



## COLUMN LEFT:

'Secret desire'  
finally comes true

Perhaps it only happens in Los Angeles, but it was inevitable to our way of thinking that some day a naturalized Issei would be chosen as a JACL chapter president. Last week, the Downtown Los Angeles JACL named Gongoro Nakamura as its 1959 president.

We long harbored a "secret desire" to see an Issei assume active leadership at the chapter level after Congress gave them the privilege of naturalization. It took seven years for this wish to materialize and the choice could not have been better.

Nakamura-san (as we call him) was among the first Southland Issei to be naturalized, among those who organized the ADC in Southern California and active in Li'l Tokio civic affairs. His vast experiences and prominence will add prestige to the office, but more important is the realization by the thousands of naturalized Issei across the country that there is a definite niche for them in JACL. An Issei leading a JACL chapter here will not mean activities for the Nisei would be minimized but serve as a means for greater cooperation between the two groups. Heretofore, the Issei were consulted for advice; now, they can step in and lead.

This news may also revive the suggestion that the National JACL Board be expanded to accommodate a representative of the Naturalized Citizen members in JACL.

Meanwhile, with membership drives in progress, campaigners should remember to include the naturalized Issei on the call list. And they may be helpful in chapter programming, such as conducting classes for Nisei members in the cultural arts, chairing picnics and fishing derbies, etc. We have honored them as parents, but as adult children the Nisei need not feel hesitant to ask them to join in common efforts for the betterment of the community and secure the future of their grandchildren.—H.H.

# Hawaii's mixed population seen as boon for Statehood

WASHINGTON. — Statehood for the long deserving Territory of Hawaii was urged as being in the national and international interest of the United States by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, Tuesday, before the full House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, which has just completed abbreviated public hearings on this legislation.

Masaoka stressed that the racial composition of the territory's population should be a primary reason for, and not against, statehood because it would confirm to the millions of Asians and Pacific peoples that the United States holds persons of Asian ancestry in respect and esteem. "More than any other single gesture, statehood would demonstrate to the millions of Asians who are currently being subjected to intensive Communist propaganda that we consider all Americans to be worthy and equal of statehood. We would put the lie to the Communists that we are denying statehood to Hawaii because so many of its peoples are of Asian and Pacific ancestry," Masaoka declared.

Masaoka also stressed that the "inclusion of voting members from the crossroads of the Pacific would give our legislative and executive branches of government uniquely qualified experts who could improve our understanding of the

Far East and thereby improve our foreign relations in that section of the world where we are least understood and where the ultimate victory or defeat in our current ideological conflict may be determined."

## Nisei Loyalty Cited

He scotched charges that Americans of Asian ancestry were not assimilable by citing the proud war records of the Japanese Americans, particularly in World War 2 and in Korea, declaring that "only dedicated Americans thoroughly imbued with the ideals and faiths of our way of life could have endured without bitterness their experiences of World War 2 and still volunteer for and write such a gallant chapter in the patriotic annals of our nation."

"By the supreme test of life on the fields of battle for our country's survival, these Hawaiians proved themselves to be better Americans than most of us," Masaoka emphasized.

He refuted charges of communist domination by pointing to the record that not a single Hawaiian soldier, including those who were members of the International Longshoremen's Union, defected to the enemy or turned traitor in Korea, though a few from the Mainland unfortunately did.

He declared that all of the valid arguments, if there ever were

any, were answered by the Congress when Alaska was granted statehood last session and that it would be a greater blow than ever to democracy in the Far East if Hawaii were denied equality and justice this year.

Democratic Congressman B.F. Sisk of California introduced Masaoka by lauding him as a fellow Fresnoan with an outstanding war record and one who has made many contributions to bring justice and fair play to Japanese Americans. He also praised the Japanese American Citizens League for its

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## Washington Office moves quarters

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — The Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League moves today to new and larger quarters at 919 18th St. NW, Washington 6, D.C.

The shift from the present address—Hurley Wright Bldg., 18th and Pennsylvania Sts. NW, was necessitated when the Government purchased the building.

Mike Masaoka, who serves as Washington JACL representative, also announced that the office of his private business and public relations and consultant organization, Mike M. Masaoka and Associates, would occupy accompanying suites in the same building at 919 18th St. NW, beginning Feb. 1.

## Nisei elected telephone company board president

ONTARIO, Ore. — Mas Yano, active Snake River JACLer, was elected president of the board of directors of the Oregon Bench Telephone Co. at the annual meeting of board members and stockholders last week.

## JAPAN-DEVELOPED SEEDLESS MELON READY

A seedless watermelon developed in Japan by Dr. Norio Kondo, chief of the Tokyo University plant breeding laboratory, after World War II will be grown and sold shortly in the United States by three produce firms in San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles.

Dr. Kondo's achievement won him praise and admiration at an international symposium on heredity held in Japan in 1957.

The cultivation and marketing of the seedless watermelon in the U.S. was agreed upon between Dr. Kondo and the three American fruit firms when he visited this country last fall.

## JAPANESE TAUGHT AT PUBLIC LIBRARY SERIES

IDAHO FALLS.—Nearly 200 Idaho Falls elementary and junior high school students registered for a series of courses in foreign languages being offered weekly through the auspices of the American Association of University Women at the Idaho Falls Public Library.

Courses will be given in German, Spanish, French, Russian, and Japanese. Mrs. Fred Ochi, active in JACL and community affairs, was named to instruct the classes in Japanese which commenced Jan. 17.

## Union City council elects Nisei mayor

UNION CITY. — By unanimous action of the five-man city council of newly created Union City (Alvarado and Decoto in southern Alameda county) last Monday, Tom Kitayama was elected the first mayor.

The first act of Mayor Kitayama, a 35-year-old Nisei nurseryman, was to lead the group in Pledge to the Flag which thrilled a small group of Union City people who witnessed the election and ceremony.

Kitayama had polled the highest number of votes, 701, in the election for the City Council last Jan. 13.

Among the visitors were his mother, Mrs. Mosa Kitayama, his wife Heidi, brother Ray and his wife, and brother Kee.

## Bill introduced to repeal Nevada law

CARSON CITY. — A 95-year old Nevada law which disrupted the marriage of longshore union leader Harry Bridges and his Japanese American fiancée may be on the way out.

A bill introduced in the current legislative session last week proposes repeal of the miscegenation law banning intermarriage of persons of different races. A similar California law has been declared unconstitutional.

Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, unwittingly ran afoul of the old state law when he attempted to go to Reno quietly with his Nisei fiancée, Noriko Sawada, 35, last December.

The couple finally got a court order from District Judge Taylor Wines, who declared the law invalid, and was married.

## French Camp JACL to honor Issei

FRENCH CAMP. — The newly elected officers of the French Camp JACL, headed by president Mats Murata, will be installed on Jan. 30 at a combined installation and New Year's get-together. The joint affair with the local Issei as guests will be held at the Japanese Community Center in French Camp, starting at 6:30 p.m. Frank Kosugi will be the master of ceremonies.

After a brief installation ceremony, presentations of awards and a few speeches, the dinner will be served by the members of the Women's Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Lydia Ota. There will be entertainment following the dinner. The general chairman is Tosh Hotta.

Other cabinet officers to be installed are Tosh Hotta, 1st v.p.; Frank Kosugi, 2nd v.p.; Leroy Hayashi, treas.; Hiro Shinmoto, rec. sec.; Mrs. Irene Nakano, cor. sec.; George Komure, hist.; Bob Ota, 1000 Club; John Fujiki, George Matsuoka, del.; Larry Nakano, pub.

Bob Takahashi will be the installing officer.

## Sweeping civil rights bill with stiff penalties dropped in Sac'to hopper

SACRAMENTO. — Assemblyman Jesse M. Unruh last week introduced a "sweeping new civil rights bill" in the State Legislature which will impose stiff penalties against "all discrimination based on race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin."

The Los Angeles Democrat said that present civil rights legislation is "so weak that it has become unenforceable."

Unruh cited the case of a five year old Negro girl who was denied admittance to a private school accredited by the state on the basis of her race.

"The court ruled that the denial of admittance was legal because it did not fall within the scope of the present civil rights statute," Unruh said.

## Loose Language

"Unscrupulous persons have been taking advantage of the loose language of the present act for many years to deny members of minority groups the equal rights guaranteed by our national and state constitutions," he added.

Unruh said his bill, which was dropped in the Assembly hopper Jan. 21, would make it illegal to discriminate against anyone in any way on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin.

He said that it involves any services, including medical or den-

tal, or any accommodations, including those in hotels, restaurants, hospitals or any similar institution.

It also prohibits the denial of membership in, or admittance to, any university, private school, fraternity, sorority, association, labor union, playground, park, swimming pool or any other recreational facility.

The bill, Unruh added, includes the right to purchase real property anywhere.

A bill by Assemblyman A. Phillip Burton (D., San Francisco) would provide for suspension or revocation of licenses of real estate agents who refuse to rent, sell or lease property because of race.

## Judge Aiso hands opinion in union race bias issue

Attorney Robert L. Boags, as co-counsel with Thomas G. Neusom, in oral arguments on the complaint filed against Local 13 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union was given 20 days to amend his complaint.

Neusom and Boags, as attorneys for Negro dockworkers, are suing for admittance to ILWU Local 13, which they said raises the color bar.

Superior Judge John F. Aiso, before whom the hearing was held stated that it was his opinion that the State Court presently lacked jurisdiction to grant a temporary or permanent injunction enjoining the local union from discriminatory practices. He said that he felt, however, that the Court did have the right to award damages for loss of wages and other money benefits lost by the Negro dockworkers.

## \$1-MILLION PROPERTY SALE IN L.A. ANNOUNCED

A 12-acre parcel of undeveloped commercially-zoned lots on Crenshaw Blvd. between Coliseum and 39th Sts. was announced last week by Yo Takagaki, head of the two realty firms which paid in excess of \$1,000,000. Portion has been selected for site of the new Crenshaw Post Office.



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## Official Notices

To: National JACL Credit Union Members:

## NEW CREDIT UNION POLICY

Another year has passed and this year as in other years our National JACL Credit Union has grown and progressed to such an extent that now our total assets equal \$390,000.

In analyzing this growth and the pattern of savings and borrowing among our membership, we find that the average financial condition of our membership must be good because we have in excess of \$70,000 of funds available for loans but not applied for or used. Although we are gratified by the seeming solvency and soundness of our members' financial status, we feel that perhaps some members are still going elsewhere for their money needs and consequently we urge and invite our members to utilize their own "little bank" when in need of funds.

Recognizing that both savers and borrowers are good credit union members and in many instances a member may be both a saver and a borrower, this year your Board of Directors is instituting a new policy of paying both a Dividend and a Patronage Refund. In spite of the existence of \$70,000 worth of "idle money," the successful operation of our credit union warrants the paying of 4½ per cent dividend and a 3 per cent patronage refund.

We sincerely hope that you are happy with the functioning of your JACL Credit Union and that you are satisfied with the work of the officers of your credit union who serve because they love to serve.

—S. USHIO, Chairman

## Ye Editor's Desk

UNDOUBTEDLY, THE SAME arguments which accompany any attempt to extend the scope of legalized gambling are being advanced in the current issue of whether a seventh poker palace should be allowed to operate in the neighboring city of Gardena. (See "Press Comments" in the adjoining column.) In the case of Gardena, arguments might read: (1) Since there are already six poker palaces and the law permits another one, it may well be allowed. (2) Revenue from the poker palaces would reduce taxes . . . Well, it is known hereabouts that property taxes in Gardena are lower—if not the lowest—than most cities in the county and has attracted many to buy homes there, even those built on tracts filled over sloughs where Issei as young men used to catch catfish or pick cattails.

As an organization, JACL does not involve itself on the issue of gambling. Individual opinions among its membership vary. Our personal viewpoint is that there is no moral issue involved per se. Speaking broadly, gambling is the taking of a chance. Where money is involved, the rightness or wrongness depends upon the circumstances of the person making the wager. Certainly a poor family man betting his \$20 bread money away is robbing his own household and wrongdoing, but a well-to-do can throw away the same \$20 on horses, raffle tickets or at the poker palace as he pleases. However, with public morals at stake, we think strict control of gambling is necessary by the state since the people themselves cannot do it.

To hold gambling evil per se is like saying taking any kind of chance is evil. Those who restrict gambling with money as evil don't place much value on human life as man constantly takes chances with his life—and if he loses (like in a traffic accident), regards that as merely tragic yet devoid of any connotation of evil . . . If a man holds gambling evil, ask him what kind; and if he answers "money," ask him why gambling with your own life is less evil?

WE HADN'T INTENDED to sermonize, but the question of legalized gambling in the form of lotteries has reappeared in California. State Board of Equalization chairman Reilly proposes a state sweepstakes "to raise dollars for the sagging California treasury" . . . Illinois must be thinking in the same light as a group of Protestant ministers took its traditional stand in protest last week. And at the national level, a New York congressman has come out for a national lottery to reduce federal taxes . . . Colorado now has legalized bingo and lottery, though its share of gambling revenue is not to be used for general purposes.

Personally, we're not lucky in gambling, haven't much mad money to spare and dissipate whatever yen for gambling by playing Hearts each week with our cronies of the Wednesday Supper Club . . . And if our ticket reaps a door prize at some function, often it's something we already have or could do without.

HARRY HONDA, Editor

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## Prime Target

## PRESS COMMENTS:

## Poker Club

Crossroads, Jan. 16, 1959

So now it goes back to the people.

The 7th poker club battle has yet to reach the fever point . . . that will come in April when a special election will be held to determine how the citizens of Gardena will swing in the card conflict.

Verification of petitions found a sufficient number of signatures valid to make the referendum move by the opposition a success. A countermove by Mayor Bolton to do away with all poker clubs (as he threatened) was thoroughly trounced.

So prepare yourselves for a concentrated campaign by both sides to gain public favor.

And as pointed out consistently in this corner, the "Japanese" vote (and we use the word advisedly) is of paramount importance. As a bloc, the Issei-Nisei voters of the Valley can swing anything, anytime.

Now it's a matter of which way they will swing and with what. A right lead or a left jab.

Another question of prime importance is "how to get out the votes?"

Both sides, when the polls open, will be running the closest thing to limousine service you've ever seen in your life.

From our seat in left field, there's more at stake than a mere license for a seventh poker club.

Somewhere along the line the "racial" angle has entered into the Gardena vendetta.

That's a helluva note to say the least!

George Yoshinaga, writer for the Kashu Mainichi, brought up this point in a column this week. Since moving to Gardena, George has come a long way since his "Horse" days. Down thataway he's Mr. Yoshinaga . . . and technical director for the upcoming motion picture, "White Kimono," yet.

Yoshinaga states that "many close to the picture feel that (Councilman) Chapman is leading the personal battle against the VFW because it is a Japanese American organization."

"Leaders of the VFW have expressed this view where Chapman is concerned."

It was also stated that the VFW will "start their offensive against Chapman and his group by starting a campaign to sign up all eligible Nisei voters in Gardena."

The vets feel that every Nisei voter will have to back them if they are (to) assure themselves success at the polls in April."

If this be so, that's another helluva note!

Led by a number of "natives" of Gardena who were fortunate and conscientious enough to make headway, Nisei as a whole have come a long way.

Not because they happened to be Nisei but because they simply had the acumen to get ahead occupationally and socially.

And now to draw racial lines where they don't belong is gonna cause more grief than good.

It's a matter of a seventh poker club or not. Whether Chapman, who professed to be a "friend of the Nisei," wishes to prejudice the question or not remains with him.

For the VFW and voters to follow suit would be folly.

But again we add, let's wait and see . . . —Wimp Hiroto

## NAACP to celebrate

## 50th anniversary Feb. 12

NEW YORK. — Sen. Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.) and Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, will be the principal speakers at a dinner celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the NAACP at the Commodore Hotel here on Feb. 12.

The association was organized as the result of a call issued on Feb. 12, 1909, the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Celebration of the event will be observed through the year, as well as on Feb. 12, and in all sections of the country.

## HORIUCHI ADDRESSES

## WYOMING AWARDS DINNER

CHEYENNE. — Seiji Horiuchi, national vice-president of the U.S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce, was the featured speaker at the local Jaycee distinguished service award dinner last week.

## NOTICES

## TRAVEL - RESORTS

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## PC Letter Box

## PARTICIPATION COUNTS

Editor: I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to members of the Monterey JACL chapter as well as to the community-at-large here for the wonderful support that has been given our organization during the past year.

Credit for the success of the chapter were due to the planning and efforts of the cabinet, board of directors, the women's Auxiliary and to the members who came out and participated with wholehearted enthusiasm . . .

BARTON YOSHIDA

Monterey Peninsula JACL.

## Masonic lodge marshal

STOCKTON. — Dr. James H. Tanaka was installed as marshal of the Channel Lodge of Masons last week at the local Masonic temple to become one of a dozen members on the staff of the new worshipful master of the lodge, Seward C. Stroud.

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## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**FRIEND INDEED** — Our family dog is a female Dachshund named Winnie, now going on a year and a half old. She is a complete nincompoop. There is nothing noble, sly, intelligent or admirable about her. She resists training, taking the attitude that it's a lot of bunk and extremely boring. She forgets what she's been told, or maybe it's just that she wasn't paying attention in the first place.

Winnie is also a four-flusher. She wants her masters to think she has the heart of a lion when in fact she is as cowardly as a mouse. We don't expect her to be particularly courageous. After all, she is a runty little dog with sawed-off legs and a chassis like a sausage. She wasn't made to fight. But perhaps she's heard from other neighborhood dogs that her predecessor in our back yard, a Husky named Frosty, could lick any animal in the neighborhood and she feels she must demonstrate similar prowess in order to hold our affection. What she doesn't realize is that Frosty had a fighting heritage, and it was as natural for him to fight as it is for her to waddle when she walks.

In her efforts to demonstrate her courage, Winnie takes off after all strangers, two and four-legged alike, as if she were going to eat them alive. This is fine so long as the stranger flees. But if he should turn and face Winnie, her cowardice rises—no, surges would be a better word—to the surface. She turns tail in mortal terror, screaming as if the very devils of dogdom were at her heels. This is very embarrassing to us.

In spite of all her shortcomings, Winnie is loved by our youngsters. They stick up for her, care for her, defend her. They are demonstrating the old truth that we love our true friends not for what they are, but in spite of what they are.

**TWO THOUSAND**—Bill Matsumoto of Sacramento, national chairman of the JACL's 1000 Club, says the goal is now 2,000 active, paid-up members. When the young bucks of the JACL movement (most of whom are now sanctified as elder statesmen) first dreamed up the idea of the 1000 Club back in the hungry 'thirties, the goal was to sign up a thousand members who would contribute \$25 apiece each year. The money was to be used to operate the national organization.

In those days it seemed like an impossible objective. For many individuals, \$25 was the equivalent of a week's pay. Lots of them were bringing up a family, buying a car and a home on less than that. Where in the world would you find a thousand fellows who could kick in 25 bucks each?

Today, \$25 won't buy a heck of a lot and common folks are earning more money in a week than they used to get for a month's labor back in the depression days. If you look at it this way, Matsumoto's goal of 2,000 members doesn't seem so far-fetched at all. Matter of fact, 2,000 contributors in 1959 is a lot more realistic than the goal of 1,000 was twenty years ago.

**CHANGING TIMES** — I remember reading something not long ago in which it was asserted that the Nisei, generally, were too prone to bow down to authority. The writer was trying to get over the idea that the Nisei by nature failed to question authority sufficiently. Thus, it was reasoned, they made good followers and yes-men, but didn't do enough thinking on their own to have the initiative required for leadership.

Whoever wrote that doesn't know the children who live at our house. Or perhaps the answer is that our youngsters are not subservient Nisei; they are independent and individualistic Sansei who don't give a hoot for authority. Not any kind.

**THAT TIME OF LIFE**—Friend of mind is just a little perturbed that he hasn't been called on recently by life insurance agents. Not that he intends to buy any. Just wondering if he's approaching that time of life when he's no longer considered a good risk.

## International Institutes to merge

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, has accepted an invitation to serve on the inaugurating committee of the American Council for Nationalities Service, a new national organization representing a merger to be announced soon by the Common Council for American Unity and the American Federation of International Institutes.

According to Nicholas Kelley, president of the new organization, Masaoka was invited because of his leadership, interest, and concern in immigration and nationality problems. The combined organization plans to expand its services, while at the same time carrying forward the activities of the two parent organizations.

But, more than that, President Kelley emphasized, "the new organization can make a valuable contribution to better world relations by helping our country make more effective use of its nationality groups and by fostering public interest in a more far-sighted immigration policy."

### Americanization Work

During the past 40 years, the Common Council for American Unity and the American Federation of International Institutes have been engaged in Americanization work.

Both of these organizations, especially the latter through its branches on the west coast, were most helpful to persons of Japanese ancestry during and immediately after World War II when the mass military evacuation took place in the spring of 1942 and California, Arizona, Oregon, and Washington were re-opened in the winter of 1945 to the returning evacuees.

Both organizations cooperated with the War Relocation Authority and the JACL throughout the country in aiding in the relocation and resettlement of the evacuated persons of Japanese ancestry in mid-western and eastern communities.

Among National JACL sponsors during the critical war years were Miss Annie Clo Watson, director of the Common Council for American Unity.

The new combined organization will be the only non-sectarian organization working nationally and locally in this important field of Americanization for the foreign-born and their children.

### Objectives

The Council will have the following aims and objectives:

- (1) To assist the immigrant to know and value our nation's heritage and to become a fully participating American citizen.
- (2) To further an appreciation of each ethnic group in our population and the acceptance of all citizens as equal partners in American life.
- (3) To foster public interest in immigration and naturalization policies that are sound, humanitarian and non-discriminatory.
- (4) To aid both new and old Americans in furthering people-to-people contacts, intercultural relations and international understanding.
- (5) To assist our country to make effective use of the varied origins of the American people, especially in the struggle for peace

and a free world.

In furthering these objective the Council will continue and develop the activities of the two parent organizations.

### CCAU Activities

The outgrowth of work started by the Federal Government during World War I, the Common Council has helped two generations of immigrants to solve their problems of adjustment and become effective citizens.

It sends weekly releases about American life and institutions, in 23 languages, to the foreign language press and radio in the U.S.; furnishes local communities with information on immigration and naturalization; advises individual newcomers; works with American nationality groups; keeps Federal government agencies in close touch with such groups; conducts the Letters from America campaign to spread the truth about America and promote people-to-people contacts; publishes handbooks on "Life in America" and "How to Become a Citizen," booklets like "What Should I Know When I Travel Abroad?," research studies such as "The Alien and the Immigration Law" and "European Beliefs Regarding the U.S."

### International Institutes

The American Federation is a chain of International Institutes and other non-sectarian service agencies located in some 40 cities in the U.S., including Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul, St. Louis, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Started some 40 years ago by the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, but later becoming independent agencies, the International Institutes are centers of service and fellowship for newcomers of all nationalities.

They have helped tens of thousands of individual immigrants and refugees to become loyal, self-reliant citizens, aiding them in resettlement, the uniting of families, employment, learning English, preparing for citizenship and other immigration and social welfare problems. They have also helped their communities appreciate the immigrant's contributions to American life.

### What American Council Will Do

The American Council for Nationalities Service will unite and carry forward these two complementary programs.

Resources permitting, it will expand the services of the two parent organizations; both to the quarter million immigrants who each year come to the United States and to hundred of American communities concerned in helping the foreign born and their children solve their adjustment problems, know and prize American democratic institutions, and become an integral and constructive part of this country.

Because immigration is one of the dynamic processes which has made America what it is, and is also increasingly a factor in our world relationships, the Council will foster public interest in immigration policies which are sound, equitable and designed to advance America's strength and world leadership.

Believing that the 34,000,000 first and second generation Americans

constitute a unique American asset, the Council will assist the U.S. to make larger use of their varied skills, special knowledge and close personal ties with other lands and peoples, in order to advance international understanding and the cause of peace and a free world.

The American Council is incorporated under the N.Y. Membership Corporations Law as a national, nonprofit organization, supported by voluntary contributions. It will have a staff of some 40 persons, on full or part time. An annual budget of \$250,000 has been approved by the National Budget Committee of United Community Funds and Councils of America.

The officers of the American Council for Nationalities Service include: Nicholas Kelley, pres.; Ralph J. Bunche, Gardner Cowles, Frank P. Graham, Conrad N. Hilton, Paul G. Hoffman, honorary v.p.; Edward Corsi, board chmn.; John Anthony Brown, Jr., Edward J. Ennis, August Heckscher, Mrs. Harold V. Milligan, Paul L. Penfield, Ivan Veit, board v.c.; executive committee—Donald Young, chmn.; John T. Fitzpatrick, v.c.;

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## JAPANESE STUDIES CENTER AT U.C. FORMED

BERKELEY. — Center for Japanese Studies to study aspects of history, economics, politics and sociology of Japanese life and culture has been established at the Univ. of California here, Chancellor Glenn T. Seaborg announced last week.

Supported by a Ford Foundation grant, the new research unit is headed by Paul S. Taylor, economics professor, administrator of the Institute of International Studies, and Donald H. Shively, associate professor of Oriental Languages.

As part of its program, Susumu Nakamura, lecturer in Oriental Languages, engaged in research on the history of Buddhism in the medieval period last semester.

## IDAHO FALLS JACLER IN PHARMACY ASS'N POST

IDAHO FALLS. — Among officers elected at a meeting of the Eastern Idaho Pharmaceutical Association recently was Katz Nukaya, Idaho Falls JACler, who was named secretary of the group for 1959. Nukaya is owner-operator of the Katz Pharmacy here.

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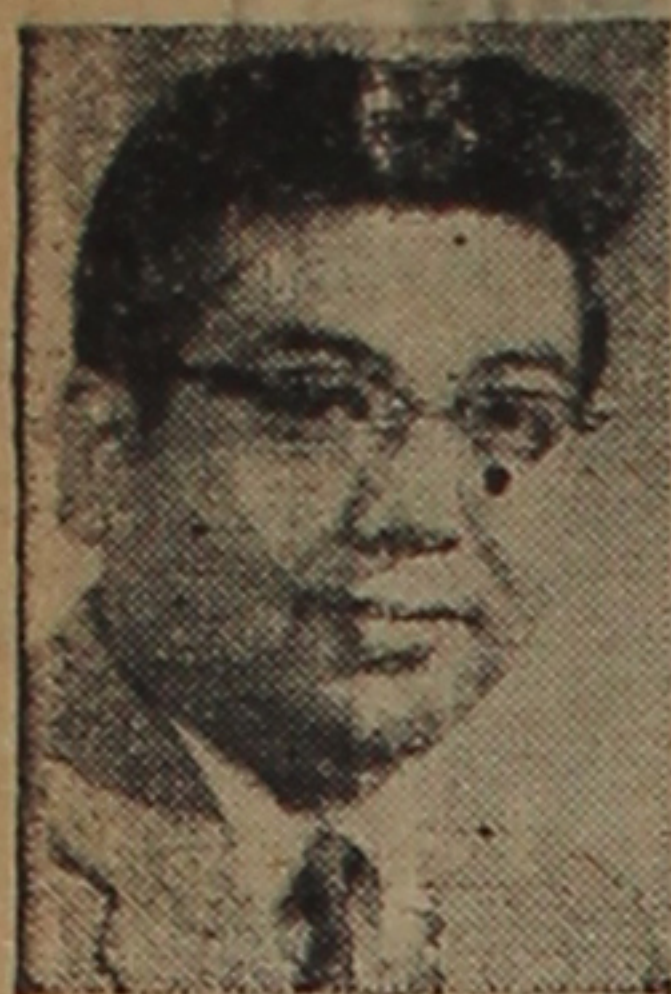
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## POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

### 'Round 'n' 'Round We Go!

We feel as if we've aged a good ten years running around from one meeting to another every night of the past two weeks. We started our nightly campaigns by attending a delicious luau in Beverly Hills as the guest of Harry Fujita, manager of the new Wilshire Branch of the California Western States Life Insurance Co. We were pleased to meet all of the company big wheels and very happy to learn that Tats Kushida was the No. 4 man out of the 500 agencies throughout the country. We were having a real swell time until, Tats, having one of those tropical drinks with all the spices and a blue flame burning on top, decided to give three "banzais" for Robert E. Murphy, president of the Company. You can imagine what all of those exclusive Hollywood people must have thought when they heard the "banzais" ringing throughout the restaurant. It was worth a barrel of laughs, and we certainly want to thank Harry for giving us this opportunity to meet his company's officials and outstanding staff.

During the week, we were also invited to attend the West Los Angeles and Venice-Culver joint installation. This annual event has proven to be a huge success, and this year was no exception under chairmanship of Hobi Fujiu. Installed as new presidents of their respective chapters were Joe Noda of WLA, and Mrs. Betty Yumori of Venice-Culver. With these two fine personalities leading the chapters, we'll be looking forward to a big year in that area.

The very next night we made our way through fog to attend the first SWLA Chapter dinner-dance of the year under the invitation of prexy Joe Yasaki. The Chapter made their first Community Service Award to Mrs. Arthur Kawabe, for her outstanding achievements in the PTA. Keynote speaker was the former UCLA All-American Kenny Washington and ex-Rams. MC chores were ably handled by 1000 Club Chairman Dr. Toru Iura, past president.

We also visited with Gardena Valley at their first board meeting of the year, and we are happy to report that Gardena will be back strong in 1959. With a tremendous youth program already underway, the chapter is now beginning to make plans for a local Hi Co group and post-season basketball tournament. We were glad to see so many board members present, and taking an active part by volunteering for responsible positions. With this type of enthusiasm, we don't see how Gardena can fail to have a great year. We want to extend our best of luck to president Ronald Shiozaki and all his members.

#### 1000ER FUNAKOSHI'S TREAT

We were invited by Willie Funakoshi to be his guest at the Optimist dinner meeting held at the new Eigiku here in Li'l Tokio, and as usual it was an uproarious evening as all of the Optimist meetings are. Speaker for the evening was Ben Alexander, the Frank Smith of "Dum-De-Dum-Dum!" Ben gave a very humorous story of his life with most of it off the record. He is planning to run a series in Japan this year, with the same type of plot as "Dagnet" and also expects to have them televised in this country. We really enjoyed having dinner with so many noted business men, and extend our appreciation to 1000er Willie Funakoshi. Willie, in the past has always extended tickets to our staff for football games and various Broadway shows and we here on the staff certainly appreciate his thoughtfulness.

We also met with the Gardena Nisei VFW at the Eigiku, to be filled in on the campaign to establish a seventh poker house in Gardena. They assured us that there was no moral issue involved, since there were six poker houses already in operation. They explained to us that the VFW was applying for a license, and that the license would be leased out to a pokerhouse operator, with none of the vets actually operating the club. The monthly income for the license would then be used by the VFW to carry on the various programs in the Japanese Community. Since there are two other veteran organizations already operating two clubs, the VFW is trying to get a similar set up. The application was made on the basis that the population has increased in the past 12 years, when the last license was issued. However this matter will be brought up to the public for a vote, and the issue will be whether a seventh license will be issued or not. We are hoping that no racial issue will develop from this campaign and it will depend primarily on how the VFW conducts their campaign. If successful, we know that the contributions made by the VFW to the community will be of a tremendous asset. As JACLers we are not in a position to take a stand on this particular issue, but it will be interesting to see what the public's reaction will be.

Our final trip was to Sun Valley to join with the San Fernando Valley Chapter in organizing a youth council. We were fortunate in getting Miss Sets Kodama and Miss Grace Wada from the International Institute to accompany us on this trip to help the group organize, and also give them guidance and assistance. There were approximately 14 different teenage clubs and eight adult organizations represented. The new group will be known as the San Fernando Valley Youth Coordinating Council, and the chairman for the adult group will be immediate past chapter president, Kay Nakagiri. New chapter president Sam Ueyehara says his chapter will work with this new organization and help coordinate youth work in the valley. We were quite pleased with the eagerness of the youngsters receiving assistance, and the willingness of the adults to help.

This weekend we journey south to San Diego, making final preparations for the Chapter Clinic and then turn right around and travel north to Ventura County for their Installation. We wind up the week by making a Sunday broadcast at 8:15 a.m. on KTYM for JAY Inc. After all this running around, tranquilizer anyone?



A capacity crowd of 130 witnessed the installation of 1959 San Luis Valley JACL officers in Alamosa, Colo., Jan. 17. In the front row—Shirow Enomoto, Shizue Fujimoto, M. Miyake, S. Yorimoto and Alice Wakasugi; back row—Charlie Hayashida (1958 pres.), George Katsumoto (1959 pres.), Fred Hayashida, Kiyoshi Shiohita, George Kunugi and Frank Uyeda. Judge George Blickhahn of Alamosa (at right) was the installing officer.

## San Luis Valley JACL installs George Katsumoto as president, 10-year members Roy Inouye and S. Yorimoto conferred pins

BY SHIZUE FUJIMOTO

ALAMOSA, Colo. — Both the JACL sapphire and sterling silver pins for at least 10 years of faithful devotion to the organization were awarded to Roy Inouye and S. Yorimoto, respectively, during the 1959 San Luis Valley JACL installation dinner-dance Jan. 17.

Sapphire pin recipient Inouye, the first chapter president in 1949, has been active at both chapter and national levels and is currently state director of the Colorado Farm Bureau. He is also an active Rotarian.

Silver pin winner Yorimoto, a First World War veteran, is a pre-law graduate from Denver University and was commended for his work within the chapter and conducting the naturalization classes for Valley Issei.

District Judge George H. Blickhahn of Alamosa conducted the installation ceremonies, witnessed by 130 members and guests gathered at the local American Legion Hall. Sworn in were George Katsumoto, pres.; Fred Hayashida, v.p.; Frank Uyeda, treas.; Alice Wakasugi, rec. sec.; Shizue Fujimoto, cor. sec.; Shirow Enomoto, Charles Hayashida, Nobu Ashida, Jim Kunugi, M. Miyake, Kiyoshi Shiohita, Carl Escheman, S. Yorimoto and George Kunugi, bd. mems.

Tak Terasaki of Denver, Mountain-Plains District Council chairman, was the principal speaker. Honored guests included Mrs. Terasaki and Roy Takeno, onetime Mountain-Plains regional director, and his wife.

Katsumoto pinned the past-president's pin on Charles Hayashida

for a job well done. Shirow Enomoto served as emcee. Ronald Inouye played the piano and Harry Fujimoto the accordion during the entertainment portion of the dinner program.

### Over 500 attend winter carnival, deemed success

IDAHO FALLS. — Pres. Bud Sakaguchi attributed the success of the Idaho Falls JACL annual winter carnival to the able chairmanship of Eli Kobayashi, Mrs. Masao Tanaka, and Takashi Watanabe, and cooperation of all chapter members and local merchants, as some 500 persons attended the big event Jan. 17 at the Idaho Falls Armory.

Oriental box lunches, noodles, chow mein, and other refreshments appeased hungry appetites throughout the day. Concessions provided fun and entertainment for young and old.

In charge of the food were social chairmen Mrs. Deto Harada and Sach Mikami.

### Parlier Auxiliary plans calendar for year

PARLIER.—The 1959 calendar of events was planned at the Jan. 20 meeting of the Parlier JACL Auxiliary held at the Buddhist Church social hall. After the business meeting, Mrs. Oto Okamura demonstrated making almond roca candy. Mrs. Shiz Kimoto won the door prize. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Mary Kashiki.

## Nat'l JACL credit union declares 4½% dividend with 3% patronage refund

SALT LAKE CITY. — With over a 100 members in attendance, the National JACL Credit Union meeting last week was a huge success. A last minute change in meeting place to the Police Range club may have caused some inconveniences, but the buffet supper, business meeting, and dancing was enjoyed by all.

President S. Ushio of Murray, Utah presided at the business meeting and announced a dividend for 1958 of 4½ per cent and a 3 per cent patronage refund to those who paid interest on loans in 1958. Although 237 loans were made in 1958, totaling \$231,495.75, there still was funds available for loans, amounting to some \$75,000.

Hito Okada, treasurer, made a financial report and answered some of the questions that the questions that the members have asked from time to time, a comparative interest rates with other lending organizations, how interest is computed, and why there is no Federal Deposit Insurance on the share accounts.

At the election of officers, S. Ushio and S.C. Umemoto were elected to the board of directors, George Yoshimoto to the credit committee, and George Tamura to the supervisory committee.

At the board of directors meeting held during the dance, S. Ushio was elected president, Yukus Inouye of American Fork, Utah, vice president, and George Fujii of Murray, clerk. Hito Okada was elected as treasurer.

The annual meeting was co-chaired by George Fujii and S.C. Umemoto. The buffet supper was in charge of Mrs. Yoshie Fujii and the following were responsible for the deluxe pot-luck supper with the entree of roast turkey and baked ham. The committee consisted of:

Mmes. Mary Inouye, Momo Ushio, Yuki Namba, Marg Nishikawa, Alice Kuwahara, Hatsue Masuda, Maurea Terashima, Alice Kasai, Toni Ushio, Mary Umemoto, Chic Terashima, Grace Tasaka, Mary Matsumori, Doris Matsunaga, Sadie Yoshimura, Jeanne Konishi, Grace Kasai, Helen Oniki, Harriet Kimura, Amy Tomita, Rose Kanzaki, Shiz Sakai, Josie Hachiya, Amy Doi, Edythe Harada, Ruth Horiuchi, Ruth

Aoki, Kimiko Iwamoto, Chiyo Aoyama, Yasuko Imamoto, and Saeko Amano. Tsutomu Mitsui cooked the turkey and ham.

An error was reported in the 1958 profit and loss statement mailed to credit union members and corrected in the statement published in this week's Pacific Citizen. Correct amounts under "expenses" should read: Insurance and Bond, \$263.40; Utah State Credit Union dues, \$487.50; and Miscellaneous, \$343.64.

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 32,569.53	Accounts Payable	\$ 142.13
Personal Loans	245,005.55	Shares	365,019.43
Real Estate Loans	30,690.35	Guaranty Fund	7,652.85
Deposit in other credit union	75,000.00	1958 Undivided Earnings	15,956.28
Furn., fix., & eqmt.)	3,837.25		\$388,770.69
Total	\$5,051.26	Total Members	709
Less Depreciation	1,214.01	Total Borrowers	270
	\$3,837.25	Total number of loans made in 1958	237
Securities	1,132.81	Total amount loaned in 1958	\$231,495.75
Deferred charges	535.20		
	\$388,770.69		

#### Profit and Loss Statement 1958

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Interest received	\$ 26,099.84	Share & Loan Life Ins.	\$ 4,163.73
Delinquent charges	275.17	Office salaries	3,099.15
Other income	1,850.91	Office rent	300.00
	\$ 28,225.92	Telephone	123.69
		Postage	221.70
		Office supplies	481.83
		Advertising	40.00
		Legal	453.93
		Social Security	73.48
		Unemployment compensation	47.87
		Insurance & bond	263.40
		Depreciation	151.19
		Bank Examiner	152.00
		Utah State Credit Union dues	487.50
		Annual meeting	93.63
		Miscellaneous	343.64
			\$ 10,496.72
		1958 Net Profit	\$ 17,729.20

Respectfully submitted,  
HITO OKADA  
Treasurer



## By the Board

By Dr. James K. Nagatani, CCDC Chairman

Delano

Under the capable leadership of that amicable gentlemen from Selma, one George Abe, the 1958 Central California District Council completed its tour of duty with a highly successful New Year's Ball. This event chaired by the energetic Ben Nakamura and held at the Rainbow Ballroom in Fresno, makes the first year of sponsorship by the district. The 1958 Chapter of the Year Fresno American Loyalty League heretofore were sponsors. We are hoping this might be one means of getting back into solvency. The Fresno members should do no less with George Takaoka replacing Ben this year.

Most of the recently installed district and chapter officers are now in the process of outlining programs and activities for the year and are assigning members to various committees. The membership drive and the assistance in the alien registration are currently being emphasized. Other proposed projects range from fishing derbies and local picnics to participation with community as a whole in matters such as fund-raising campaign for the High School, helping youth organizations and giving scholarships, as reported by Frank Kimura of Reedley and Allan Matsumoto of Selma.

Since public relation on community level is being stressed, Selma and Reedley and other like chapters should be highly commended. Fowler, whose cabinet is headed by George Teraoka, has already met and publicized their plans. This chapter has always gone all out for cooperation with its community and in many instances has chaired city projects.

Special attention should be given Delano chapter, which spearheaded by Jeff Fukawa and assisted by Mas Satow and the District Council are making plans to meet with the Bakersfield Nisei group and discuss possibility of forming a new chapter early in February. Lots of luck!

Parlier, with John Kashiki at the helm, is meeting with young people of that area to lay ground work for possible Jr. JACL formation. We hope they will join the ranks with Tulare and Sanger in this respect.

Doug Yamada, in relating plans announces that the Tulare County chapter is enjoying its 25th year of active participation in JACL. With members like Kenji Tashiro, Hiro Mayeda, Tom Shimasaki, and more recently Jim Matsumura, on their roster, the chapter and CCDC have good reason to be proud.

Sanger chapter, where high-powered salesmen like Johnson Kebo and Tom Nakamura thrive, has elected Peter Hasegawa as the top man. Past prexy Larry Hikiji has been drafted to head the important district Jr. JACL movement which has been ably handled by Jim Matsumura (Tulare) for the past two years.

George Mochizuki presides over the Clovis chapter area, the ladies of which area were noted for their superior management of the Fashion Show at the District Convention.

Potentialities of this district council area are not complete until we have reviewed the officers in the CCDC cabinet. First vice chairman Fred Hirasuna who did so well as the toastmaster of the 1958 CCDC Convention will now be responsible for the entire convention this Dec. 6, at the Hacienda Motel. (no shinpai!) The task of National Fund Quota raising will be in the capable hand of Attorney Mikio Uchiyama, 2nd vice-chairman. Tak Naito from Reedley controls the purse string this year, while our loyal Toy Hoshiko (recipient of the Japanese American Creed award as a special recognition for her services) has consented to continue as recording secretary.

Versatile James Matsumura handles the public relations department. Ralph Kimoto and Ben Nakamura hold the offices of Historian and 1000 Club chairman respectively.

These, one and all, will be under the guidance and advisory capacity of past district chairmen George Abe and Kenji Tashiro.

To all this add the various committeemen and the membership in general and we have CCDC.

## SAN FRANCISCO SEEKING 1,200 MEMBERS FOR '59

SAN FRANCISCO. — Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Yo Hironaka, San Francisco JACL had close to 1,100 members enrolled in 1958 to lead the nation in chapter strength.

Re-elected first vice-president and in charge of the membership campaign again, Mrs. Hironaka this week announced a goal of 1,200 for 1959 with a staff of 99 workers soliciting during the month of February.

The drive will be conducted in the same manner as previously with 13 teams of seven members headed by the following team captains:

Jiro Arakawa, Hid Kasai, Mutt Matsumoto, Barbara Nagareda, Don Negi, Fred Obayashi, Katherine Reyes, Sam Sato, Yone Satoda, Naomi Shibata, Richard Tsutakawa, Chibi Yamamoto, Shig Yuzuriha.

A membership social in late February will climax the brief but hectic campaign with regular weekly captains' meetings to indicate the progress of the drive on Mondays.

Membership dues in the local chapter are \$3.50 per single, \$5.50 per couple, \$2 for students and \$25 for 1000 Club members.

Mrs. Muriel Tsvetkoff, nationally known educator and businesswoman in the better-business field, was announced as the guest speaker at the chapter installation dinner Feb. 6 at Sabella's Capri banquet room. She is presently serving as dean of women and assistant to the president of Golden Gate College.

Tickets for the dinner-dance may be obtained from board members or JACL Office at \$3.75 per person.

The chapter's ski club, headed by Tats Sumida and Helen Okubo, announced their first trip Feb. 6-8 will be at Reno Ski Bowl Saturday and at Soda Springs Sunday. Transportation leaves Skihaus, 131 Market St., on Friday, 6:30 p.m.

## Watsonville JACL to sponsor community picnic April 12, first since evacuation

WATSONVILLE.—The local JACL will sponsor a community-wide picnic April 12 for local Japanese American residents, the first of its kind since evacuation days, it was announced by Louis Hayashida, Watsonville chapter president.

The announcement was part of the 1959 calendar of activities decided at the first chapter meeting held Jan. 19 at the Buddhist Church conference room.

Tak Higuchi was appointed general chairman of the picnic and will select his committee soon.

### Membership Push

The chapter is presently conducting its 1959 membership drive with Masato Tsudama as chairman. Each district captain was expected to conclude his drive by Feb. 20. The usual dinner for captains and cabinet members to celebrate the conclusion of the membership campaign is also on tap.

Among city-wide events in which the chapter will participate are the March of Dimes dinner, cancer drive in April and local Fourth of July celebration.

The chapter will also organize a blood bank for the Japanese community this year. The chapter's \$200 scholarship will be offered again to the 1959 high school graduate selected by the scholarship committee.

Other events on the calendar include a benefit movie July 3, and a Fourth of July dance.

### Board of Governors

Six members asked to serve on the Board of Governors are Min Hamada, Kenzo Yoshida, Shig Hirano, Fred Nitta, Tom Nakase and Bob Nakase. The chapter also de-

## Cortez JACLers to hold installation dinner

MODESTO. — The annual Cortez JACL installation dinner honoring the 1959 officers led by Frank Yoshida, president, will be held at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow here at the El Patio, 1309 McHenry Ave.

## Southwest L.A. JACL to observe Brotherhood Week with B'nai B'rith

During national Brotherhood month to be observed in February, the Southwest L.A. JACL will participate in a program Feb. 17, 8:30 p.m., at Factor Hall, 6075 W. Pico Blvd., sponsored by the Olympic B'nai B'rith Chapter 625, it was announced this week by Fred Yasunaga, special events vice-president.

The chapter has secured the services of Shigeko Inuma, lyric soprano, to represent the talent of Japanese Americans at the Brotherhood observance.

## Two mayors guests for Fremont fete

FREMONT. — The annual installation dinner of the Fremont JACL will be held at the International Kitchen Jan. 31, 7 p.m., according to Henry Kato, chairman.

Tom Kitayama, now mayor of the newly formed Union City, will be among guests for the evening. The other guests are Mayor and Mrs. Michael Overacker and City Manager and Mrs. Howard Reese, both of Fremont, and Kee Kitayama, president of Eden Township JACL.

Reese will be main speaker at this program.

Newly elected chapter officers will be installed by Mayor Overacker during the evening.

Assisting Kato in arrangements for the dinner are Mrs. Ace Handa and Mrs. Dorothy Kato.

## Selma Auxiliary to head annual chapter potluck

SELMA.—The annual Selma JACL potluck dinner has been planned for Saturday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m., at the Selma Hall. The chapter auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Jean Abe, will be in charge. An entertainment program is also on tap.

## East L.A. chapter reveals calendar

Four-hundred regular members and 35 1000 Clubbers are goals for East Los Angeles JACL, according to Mas Hayashi, chapter membership chairman, who announced the campaign opened this week.

At the same, the chapter calendar for the year was disclosed by the chapter newsletter, East L.A. Mimeo Memo, as follows:

February—Brotherhood Week program.

Feb. 22—Snow Hike (tentative).

Feb. 26—General meeting, International Institute.

Mar. 21—Benefit dance (locale undecided).

Mar. 26—General meeting.

Mar. 29—Easter Egg Hunt.

Apr. 25—Membership dinner-dance.

May—Emerald Ball.

May 7—General meeting.

June 14—Family picnic (tentative).

June 25—General meeting.

July—Fishing derby, potluck beach party, 1000 Club swimming party.

August—Joint luau with Long Beach JACL.

September—Big Bear outing.

Sept. 10—General meeting.

Oct. 10-11—International Days, International Institute.

Oct. 22—General meeting.

Oct. 31—Hallowe'en dinner-dance.

November—Christmas Cheer benefit, Issei Appreciation Night.

Dec. 10—Election meeting.

The first general membership meeting was held yesterday at International Institute with Roy Yamadera, president, in charge. Rose Shinmoto, social chairman, assisted.

Chapter dues for East L.A. JACL are as follows: \$3.50 per member, \$6 per couple.

## JACL CHAPTER ELECTS FIRST ISSEI PRESIDENT

Gongoro Nakamura, prominent Li'l Tokio civic leader and among the first naturalized Issei citizens here, was elected 1959 president of the Downtown L.A. JACL last week. Thus, it has claimed the distinction of having the first Issei chapter president.

Nakamura was the president of the powerful Central Japanese Association in the pre-evacuation days which was the federation of Japanese associations of Southern California. He also has served as the president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California in the post-evacuation period. He is presently one of the advisors of the Chamber of Commerce.

He is one of the first Issei to become naturalized in the Los Angeles area. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California Law School. If he had been a citizen, he would have been a member of the California bar, he has said in the past.

### Second in Command

One of his vice presidents is Katsuma Mukaeda, another naturalized Issei. He has held many important positions among the Issei organizations in the pre-evacuation days. In the prewar days, he was president of the Japanese Association. He served as president of the present Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California. Also, he has been the secretary of the Japan America Society of Los Angeles for many years and is the chairman of the Cultural Section of the Chamber of Commerce.

Another first being claimed by the chapter is naming the first official chaplain of any JACL group. Father Clement of Maryknoll Mission, 1000 Club member, will be, as far as is known, the first official ecclesiastic of the organization. (Nisei clergymen have served in various chapter capacities in the past as cabinet members or committeemen.)

Other members of the cabinet that have been named so far are: Matao Uwate, program and publicity; Henry Mori, membership; Yoichi Nakase, youth work; Merijane Yokoe, social; Lily Otera, sec.; Frank Omatsu, treas.; Ted Okumoto, aud.; Paul Takeda, pub. rel.; and Frank Suzukida, ex officio.

Members of the 1000 Club Committee will include George Kuniyoshi and Jim Watamura. Others will be named to this important committee at a later date.

## Sonoma County chapter plans Feb. 14 crab feed

SANTA ROSA. — Following its most successful installation dinner held earlier this month, the 1959 activities of the Sonoma County JACL gets underway on Saturday, Feb. 14 for a crab feed at the local Memorial Hall starting at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner arrangements are being made by George Kawaoka and Jim Miyano. Members are asked to call Mrs. Pat Shimizu, George Kawaoka or Ed Ohki before Feb. 7 for reservations so that arrangements can be made. A large crowd is anticipated by those in charge.

## Sat Yamada to head Sequoia JACLers

REDWOOD CITY. — Sat Yamada, local florist, was elected to succeed Tom Yamane as Sequoia JACL president. Plans are now underway to hold the annual installation dinner with Hid Kashima and Floyd Kumagai as co-chairmen.

Other cabinet members are Sak Okamura, 1st v.p.; Howard Uyeda, 2nd v.p.; June Sugimoto, treas.; Dot Fugihara, rec. sec.; June Kumagai, cor. sec.; Pete Kashima, hist.; Bill Yamamoto, pub.; Kiyo Nishiura, del.; Hunter Doi, Minoru Okamoto, alt. del.; Tom Yamane, Pete Nakahara, ex-officio.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY:

### Foreign Military Service

This is the ninth in a series of articles prepared by the Los Angeles Social Security District Office to explain the changes made this past year in the Nation's Social Security Law.

Ever since 1946, the Social Security Law has allowed credit for periods of military service during the World War II period. Any person who was in service during the war years received credit the same as if he had been working and earning wages of \$160 a month for every month of active service. (This rule applied to almost all servicemen in the armed forces during World War II—the only exception was career military personnel who were discharged prior to 1957 and who were receiving pensions from their particular branch of service).

However, inquiries have been made about this "military service credit" from persons who, very patriotically, entered the service of one of our allies before the United States actually declared war. They wondered why they could not also receive some credit.

As an example, there was the case of the man we shall call Jonathon McKay. He was of Canadian extraction, although born in the United States. He had always lived in America, but when war broke out in Europe, he decided that it was his patriotic duty to join the Canadian Air Force. He joined in January of 1940 and served until after the end of the war. Jonathan is 60 now and most of his work has not been covered by Social Security. In fact, on the basis of his present earnings record, he could not qualify for any benefits at age 65. He asks, "Can I receive credit for my service during the war with the Canadian Royal Air Force?"

Up until now, the answer would have been "no". But the new changes allow for Social Security protection to Jonathon and his buddies. The provisions are rather stringent, but they do apply to persons in Jonathon's category.

(1) If a person was an American citizen and resided in the United States for 4 out of 5 years prior to entering the service of a foreign country and if,

(2) This foreign country was on September 16, 1940 at war with a country that later became an enemy of the United States, and if

(3) He entered military service prior to Pearl Harbor Day (December 7, 1941) he may receive credit under Social Security for the time he was in military service of such foreign country.

Therefore, although Jonathan worked very little under Social Security, he will probably be able to receive payments at retirement age on the basis of his service for an ally of the United States.

Because of the rather strict definition of this particular phase of the Social Security Law, practically the only persons who would qualify are those who entered either the Canadian, English or French forces prior to America's entrance into World War II.

## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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by the Judiciary Committees, the workhorse groups to which more than half of all the bills and resolutions dropped into the congressional hoppers are referred.

The various subcommittees have not been organized in either the House or the Senate as yet, but appointments are expected to be completed by the end of February at the latest.

Last session's 8-7 margin for the Democrats has been increased to 10-5 in the Senate. Although Mississippi's James O. Eastland remains as chairman, two of the so-called liberals who won in the last elections—Senators Thomas J. Dowd of Connecticut and Philip A. Hart of Michigan—have been added to the Democratic side, and Senator Thomas E. Martin of Iowa to the GOP minority. (Keating has swapped positions with Martin.) These three additions give some reason to hope that civil rights legislation, bottled up in the last Congress by the Southern-Conservative GOP coalition in this committee, may be reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

On the House side, the 18-14 majority that prevailed a year ago has been increased to 21-11. New York's Emanuel Celler remains as chairman, and Pennsylvania's Francis E. Walter as its ranking member. New Democratic members of interest to JACL include Wisconsin's Robert W. Kastenmeier, whose administrative assistant is Kaz Oshiki, active JACLer of the Washington, D.C. chapter, and California's George A. Kasen, who replaced Patrick J. Hillings who unsuccessfully ran for State's Attorney General last November. On the GOP side, H. Allen Smith, also of California, is among the newcomers to this committee.

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## Sacramento JACL pinfest Feb. 13-15 on handicap basis

SACRAMENTO. — The 11th annual Sacramento JACL bowling tournament, one of Northern California's five major Nisei bowling events, will be held Feb. 13-15 at South Bowl, according to Shig Sakamoto, Sacramento Nisei Bowling Assn. publicist.

The handicap tourney, which annually attracts 50 teams from various parts of Northern California and the Bay region, will award special scratch prizes. One prize is assured for every 10 entries with \$200 for the first place team guaranteed, Sakamoto said.

South Bowl, 5005 Stockton Blvd., has 24 lanes and is fully equipped with automatic pinsetters.

The entry fee for the tournament has been set at \$5 per man per event with \$1 for all-events optional. Handicaps will be based on two-thirds of 200 average with the minimum at 150. All prize fees are to be returned.

Bowlers participating in this tournament will base their entering average on the highest known current average as of Jan. 15, 1959, made in 21 games or more. Five-pin rules will prevail.

Deadline for the tournament sign-up is Saturday, Jan. 31.

Bob Watanabe, the tournament chairman, stressed that all players entering this tournament must be bonafide members of the JACL. Signature of local JACL chapter president must be secured to verify names of the participants.

The tournament is being co-sponsored with the local JACL by the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Assn.

## AAU commissioner post given 2 Nisei

OAKLAND. — Two Nisei were among 25 appointed 1959 commissioners by the Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union last week by Art Olsen of Oakland, association president.

Ted Ohashi, varsity guard for Coach Nibs Price's Univ. of California cage teams in the 1930s, was named volleyball commissioner. He is currently physical director of the Oakland Central YMCA.

Yosh Uchida, San Jose State College judo coach, was named judo commissioner. Under his tutelage, San Jose State has competed in many tournaments and produced a number of champions including Lyle Hunt, onetime AAU grand champion.

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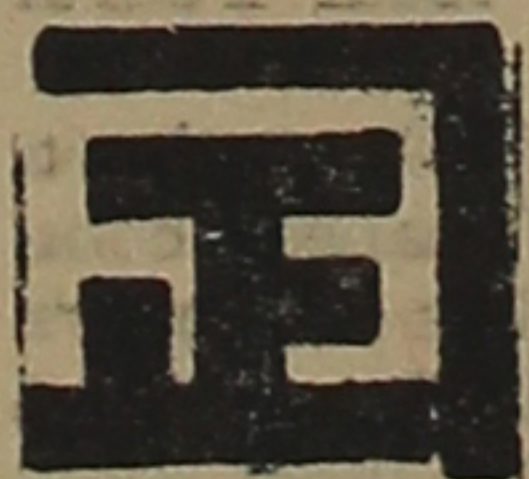
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P.A. Shibata is the newly-elected club president.

## Long Beach 1000er cited for promoting kendo

Dr. Gordon Warner, assistant professor of education at Long Beach State College (and a 1000 Clubber), was recently cited by the Japan Defense College for his contributions in the art of kendo in a special ceremony held at the Los Angeles office of Japanese Consul General Yukio Hasumi.

The first non-Japanese to attain the shodan rank in 1939, he has sought to promote goodwill between the U.S. and Japan through the art of Japanese fencing.

## Gardena Valley bowler wind up two-week meet

First-week leaders in the eighth annual Gardena Valley Nisei Invitational bowling tournament in most of the handicap and scratch events withstood the second-week assault last Sunday at Gardena Bowl.

Only changes were men's scratch singles (Jim Sakata 654), scratch all-events (Lloyd Hahn 1869) and the mixed doubles (Min Kato-Ruby Hasegawa 1101-144-1245).

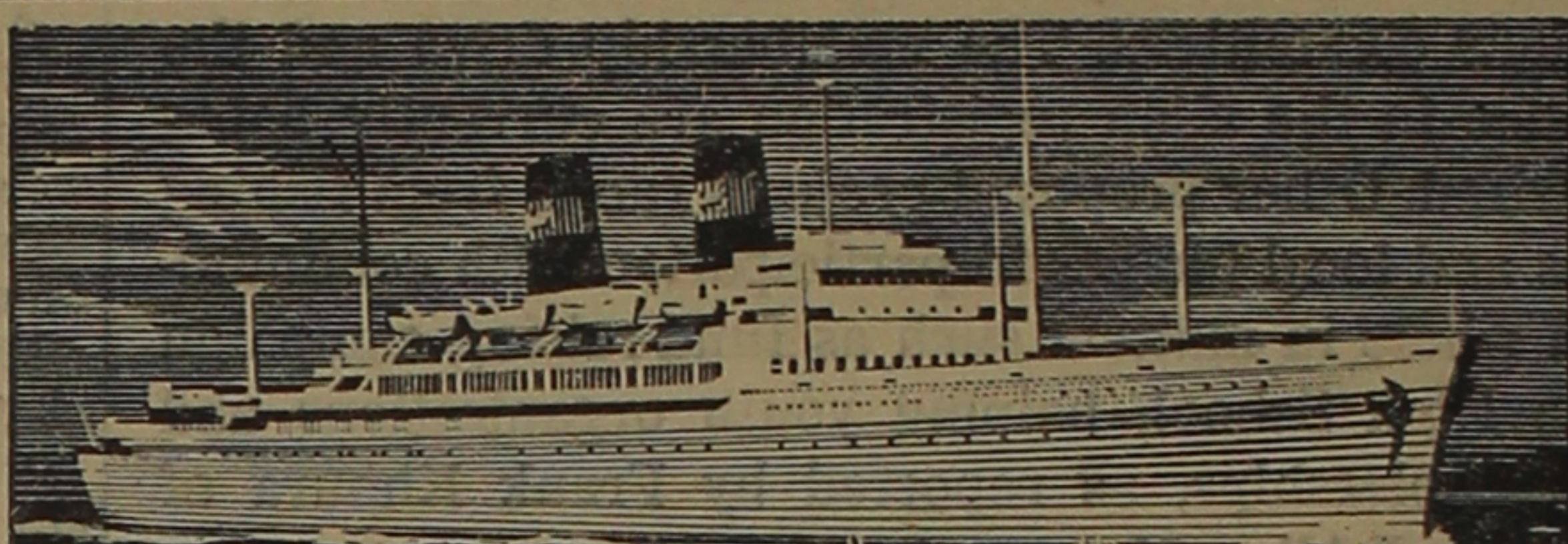
## Eleven in 600 series

Eleven men bowling in the Nisei Classic League Thursdays at Holiday Bowl last week entered the charmed circle of 600 series paced by George Yasukochi's 653.

## New organization—

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Regular Army Colonel, James M. Hanley, World War II commander of the 2nd battalion of the 442nd shows pictures of the Italian and French campaigns that he had printed from Pentagon files. The collection of some 200 prints was presented to the Seattle Nisei Vets. Past commanders pictured here are Shiro Kashino ('47), Keiji Sato, Richard Naito ('58), Joe Nakatsu ('52), Albert Ichihara ('48), Richard Setsuda ('49), Col. Hanley, William Nishimura ('56), Pat Hagiwara ('57), Harry Kataoka ('55).



## THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

### Priceless Photographs

Seattle

Just as there was something very special about being a member of 442nd during the World War II unpleasantness, so is there something very special about being a veteran of that outfit.

The close bonds of comradeship fused in the crucible of arduous combat is all the more pronounced when one considers the characteristics of a homogeneous segregated combat organization, the members of which retain their identity throughout the years.

It is to gain a better understanding when one who was just a common-place "integrated" member of an ordinary unit, can sit in on a reunion of the Go for Brokers and hear them recall incidents and experiences shared by many in the same room. Some recollections are grim and thought provoking, some whimsical, some hilarious, and it all makes for a very special type of fraternity, so closely tied together in the present as they were in the past.

As the years go by, it is easy to see that the commanding officers of the Nisei combat unit have a special friendship affection and respect for the dog faces which were under their command.

We could see it when Colonel Hanley and Captain Rodarme (later killed in Korea) came here for a three day celebration in 1949, the several times General Pence passed through Seattle, always looking up his boys. The 442 was only a small part of General Mark Clark's command yet he singled its veterans out for a special honor when visiting Seattle couple years back.

Last week, Colonel Hanley, 2nd battalion commander of the 442nd, stopped over in Seattle while on army business and looked up the boys. This time he brought some 200 pictures of the 442 in Shelby, Italy and the Vosges Mountains which he had selected as the best from Signal Corps files. With due ceremony and festivity, the historical pics were handed over to historian Lefty Ichihara at his home where a group of past commanders of the local club gathered.

At one point while the group was scanning the great pile of prints and picking out Seattleites, we looked up to see Colonel perusing couple copies of the Pacific Citizen, and tried to read the heads from across the room to get an idea what issue. When he started to read, "Mike Masaoka, national director of the Citizens League, inducted . . ." we became aware that the publishing date was 1944 and the copies came from the Colonel's brief case.

The Colonel must have kept his command post right up in the front line from the description of things. For example, when a circumstance was recalled wherein one of the members became a statistic, it so frequently turned out that he was right there, and showed a remarkable memory for names.

There were characters who paid no attention to orders, but dashed off in the general direction of the enemy fighting their own war.

On the serious side, the Colonel had a six point discourse on why the 442 exhibited the characteristics it did. He pointed out that the regiment had but one general court martial case which involved the accidental shooting of an Italian civilian during a brawl, and challenged any one to find a single combat squad in the rest of the Army which didn't have a general court martial on its record.

He revealed his secret weapon when an individual 442 GI was getting out of line. He threatened to write the soldier's father. It always worked.

Everyone hated to see the party break up, late as it was, but all the members, we're sure, extend their thanks for the priceless pictures.

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Akira, Bill N. (Sadami Tanaka)—girl  
Candace Fusaye, Nov. 12.  
Aoyama, Chikara (Misa Hatayama)—  
boy Peter Jiro, Nov. 15.  
Delgado, Carlos (Takako Tamaki)—  
girl Naomi, Nov. 13.  
Hamamatsu, Henry (Yuki A. Uno)—  
boy David, Nov. 7.  
Hayata, Hiro (Tokiko Nakamura)—  
girl Donna Aiko, Oct. 28.  
Masuda, Frank (Toshiko Kudo)—boy  
David Keiji, Nov. 15.  
Miyasaka, Noboru (Riyeko Matsumoto)—  
girl Susette Hisano, Nov. 12.  
Numamoto, Richard (Esther Hayano)—  
boy Richard D., Nov. 6.  
Sugimoto, Jack (Yoko Sugimoto)—boy  
Mike Tadashi, Nov. 11.  
Takahashi, Tamotsu (Ruty Kamitaki)—  
boy Gary, Nov. 10.  
Yamaminami, Seichi (Kazuko Shiro-  
ishi)—boy Leo Masashi, Nov. 14.  
**ORANGE COUNTY**  
Matsuda, Tadao (Kazuko Asari)—girl  
Peggy A., Dec. 8, Santa Ana.  
Nagahama, Suvejiro (Tomi Makise)—  
girl Denise Midori, Nov. 5, Santa  
Ana.

### DEATHS

Abe, Ukichi, 79: Portland, Jan. 13.  
Saito, Yoshinaga, 78: Long Beach, Jan.  
10.  
Sasaki, Saburo: Portland, Jan. 13.  
Sata, Mrs. Ito, 63: Salt Lake City,  
Jan. 12.  
Taketa, Harry T., 51: San Jose, Jan.  
12—(w) Miyeko, (s) Grayson, (d)  
Donna, (b) Haruo.

### Gilroy Nisei selected 'outstanding farmer'

GILROY. — Competing for the state title is Robert Kishimura, 27, who recently was named Gilroy's outstanding young farmer by the local Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

### Seattle JACL installation party locale undetermined

SEATTLE. — Although a place is yet to be determined, the 1959 Seattle JACL installation party will be held on Friday, Feb. 27.

### HAWAIIAN SINGER IN HOLLYWOOD NITERY DEBUT

Ethel Azama made her mainland debut as a singer at the Ye Little Club here and should do okay throughout her nine-week perch, notes Daily Variety. In the vocal style of Pat Suzuki, the Hawaiian Nisei belts out ballads and show tunes in real pro style. "She's a cute little chirp that looks as if she'll make some headway in the nitery circuit," the critic added. She records for Liberty.

### ISHIMARU PENS ARTICLE FOR TRADE MAGAZINE

SAN FRANCISCO. — Haruo Ishimaru, district manager of West Coast Life Insurance, authored Financial Planning for Business Man in the current issue of Insurance Salesman, largest trade magazine of its kind in the country. The article reviews tested methods for estate conservation and business continuation programs.

### 300 DETROIT CLERS ATTEND NEW YEAR PARTY

On New Year's Eve, some 300 Detroiters celebrated the coming of 1959 at the American Legion Hall in downtown Detroit. Hundreds of balloons were cascaded down from the ceiling to add to the merriment at midnight. Third vice president Al Hatate was chairman of the event.

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## 13th Americanization class conducted by Chicago JACL-JASC holds commencement

CHICAGO. — Commencement exercises for the 13th Americanization class of a series started and sponsored by the Japanese American Service Committee of Chicago and the Chicago JACL in cooperation with the local Board of Education was held Jan. 13 at the JASC auditorium.

Those receiving their certificate of completion from Mrs. Helen Lynch, speaker of the evening and Director of Americanization Section of the Chicago Board of Education were:

Keiko Chancellor, Natsuko Dean, Kimiyo Higley, Sachi Kakita, Tamaki Karagas, Kazuko Mertzen, Mitsuko Miller, Miwa Miyake, Jitsuiichi Miyazawa, Risaku Nagasawa, Nami Okamoto, Miekko Pinson, Hisae Pittelkan, Masako Ritter, Kikue Shikami, Masako Sterling, Kyoko Sugano, and Kintaro Yogi.

Greetings were extended by Kenji Nakane, instructor, Corky Kawa-

saki of the JASC, and Hiro Mayeda of the JACL. Tomonao Iino was toastmaster.

It was revealed that of over 1,300 graduates of these classes, not one had failed their final examination with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and all had attained their goal of American citizenship.

## Sonoma Cty. slates busy '59 calendar

SANTA ROSA. — In what local veteran JACL leaders described as one of the smoothest changeovers in administration took place at the January meeting of the Sonoma County JACL Chapter held Jan. 9 at the Memorial Hall.

Outgoing president Frank Oda presided over the unfinished chapter business while Edwin Ohki, incoming president, assumed the chair to discuss new business.

The various chapter activities scheduled for 1959 were discussed and voted upon by the membership as follows:

Feb. 14—Crab Feed, Jim Miyano and George Kawaoka, co-chmn.  
Mar. 13-14—Benefit Dinner, Tak Kameoka, chmn.  
May 30—Memorial Day Service (Tentative).  
June (Dates to be announced)—Graduates Social, JACL Bowling League Awards Dinner.  
July 5—Community Picnic, George Yokoyama, Martin Shimizu & Lloyd Ellis, co-chmn.  
August—Auxiliary function to be announced.  
Sept. 5—1000 Club Swimming Party, Frank Oda, chmn.  
Sept. 27—Benefit Fishing Derby, George Hamamoto, chmn.  
Oct. 16-17—Benefit Movie, Iwazo Hamamoto, chmn.  
Oct. 25—Nisei G.I. Memorial Service; (Dates to be announced) Bowling League Tournament.  
Dec. 12—Auxiliary Christmas Party; Final Fishing Derby, George Yokoyama, chmn.

In addition to the program scheduled other activities will be added, Ohki stated.

### Membership Drive

Meanwhile, the 1959 membership campaign has also got off to an early start with one third of its members already renewed. In the past years, the membership drive did not begin until the new officers were installed in January. In an effort to exceed last year's total membership of 307, a most extensive and systematic membership drive is being conducted. Should this year's membership drive committee succeed in exceeding last year's total, it will be the eighth successive year in which the chapter has exceeded its previous membership roll total. The house-to-house canvass began Jan. 12 under the co-chairmanship of Martin Shimizu, George Yokoyama and Lloyd Ellis. Fifteen members will assist in this solicitation, chapter president Ed Ohki stated.

The chapter membership report meeting, originally scheduled for Feb. 6, has been postponed to Feb. 13 to allow more time for the 15 solicitors now engaged in a house-to-house canvass for JACL members and Pacific Citizen subscribers.

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## Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

### Congressional Committees

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**THE HEART OF** legislative process is the standing congressional committees—20 in the House and 15 in the Senate. It is in these working units—first in the subcommittees and then later in the full or parent committees—that legislation to be considered by both the House and Senate is given direction and hammered out in detail. Accordingly, political, economic, and social philosophies of the majority are imprinted on bills that are reported out to be debated and voted. And, in most instances, the House and Senate accept without any major revisions the recommendations of their respective committees.

**WHILE THERE MAY** have been hopes that last November's "liberal-moderate" upheaval would result in some sensational changes in committee line-ups, with possibly one or two exceptions at most, the same majority of thinking that dominated these committees last session will again control this biennium.

Except for the House Interior and Insular Affairs and House Foreign Relations Committees, the 35 committee chairmen will be the same as in the last Congress. Moreover, since chairmanships of the various subcommittees are assigned on the basis of seniority, as well as membership on these subcommittees, administrative operation of both the full committees and subcommittees remain in the same hands as those that guided them in the 85th Congress. Freshmen representatives and senators occupy the lowest seniority posts on these committees and subcommittees. As a matter of fact, they count themselves as extremely fortunate if they are assigned to committees which deal with legislation that most vitally affects their constituents.

Nevertheless, for JACL and for every other organization concerned with general objectives and specific bills, revised memberships of the various committees that consider legislation of special importance are of vital consequence.



### Hawaiian Statehood

**ONE OF THE** first major bills to be considered this session may well be statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii, long one of JACL's top legislative objectives.

This past Monday (Jan. 26), the full 31-member House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs opened public hearings on bills to extend statehood to Hawaii. Last week, the full Committee decided that in interests of time it would conduct hearings, rather than its Subcommittee on Territories. At the same time, the new Chairman, Wayne N. Aspinall of Colorado—who succeeded to the chairmanship when Clair Engle won election last November as California's junior senator—relinquished the chairman's role for these hearings to Leo W. O'Brien of New York, who in the last Congress was chairman of the Territories Subcommittee.

In the 85th Congress, there were 17 Democrats and 14 Republicans on this committee. This session, there are 19 Democrats and 12 Republicans. Aside from a new chairman, the ranking minority or Republican member is John P. Saylor of Pennsylvania, a long-time champion of Hawaiian statehood, who replaced Dr. A.L. Miller of Nebraska, who was defeated in an upset last November. The most outspoken foe of statehood in the past several Congresses, John R. Pillion of New York, was assigned to the powerful Appropriations Committee at his request, so opposition to the Pacific Territory at least in the committee should be less this session than last. New Democratic members include D.S. (Judge) Saund of California, the first person of Asian ancestry to be elected to the Congress who delivered the inspiring challenge at the National JACL Convention Banquet in Salt Lake City last August, and Ralph J. Rivers of Alaska, first congressman to represent the 49th State that was only admitted last year. Bob Wilson joins fellow GOPster Craig Hosmer as California Republicans on this committee. Democrat B.F. Sisk, also of California, retains his seat, giving the Golden State four votes on this important-to-California and the West committee.

Non-voting-Delegate John A. Burns hopes that by next session (1960) Hawaii will have a regular representative on this committee.

On the Senate side, the 8-7 majority enjoyed by the Democrats last Congress has increased to 10-5. New Democrats on this committee are Senators Ernest Gruening of the newly admitted State of Alaska and Frank E. Moss of Utah. The only new GOP member is New York's Kenneth B. Keating. (He was shifted this week to the Judiciary Committee, since he served for ten years in the House on that committee and was its ranking minority member last session. Senator Thomas Martin of Iowa is replacing Keating.) California's Thomas H. Kuchel, who was on the committee in the last Congress, has moved up to become the second ranking GOP member, while also gaining a coveted seat on the Appropriations Committee and being elected Minority Whip, which is equivalent to Assistant to the Republican Floor Leader.

Although its Subcommittee on Territories has not been organized as yet, it is expected that Washington's Senator Henry M. Jackson will be reappointed as its chairman. Both he and full Committee Chairman, James E. Murray of Montana, are advocates of statehood for Hawaii. Nevada's George Malone, ranking GOP member last session and a leading opponent, was defeated.



### Judiciary Committees

**MOST OF THE** legislation that concerns JACL—such as civil rights, immigration, evacuation claims, etc.—is considered

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## QUICK ACTION SOUGHT ON HAWAII STATEHOOD, BY END OF SESSION

WASHINGTON.—Speedy congressional action to make Hawaii the 50th state during the first Session of this Congress appeared likely this past week with an important push last week from the House special subcommittee, which returned from the Islands in December after a 15-day journey.

Headed by Rep. Leo W. O'Brien, upstate New York Democrat, the subcommittee presented to the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee a new finding that the territory is "entitled to statehood by every fair test and precedent".

The special subcommittee report declared Hawaiians "ready to admit that communism in the Islands existed but we learned that they abhor it as we do and are meeting its evil challenges as capably as do people and government in the 49 states."

Taking a long look at communism, the subcommittee thoroughly checked the leadership, rank and file of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union headed by Harry Bridges. Known Communists have not attained high territorial offices and "union support seems to have gone primarily to liberal candidates... without seeming regard to political affiliations of the candidate," the report stated. In the strike

that tied up Hawaiian ports in 1956, it asserted two-thirds of the union's more than 20,000 members refused to join it.

The subcommittee was informed that FBI investigations and federal court convictions under the Smith Act had "crippled" the Communist apparatus and it would remain "crippled".

Introduction by Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.), chairman of the Senate Insular Affairs Committee, of the Hawaiian statehood bill Jan. 9 was co-sponsored by at least 51 other senators — exactly twice the number who joined in a similar bill in the 85th Congress.

### Calif. Senate labor committee appointed, foresee FEPC bill OK

Satisfaction with the appointment of the State Senate Labor Committee was expressed today by the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices, which pointed out that in the previous legislature the Labor Committee had killed the proposed law for a fair employment practices commission.

"We feel certain that the newly appointed members of the Senate Labor Committee will give the FEPC bill a fair hearing," declared a statement issued jointly by C.L. Dellums, chairman of the California Committee for FEP, William Becker, State Secretary, and Max Mont, Southern California coordinator.

"We feel confident they will make no effort to bury the bill in committee, as was done in 1957," they said. "On the basis of their past record it can be concluded that a majority of the committee will favor FEPC bill."

Members of the Senate named to its Labor Committee are: Montgomery (D), chmn.; Hollister (D), v.c.; Richards (D), Short (D), Teale (D), Byrne (R), Williams (R).

AB 91, the FEPC measure, is expected quickly to clear the Assembly by a vote in excess of the 61-15 vote by which it passed in 1957. It will then be assigned to the Senate Labor Committee when it goes to the Senate side.

The California Committee for FEP has mounted a drive to reach every county in the State, in order to obtain a heavy majority of Senators in support of the bill.

### FEPC meeting

FRESNO. — A leadership conference for FEPC has been scheduled for Feb. 14, 10 a.m., at the Hacienda Motel here. Representatives from all organizations supporting the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices will attend.

### ASSEMBLES ENGINE IN HOUSE, TOO HEAVY TO MOVE

Kenny Nishikawa, mechanically minded son of Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles, dutifully began assembling a rebuilt '49 Oldsmobile engine part by part in his upstairs bedroom recently. Now that it's finished, it's too heavy for them to carry out to the garage.

## Introduce Utah civil rights bill

SALT LAKE CITY. — With the lid removed from the State legislative hopper, Rep. Adam M. Duncan (R., Salt Lake) last week introduced a bill which would bar racial discrimination in public places.

The civil rights bill states that "all persons within the jurisdiction of this state are entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges (at all) places of public accommodation and amusement."

The bill would make violation of the law a civil offense—allowing a person damaged by discrimination to sue "for damages in an amount not less than \$100..."

The measure, which was introduced in the previous session, has been referred to the Committee of Ten for study. Salt Lake JACL is among local organizations supporting the measure.

Rupert Hachiya, past chapter president, spoke last week on "Civil Rights Problems in Utah" at the monthly meeting of the Murray Men's Fellowship in Murray Baptist Church.

### Calif. civil rights

SAN FRANCISCO. — Legislation to broaden the civil rights section of the California Civil Code was introduced last week by State Assemblyman John A. Busterud (R., San Francisco), who sought to outlaw discrimination in all places of public accommodation or amusement, whether specifically mentioned in the present statute or not.

## Chinese American judge appointed to vacancy on L.A. municipal bench

Delbert E. Wong, 38, deputy state attorney general in the Los Angeles office, last Friday became the first Chinese American judge in the continental United States when Gov. Brown appointed him to the municipal bench. He will be sworn in today.

The Hanford-born judge was named to fill the unexpired term of Judge F. Ray Bennett, who was recently elevated to the Superior Court. The term has two years to run. (There is a parallel to be noted as Judge John Aiso was the first mainland Nisei to be appointed to the bench to fill a vacancy.)

Wong is a 1942 Univ. of California graduate, flew 30 missions as a bomber navigator during World War II and was awarded the Dis-

tinguished Flying Cross. After graduation from Stanford Law School in 1948, he was deputy legislative counsel in Sacramento and appointed a deputy attorney general in Los Angeles in 1952. A Democrat, he is a past president of the Los Angeles Chinatown Optimists and a national director of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. Married and with three children, they live at 2416 W. Silver Lake Drive.

### RENO JACLER NOW PART-OWNER OF BAR

RENO. — Fred Aoyama, active JACler, mixes his business interest but well. He co-owns the Oasis Bar and Coachcraft, Inc., an auto-body shop. Topsy drivers—banged fenders, y'know.

## Statehood—

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activities on behalf of human rights and better understanding between Japan and the United States.

Full committee chairman Wayne Aspinall of Colorado, acting chairman for Hawaiian statehood Leo O'Brien of New York, and Al Ullman of Oregon, all Democrats, praised Masaoka for his eloquent testimony and commented on the remarkable record of the Japanese Americans in this country in every aspect of good citizenship.

Democratic Congressman D.S. Saund, also of California, referred to the last National JACL Convention when he was honored by the organization. He said that if the Japanese Americans of Hawaii measured up to the Japanese Americans on the Mainland—and he was sure they did—they would make even greater contributions to the United States under statehood than they have under territorial status.

Democratic Congressman Thomas G. Rivers of the new state of Alaska declared that he understood the desires of Hawaiians to be given equal status with their fellow Americans because he knew how Alaskans felt about this same proposition.

### Polls Favor Statehood

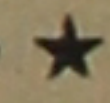
Republican Congressman Gardner R. Winthorpe of Wisconsin questioned Masaoka as to whether the people of Hawaii really desired statehood. Masaoka replied that by every election and poll for the past ten years and more the people had expressed themselves overwhelmingly for statehood.

New York's Democratic Congressman Adam Clayton Powell endorsed Masaoka's views on the effect of statehood on American prestige throughout the world. He added that statehood would also deprive Communism of one of its most effective arguments in Southeast Asia. Nebraska's freshman Democratic Congressman Donald McGinley, while endorsing statehood, requested that although such information should not be necessary, nevertheless since the question would probably be raised by statehood opponents it would be best to be frank about it and make it an affirmative and not a negative point.

When Democratic Delegate John Burns of Hawaii congratulated Masaoka for his contribution to the cause of statehood, Masaoka paid tribute to him for his leadership in the statehood drive and for his support and understanding of Japanese Americans during the early days of World War 2 which enabled Japanese Americans everywhere to subsequently demonstrate their loyalty and allegiance to this country in an unprecedented manner. Masaoka closed his testimony by declaring that by every standard the Hawaiian people have earned the right to equality and statehood and that any delay constituted a continual denial of justice to deserving fellow Americans.



## CALENDAR



**Jan. 31 (Saturday)**  
Fremont—Installation dinner, International Kitchen, 7 p.m.  
Cortez—Installation dinner, El Patio, Modesto, 6:30 p.m.  
Ventura County—Installation dinner, Colonial House, Oxnard, 6:30 p.m.;  
Tats Kushida, spkr.  
Mt. Olympus—Annual Boys' Meeting, Murray Hi-Tone Club, 9 p.m.  
Alameda—Installation dinner, Yamato Sukiya, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Coordinating Council—Installation dance, Ole Dixie's, 4269 S. Western Ave.

**Feb. 1 (Sunday)**  
NC-WNDC—Quarterly session, Stockton and French Camp JACL hosts.  
Stockton—Installation dinner, Pump Room (conjunction with NC-WNDC session.)

**Feb. 2 (Monday)**  
Hollywood—Executive board meeting, home of the Art Itos.

**Feb. 6 (Friday)**  
Orange County—25th any. Installation dinner - dance, Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.

**San Francisco** — Installation dinner-dance, Sabella's Fisherman's Wharf.  
**Feb. 6-8**  
San Francisco—Ski club outing at Reno and Soda Springs.

**Feb. 7 (Saturday)**  
Selma—Potluck dinner, Selma Hall, 6 p.m.  
Salt Lake City—Issei Night, Kiwanis Club.

Portland—Installation dinner.  
**Feb. 6 (Friday)**

Fowler—Benefit movies, Fowler Hall, 7 p.m.  
Gresham-Troutdale—Annual bazaar, G-T Hall.

**Feb. 9 (Monday)**  
San Francisco—Speakers Club meeting, Church of Christ, 8 p.m.