Sacramentans can take the hint like Tom Hayashi and plan your vacation NOW. Be with us at the 16th Biennial. We'll be waiting for you all.

JUNE IS NOT only a month of marriage and graduations—but for a great number of 1000 Club members who must renew. May I remind our 1000 Club chairmen throughout the country to make a very special effort this month to round up all the renewals now. That way, we can assure ourselves of "Shooting for Two" by June, 1960. Come on, gang, let's go get 'em!

Monterey Peninsula JACler studying to be teacher joins college Europe tour

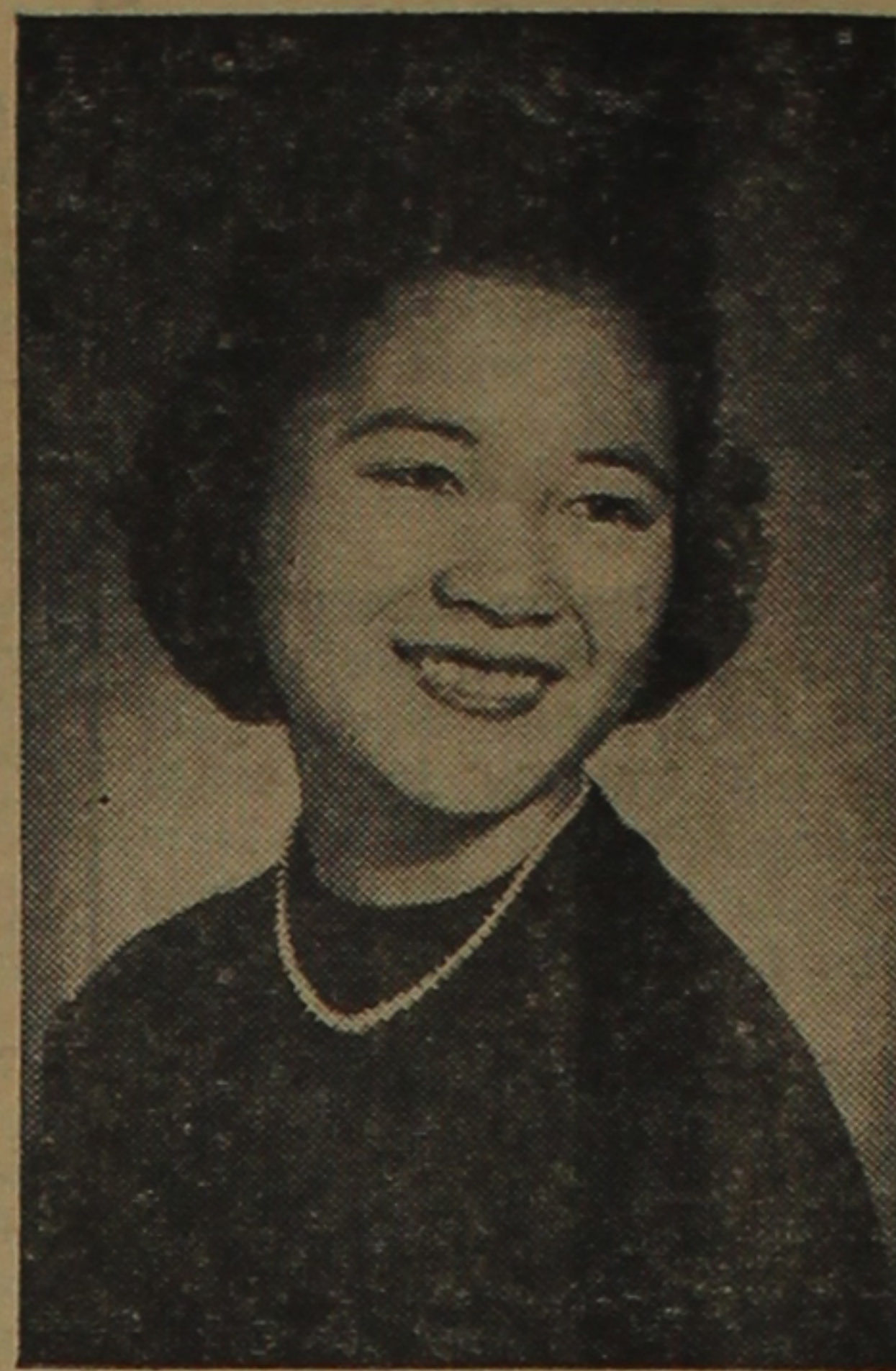
MONTEREY. — Miyeko Shintani, a member of the Monterey Peninsula JACL Chapter presently attending San Jose State College, will sail July 2 from New York for a seven-week tour of Europe as a member of the newly organized course at San Jose State, "Conducted Field Studies Abroad in Humanities." A ten-day tour of eastern cities is also planned while enroute to the east coast.

With a schedule for one week stops in London, Vienna, Paris and Rome and side trips to Heidelberg, Nurnberg, Venice and Florence, the students will use Nikolaus Pevsner's book "An Outline of European Architecture" as their text. They will conclude the tour by writing a term paper on one of the historic buildings visited and will receive four to eight units credit.

Dr. David P. Edgell, associate professor of English at San Jose State, will be in charge of the group and has made several trips to Europe in addition to living three years in Egypt and one year in France.

Honor Student

Miss Shintani, a junior majoring in education, has just received the Delta Phi Upsilon Scholarship award for the most outstanding Junior in the field of Early Childhood Education. A graduate of Pacific Grove High School in 1956, she was active in many student activities and was the recipient of the Pacific Grove Kiwanis Scholarship and is a life member of the California Scholarship Federation.



MIYEKO SHINTANI
Sailing for Europe

At San Jose State, she is serving as treasurer for the Delta Phi Upsilon in addition to being a member of two other honorary fraternities, the Pi Lambda Theta and Kappa Delta Pi. Mickey is also a member of the Kappa Phi (Methodist Women's Society) and the California State Teachers' Association.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mas Shintani of 511 Gibson, Pacific Grove, Mickey reigned as the 1941 "Princess" for the Nisei Week festivities of that year.

Japan influence of U.S. home furnishings will stay, Midwest designers explain

CHICAGO. — The Japanese influence on U.S. home furnishings is here to stay. It's no longer a fad, say three top designers.

The consensus at the Fashion Group luncheon here last week confirms the taste of homemakers who started buying furnishings with an Oriental influence several years ago.

The designers who spoke in defense of Japan's longevity on the American home horizon were John Van Koert, Jack Lenor Larsen and Mrs. Freda Diamond.

According to Van Koert, Japan is a "well-organized culture which has much to give use, particularly an atmosphere of serenity, organization and an identification with nature that is important to us in our mechanized society."

Avenues of Influence

The Japanese influence is a strong one, said Mrs. Diamond, and its products are coming to us in three ways:

1. Copies of our own merchandise.
2. Designs by top-flight designers from the U.S., which are manufactured in Japan.
3. Japan's own beautiful handicrafts which are being used in furnishings and accessories in U.S. homes.

Larsen said that America is the "heir of all world culture. We are

the Romans of our age." He asserted that the Oriental influence is not "a fad or a fancy to be used this year and discarded the next."

"Japanese artifacts give us elegance in the simplest terms and we will have their lacquers, textiles, porcelains and colors for years to come."

Shoji Screens

Van Koert said that, for example, the shoji screen has given American homemakers a new way to control light and to divide a room. Furthermore, he added, "let us not forget window walls—they are Japan's gift to architecture."

Mrs. Diamond said that "you can find that many of our broad concepts of gracious living stem from the basic good taste of the Japanese. Their functional simplicity and love of nature have contributed, for example, the picture window that came right from Japanese sliding doors, opening the indoors to the outdoors."

She added, "Their distinctive art objects, smaller makers' handicrafts, their world-famous principles of flower arrangements, all give our decorative schemes a note of beauty and repose."

NEWS STORIES SHOULD BE
TYPED DOUBLE SPACE

SONOMA BOWLERS TO HOLD AWARDS DINNER

SANTA ROSA. — Bob Stegman, president of the Santa Rosa Bowling Association, will be among honored guests at the Sonoma County JACL Bowling League awards dinner June 13, 7 p.m. at the Green Mill Inn in Cotati, according to Johnny Hirooka and Ed Ohki, who are handling dinner reservations.

Also being invited are Richard Adams of Santa Rosa Bowl and the team sponsors to this traditional affair, which has always been well attended.

Northwest golfers

VANCOUVER B.C. — The annual Northwest Nisei golf tournament has been confirmed for Sept. 6-7 (Labor Day holidays) at the Langara course here, it was announced by the Pacific Golf Club, hosts.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

The 1959 crop of Nisei Week Festival queen candidates will have more than ample time this summer to "campaign" for the tiara.

Various JACL chapters are doing a good job of getting them together and as a result three more aspirants will be known before Sunday morning.

There won't be anything unlucky about "June 13" since three will be revealed that night, either publicly or privately. In Long Beach, Mrs. Sue Joe who heads the national youth activities committee told us via phone last week that "three or four candidates" will be up for judging tomorrow night at a dinner-dance. The 1000 Club there will sponsor it, with all the regal trimmings. Mrs. Joe was quite emphatic in saying "the new crop of Sansei gals is really terrific." Believe it or not, the suburban beauties have taken over the queen chores but good. The last time the Angelenos took the bows was in 1955 when East Los Angeles JACL had Stella Nakadate as "Miss Nisei Week Festival."

Southwest L.A. members who held a private tea Sunday for an undisclosed number of candidates will take the occasion of their second annual Queentime Ball Saturday to introduce their crown hope.

Florence Wada of Pasadena, who is handling queen material there, said the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Abe will be the scene of judging tomorrow evening. "Miss Pasadena" will be revealed publicly June 21 at an outing at Brookside Park.

Coliseum Fireworks Queen Selected

Ayleen Ito, a music major at Mills College, was named to reign over the 27th annual American Legion Fireworks at the Los Angeles Coliseum, July 4. The Seattle-born Ayleen is from Alhambra. She will have Miyoko Yasuda of Compton and Linda Nakatsuka of Pasadena as her attendants.

Eighteen-year-old Miss Ito is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Ito. Mr. Ito is an attorney and active in community work.

The thinking of the American Legion has come a long way. This July the organization is saluting U.S.-Japan friendship. That would have been the last thing to enter the member's mind, say, back in the 1930s.

\$100 Grants to Nisei-Sansei Graduates

With commencement week coming up, there will be hundreds of Sansei honor students graduating from Southland junior and senior high schools. The Japanese Chamber of Commerce again comes up with \$100 grants to seven such seniors entering colleges and universities this fall. They'll be judging and a luncheon in their honor.

From the standpoint of numbers, Nisei and Sansei are comparatively small. Yet, they fare high scholastically.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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THEIR LIVES ARE perhaps not very different from that of many other Issei pioneers from Japan in this country who in their many little ways helped to conquer the western wilderness and to make America the promised land that it is. But, what stories they could have told of the days of anti-Japanese agitation in California especially, of evacuation in World War II, and of the glory days thereafter when all that they had dreamed of for their children in this great land came true. It is unfortunate that their lifetimes—and those of others like them who are legion—of striving for a better life couldn't have been chronicled for all of us to read, and to be inspired when we begin to feel sorry for ourselves and become discouraged by the odds that seem to confront us from time to time.

Grandmother Goto was a tiny woman, but she was of the pioneer stock that made America great. She helped to write the saga of the west, but she knew only that she was striving for the acceptance of her children and her children's children in a harsh and rugged land where there was more to conquer than just the desert wastes and the rocky crags.

Grandmother Goto after a century of service to her fellowmen has gone on to continue her work in another world. Out of respect to all the Grandmother Gotos whom we know and love, may we in our little way also make this community, this nation, this earth of ours a little bit the better for our having lived here—just as they in their way made their contribution to the divine scheme.

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BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

Aizawa, Kiyoshi (Keiko Endo) — boy
Mark Keiji, May 4.
Akiyoshi, William (Ruth Takeyama) — boy Cary J., Apr. 8.
Arimura, Michio (Toyoko Kinoda) — girl Marlene Mayumi, Apr. 29.
Arita, Toshiaki (Ruriko Ueyehara) — girl Kathleen M., Apr. 29.
Belluce, Lawrence (Reiko Morikawa) — girl Marcia Norihi, Mar. 28.
Chung, Tai (Yoshino Oshiro) — girl Deborah, Apr. 15.
Eddow Shigenaga (Yasuko Kajihara) — boy, Mar. 29, Monterey Park.
Fukino, Elmer N. (Hayami Sasaki) — boy Ken, Apr. 29, Gardena.
Furumoto, Itsuo (Yaeno Hayashibara) — boy Gary K., Apr. 29.
Hamada, Jack H. (Hideko Izumi) — boy Alan N., Apr. 6.
Hirai, Robert (Tsuroku Maruyama) — boy Kirk R., Mar. 31.
Hironaga, Dennis (Miyoko Kunitake) — boy Martin Hisao, Apr. 25.
Hirota, Robert (Yoshiko Maeshiro) — girl Arlene Sakayo, Apr. 16.
Homa, Kazuyasu (Meiko Matsuda) — boy Royden K., Apr. 23.
Ikeda, J. K. — girl, Jan. 14, Lakewood.
Ikehara, Jim (Hideko Maruyama) — girl, Apr. 26, Azusa.
Ikemi, Kobo (May Matsubara) — girl Robin G., Apr. 5.
Inafuku, Tomokazu (Akie Watanabe) — boy Nelson Kei, Apr. 17.
Ishimaru, Mitomu (Sachiko Tamamoto) — boy Tom S., Apr. 6.
Ito, Paul H. (Kazuko Takeda) — girl, Apr. 8, Monterey Park.
Kajiwara, Jim (June Iwamoto) — girl Laura, Apr. 13.
Kaku, Noboru (Fumiko Nagatani) — boy Brian K., Bar. 22.
Kanechika, Yoichi (Yaeko Tomita) — twin boys Ricky Kiyoji and Ronald Hiroji, Apr. 27.
Kashiwagi, Paul (Fusaye Gushiken) — boy Bren A., Apr. 9.
Kato, Noboru (Emi Iwasaki) — boy Bruce A., Apr. 23.
Kato, Noboru (Etsuko Owata) — boy David Minoru, Apr. 21.
Kawamoto, Masao (Akiyo Okada) — boy Dean T., Apr. 5.
Kawashima, Kiyoshi (Chiyeo Osaka) — girl, Mar. 29, Monterey Park.
Kikuchi, Jim (Yuriko Nagata) — boy Kyle, Apr. 16.
Kim, Yil S. (Yoneko Goya) — boy Leonard L., Apr. 12.
Koga, George (Nora Nakamoto) — girl Lisa M., Apr. 22.
Kouchi, Robert (Lucie M. Endow) — boy Dennis D., La Puente.
Kouchi, Roy M. (Michiko Miyazawa) — girl Kathryn Y., Apr. 17.
Lee, Albert (Toyoko Nagao) — boy Kan, Apr. 15, Wilmington.
Long, John T. (Yuri M. Fukushima) — boy William, Apr. 12.
Matsuda, Kokichi (Ernell Matsuda) — boy Darryl B., Apr. 12.
Matsumoto, Kenji (Nobue Shimizu) — boy David K., Apr. 9.
Minato, Kiyoshi (Rikiye Hirota) — boy Alen K., Apr. 22.
Misawa, Kiyoshi (Mitsuye Kakuuchi) — girl Ellen Kimiye, Apr. 1.
Miyamoto, Yukio (Sakiko Mori) — girl Mari L., Apr. 14.
Miyamura, Kei (Kimiko Taguchi) — girl Stacy K., Apr. 6.
Miyashiro, J. — girl, Mar. 16, Long Beach.
Momohara, Mitsuo (Norie Tanaka) — boy Richard N., Apr. 20.
Monji, Takeshi (Yoshiko Hamamoto) — boy Curtis Kenji, Apr. 14, Pacoima.
Motomaga, Tom (Janet Kimura) — girl Julie Matsuko, Apr. 9.
Murakami, Tokehiro — boy, Apr. 1, Long Beach.
Miyaki, Kazuo (Masako Masui) — girl Ruth Noriko, Apr. 10.
Morisato, Roy (Jane Mikami) — boy Todd Kazuo, Apr. 6.
Murayama, Isamu (Kazuyo Kusaka) — boy Daniel R., Apr. 17.
Murakami, Roy (Michiko Taguchi) — girl Laura Yoko, Apr. 22.
Nakamura, Takashi (Joy Urabe) — girl Laura L., Apr. 12.
Nakashima, Sho (Mitsuko Yakura) — boy Martin M., Apr. 15.
Nakashioya, Tsutomu (Shizuko Shioya) — girl Jean Miki, Apr. 2.
Nakuchi, Tadashi (Sonoko Matsuno) — boy Paul T., Apr. 19.
Nakawata, Katsuo (Yoshiko Kodama) — boy Robert Tooru, Apr. 22.
Nishida, George M. (Martha Asakura) — boy, Apr. 11, Altadena.
Nishida, Saburo (Michiko Aragon) — boy Kenneth, Apr. 9, Gardena.
Nishimori, Minobu (Chiyko Hiji) — girl Sharon, Apr. 7, Gardena.
Nishitsuji, James (Misako Minamide) — girl Sharon T., Apr. 7.
Norihiko, Reiji (Fusaye Yanase) — girl, Apr. 24, Granada Hills.
Ogawa, George (Miharu Shishido) — boy Norman N., Apr. 25.
Ogusuku, George (Sakae Murakami) — girl Audrey Sachiko, Apr. 20.
Ohira, James K. (Masako Yabuki) — girl Nancy E., Apr. 10.
Okumoto, Yoshiharu (Yemiko Okumoto) — boy Yuji D., Apr. 20.
Oshiro, Kuzuo (Sachiko Nakasone) — boy Jay K., Apr. 5.
Oshiro, Yoshio (Jean Ige) — girl Karen M., Apr. 21.
Oshita, Arthur, Arthur (Alice Uyeda) — girl Terry Reiko, Apr. 28.
Ota, Collins J. (Yoshie Suetsugu) — girl Daralee L., Apr. 8.
Robinson, Hugh (Aiko Obinata) — boy Larry, Apr. 4.
Sasaki, Louis (Fumiko Kodama) — boy Frank Mineo, Apr. 14.
Sasaki, Narumi (Shige Miyamura) — girl, Apr. 8, No. Long Beach.
Seno, Serapio (Sadako Tomita) — boy Bennett, Apr. 1.
Shigeki, Jerry (Harue Kashiwagi) — girl Nancy Sumire, Apr. 22.
Suzuki, Yukio (Thelma Omori) — boy Michael Koji, Apr. 25.
Taira, Sadao (Michiko Nakamura) — girl Diane Kimiye, Apr. 12.
Takemoto, Akeo (Kazumi Sanwo) — boy Alan Gen, Apr. 15.
Takeuchi, Frank S. (Kim Nakagawa) — boy Randall M., May 2.
Takeuchi, Kazuyoshi (Midori Suzuki) — boy Jon Chikara, Apr. 23.
Tamura, Teruo (Haruko Toguchi) — boy Kevin T., May 3.
Terada, Nobuyuki (Alwina Hiraoka) — boy David Shoji, Mar. 31.
Thomas, Charles (Sachi R. Oyama) — boy, Apr. 22.
Tochiwara, Joe (Jane Harada) — boy Brian K., May 2.
Toma, Ronald (Toyoko Usui) — girl April M., Apr. 24.
Tsukaki, Bayard (Shirley Kunimoto) — boy Bayard S., Apr. 23.

Yim, Kenneth (Chieko Heirakuji) — girl Stephanie, Apr. 7.
Yomogida, Herbert S. — girl, Feb. 20, Long Beach.
Yoneda, Toshio (Michiko Fukumoto) — girl Phyllis Toshie, Apr. 19.

STOCKTON

Fujii, Atsushi — boy, Jan. 3.
Fukuhara, Frank — boy, Feb. 11.
Inoshita Tadashi — boy, Jan. 19, Lodi.
Kitagawa, Tom N. — Feb. 7.
Koga, Sumio — boy John K., Jan. 3.
Nakashima, Don T. — boy, Jan. 25, Lodi.
Okasaki, Masami — boy, Jan. 17.
Sakaguchi, Ted — boy, Feb. 4, Lodi.
Shimozaki, Mike — girl, Feb. 14, Acampo.
Tskao George K. — boy, Jan. 23.
Yamashita, Geri — boy, Feb. 20, Lodi.

SAN JOSE

Aihara, George T. — boy Byron, Jan. 24.
Fujii, Kazuyuki — girl Bonny K., Dec. 28, Morgan Hill.
Kanemoto, Carl — boy, Jan. 16.
Kiyomura, Hugh M. — girl, Jan. 7.
Matsuda, Kenneth — girl Josie A., Jan. 28.
Matsueda, Tsukasa — boy, Feb. 9, Palo Alto.
Morimoto, Akira — boy Ricky I., Dec. 30.
Murase, Robert — girl, Jan. 3, Mountain View.

Nakasaki, Robert — boy, Jan. 3.
Nakashima, Kenjiro — boy Douglas Takashi, Jan. 20, Mountain View.
Nishimura, Henry — girl Lois Teri, Jan. 9, Mountain View.
Onishi, Tokio — boy Michael Kenji, Jan. 26, Campbell.
Shimada, Robert K. — boy Wesley Sumu, Jan. 19.
Toma, Takeyuki D. — girl Norine Yu-kiye, Jan. 24, Cupertino.
Umeda, Taro — boy Glen Shoichi, Jan. 15.
Yamamoto, Donald — boy Ron E., Jan. 10.
Yamanaka, William, girl Sharon L., Jan. 6.
Yamasaki, Tom — girl Phyllis Hieko, Feb. 8.

SAN MATEO

Sasano, Kiyoshi — boy, Feb. 11.

SAN FRANCISCO

Hirohata, Kenneth — boy, Feb. 10.
Ito, Takashi — boy, Jan. 6.
Kusano, Kazuo — girl, Feb. 20.
Mayeda, Edward Y. — girl, Mar. 5.
Mihara, Takachi — girl, Jan. 18.
Murakami, Tokuo — girl, Feb. 24.
Nakanishi, Mamoru — boy, Mar. 19.
Noma, William K. — boy, Feb. 23.
Tanaka, Kiyoshi — boy, Jan. 29.
Toba, William A. — boy, Jan. 13.
Toyooka, Charles M. — girl, Apr. 24.
Tsujimoto, Fred — girl, Feb. 23.
Yamasaki, Stanley — girl, Feb. 21.

SAN RAFAEL

Obata William G. — boy, Mar. 19, Mill Valley.

OAKLAND

Aoki, Yasuhiko — girl, Jan. 1 Berkeley.
Endo, Hichiro — girl, Jan. 13.
Endo, Katsumi — boy, Jan. 12.
Hitomi, Dick — girl, Feb. 20.
Inouye, George — boy, Jan. 27, Berkeley.
Inouye, Nobuo — boy, Jan. 6, Berkeley.
Ito, Yoshikazu — girl, Feb. 12, Berkeley.
Kakihara George — boy, Feb. 21, Berkeley.
Kitani Roy A. — boy, Dec. 24, Hayward.
Matsumoto Malcolm — girl, Apr. 23, Berkeley.

Nomura, Paul — boy, Mar. 8.
Ogi, Ben H. — boy, May 9.
Ohye, Dick — boy, Mar. 7.
Shintani, Harumi — girl, Mar. 24, Berkeley.
Suyeyasu, Shigenobu — girl, Mar. 22, San Leandro.

Takao, Taul — girl, Dec. 11, Hayward.
Tsurui, Allen — girl, Dec. 31, Hayward.

CONTRA COSTA

Nagata, Kiyomi — boy, Apr. 13, Walnut Creek.

SACRAMENTO & VALLEY

Fukumoto, Waichi — boy, Jan. 30, Marysville.
Iwata, Herbert — boy, Feb. 3.
Kaiharu, Ruy — boy, Feb. 1.
Kamato, Yasushi — boy, Jan. 8.
Kawada, William — boy, Feb. 7.
Kohaya, William — boy, Feb. 7.
Kono, Sam — boy, Mar. 31.
Matsuhira, Keiji — boy, Mar. 2.
Matsuoka, Toshio — boy, Feb. 12, Walnut Grove.

Mishima Clarence — boy, Jan. 13, Fair Oaks.

Oto, Isao — boy, Mar. 7, Walnut Grove.

Sasaki Ernest — girl, Feb. 3, Rocklin.

Shimizu, George — girl, Mar. 22.

Takemori, Seiro — boy, Feb. 1, Elk Grove.

Tanaka, Tadashi — boy, Feb. 24.

Tanihana, James — girl, Feb. 19.

Urokoigata, Joe — girl, Mar. 7.

Watanabe, F. — girl, Feb. 1, Yuba City.

Yamada Rikio — boy, Jan. 23.

Yamamoto, Richard — girl, Apr. 11, Davis.

Yamanaka, Joe — girl, Jan. 17.

Yokoi, Fred — girl, Jan. 30.

Yorita, Sadao — boy, Mar. 2.

NEW YORK

Hashimoto, Melvin — twin boy & girl, May 5, Long Island City.

WEDDING

Asano-Egawa — Apr. 19, Peter and Violet, both San Francisco.

Baba-Yoshiyama — May 2, Henry, Santa Maria; Violet, Sacramento.

Higashi-Yamane — Jan. 18, Hiro and Elaine, both San Francisco.

Iwamura-Tanaka — Apr. 18, Seishi and Mitsuko, both Selma.

Ota-Ochiari — Apr. 26, George and Shizuko, both Portland.

Sasai-Nagamine — Mar. 22, Taro and Mafilyn, both Seattle.

Shimizu-Nakamoto — Apr. 26, Masao, Selma; Ayako, San Juan Bautista.

Ueda-Kanazawa — May 3, Howard Y., Redwood City; Midory, East Palo Alto.

Taira-Inaba — Feb. 1, Eugene and Gay, both Fresno.

Yamada-Makimoto — Mar. 29, Frank K., Fresno; Sumiko, Loomis.

Yamasaki-Kawamata — Apr. 18, George K., New York; Sumiko, Hawaii.

Yoshida-Takabayashi — Apr. 19, Yoshiaki, Rosemead; Yuriko, Gardena.

DEATHS

Nakashima, Yoshikazu, 39; Los Angeles — (w) Teruko, four children.

Saito, Keizo; Oakland, Mar. 27.

Sano, Densaku, 52; San Mateo, Mar. 27 — (wife and five children).

Tsuda, H. George, 57; Sacramento, Mar. 24 — (w) Teruyo, (s) Hidenori.

Yada, Kosuye, 65; Los Angeles, Mar. 11.

Yoshioka, Fred, 45; Sacramento, Mar. 23 — (w) Eleanor, (s) Dale, (d) Joy, Joan.

Coronation rites for SWLA queen set

An open invitation has been extended by Southwest Los Angeles JACL to the public to witness the "Southwest" coronation of the girl, who will represent the area in the 1959 Nisei Week queen contest, at the Queentime Ball.

The gala rites will be held at the Old Dixie tomorrow night by 11:30 p.m. Dancing to Aaron Gonzales' band will be the general order of the evening, according to George Fujita, chairman.

Margaret Nakai, who represented the Seinan area last year, will crown her successor, after her identity is revealed by Ben Abrams, one of the five judges who interviewed an undisclosed number of candidates.

Tickets will be available at the door. All ladies will be admitted free of charge, couple or agette.

Ota-Ochiai nuptials

PORTLAND. — The marriage of Shizuko Ochiai to George Ota was an event of April 26 at the Oregon Buddhist Church. The Rev. T. Hirota officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride, who is very active in local JACL activities, is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Ochiai.

Denver couple married

DENVER. — Mr. and Mrs. Masawo Yoshihara of 825-20th St., Denver, announced the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Reiko, to Mitchell M. Hamai on Sunday, June 14, at the California St. Methodist Church.

Miss Yoshihara is a teacher in the Denver Public School system. Hamai is at present serving in the U.S. armed forces.

Chicago carnival

CHICAGO. — The Chicago Buddhist Church carnival will be held on July 35 in the church recreation hall. A special attraction will be the Japanese brush painting demonstrations by Ryojo Ogura in the church chapel. Flower arrangement displays are also planned.



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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

In Memoriam

Washington D.C.

ON MAY 30, my maternal grandmother, Tsuru Goto, passed away. Born March 15, 1860, she was 99 years old (100 as the Japanese count age) when she breathed her last.

Five generations of her family were present to pay final respects last Wednesday (June 3) when she was laid to rest in a Fresno (Calif.) cemetery beside her husband Kishichiro, who was killed in a farming accident 26 years ago.

The Gotos had only two daughters, Taki Goto, whose husband was a yoshi (one who assumed the family name of the daughter on marriage) and Haruye Masaoka. Taki Goto has six children, 17 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Haruye Masaoka has seven children (Ben Frank was killed in World War II) and 21 grandchildren.

Rev. Taro Goto, superintendent of the Pacific Japanese Provisional Conference of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Masaji Goto of the Denver Japanese Methodist Church, are the two grandsons who are engaged in the ministry. Because both were Japanese nationals (now naturalized citizens), they were not able to serve in the military in World War II.

Mother Masaoka had five sons in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team—only the eldest, Joe Grant who remained behind to look after her and to serve the wartime JACL, was not a volunteer. Ben Frank was killed during the rescue of the Lost Texas Battalion in the Vosges Mountains of Northeastern France in October, 1944. Ike Akira remains today 100 per cent disabled from wounds received in the battle for Hill 140, above Rome, in July, 1944, when he was awarded the Silver Star.

I REMEMBER GRANDMOTHER Goto very well, for 35 years ago when Mother herself was only 35 and Father was killed in an automobile accident near Salt Lake City, Utah, she came by train from Fresno, to help raise the eight children, the youngest of whom, Tad Tadashi, had been born only that January.

While Mother somehow struggled along with a grocery and fish store, Grandmother—for almost two years—managed to raise us children. I can still recall the bitter cold of those Salt Lake City winters when this little woman, already in her sixties, washed and dried clothes outside, for our dingy rented rooms above an old garage had no facilities. Being then only nine and most impressionable, I can never forget how Mother and Grandmother suffered and sacrificed as I now look back, that we, their children, might be able to grow up as we did.

Grandmother Goto remained mentally alert and physically active until three years ago, when she injured her hip in an accident. From then on, she simply wasted away. Only about six weeks ago, her oldest daughter's husband passed away from a stroke and that seemed to signal the beginning of the end for one to whom many of us owe much not only in the way of inspiration but also in sacrifice and toil.

HER LIFETIME SPANNED the period when Japan first became interested in throwing off the yoke of isolationism to Japan's re-emergence as the leading power in the Far East. In terms of history, she lived from the before the days of our Civil War to the era of the cold war for world survival. From the bamboo jungles, she lived to hear of the intercontinental missiles and explorations into the space beyond the earth.

She and Grandfather lived through the epic of the Japanese in these mainland United States.

And, as JACL contemplates the history of the Issei in this country, time is of the essence that first-hand accountings of what actually took place may be recorded for posterity before all of those who helped write the dramatic and inspired story of the Issei pioneer pass on to their greater reward.

AFTER THE FUNERAL, in discussions with Mother and Auntie and their children, we gleaned some of the contributions which our Grandparents made to this, their adopted land, in three-quarters of a century of devotion. Strangely in a sense because we had never considered them to have been part and parcel of the traditional story of the Issei in this nation, we learned of their exploits in this land with pride.

GRANDFATHER LOST HIS samurai status in Kumamoto Prefecture in the early days of the Meiji Era, when Japan threw off her feudal ways and began to catch up with western civilization. In Nagasaki, he became one of the earliest converts to Christianity in Japan.

Always a pioneer in spirit, he organized a group to colonize Hokkaido, which was (and still is) Japan's frontier island. Shipwrecked off what later became known as Sakhalin, his landing was partly responsible for Japan's later claim to these islands after the Russo-Japanese war. Finally, in Hokkaido, he developed a gold and platinum mine in that northern area.

Sometime in the early 1879's, Grandfather brought over and supervised a gang who helped build the Southern Pacific Railroad lines. On another pioneering expedition, he tried to colonize Texas and to help grow all the rice that might be needed in Japan. At the time of the San Francisco earthquake, he operated a hotel near the waterfront and helped arrange for many of the picture brides who are the mothers of many of us today.

Grandfather and Grandmother made their last entry into the United States in August 12, 1915. They remained in this country from that time on until their deaths.

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OVER 60 AJAS AMONG 200 FILING HAWAII PRIMARY

HONOLULU.—About one-third of the 200-plus candidates vying in the new 50th State's first primaries are persons of Japanese ancestry, it was discerned when the deadline of May 28 closed the filing of nomination papers for 81 seats to be voted upon June 27. The final election comes July 28.

Hawaii's voters will elect from 232 candidates (68 being Japanese Americans) two U.S. senators, one U.S. representative, a governor, a territorial governor, 25 state senators and 11 state house members.

Nisei are found in all positions except that of governor. Territorial Senator Wilfred C. Tsukiyama is the long Republican candidate for U.S. Senate seat "B", which amounts to outright nomination on the final runoff.

Many of the incumbent territorial senators and representatives are running for re-election to their same posts, some are seeking higher political office and others chose not to run.

The slate of Japanese Americans on the primary ballot:

For U.S. Senate—Wilfred C. Tsukiyama (R).

For U.S. House—Daniel K. Inouye (D), Patsy T. Mink (D).

For Lt. Governor—Richard M. Kageyama (D), Mitsuyuki Kido (D), Spark M. Matsunaga (D).

For State Senate: 1st Dist. (East Hawaii, 5 seats)—Kazuhisa Abe (D), Nelson Doi (D), John T. Ushijima (D), Charles T. Hashimoto (R); 2nd Dist. (West Hawaii, 2)—Shoji Kawahara (D), Sumio Nakashima (D); 3rd Dist. (Maui, 5)—S. George Fukuoka (D), Thomas S. Ogata (D), Nadao Yoshinaga (D), Bernard H. Tokunaga (R); 4th Dist. (East Honolulu, 5)—Ernest S. Kai (D), Russell K. Kono (D), Yasutaka Fukushima (R); 5th Dist. (West Honolulu, 5)—George R. Ariyoshi (D), Robert Y. Kimura (D), Steere G. Noda (D), Sakae Takahashi (D), Lawrence Kunihisa (R); 6th Dist. (Kauai, 3)—Matsuki Arashiro (D) and Noboru Miyake (R).

For State House: 1st Dist. (Puna, Hawaii, 1)—Jack K. Suwa (D), 2nd Dist. (South Hilo, 3)—Stanley I. Hara (D), Raymond M. Kobayashi (D), Toshio Serizawa (D); 3rd Dist. (Hamakua, 1)—Yoshito Takamine (D), Kenneth Ebata (R); 4th Dist. (Kona-Kauai)—Takashi Kudo (D), Thomas T. T. Guchi (R); 5th Dist. (Kohala, 1)—Takeo Yamanaka (R); 7th Dist. (Maui, 4)—Mamoru Yamasaki (D), Walter T. Shimada (R); 9th Dist. (Waialua—Wahiawa, Oahu, 2)—Yoshiro Nakamura (D), Robert C. Oshiro (D), James K. Oshiro (R); 10th Dist. (Ewa-Waianae, 4)—Larry N. Kuriyama (D), George M. Okano (D), Richard Ogura (R), Shizuo Onishi (R); 11th Dist. (Kalihi, 3)—Akira Sakima (D), James H. Wakatsuki (D), Thomas M. Yoshida (D), Joseph R. Itagaki (R); 12th Dist. (Nuuanu, 3)—Sidney I. Hashimoto (D), Peter S. Iha (D), Robert E. Teruya (R); 13th Dist. (Kapalama, 2)—Sakae Arano (D); 14th Dist. (Pauoa, 4)—Walter M. Harada (D), Howard Y. Miyage (D), Robert K. Fukuda (R), Ernest Y. Yamane (R); 15th Dist. (Manoa, 6)—James Y. Shigemura (D), Etsuo Shigezawa (D), Bert T. Ebisu (R), Katsugo Miho (R), Percy K. Mikiritani (R); 16th Dist. (Kaimuki-Kapahulu, 4)—Tadao Beppu (D), Hiroshi Kata (D), George Koga (D), Vernon K. Sakai (R); 18th Dist. (Kauai, 3)—William Hayashi (D), James M. Morinaka, Clinton I. Shirashi, Yoshihichi Yoshinaga (R).

GOVERNOR NAMES OKADA TO NEWLY CREATED UTAH CREDIT UNION BOARD

SALT LAKE CITY.—Hito Okada of this city was appointed to the five-member state advisory board on credit unions established by a law enacted by the 1959 Utah legislature.

Gov. George D. Clyde announced the appointment of the Nisei insurance man to the post last week.

Okada's term is to expire in January, 1963.

He has been active in the credit union movement for over 15 years, having been a charter member of the National JACL Credit Union organized in 1943. He has been secretary-treasurer of the group since its establishment.

Okada also served as National JACL president from 1946 to 1950.

Name Nisei delegate to retail clerks convention

Arthur S. Takei, local 770, Retail Clerks Union executive board member, was appointed alternate delegate to the 23rd Convention of the Retail Clerks International Assn. meeting June 22-26 at the Ambassador Hotel. He will be the only Nisei delegate representing the 15,500 members of the Local which includes approximately 2,000 Nisei members.

The RCIA convention will attract delegates from 50 states, all Canadian provinces and Puerto Rico, who will represent union members in the retail food industries, drug stores, department stores and other similar retail establishments.

IDAHO NISEI WINS SCHOOL BOARD POST AS WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

MARSING, Idaho.—Tak Nakano, active Boise Valley JACLer, was elected to the Marsing School Board last week as a write-in candidate as one of the two new trustees.

He defeated Everett Paine, the district 2 candidate who had filed and was unopposed. The count was 9-5.

Nakano, who farms locally, has five children.

Human Relations report clear of Nisei complaints

DENVER.—The Denver Commission on Human Relations released its fifth annual report on human relations for the year 1958, and emphasized that the problems of Negroes in housing and employment, of the Spanish Americans in community relations, and of relocated Indians particularly from Sioux tribes in South Dakota took up the major efforts of the City Commission.

It is notable that in the 22-page report, filled with cases of discrimination and work among minority groups, no complaints or discriminations against persons of Japanese ancestry are reported.

The Japanese American Citizens League is listed as one of the supporting organizations. Others include the Urban League, Anti-Defamation League, Denver Coordinating Council for Education and Research in Human Relations, Colorado State Commission for Anti-Discrimination, American Civil Liberties Union, and many others.

Of the 15 members of the City Commission, which includes two Negro and two Spanish-speaking commissioners, there is one Nisei member of the commission, Min Yasui, a local attorney and former regional JACL representative.

BOISE VALLEY SANSEI GRADUATES HONORED

CALDWELL, Idaho.—Honor Sansei students of local area schools took active roles in recent graduation exercises, it was reported by the Boise Valley JACL this week.

Yasuko Ikuta was named eighth grade valedictorian at Greenleaf School. Georgiann Matsushita was Midway School valedictorian. Honored as "top scholar" was Carol Yamashita at Jefferson Jr. High. She is the brother of Ted Yamashita, Idaho's first Nisei West Point appointee.

Chicken sexors union in Georgia organized

ATLANTA.—Under the direction of Eddie Fukiage, national chairman of Amalgamated Poultry Sexors of America, AFL-CIO, chick sexors employed in the South Eastern states met here to join the poultry sexors union.

Local charter is being issued for this area to be followed by election of local officers.

Fukiage revealed that negotiations for union recognition by four associations have begun.

NISEI SCOUTER ATTENDS NATIONAL COUNCIL MEET

SAN FRANCISCO.—Harry Osaki prominent Pasadena JACLer and silversmith, attended the 49th annual National Council meeting of the Boy Scouts of America here this past weekend. He was among some 1,500 delegates representing the 532 local councils.

Osaki was a delegate from the San Gabriel Valley Council.

Plans for the 50th anniversary celebration of scouting in America and the fifth national jamboree to be held in 1960 at Colorado Springs were discussed. The 50th annual meeting will be held in Washington, D.C., next year with President Eisenhower as the main speaker.

Bishop Hanayama tours Calif. Buddhist churches

SAN FRANCISCO.—Bishop Shinsho Hanayama of the Buddhist Churches of America is visiting 10 Southern California churches this week and next. On June 19 a reception is being held for Bishop Hanayama in Los Angeles. The bishop will tour the churches in Northern California from June 23-30.

Seabrook files suit against three sons for \$1-million

CAMDEN, N.J.—Charles F. Seabrook, founder of Seabrook Farms Co., filed a \$1,000,000 suit against his three sons. The suit says they illegally and unlawfully committed their father to a mental institution. It was filed June 3 as a motion to dismiss an incompetency suit against the 78-year-old millionaire was denied and a non-jury trial ordered for June 15.

No date for the hearing on Seabrook's counter suit was set. The incompetency suit was filed April 11 after a Pennsylvania judge ordered Seabrook released from Fairmount Farms, a private mental institution in Montgomery County, Pa. It was brought by his wife, his three sons and his daughter.

Seabrook's counter suit charged that his son Courtney used "force and arms" and caused him to be taken in the car to Fairmount Farms and "imprisoned". Seabrook's counsel sought to have the incompetency complaint dismissed on grounds that the plaintiffs failed to meet the requirements of civil procedures.

Doctors Out of State

It was also charged that the doctors whose affidavits were attached to the incompetency complaint were not qualified according to New Jersey statutes.

Seabrook Farms, near Bridgeport, N.J., was sold to Seeman Brothers, Inc., a New York food brokerage firm, for three million dollars on May 25.

Before the sale it was run by Seabrook's sons under a voting trust agreement that was to expire next January. Seabrook, who sold his majority stock to Seeman, had balked at renewing the agreement.

Colorado pioneer dies

DENVER.—Harry Shigeichi Yamamoto, 73, father of Mary Sakata of Brighton, passed away on June 1, a victim of a heart attack. Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton, Colo. A widower for 23 years, he is survived by nine children. Yamamoto was a pioneer in the Scottsbluff, Neb. area, and had also lived in Wyoming and Colorado.

CALENDAR

June 12 (Saturday)
Salinas Valley—Graduates dance.
Sonoma County—JACL Bowling dinner, Green Mill, Cotati.
Long Beach—Miss Harbor JACL dinner-dance, La Ronde Rue, Pacific Coast Hwy. Circle.
Detroit—Japanese movies, International Institute.
Southwest L.A.—"Queentime" ball, Old Dixie, 43rd & Western Ave., 9:30 p.m. (Introduction of Miss SWLA for Nisei Festival).
June 14 (Sunday)
Gilroy—Graduates barbecue, Gilroy Hot Springs, 4 p.m.
Monterey Peninsula—Community picnic.
Idaho Falls—Community picnic.
June 19 (Friday)
San Fernando Valley—Nisei Week queen ball, UAW Hall, 11625 Sherman Way, North Hollywood.
June 20 (Saturday)
Chicago—Jr. JACL dinner-dance, Sheridan Plaza.
Chicago—Men's Nite.
June 21 (Sunday)
Salinas Valley—Picnic, Sheriff's Posse Ground.
Pocatello—Community Picnic, South-east Idaho Fairgrounds.
Pasadena—Introduction of "Miss Pasadena" for Nisei Week at Gardeners Assn. picnic, Brookside Park.
June 23 (Tuesday)
New York—General meeting.
June 25 (Thursday)
East Los Angeles—General meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.; travel talk on South America.
June 26 (Friday)
Hollywood—Graduates outing, Elysian Park Lodge.
June 27 (Saturday)
Southwest L.A.—Bowlers get together, Pasadena—Benefit movie, Cleveland School, 7:30 p.m.
June 27-28
San Fernando Valley—Sun Valley carnival booth.
June 28 (Sunday)
East Los Angeles—Family picnic, Belvedere Park, 11 a.m.
Cleveland—Community picnic, Wiegand's Lake.
San Francisco—Community picnic, Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park.
July 3 (Friday)
Watsonville—Benefit movies.
July 4 (Saturday)
St. Louis—Chapter picnic.
July 5 (Sunday)
Sonoma County—Community picnic, Doran Park.
July 9 (Thursday)
Detroit—Cabinet meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.
July 11 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Beach party.
Watsonville—Post-Independence Day dance, Veterans Memorial Hall.
Sacramento—Chapter queen dance, Masonic Temple.
Philadelphia—Community picnic, Friends Central School.