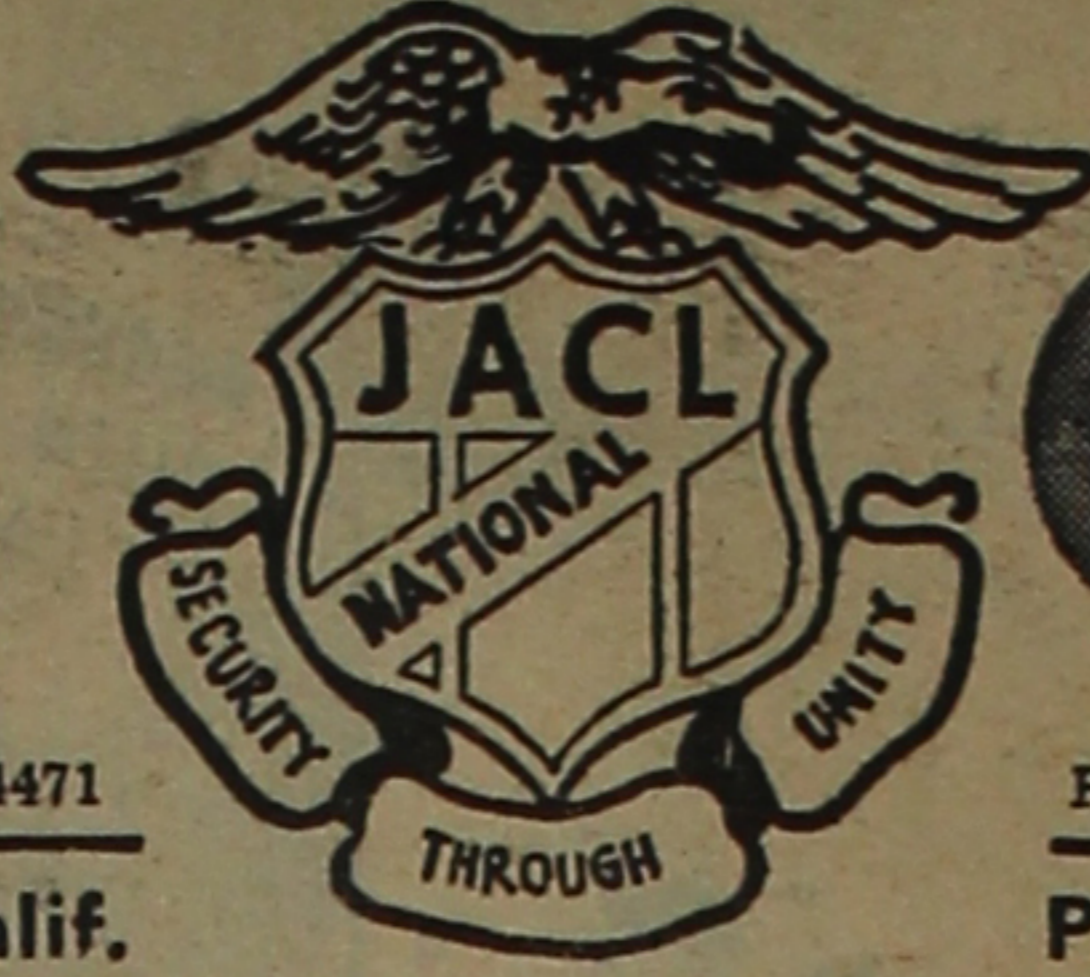


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## COLUMN LEFT:

### Central Cal's 10th annual convention

A more appropriate time and place could not have been reserved for the National JACL President than Central California District Council's 10th annual convention last Sunday in Fresno to publicly announce plans for a national JACL testimonial for Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe during the 1960 national JACL convention in Sacramento.

It was in Fresno that "Doc" had the idea of organizing a Nisei club to promote citizenship, welfare and public relations. Four years later, that idea became the Fresno American Loyalty League, the oldest chapter in JACL which celebrated its 35th anniversary last year. His concern through these years earned him the affectionate title: "Grand-laddy of JACL."

A more imposing sight in JACL can not be prompted than Central Cal's mass swearing-in ceremonies. About half of the people sitting in the huge banquet room had to leave their table to take the oath of office. Inimitably witty toastmaster Mike Iwatsubo wanted to expedite the banquet program by noting the ritual would be conducted a little differently from previous years. "As I call out the names of our new 1960 chapter, auxiliary, Jr. JACL and district council officers, let's proceed immediately to the walls facing the head table; but don't walk—run!" Mike rambled through some 125 Japanese names without tripping himself through a list no other radio announcer in the U.S. would entertain willingly. The new officers were strung closely together around the perimeter of the hall. Before them were government, business and civic officials, guests of the CCDC chapters.

Another unique though minor aspect of the CCDC convention is that success is celebrated each year without a dance. Only light side for delegates and boosters in their elegant fashion show. We know of no other district council convention nowadays that attracts so many in this manner.—HH

## TESTIMONIAL FOR DR. YATABE AT '60 PARLEY SET

FRESNO. — Plans for a national testimonial for Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe at the forthcoming 16th biennial National JACL convention next June in Sacramento were disclosed in the principal address made by Shig Wakamatsu, national president, here last Sunday.

He was the keynote speaker of the 10th annual Central California District Council convention held at the Hacienda.

As one of the original founders of the Japanese American Citizens League and as its first national president, Dr. Yatabe served the cause of Japanese Americans for 40 years, beginning in 1919 "with just an idea to form an organization composed of Americans of Japanese ancestry here". Four years later, it became the Fresno chapter of the American Loyalty League with his leadership.

"From those early years to this day," Wakamatsu declared, "Dr. Yatabe has kept an unflinching vigil on the growth and fortunes of JACL."

"During all of these years, we have never given Dr. Yatabe a testimonial befitting his great contributions. We know that he would not think anything of this kind, but for our part, we believe the time is ripe to honor a man, whose life work has been the JACL and the promotion of our group as better Americans," Wakamatsu added.

Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, past Midwest District Council chairman, was named national chairman of the Dr. Yatabe testimonial. Details would be sent to all chapters, it was added.

## Sho Endo president of Mid-Columbia CL

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — The 1960 cabinet of the Mid-Columbia JACL is headed by Sho Endo, it was announced.

Other officers include Sat. Noji, v.p.; Bob Kageyama, rec. sec.; Mamoru Kivokawa, cor. sec.; Toru Omori, social; Mitsuo Takasumi and George Akiyama, treas.

## Watsonville Issei pair celebrate 60th wedding

WATSONVILLE.—Honored by their seven children, 15 grandchildren and three great grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Isekichi Mine observed their 60th anniversary at China Cafe recently.

Mine is 80 and his wife, 80. They have been in the local area for the past 53 years, farming and raising their family.

The couple's offsprings now cultivate 200 acres of the richest land in the Pajaro Valley.

## 10-year dream comes true for Japanese Community center in San Fernando Valley

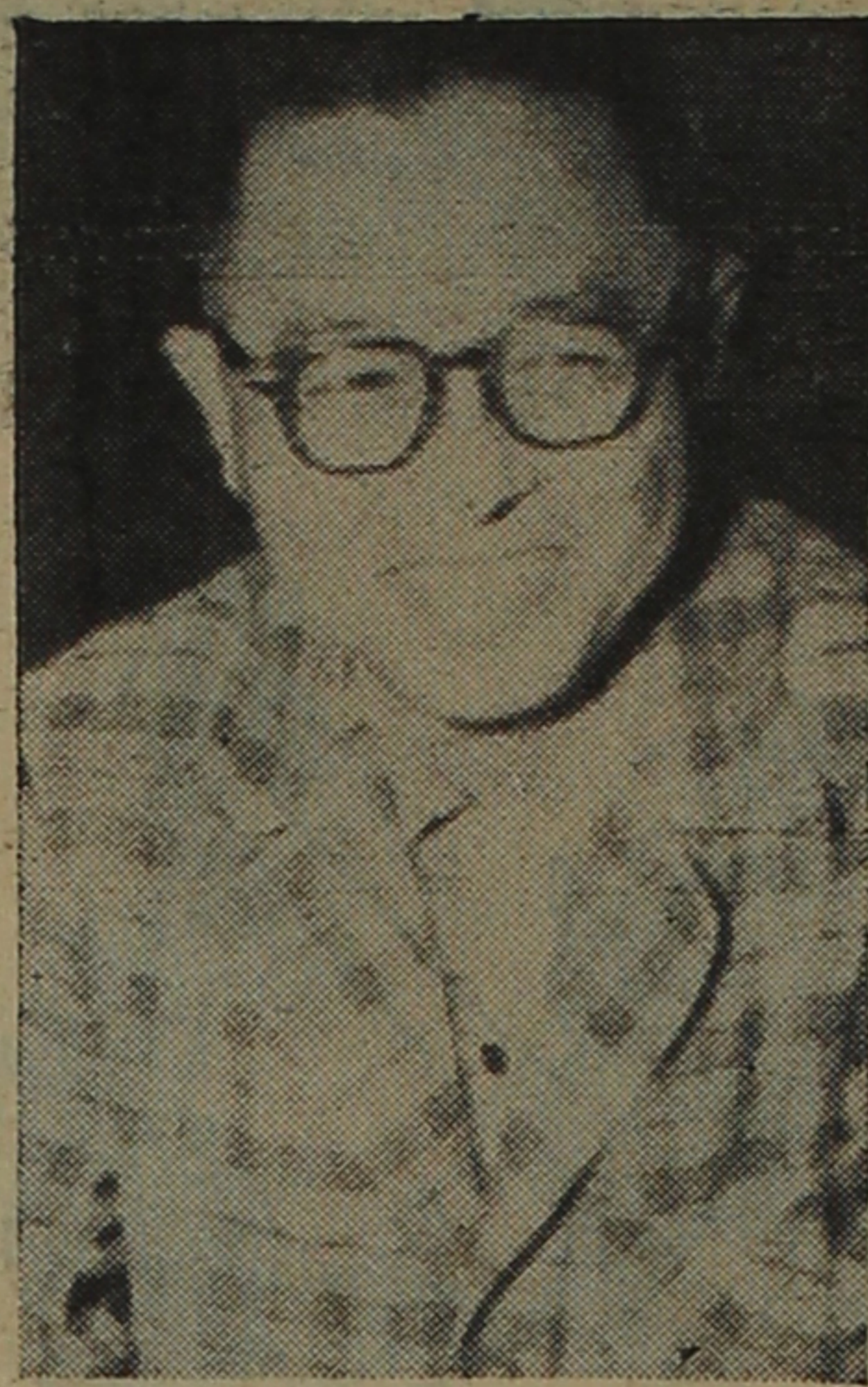
PACOIMA. — A 10-year dream for a Japanese community center becomes a reality when a dedication ceremony and open house take place Dec. 12 for the new \$150,000 hall located on Branford St. and a block west of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

The ceremonies start at 11 a.m. An appreciation dinner and program will be held the following day.

The project was started in 1953 when a 4½-acre plot was purchased by the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Club.

The Farmers Association of San Fernando Valley contributed the initial \$300 which was left in their treasury just after its return to the west coast.

Last year the organization finished its obligation of \$36,000 for the land after a five-year financial drive.



FRED HIRASUNA  
New CCDC Chairman

## Nisei attorney wins civil rights case for three Negroes

SAN JOSE. — Attorney Peter Nakahara won a civil rights case recently in which three Negro plaintiffs were awarded monetary damages.

Plaintiffs were not interested in monetary damages, however. "The only purpose in bringing the action was to educate the public, help eliminate racial discrimination and to vindicate the principle of equality of treatment under the law," Nakahara said.

Involved in this lawsuit was Leon Gardens, a night club on East Santa Clara St.

One of the plaintiffs was Samuel Wiah, San Jose State College student under scholarship from the Liberian government, and teacher of Liberian and African culture.

Wiah testified that his interest in music, folklore and culture prompted his visit to Leon Gardens. He was refused admittance, ostensibly on the grounds that "admittance to the premises was invitational for that particular evening."

Upon being refused admittance, Wiah called Wester Sweet, Negro attorney who is a candidate for a seat on the San Jose City Council.

Sweet immediately went to the night spot with his brother, James Sweet, a medical technician.

All of the three were refused admittance.

The plaintiffs contended that the statutory damages under the Civil Rights statute, as amended, should apply.

The incident occurred prior to the effective date of the amendment and monetary damages of \$450 for Wiah and \$200 each for the Sweet brothers were awarded by the court.

Subsequent fund campaigns enabled the club to start construction of the center in the early months of this year.

A spokesman for the Valley Club said, "We want to give to the community at large something in a way of a living memorial in remembrance of the hard struggles and sacrifices endured by our Issei parents, commemorate our return from relocation centers and honor those who served with the U.S. military forces during World War II and the Korean conflict."

The center is open to all faiths and denominations in the valley as their place of worship and programming different activities.

Those in charge will encourage juvenile and adult welfare work, foster better citizenship among its members and promote community goodwill and understanding.

## OVER 125 JACLERS SWORN IN MASS CCDC INSTALLATION RITES

FRESNO. — Over 125 JACLers, led by the new CCDC chairman Fred Hirasuna of Fresno, with right hands raised stood around the outer stretches of the huge banquet hall in the Hacienda Hotel Sunday night to be sworn in as 1960 officers of district chapters, auxiliaries and Jr. JACL groups.

As witnesses were another 200 civic, business and government officials, JACLers and friends, many of whom earlier in the day were enthralled by the gorgeous "Fashion Santa" show staged by the women of the district council.

The new CCDC officers were elected during the business session presided by retiring chairman Dr. James Nagatani of Delano. The 1960 officers assisting 1000 Club Life member Hirasuna are Mikio Uchiyama of Fowler, 1st v.c.; Tak Naito of Reedley, 2nd v.c.; Ben Nakamura of Fresno, treas.; Thomas Tovama of Fowler, rec. sec.; John Kubota, pub.; Ed Yano, hist.; Mas Takaki of Delano, 1000 Club.

The agenda consisted of various reports made by Shig Wakamatsu on the 1960-70 JACL Planning Commission and Issei Story project; by Mas Satow on the future of the Washington Office, by Bill Matsumoto on the 1000 Club and 1960 national convention; by Dr. Roy Nishikawa on the bequest program, endowment fund and national recognitions.

By Jerry Enomoto on the youth program; by Harry Honda and Fred Takata on the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue and PC with Membership proposal; by Kango Kunitzugu on proportional representation; by Mikio Uchiyama on the CCDC fund drive; and by Tom Nagamatsu on convention resolutions.

One resolution praised the American Legion's action to sever the 40 et 8 Society from its organization.

In connection with the 1960-70 JACL Planning Commission report, Dr. Nagatani, as CCDC vice-chairman on the commission, appointed the 1959 presidents to serve as chairman of their respective chapter committees.

George Abe of Selma was honored with the sapphire pin during the convention banquet. Alan Masumoto accepted the 1959 Chapter of the Year award for Selma JACL.

Mayor Arthur Selland of Fresno, who greeted the delegates and guests hailing from the 10 chapter communities at the banquet, was presented a specially drawn copy of the Japanese American Creed by Mas Satow.

### Guests at Head Table

Special guests at the headtable, introduced by toastmaster Mike Iwatsubo, were Rep. B.F. Sisk, State Sen. J. Howard Williams of Tulare County, State Assemblymen John C. Williamson of Bakersfield, Charles Garrigus of Reedley, Bert Delotto of Fresno and Fresno County Supervisor Norman Foley; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, imm. past national JACL pres.; Bill Masumoto, 1000 Club chairman, and Akiji Yoshimura, nat'l 1st v.p., who conducted the mass swearing-in ceremonies for the new 1960 chapter and district council officers.

Judi Ishihara, convention hostess from Sacramento, extended an invitation for all to attend the 1960 national parley.

Fred Hirasuna was convention general chairman, and ably assisted by personnel from all the 10 member chapters of the district.

## WAKAMATSU HITS RACE BIAS IN TALK BEFORE PLACER COUNTY JACL FETE

BY ROY T. YOSHIDA

AUBURN.—Addressing a gathering of nearly 400 Placer County JACL members and guests, Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, national JACL president, stated emphatically that race discrimination was undermining democracy and in essence was weakening the principle of equality and justice. That there was a definite need for day-to-day development of friendship and trust among peoples of all ancestries to shore up the democratic beliefs under which we live was indicated.

Wakamatsu was pleased to note that Placer County's goodwill banquet where everyone in the community gathers in good fellowship was its contribution of making democracy live. "Yours is truly a contribution to inter-group relations, an example by which other communities all over America may well be inspired," he added.

Placer County is also regarded by independent research made by the Univ. of California and Japan as "the best Nisei integrated community in California," the Chicagoan told the audience.

Wakamatsu declared that JACL was doing its part in gaining the end through its ceaseless efforts in promoting good citizenship among its members, and fighting racial injustice wherever and whenever possible.

### Issei Story Project

He also revealed that JACL will have a historical document tracing Issei's immigration to America and their many rich contributions to this country. Work on this definitive history of Issei is getting underway but he was not at liberty at this time to disclose the name of the person who will be in charge of this very important project.

JACL's desire to publish the "Issei Story", Wakamatsu explained, was motivated by the organization's primary objective "to help create good citizens". To send the young people, capable and confi-

dent, into the mainstream of American life, Wakamatsu said a good citizen first needs self-respect, which may be gained by knowing his cultural background, the contributions of his forebears and to be worthy of the sacrifices of the Issei.

Wakamatsu was the guest speaker at Placer JACL's 19th annual goodwill dinner held last Saturday night in the home economics building of 20th District Fairgrounds at Auburn. Jack Yokote was toastmaster.

The dinner program opened with the rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by Gene Scott of Auburn and invocation by the Rev. Roy Sano of Loomis First Methodist Church.

Dr. Kay Kashiwabara, Placer JACL president, spoke words of greeting and appreciation to the guests for their attendance, and Donald Walker, city administrator, extended welcome in behalf of City

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## ART INSTRUCTOR'S WORK WINS TOP PRIZE

Willie Suzuki, Compton junior high school art instructor, won the third annual purchase prize of the Westside Jewish Community Center, 5870 W. Olympic Blvd., it was announced this week.

"Table and Chairs", an oil in neo-impressionistic style which the 26-year-old teacher painted while on duty with the army in Europe last year, brought him a \$400 check from Mrs. Julian Sierety, Center's art committee chairman.

Suzuki has won four prizes in the past six months, including awards at the County Museum and Catalina show. He lives at 1632 W. 182nd St., Gardena.

Winners were selected from more than 150 works of art. More than 700 pieces were displayed at the Center's art fair during the week.



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**THE Northwest PICTURE**

By Elmer Ogawa

Seattle  
 Perhaps there is a little chamber of commerce ink in the blood of every Seattleite, or each concentrates so many of his interests around the things that are distinctively Northwest, and matters of local pride.

Popular interest in salmon fishing is a phenomena of many decades, as many an old time Issei will testify. Course in the old days, it was get in the skiff and man the oars. Now everyone half qualified to be called a fisherman owns an outboard, or if poor folks like us, you can bet your boots and slickers, have a bosom buddy in the motorized category to pal around with steady.

As one might expect it would, especially in a locality now recognized as the boating capital of the world, interest grows for something bigger and better with which to cruise on the waters. But owners of the inboards or cruisers don't seem to say much about their possessions, or even exhibit a tendency to show that they are ahead of the Jones, and it may be for about the same reason that some of the earliest TV owners often wished for more privacy.

Privacy is one thing that a boat owner gets, even though sharing a few hundreds of square miles of water with thousands of others. But at this time of the year, one stumbles upon spots—a runabout stored here, a cruiser stored there. If it were not for this storage deal, one would never know how many there are around.

Skiing is another sport attracting more enthusiasts, and though we cannot claim that it is as distinctively Northwest as other sports, still, the accessibility of excellent ski slopes is. That, and the existence of excellent ski schools conducted by the two Seattle dailies. Lot of credit goes to the Rokka Ski Club for pioneering interest in the sport back in the middle thirties.

After dabbling in the subject a bit, have come to find out that mushroom hunting is an ever ready topic of discussion of the hot stove league type, and the matsutake-tori like to read stories about the distinctive Northwest sport. Local mushroomers were happy to get feature story attention from Seattle and Tacoma papers at the height of the season. And the appearance of two columns in one issue of the PC on the subject brought an extra portion of thumbs-up comment.

On Thanksgiving day, while at the house of a friend, some of the hot stove league comments came out. We ventured a comment, that now we've had our first frost, doesn't it mark the close of the season?

"Ha- That's what most people think, but they don't know!" And our loaded-with-turkey hot stover went on to describe the quite obvious fact that the mushrooms live in a sheltered forest, and sheltered is the word, wot with the dense ceiling of evergreens, and the thick growth of underbrush which helps no end to keep out the wind and storm. An experiment we'd like very much to do, was suggested—take along a thermometer, and thrust it down into the pine needles to get a surprise on the temperature in a mushroom bed. Sure it's true that lower temperatures produce smaller matsutake, but they are nicer in texture.

And another thing we learned. The early snows in the mountains may drive away a lot of mushroom hunters but the quarry is still there. The important thing, it was said, is whether the snow is mostly on the ground or on the brush and trees. If the snow melts and drips, conditions are strongly favorable to continued good mushroom hunting, this hot stover said. Great spawning ground for differences of opinion, these off-season gabfests, so this only what one guy said, see?

There are some 200 varieties of mushroom growing in the woods of western Washington, some closely resemble the Japanese variety. How to tell the matsutake? Translation of the word (pine mushroom) provides the key. You smell the mushroom, says our informant—the Japanese mushroom is the only one with a distinct pine smell. But, he cautioned, don't squeeze 'em too hard and get the smell on your fingers, or you'll be fooling yourself.

The conversation drifted to the matter of picking to preserve the spore for future growth, and how some are so stupid of piggish about introducing destruction to a mushroom or clam bed, but we'll forego comment, as today's piece is strictly hot stove.

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**PRESS COMMENTS:**

**Pilgrim, 1959 Style**

Los Angeles Mirror & Daily News Editorial, Nov. 25, 1959

Helene Black, a student reporter on the Culver City High School news bureau staff, writes that Yokko Kitagawa will receive the DAR achievement pin for dependability, leadership, service and patriotism.

Yokko came to this country from Japan six years ago, knowing no English. Now she's president of the CCHS Girls' League "and is one of the most important and best like girls in school," according to Miss Black.

"Yokko has received a great

honor, and she worked hard for it," the student reporter says. "She is very enthusiastic about our schools, and wants to be a good American."

Offhand, we'd say some good American (also immigrants to this country), who started a day called Thanksgiving, would recognize Yokko as another good American already.

This country can still use the qualities of leadership, service, dependability and patriotism brought from overseas, now as in 1621.

**Spokesman for Democracy**

Riverside Enterprise Editorial, Oct. 14, 1959

One of the fruits of the admission of Hawaii to statehood this year is being harvested with a trip by the island state's Senator Hiram Fong to Asia.

As did Riverside and Imperial counties Congressman D.S. Saund before him, Fong is helping to show the people of Asia that this nation's long-standing, and much publicized, discrimination against peoples of Asian origin is well on its way to extinction.

It is highly debatable, of course, whether one of Sen. Fong's ancestry could have been elected to the United States Senate from any

state but Hawaii. But the people of the United States, through their representatives in Congress, strongly approved the admission of Hawaii, knowing full well the new state's multi-racial population.

In Hiram Fong, of Chinese ancestry; Dalip S. Saund, born in India, and Hawaii's Congressman Daniel Inouye, of Japanese parentage, the United States has strong evidence that national origin is no bar to advancement in this country. May Senator Fong have much success in spreading this word to the free people of Asia.

**The Symbol of Fong**

Kalamazoo Gazette Editorial, Nov. 25, 1959

The Rev. Minoru Mochizuki, minister of the Presbyterian Student Fellowship at Western Michigan University, sends what his community of Kalamazoo thinks of the implications of the Hawaiian election.

Particular significance will accompany the observance in Hawaii this week of Thanksgiving Day. For Thursday will mark the opening of statewide celebration of Hawaii's recent admittance to the Union as the 50th member. It is an event for which Hawaiians, both native born and islanders by choice, are indeed thankful.

And even as millions of Americans elsewhere will be returning to their family homes for reunions with those nearest and dearest to them, a sentimental tradition which symbolizes the spirit of Thanksgiving as we have come to revere it, so is a distinguished son of the Hawaiian Islands returning to his home.

He is Hiram L. Fong, one of the two first men to represent Hawaii in the U.S. Senate and the first U.S. senator of Asian extraction. And his sentimental

journey, one in which he has served his nation well.

For Sen. Fong will have completed a 45-day trip to the Far East, Japan, Korea, Formosa, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaya, South Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Burma, Hong Kong and Okinawa. And in Hong Kong, where he was greeted by members of the Fong Family Association, he was but a few miles from the birthplace of his parents across the border of Chungshan County in what is now Communist China.

To these far-away countries, where the threat of communism is an ever-present deadly reality, Sen. Fong has brought the true message of American democracy—that our 50 states offer an opportunity for all, that there is no iron curtain of race, creed or color, that a man's achievements

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**PC Letter Box**

**GRATEFUL SECRETARY**

Editor: On behalf of the Committee of the third annual Long Beach Invitational Basketball Tournament, I would like to thank you for your generous space allocation covering various phases of our annual event.

Obviously the Japanese community vernaculars are practically our only source of bringing news to friends and families of basketball players. The interest exhibited by the increased attendance this year compared to previous years could only have been made possible by the newspapers bringing this to their attention.

We thank you for your interest, and we hope to be able to enjoy your continued interest and participation in our future tournaments.

FRANCES A. ISHII  
 Tournament Sec.

Long Beach.

**Sierra VFW Post**

FRESNO. — The Sierra Nisei Memorial Post 8499 VFW was one of the 11th District post recently presented with Loyalty Day citations. The presentation was made at a district meeting held at Riverdale.

**Eagle Club golfers**

CHICAGO. — Charles Hiura was elected president of the Chicago Eagles Golf Club for the coming year.

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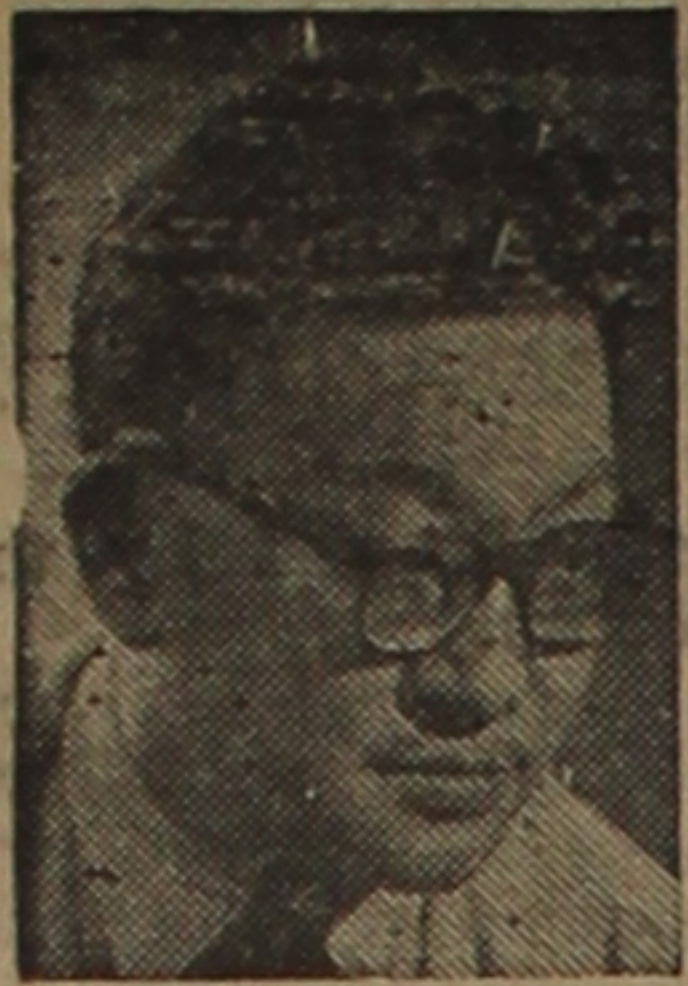
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# Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

## 'HASHIMOTO-SAN'

There is no better indication of changed public attitudes toward persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States than the fact that 20th Century Fox is distributing a new movie cartoon, "Hashimoto San," which concerns the misadventures of a Japanese mouse. Humor and sympathy are brethren. One doesn't laugh with—or at—someone one hates or despises.

Hashimura Togo, a character in American humor a half-century ago, is a case in point. When the Japanese schoolboy, Hashimura Togo, first appeared in Collier's he was a sympathetic type—even though he was projected as a stereotype, Hashimura Togo enjoyed a vogue but he ceased to be funny about the time the Yellow Peril campaigns against persons of Japanese ancestry started in the World War I period. Japanese school-boys, however caricatured, were no longer funny. They were, as the yellow journals were quick to point out, potential spies and traitors.

The man who created Hashimura Togo, Wallace Irwin, turned from doing his humorous "Letters of a Japanese Schoolboy" to the writing of the viciously anti-Japanese novel, "Seed of the Sun," which was first published by the Saturday Evening Post in 1920 and was later published in book form. "Seed of the Sun" had its setting in the San Joaquin delta country of California and repeated all of the charges which the racists were making against persons of Japanese descent.

"Hashimoto San," which is set in Japan, is being produced by Terrytoons.

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Two motion picture personalities of Japanese descent are to be co-starred in an offbeat western drama which James Clavell has agreed to produce for Paramount, with production starting next month. This is "Walk Like a Dragon" and Nobu McCarthy and James Shigeta have been signed to head the cast with Jack Lord.

Miss McCarthy who seems to have established herself in Hollywood ("Geisha Boy" and Playhouse 90's "Made in Japan") also was in Producer Clavell's most recent film, "Five Gates to Hell." She has just completed her role in a story of GIs and the Pacific war, "Wake Me When It's Over," which Mervyn LeRoy is producing at 20th Century Fox. This film, incidentally, brings back Tommy Nishimura who played the orphan GI in Dore Schary's movie tribute to the 442nd Combat Team, "Go for Broke!", and who was a Japanese frontiersman in the Metro western "Westward the Women."

Shigeta is being sought for a number of films, now that he is being seen as one of the stars of "Crimson Kimono," Sam Fuller's murder drama, in which he plays a Nisei cop in Los Angeles and is involved, in the film, in an interracial romance with Victoria Shaw in which he gets the girl. Meanwhile, Shigeta also is the star of the big revue, "Holiday in Japan," in Las Vegas. When he goes to work in "Walk Like a Dragon" Shigeta probably will be commuting to and from Vegas. "Holiday in Japan," incidentally, has been playing to capacity audiences for five months at the New Frontier and probably can go for another year.

Producer Harold Hecht is one of a number of moviemakers who has a Japanese story planned for 1960. His is "Flight from Ashiya," from the novel by Elliot Arnold. The story concerns the activities of the U.S. Air Force Air Rescue Service based at Ashiya in Japan, and the plot involves the efforts of the crews of two American planes who go to rescue the survivors of a freighter lost in a typhoon. Author Arnold, who has written on interracial problems in such previous novels as "Blood Brother," a story of American Indians, has a romance between an American and a Japanese girl in this story.

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Miyoshi Umeki, one of the stars of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "Flower Drum Song," on Broadway reportedly is leaving the cast on Dec. 31 to return to Hollywood where she has a number of acting assignments awaiting. One is "Miko," which is a pilot film for a projected television series written by Andy Lewis for the Japanese singer-actress who won the Academy Award for "best supporting actress" two years ago for her portrayal of Katsumi in "Sayonara."

William Goetz, producer of "Cry for Happy," the comedy about Japan which will be produced at Columbia this spring, reportedly wants Miss Umeki for one of the top roles.

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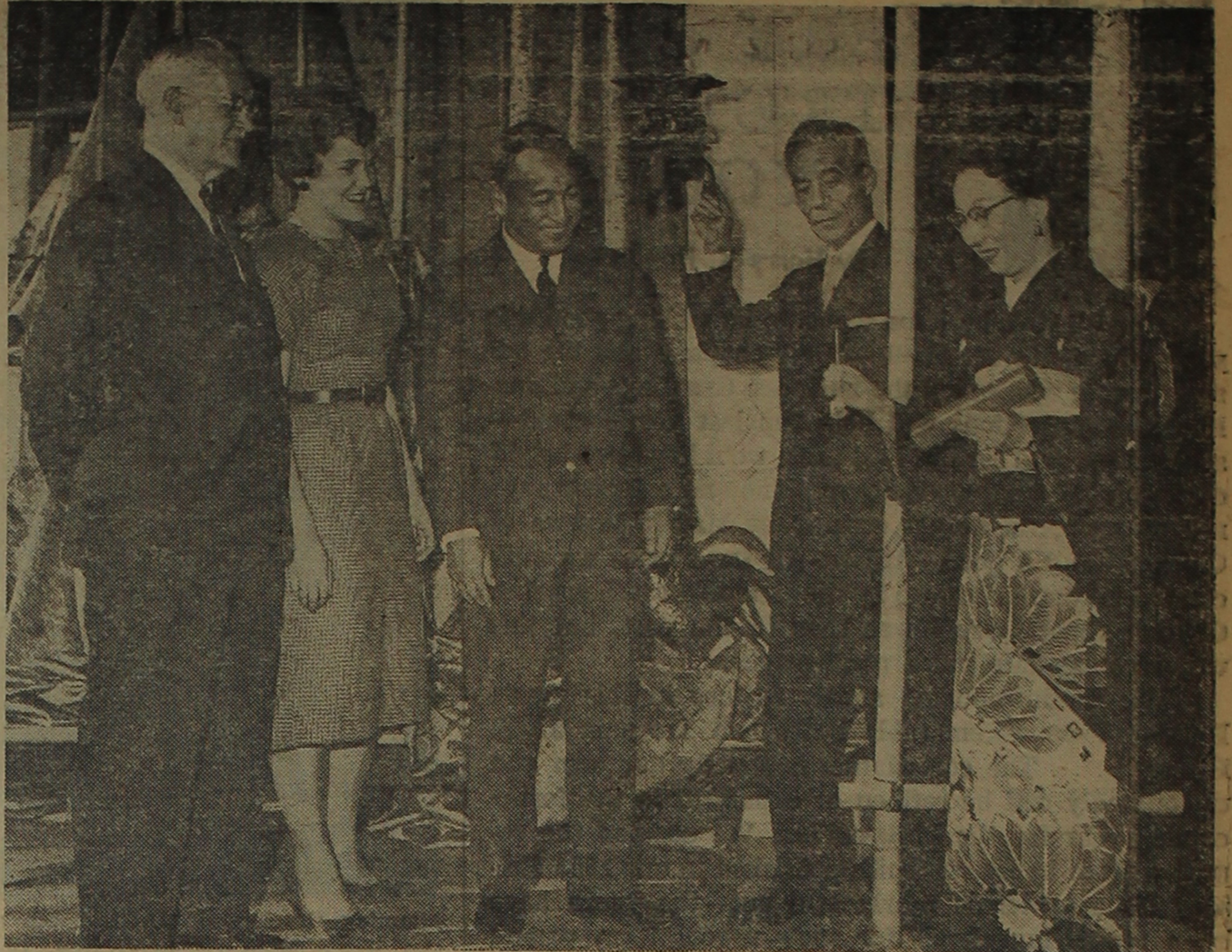
Dale Ishimoto, the Nisei actor who has been seen in such films as "Stopover Tokyo," has a new career as a result of his performance last summer in Shimon Wincelberg's "Kataki" at the La Jolla Playhouse last summer:

Ishimoto played the role which Sessue Hayakawa originally performed on TV's Kraft Theater (the drama was then called "The Sea Is Boiling Hot") and later on Broadway with Ben Piazza. "Kataki" with Hayakawa had only a three-week run but the drama is reprinted as one of the best plays of the past season by Critic Louis Kronenberger in "The Best Plays, 1958-59".

The part portrayed by Hayakawa and Ishimoto was that of a Japanese army officer who finds himself on a small Pacific island with an American GI.

Ishimoto opened on Dec. 5 at New York's St. Marks theater in the off-Broadway version of "Kataki."

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A replica of a Tokyo shopping area unfolded at the Univ. of Utah Union Bldg. Nov. 17 as "Nihon no Kogei," art crafts of Japan, opened a 10-day public showing. Attending the opening ceremony where the "flame of peace" was lit are (from left) Dr. A. Ray Olpin, president of the University; Adrien Foote, chairman, Student Union Program

council; Ambassador Koichiro Asakai of Japan; Genzo Maezawa of the Japan Trade Center, San Francisco; Mrs. Ben Oshita, Salt Lake City hostess. Henry Kasai, Salt Lake JACler, served as coordinator and liaison between the University and Trade Center to bring the exhibit to Salt Lake City. Photo by Frank Imai, Utorient.

## U.S. AND JAPAN NEED EACH OTHER TO SURVIVE, REP. INOUE DECLARES

TOKYO. — The cold necessity of survival dictates Japan and the United States remain friends, Rep. Daniel K. Inouye declared last week at a luncheon meeting of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan. "We need Japan and Japan needs us," he summarized. "I hesitate to say this but it's basically a matter of co-survival."

The first U.S. congressman of Japanese descent pledged that he would work to maintain good relations with Japan. "We shall and we must maintain our liberal trading policy with Japan. But trade is a two-way street, a give & take affair. I hope in the future

the Japanese government will relax some of its restrictions against my country's products," he said.

Arriving here with his wife Margaret Nov. 30, he spent four days in Japan, continued to South Korea, Formosa, Okinawa and the Philippines for a 16-day inspection tour of U.S. military installations before returning to Hawaii.

Before his departure last week, the Nisei 442nd RCT hero and his wife chatted for 40 minutes with Crown Prince Akihito and his commoner bride Princess Michiko. He called them a "fine couple."

"He knows a lot about Hawaii and is interested in it, too," Rep. Inouye added. "Princess Michiko is lovely," Mrs. Inouye put in. "Even lovelier than her picture ... and more gracious."

Of his tour in the mid-Pacific trust territories, Inouye reported there has been vast improvement in medical treatment in the islands which the U.S. took over from Japan.

"Yaws and leprosy are virtually unknown now," he reported. "... I was impressed with the educational system ... The question of returning them—the islands—to Japan never came up. I talked to many natives. Most were very happy under American administration and hoping it would continue indefinitely."

He had no time to visit Fukuoka, his father's birthplace, and Hiroshima, his mother's birthplace; but he said he would like to return someday to visit these cities.

## Optimists honor Sanei school prexy

SANTA ROSA. — Bill Hayashi, 17, president of the Santa Rosa High School student body, was named one of the six outstanding students of this city. The recognition was a part of the Santa Rosa and Montgomery Village Optimist Club observance of Youth Appreciation Week. The students were guests of honor at a banquet held at the Flamingo Hotel recently. Each winner was presented a plaque.

Young Hayashi's parents are both deceased and he lives with his aunt, Yuki Oka at 1225 Cleveland Ave.

Hayashi is an honor student and active in school activities. He is a classical pianist. He is vice president of the French Club, a member of the school orchestra, the California Scholarship Federation, the Key Club and a former president of the Junior Etude Club.

Bill is the vice-moderator of the Westminster Fellowship of the First Presbyterian Church and teaches the fourth grade Sunday school class. He plans to attend Reed College, or Stanford University, considering the ministry or music.

Of Hayashi, F.F. Duey, principal of Santa Rosa High School, said, "Bill Hayashi is one of the finest young men I have ever known. He has abundant enthusiasm and cheerfulness at all times and thus has a great deal of influence among his classmates. Bill has in great measure all those qualities which should bring success; he has intelligence, enthusiasm, steadfastness of purpose, and great integrity. He is a talented musician, and we all thoroughly enjoy his work at the piano."

## Airlite Club elects

GARDENA. — George Ajioka will lead the Air Flite Golf Club here for 1960.

## Culver City High girl wins DAR citizen award

Good citizenship awards were presented this past week to high school students by Philippe de Neve, chapter president, at the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting at Westwood Community Methodist Church. Among the recipients was Yohko Kitagawa of Culver City High

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rest primarily upon his own efforts.

Perhaps no more effective representative could have been sent to these sensitive peoples than one of their own who has risen to a position of such prominence among us.

The United States, at this Thanksgiving season, can court among its many blessings a senator such as Hiram L. Fong.

## NOTICES

### Whereabouts Sought

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Joe Shinoda (about 40 years old) formerly of Seattle, Washington, please contact Pacific Citizen, Box 238.

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# VERY TRULY YOURS

By Harry K. Honda

Our PC Holiday Issue seems to be making good this year—thanks to the hustle of our chapters and the unsung heroes who solicit the business. Greetings and one-line name insertions will both top last year's count—so it seems. And for the first time, we'll have two bright colors on our front cover jacket: blue and a deep orange red on an artful design created by Mas Nakagawa of Chicago—and a good JACler. All the stories we anticipated may still show up by the time this reaches print. Chapter reports are fewer than in the past, but this will accommodate more photographs.

We are introducing a new feature in this year's Holiday Issue: "Memorable Dates and Years in JACL History" . . . The compilation is strictly our own and undoubtedly will be refined or expanded in the forthcoming year for the 1960 edition. We combed the report written by Elmer Smith published in our 1955 Holiday Issue (which is nearly sold out—the youth have been requesting copies for their school term papers and JACL contests), the "Final ADC Report: 1946-1952" prepared by Mike Masaoka and the bound volumes of the Pacific Citizen . . . We hope our readers will find this full of valuable information.

Apologies go to the quiet wit of the National Board, one Akiji Yoshimura, who turned in his "By the Board" on time but which finds us in the inexcusable position of having left the story at home in a coat pocket . . . After that rough ride home from the one-day convention in Fresno, the memory box becomes a bit wilted from fatigue. One of these years we'll take the advice of the CCDC hosts to stay over—like those from San Francisco did.

Proportional representation was a topic that PSW-DC delegates discussed nearly all day long at their last quarterly meeting at Santa Monica. Probably the net results of that discourse permitted it to be extracted into five minutes at the CCDC session last Sunday. In brief: the formula provides one vote per chapter, one more vote if the chapter has over 250 members, two extra if over 500 and three extra if over 1,000. No chapter will be allowed more than four votes altogether. The pattern is geometric progression based on 250 . . . PSW hopes to pilot the plan within the district council before suggesting it be applied nationally.

The proposal stems from the idea of "taxation without representation". It seems unfair for the bigger chapters not to have a more responsible voice in the functions of an organization. The idea is sound, the question comes in the formula.

We have been resting the past weeks to make room for the various "Official Notices". It afforded us time to prepare the Holiday Issue . . . But we want now to acknowledge the fine Columbia LP "Takarazuka Dance Theatre" that has been released this month. Hiro Saisho of Magic Radio gave us a review platter that easily recalled the brilliance, gaiety and charm of the all-girl revue from Japan . . . Another unforgettable evening was the open house party at the Dr. Kiyoshi Sonodas, who are West L.A.'s 1000 Club Life members. From their hillside split-level home in the Santa Monica mountains, it was breathtaking to see all of Los Angeles' myriad of colors blinking at us from the Pacific Ocean to the Santa Ana mountains—easily 60 miles apart. Of course, it was a smog-free day . . . We found our first Christmas card of the season from the Bill Hosokawas and they, too, have a split-level hillside home now in Golden, Colo. Wondering what their panorama yields.



Manning the Detroit JACL booth at the International Institute Old World Market festival Nov. 19-22 are (from left) co-chairman June Otsuji, Joan Kimoto, chapter president Walter Miyao, Ruby Kizuka, Yori Kagawa, Sud Kimoto (missing from picture) was the other co-chairman. Wally Kagawa designed the booth.

## Kimono-clad girls attract at Detroit cameraman's show

DETROIT. — Avid camera fans by the thousands thronged the annual Camera Show, Nov. 18-21, at the Detroit Lightward Armory. The show was sponsored by the Detroit Free Press.

Continuing to the four-day show was the Detroit JACL. The brilliant colors of Japanese kimonos and lovely models proved excellent subject matter for photographers.

Serving as models on Thursday and Friday evening were Mrs. Helen Fujiwara, Mrs. Mitzi Kinoshita, Mrs. Kim Malecki, and members of the JACL Teen Club—Joan Sunamoto, Jane Itami, and Shirley Satow. On Saturday and Sunday, members of the Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Club, sponsored by the local Mr. & Mrs. Club, danced the ondo every half hour and in between, posed for shutterbugs.

Chairman Yo Kasai was assisted by Charles Oguro and Walter Miyao, also Jewell Omura and Faye Doi who were in charge of the sub-teens. Members of the Jr. Mr. & Mrs. group who performed were: Elaine Akagi, Jackie Doi, Ellen Fujioka, Pam Fujishige, Joyce Horikawa, Vicki, Sandy, and Joy Kasai, Cynthia Kizuka, Agnes Nakamura, Lynn Omura, Linda and Joan Sujuki. Making a big hit with the camera fans was little 4-year-old Connie Kasai, who was dressed in Japanese garb.

## San Mateo JACL dance classes ends tomorrow

SAN MATEO. — The San Mateo JACL-sponsored dance classes, both the advanced and beginners, are having an end of session party at Miramer on Saturday, Dec. 12. The dinner-dance culminates the first anniversary for both groups. New sessions will resume on January 4 and 7 at the same locale.

## Oakie to appear

SAN FRANCISCO. — The last of the eight bridge meetings will be held at the Friends Center on Sutter St. tonight. The well-known bridge expert Don Oakie will be on hand. Beginners and veterans alike are invited to attend.

## Contra Costa JACL holds teenage Christmas party

RICHMOND. — The Contra Costa JACL sponsored a teenage Christmas party last Saturday, at the Pullman School. Games, Christmas carols, folk and social dancing were featured.

During the past year, the chapter has sponsored various activities for Japanese American high school students.

Committee members in charge of the event were Mrs. Shig Komatsu, Mrs. John Yasuda, Mrs. Joe Oishi, and Mrs. Ernest Iiyama. Teenagers assisting are Carol and Janice Yasuda, George Sasaki, Yas Kita, Judy Nehira, Mariko Kamio, Kaz Shimada, Hiroshi Hata, Gail Yoshimoto, and Pat Iiyama.

## FIF President's club

Matao Uwate joins his co-district manager George Inagaki as member of the Financial Industrial Fund Presidents Club for 1959, it was announced last week. Both have been awarded membership in the club for the third consecutive year.

## Contra Costa CLers in Yuletide party

RICHMOND. — The Contra Costa JACL Christmas party will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Stege School, S. 50th and Cypress Ave., Richmond.

A pot luck dinner, Christmas carols, Santa Claus and gifts, talent program, and a Christmas tree auction have been planned.

Co-chairmen for the event are Jackie Ajari and Fumi Sugihara.

Heading the following committees are Eiko Sugihara, food; Yuki Iwaihara, talent; Chizu Iiyama and Betty Akagi, hostess; Nellie Sakai, Masako Oishi, and Mary Oshige, gifts; Chris Komatsu, contacts; Eichi Nakazono, MC; Ruby Peterson, pianist; Bill Akagi, auctioneer; Marvin Uratsu, leader; Lily Nino, telephone; George Sugihara, publ.

Many members at large and board members will assist in various roles in the general program.

## Trick or Treat paraders judged at Milwaukee party

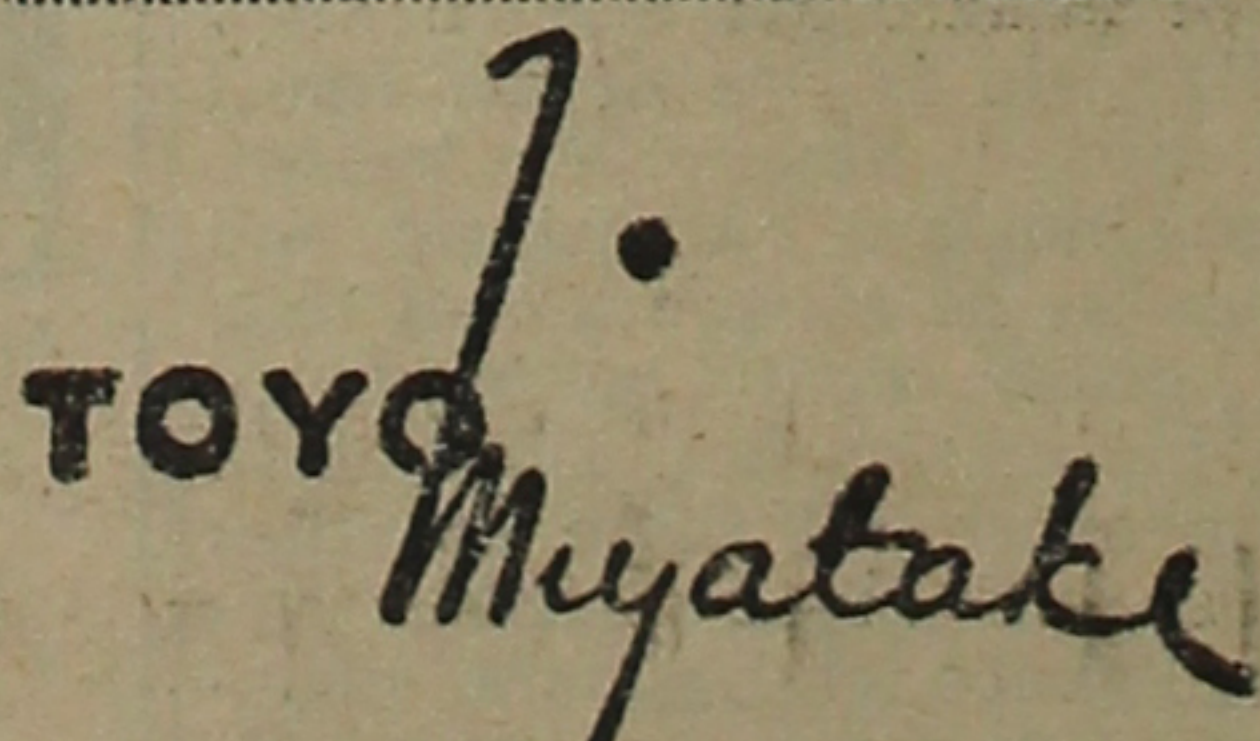
MILWAUKEE. — Over a 100 members and friends of Milwaukee JACL enjoyed a ham dinner at Lake Park Pavilion, overlooking Lake Michigan from a vantage point on a cliff, as part of the Halloween festivities recently.

A parade of trick or treaters was a colorful event in the program for the evening. In the costume judging contest, Gerald Matsuyama dressed as Miss Fifth Avenue won the boy's prize, while Kathryn Ogawa, 1½ years old, cutely dolled up as an elf won the girl's prize.

Mickey and Roy Mukai, Blackie Watanabe capably handled the games. Nami Shio prepared the home-baked hams. Toshi Nakahira, Toshi Watanabe, Lil Kataoka, Tak Kataoka and Sat Nakahira were on the food committee.

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## Active Oakland JACler joins investment firm

BERKELEY. — Ken Matsumoto, active JACler, has joined the Skaife & Co., investment advisers and financial consultants.

A 32nd-degree Mason and Shriner, Matsumoto is particularly interested in public relations for the Nisei as a whole. He was instrumental in obtaining a former director of the onetime anti-Japanese Native Sons of the Golden West as the main speaker of the Oakland JACL chapter's installation ceremony last year.

At this memorable dinner, the former NSGW official made a confession that his organization "made a mistake" in pursuing the anti-Japanese policy before the war.

Matsumoto, born in Los Angeles, was president of the Los Angeles JACL chapter in 1938, and was vice-president of the National JACL in 1938-42.

He and his family moved to Oakland a year and half ago from Cincinnati where they lived for 16 years during the war and postwar years, having engaged himself in the jewelry display business. He organized the Cincinnati JACL chapter in 1945.

## Auxiliary dance

SAN FRANCISCO. — Committee heads for the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary's annual invitational Christmas dance at the Central "Y" Dec. 12 were announced by co-chairmen Mariko Soma and Mary Hamamoto: Michi Soda, refreshments; Mrs. Charlotte Doi, games; Lucy Adachi, name tags; Sumi Utsumi, invitations; and Mrs. Elsie Chung, records.

This will be the organization's final activity of the year. A \$1 admission will be charged to defray expenses.

## Chicago Christmas party

CHICAGO. — A kiddies' hour from 8 to 9 p.m. precedes the annual Chicago JACL Christmas party Dec. 12 at the McCormick YWCA. Social dancing follows from 9 until midnight, it was announced.

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# The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

San Francisco

**DENVER VISIT**—The recognitions banquet of the Mtn. Plains District Convention was as impressive an affair as we have ever attended. The honorees personify the best in contributing to their fellow beings and to the betterment of their respective communities, which is the primary obligation for all of us as pointed out by Pat Okura in his inspiring main address. What could have been a rather tedious, long drawn out program was a warm and moving affair in the guiding hands of Toastmaster Bill Hosokawa.

Our personal thanks to Tak Terasaki and the many individuals he was able to attract to engineer the convention, especially to the Brighton Japanese American Association under Mike Tashiro for underwriting the convention expenses and making possible an unforgettable weekend for Chiz, and the warm friendliness of the Mile Hi Chapter people for seeing to it that our four days in Denver was not all JACL business. We were royally entertained with Thanksgiving dinner at Mile Hi President Bob Uyeda's, a pro ice hockey game, skiing in the Rockies in 15-below weather, an all night card session, the usual after midnight coffee klatches, and a chance to knock down the pins at Dahlia Lanes in the Mtn. Plains tenpin tourney held in conjunction with the meeting.

Newly elected Mtn. Plains Chairman Min Yasui is a guy who just can't keep out of JACL affairs and who has given a tremendous amount of time and effort to JACL in a voluntary capacity over the years. He is a welcome addition to our National Board.

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN DENVER**—The Mtn.-Plains tourney was ably run by Meach Nogami. Many new helpers under him acquired some good experience in scheduling the 67 participating teams which should prove invaluable for our 14th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament in Denver Feb. 29-March 5.

We conferred with National Tournament Chairman John Sakayama, co-chairman Hootch Okumura, and National JACL Bowling Advisory Board members John Noguchi and Sally Sehara on the progress of preparations. Entry blanks have been sent out with the entry deadline set for Jan. 24. The Tournament Awards dinner-dance will be the first large affair to be held at the new Denver Hilton Hotel now nearing completion.

We welcome Joe Tenma of San Jose as the newest member of our National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling. Joe represents the very active 56 team San Jose Nisei Bowling Association which will host our 1961 Tournament.

**BUSY WEEKEND FOR PRESIDENT**—We chauffeured ubiquitous National President Shig Wakamatsu this past weekend, whose ambulations included jetting into San Francisco, meeting with the Sacramento National Convention Board, addressing the Placer County Goodwill Banquet, and participating in the discussions and giving the main address at the Central California District Convention.

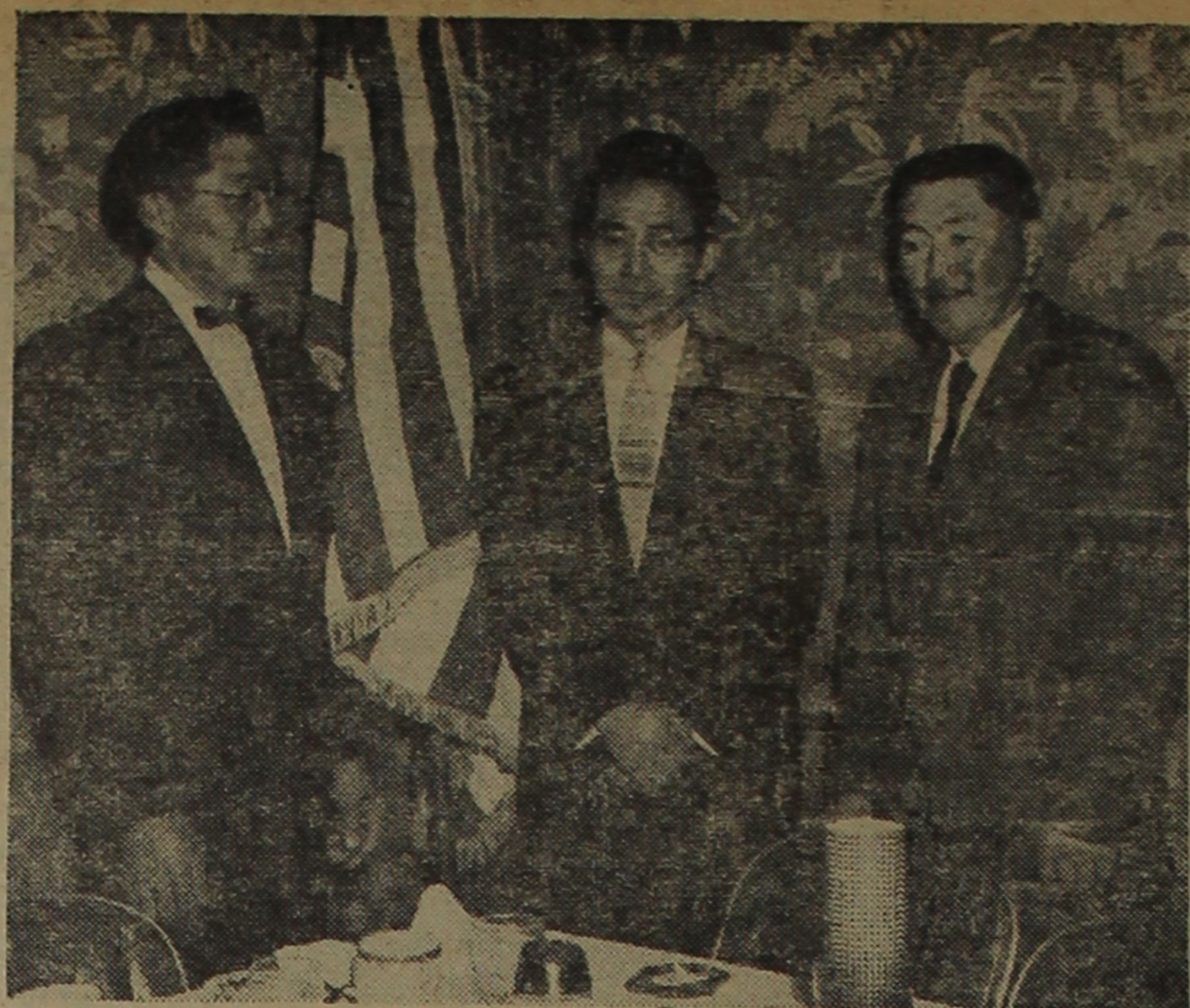
JACLers should be convinced by now that our National Convention is in good and enthusiastic hands. Chairman Bill Matsumoto showed he was right on the ball by punctuating Shig Wakamatsu's trek to Placer with a Convention Board luncheon at the El Dorado, site of the Convention. Fourteen members of the Convention Committee journeyed to Fresno to plug the Convention at the CCDC.

Placer scheduled its 19th Annual Goodwill affair to accommodate President Shig and preserve the tradition of having the National President highlight the affair. Attended by a host of representative citizens in the community, this annual banquet is testimony to the manner in which our Placer County JACLers are participating in the life of their respective communities beyond their own ethnic group. We are pleased to see that the banquet honored the players and parents of the Auburn pee-wee baseball team, national runners-up, on which two Sansei played key roles. It was nice to install a bright looking group of Junior JACL officers along with the regular JACL leaders.

Immediately following the Placer Banquet, we flew low into Fresno with such hardy souls as Akiji Yoshimura, Dr. John Kashiwabara and Bill Matsumoto after fortifying ourselves with coffee at Bill's. Good old former National 1000 Club Chairman Kenji Tashiro was on hand in the wee hours as a one man welcoming committee.

**CCDC CONVENTION**—The CCDC Chapters have consistently given over-the-quota support to National. Dr. James Nagatani guided a heavy business session along just in time to adjourn to the brilliant fashion show which attracted an SRO crowd. The banquet brought the usual large group of local chapter friends and was marked by the always impressive mass installation of the officers of the ten chapters as well as officers of the Sanger, Reedley and Parlier Junior JACL units. Emcee Mike Iwatsubo's radio announcing experience stood him in good stead and his appropriate humor had the audience in stitches. We should all be grateful to Lever Bros., Shig Wakamatsu's bosses, for recognizing his important JACL responsibilities by allowing him extra travel time and enabling both our members and friends to share his stimulating forward looking.

Fred Hirasuna did such an able and thorough job as Convention chairman he was unanimous choice for the DC chairmanship. A long time JACLer and Life One Thousander, he will add both strength and perspective to our National Board.



Bud Sakaguchi (left), outgoing president of Idaho Falls, JACL, is being succeeded by Leo Hosoda (center) for 1960. Kiyoshi Sakota (at right), Intermountain District Council vice-chairman, of Idaho Falls was the installing officer. Completing the cabinet previously reported are Speed Nukaya, treas.; and Sach Mikami, 1000 Club chairman.

## IDC convention memories include brunch with 'My Fair Lady,' Sayonara ball poem

BY IDA TATEOKA

**SALT LAKE CITY.**—Homeward bound, many delegates of the 10th Biennial Intermountain District Council Convention hummed the lilting melodies from "My Fair Lady", reviewed by Mrs. Virginia Clark in the special "brunch" during the convention.

Many "fair ladies" in attendance were stylishly and attractively attired—the male members of the audience were appreciative of the lovely atmosphere as well as the delicious brunch of grapefruit, hot scrambled eggs and ham, Idaho potatoes, tasty muffins, breakfast relishes and beverage all served in generous portions.

Table decorations very appropriately reflected m'lady with individual favors—miniature illustrations of a fair lady admiring herself in a mirror—complete in ball gown of pink net and rhinestone earrings. Individually wrapped gifts of lipstick, cologne and bath-powder accompanied each favor. Centerpieces of pink tree puffs—slender and elegant were apt reminders of the ever feminine sex.

Talented Mrs. Clark and her equally versatile accompanist, Mrs. Ethel Hanson, presented an hour long review complete with vocal renditions of the popular "My Fair Lady" musical score. Each person present felt himself transported to the New York play on Broadway and visualized the many scenes vividly through this

excellent media.

Though the Tenth Biennial IDC Convention is now past history, the many enjoyable and companionable events attended, as well as business accomplished, will long leave one with many pleasant "convention memories."

Following the banquet, conventioners, and friends, numbering close to 400 enjoyed dancing to the musical strains of Afton Pitt's orchestra at the Sayonara Ball chaired by Min Matsumori with the theme "Till We Meet Again." Highlight of the intermission was the presentation of the bowling tournament trophies and the "Tri-Musical" drawing.

National President Shig Wakamatsu chose this original verse, written by Mrs. Jim Ushio, Mt. Olympus Chapter, as a wonderful closing to a perfect convention:

### Sayonara Ball

Conventions may come and conventions may go  
But this one will live in my memory I know  
For it proved without any question, I think  
That "A chain is as strong as its weakest link!"  
Without full cooperation from everyone  
Whom we asked to pitch in and get the job done  
We couldn't have finished—all all there was to do  
In time to enjoy the convention with you!  
To the wonderful members who helped may I say  
A very special "thank you" today!  
You proved not only that it could be done  
You did the work and made it fun!  
To all delegates and members of the IDC  
Whom we know will fight complicity  
May we bid a very fond "farewell"  
From Mount Olympus JACL!

### IDC 1000ERS FROLIC AFTER MIDNIGHT

**SALT LAKE CITY.**—The 1000 Club Whing Ding to the IDC Convention at the Rose Garden, after midnight following the mixer recently. Entertainment was provided by the Smith Theatrical Agency after a delightful buffet snack.

Not to be outdone by the professional performers, Bill Matsumoto, national 1000 Club chairman and Yukus Inouye, Mt. Olympus 1000 Club chairman, were hilarious in a rip-roaring battle of wits. With such a man as Bill Matsumoto at the helm of the 1960 National Convention in Sacramento, JACLers can look forward to a noteworthy parley.

### San Jose JACL dance at Hawaiian Gardens

**SAN JOSE.**—The San Jose JACL's fourth annual New Year's day dance will be held at the spacious Terrace Room of the Hawaiian Gardens on Almaden Rd. on Friday, Jan. 1, it was announced by chairman Henry Uyeda. The attire will be informal.

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## Over 20 nominated for Salinas board

**SALINAS.**—Installation of 1960 Salinas Valley JACL officers is being planned in mid-January at the Portuguese Hall here, it was reported last week.

Tom Miyanaga is making arrangements on the date, while James Tanda is arranging for an orchestra.

At the Nov. 18 general meeting, a slate of 20 nominees was announced by Henry Tanda, nominations committee chairman. Ten receiving the most votes will form the chapter board.

Nominated were: Tom Miyanaga, John Terakawa, James Abe, Harvey Kitamura, Harry Shirachi, Mae Osugi, Ickey Miyanaga, Henry Hibino, Dr. Harry Kita, George Tanimura, James Tanda, Robert Oka, Fred Sakasegawa, Roy Kimura, Frank Oshita, Henry Tanda, Oscar Itani, Frank Hibino, Harry Sakasegawa, Frank Teraji; nominated from the floor.

Chapter president Kiyo Hirano appointed the Rev. S. Kanow, liaison officer with American Cancer Society, Blood Bank chairman John Terakawa noted Robert Oka has become a member of the Gallon Club.

### SALINAS VALLEY CHAPTER YULETIDE PARTY DEC. 19

**SALINAS.**—The Salinas Valley JACL will hold its annual Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m., at the Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church gym with Tony Itani as general chairman.

Assisting him will be Helen Kitaji, Aiko Kimura, refreshments; Toshi Sato, Mickey Miyanaga, gifts; Harry Sakasegawa, movies; Tom Miyanaga, tree.

### Venice-Culver Christmas party at Sunday potluck

**VENICE.**—The Venice-Culver JACL Christmas party will be held this Sunday from 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center on Braddock Ave. near Centinela Ave.

The potluck affair with Setsumi Isoda and Sumi Kashiwagi in charge will be followed by entertainment, community singing, games and gifts for the children.

The chapter has also made preliminary plans for its own installation dinner-dance in 1960 at King's Tropical Inn. Louis Kado is general chairman.

Nominated for the 1960 board were:

George Inagahki, Betty Yumori, Joe Suzuki, George Isoda, Fumi Utsuki, Louis Kado, Kaz Adachi, Millie Suzuki, Setsumi Isoda, Frances Kitagawa, Jane Yamashita, Toll Osazaki, Sumi Kashiwagi, Mary Wakamatsu, Joyce Imazu, Ann Sugimoto, Ken Onishi, Kiyoshi Kagawa, George Mikawa, Sam Miyashiro, Dr. Tak Shishino, Chick Furuye and Bonnie Sakamoto.

### Sacramento JACL slates meeting for youth only

**SACRAMENTO.**—The local JACL announced Dr. Howard C. Busching of Reno, Nev., would speak to the youth of this area, on Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., according to program chairman Tak Tsujita, at the new YBA Hall on 11th and Riverside. He will speak on "Teenage Life and Problems". The meeting will be open to teenagers only.

Churches and other organizations are being invited to cooperate in this community service. Marysville, Placer and Florin JACL chapters are also being notified.



# EAST OF THE RIVER

By Richard Akagi

## ALL-AMERICA FEVER

Annually now for three years, always around the first week of December, I am busy wigwagging the "All America" banner for our shop.

This is also the time of the year when the calendar, under the 7th day of the month, carries the notation "U.S.-JAPANESE WAR, 1941." I find the juxtaposition of these two things somewhat ironical.

Football strongholds, as everyone knows, are located for the most part in the Deep South and certain isolationist sections of the Midwest. Therefore, majority of our All Americans come from those areas. This fact can be put down as a heartening, if not altogether brilliant, illustration of cause and effect, value of riboflavin and mother-love, among other things.

Coming as they do from the heartland of conservatism and corn-pone, the ballplayers are a bit taken aback to discover that the flesh-and-blood embodiment of their institutional host is a Japanese. This year the boys must have felt that the Asiatic invasion was on in full force. Two of the girls we hired to help ease the workload for the "All American" hoopla were Filipinos.

"Ol' Rich has a lot of his own people working for him, hasn't he," said a ballplayer to one of my associates. Actually, there are only three of us in a staff of 15 involved in this affair. One thing is for certain, we Asians in New York enjoy, if that's the word, what the sociologists call "high social visibility"; which is another way of saying that we stick out like a sore thumb.

To stay on this Asian kick for a bit, Michi, the costume designer for the Perry Como Show, is clearly, distinctly, obviously (and beautifully) Michi—she ain't no Hungarian. Since we had the players and the Bowl Queens on the Como production, and Michi was very much present, these examples of fine American manhood and womanhood must have gone home believing that New York was loaded with Asians.

To top it off, I met Ruby Yoshino backstage while the show was rehearsing. Ruby is now (maybe Larry Tajiri has already noted this but I'll give it out as fresh information anyway) a theatrical agent. Among the talent under her guidance is Sandra Church, the new star on Broadway who was appearing on the show along with our boys and queens.

And to one of our parties someone brought a lovely Eskimo girl with the unbelievable title of "Miss Ice Cream"; she's scheduled to appear on "To Tell the Truth", which, for the benefit of those who only watch westerns, is a TV panel show. On re-reading that phrase about "westerns", it sounds a little snide. It is not intended to be, since I am devoutly attached to westerns. Moreover, I do not like to be accidentally or unintentionally snide; my snide-ness is deliberate, calculated, premeditated and wholehearted. It is also intended.

But to get back to "Miss Ice Cream" and TV, the young lady who is the casting director of "To Tell the Truth" (she was also at the party) saw the two Filipino girls (and both are rather striking) on our staff and asked them to appear with "Miss Ice Cream". Which just goes to prove that if you work hard, have a noble spirit and an honest countenance, you'll be a big success as a cashier.

By the way, among the Bowl Queens we brought in to New York was one from the Hula Bowl, a Miss Yvonne Chamberlain, whose racial background I didn't inquire, but she looked good like a Hawaiian should.

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## Pick-up team wins 7th annual Mtn-Plains bowling meet with 3121 handicap total

DENVER. — The seventh annual Mountain-Plains Nisei JACL Bowling Tournament attracted a record entry of over 400 kegglers over the Thanksgiving weekend at Dahlia Lanes in Denver, the scene of the National JACL Bowling Tournament Mar. 1-5, 1960.

A pickup team "Susie's Stars" fired a sensational 2835-286—3121 handicap series to easily outdistance the second place Rocky Ford team by over 100 pins. The Omaha JACL Chapter, captained by Pat Okura, took the "A" team event with a 3032 handicap series. Brighton girls took the women's team event with a 2582 series.

Tom Hikida rolled a 693 series to take the "AA" men's singles event, Isaac Nishida paired with George Mayeda to take the doubles event with a score of 1263, and Dean Mizushima rolled a steady aggregate all events score of 1911 to pace the AA bowlers in this event.

Roy Fujii copped the "A" men's singles title with a 662 score. Ken Matthews and Miles Miyoshi from North Platte, Neb., took the doubles crown with a fine 1290. Shig Hayashi salvaged the all events award for the local entries with a 1906.

Molly Harada of Rocky Ford took all the marbles in the women's singles event with a 562 total score. Bonnie Yamamoto and Sadami Kuroda rolled a 1078 total to take the doubles crown and Mary Ida's 1639 all events total enabled her to cop this title.

Post-tourney observations seem to indicate that the local Nisei bowlers will have to be contention with in the National JACL Bowling Tournament next March. Over 100 bowlers were entered in the AA men's singles event which is for bowlers with averages over 160. The women will have to start practicing although there are a few women who should be in contention when the "National" rolls around.

A strong "out of town" entry made it possible for the biggest local Nisei tourney in history. They took seven out of 12 first place

awards and must have taken a liking to the alleys which will be the scene of the 1960 National JACL Tournament and evidence points to a no "home alley" advantage.

Tourney chairman, Meach Nogami, wishes to thank all the participants, especially those who came from distant points of Omaha, North Platte and Scottsbluff in Nebraska and those from the Colorado communities of San Luis Valley, Rocky Ford, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Ault, Greeley, Ft. Lupton, Brighton and Longmont.

He also thanks all the tourney helpers who spent many hours to make this a success. National JACL Director, Mas Satow took time to enter the singles and doubles event and his doubles partner was Pat Okura, nationally known JACler. Both Mas and Pat did well but not quite enough to take any "marbles" back with them.

The support for this tournament was tremendous and indicates a good local competition for the National tourney next March and we are hoping that this might be the best yet since Denver is a "central" location. See you in 1960.

## TWO NISEI ON REGIONAL ALL-STAR GRID TEAMS

SAN FRANCISCO. — Two Nisei gridgers were named to the second team of one of the five regional all-star teams for Northern California selected this past week by the San Francisco Examiner.

Ron Minamide of Vacaville, the leading scorer and ground-gainer in Northern California, was chosen at one of the half-back posts on the all-Inland Empire second team while Dennis Morita of Lodi was picked as a guard for the same eleven.

## San Jose Cler kegs high 761 series

SALINAS. — Bob Yamamoto of Salinas Valley JACL Chapter recently bowled a 761 series at the San Jose Nisei Bowling Association invitational handicap tournament. It is believed to be one of the highest series bowled by a Nisei.

His games were 228, 277, and 256. The Salinas team took first place with a total score of 3193. Its scratch score was 2991 and its handicap 202 pins. Bob also went on to win the all-events handicap with a total of 2076 bowling a 1926 scratch plus 150 pins.



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### Orange County dance

HUNTINGTON BEACH. — The Orange County New Year's eve party, co-sponsored by four Nisei groups including JACL, will be a buffet dinner-dance Dec. 31 to rock in 1960 at the Huntington Beach Country Club. Tickets will be available at \$4.50 per person.

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# Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

The members of the American Legion—especially those in the west coast before the war—practiced racial discrimination openly without much reservation.

You can tell that because it was the legionnaires who were among the first to advocate the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from California.

Even when the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion was organized back in 1935, through sustaining leadership of the late Hitoshi Fukui and other World War I veterans there was much howl among some of the more biased legionnaires.

Aside from its mere name, the 30 charter members were kept much on the side. They had only two votes on the district level—which amounted to "practically no voice at all."

Certainly time has changed that.

Today, legionnaires like Soichi Fukui, son of the charter commander, Frank Omatsu, Casey Kasuyama, Jim Kawakami, Bill Takahashi and Seiji Imamura enjoy great prestige and comradeship in the 17th District where a few of them have held offices.

Takahashi, in particular, had won a special award for his work in combatting discrimination in housing. Then there was the state's Alien Land Law, which although inoperative through unconstitutional ruling, had to be wiped off the statute books.

Attorney James Mitsumori contributed his legal knowledge drafting certain papers as a good Perry Post member.

The hassle now taking place between the American Legion and its subsidiary, the 40 & 8 Society, over race restriction clause in membership would be unthinkable in those dark days of the 1940s.

But today, it appears to be a different matter.

Once-biased west coast legionnaires have reversed their stand in the matter of discrimination. They say there are still few old guards in the organization who believe in a "white only" policy but their voice has been dimmed by those who believe in fair play and justice.

The American Legion has cut its relations with the 40 and 8. Eventually it may mean that Nisei and other non-white members can join the fun-making Society if they want to.

Most of the Perry Post past commanders were recommended for membership in the past but their names were rejected each time because of their racial background.

Fukui comes out flatly to say that "the present situation is quite "embarrassing" to the membership at large. At the last state convention there was a resolution passed ordering the 40 and 8 Society to open its membership to all, regardless of race, color or creed. This, the latter refused. The Society said no one had the right to change the constitution without the approval of the 40 and 8 membership.

And anyone can understand how the votes will go with the "all-white" membership. However, here, again, time may tell.

There may come a day when 40 and 8 Society would open its membership to non-white without pressure or severing of American Legion ties.

It can happen, you know.

## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

(Continued from Back Page)

84-year old Admiral Nomura, the Ambassador from Japan at the time of the outbreak of war in the Pacific and who today is a leading advocate in the Diet of Japanese-American co-operation, and 83-year old World War II General Araki who in 1934 told the Nisei on a trip to the West Coast that in the event of war the loyalty of the Nisei should unquestionably be with the United States, were among those at the head table. Sen. Junzo Sasamori, ranking member of the House of Councilors Committee on Foreign Affairs, and a former Denver resident, is chairman of this organization, which is dedicated to improving understanding based on their experiences in both countries with both the United States and Japan.

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Fujii, Haruo (Mieko Nakamoto)—boy  
Michael Noboru, Oct. 18.  
Fujimoto, Hisashi (Noriko Shintani)—  
girl Yuki, Oct. 26.  
Fujita, Hitoshi (Elsie Okuma) — boy  
Brian Kashiro, Oct. 11.  
Fukul, Thomas (Hannah Isono) — boy  
Darryl Natsuo, Oct. 27.  
Furuyama, Mel M.—boy, Oct. 4, Pasadena.  
Ishigo, Susumi (Akemi Nakao)—boy  
Erie Hajime, Nov. 4.  
Isobe, Gary (Yukino Sato) — girl Gail  
L., Oct. 27.  
Kaneko, Mark (Setsuka Era) — boy  
Darren J., Oct. 18.  
Kawashima, Daniel K. (Fumiko Sano)  
boy Bret, Oct. 18, Monterey Park.  
Kudo, Ray H. (Kiyoko Yamashiroya)  
—boy Edwin T., Oct. 16.  
Nakama, Yutaka (Kimiko Chimaburo)  
—girl Teri, Oct. 17, Alhambra.  
Nakasu, Tamotsu (Matsuko Yamaguchi)  
—boy Eric M., Oct. 18.  
Sakamoto, Shingo (Emiko Matsuhara)  
—girl Janice Reiko, Oct. 20.  
Suenaga, Keizo (Jane Akira) — boy  
Stanley K., Sept. 6.  
Yoshihashi, Tokuji (Reiko Koto)—girl  
Dorren A., Oct. 7, San Gabriel.

### SEATTLE

Chihara, Theodore—girl, Oct. 29.  
Hidaka, Tom—girl, Sept. 29.  
Hisayasu, Leroy—girl, Nov. 21.  
Honda, Akira—girl, Sept. 29.  
Ikeda, William—boy, Nov. 1.  
Kasahara, George S.—boy, Nov. 15.  
Kawahara, Aki—boy, Nov. 16.  
Kawabata, Shiyogi—boy, Sept. 30.  
Kawamoto, Mike—girl, Sept. 22.  
Komatsu, Henry—boy, Sept. 20, Renton.  
Machida, Calvin T.—boy, Nov. 10.  
Murakami, Washin—boy, Oct. 29.  
Nakamura, Ken—girl, Oct. 28.  
Sakamoto, Alfred N.—girl, Nov. 2.  
Shigeno, Keizo—boy, Sept. 23, Moses  
Lake.  
Sugita, Yasunori—boy, Nov. 4.  
Takasumi, Fred—girl, Oct. 28.  
Tamura, Joe S.—girl, Sept. 25.  
Watanabe, Richard—girl, Nov. 5.  
Yanamoto, Ronald—girl, Nov. 4.

### WEDDINGS

Arakaki-Ginoza—Nov. 7, Harry K., Los  
Angeles; Dorothy, Maui.  
Hirata-Matsumoto — Byron, Parlier;  
Irene, Reedley.  
Hiyama-Naito—Nov. 1, Roger, Orosi;  
Nariko, Reedley.  
Iwanaga-Kai—Nov. 1, Henry and Eva,  
both Reedley.  
Kawanishi-Miyasaki—Kay and Mary  
both of Florin.  
Kimura-Nakamoto—Nov. 14, Toshio,  
Torrance; Reiko, Japan.  
Kuba-Akiyama—Nov. 7, Henry and  
Ayako, both Los Angeles.  
Mikawa-Yamane—Oct. 4, George T.,  
Ingelwood; Reiko G., Gardena.  
Miyahara-Kiyomura—Nov. 7, Jack and  
Joyce, both San Jose.  
Mizutani-Nakamura—Nov. 14, Gen.,  
San Francisco; Mieco, Thermopolis,  
Wyo.  
Sawai-Mayeda—Nov. 8, Ben, Los An-  
geles; Hideko, Dinuba.  
Shimada-Kubota—Kelly and Michi,  
both Fresno.  
Tahara-Oto—Nov. 1, Goro and Mary,  
both Sacramento.  
Taniguchi-Kuratomi—Oct. 25, Ben and  
Sachiko, both Los Angeles.  
Tsunno-Saiki—Oct. 25, Ken and Sumi,  
both Los Angeles.  
Yoshiyama-Inose—Oct. 18, Ray I., Mon-  
terey; Rose K., Gardena.

### Hanford Issei pioneer dies after brief illness

HANFORD—Final services for Kishunosuke Miya, 89, long time local resident who died in his home Dec. 1 after a short illness were held here last Saturday. He was a native of Wakayama-ken and lived here for over 50 years.

Surviving him are his wife Harue; five sons, Kay and Harry Miya who are ranching in Hanford; Dr. Tom S. Miya, professor of pharmacology at Purdue University; Dr. Frank S. Miya, physician surgeon at Maywood; and Yoich Miya, pharmacist and production manager of Osaka Shiseido Co., Japan; two daughters, Mrs. Henry Umino of Orosi; Mrs. George Miyake of Fowler; and eleven grandchildren.

### Drag racer killed

FREMONT. — Yeiji Toyota, 22, of Campbell who has been setting records at the local drag strip, suffered fatal injuries Nov. 29 when his A-fuel dragster flipped several times before 3,500 fans.

### Willie Mays decides to move back to New York

SAN FRANCISCO. — Unable to find a home on the peninsula south of San Francisco, Giants center-fielder Willie Mays and his wife have decided to make a permanent home in New York. The Negro baseball star sold his fashionable Miraloma Dr. home to a corporation executive.

Mays bought the house in the all-white neighborhood for \$37,500 two years ago over protest of some neighbors.

### CONVICTED

SACRAMENTO. — Roy Delaney who killed Henry Nakatomi, 46, a local Nisei grocer, last July 21 was sentenced to life imprisonment for the shotgun hold-up murder Nov. 27 by Superior Court Judge Albert Mundt after a two-week trial.

## ONE-DAY CONFERENCE ON HOUSING BIAS IN LOS ANGELES TOMORROW

"Freedom to Choose a Home" is the theme of the one-day conference concerning race discrimination in housing tomorrow from 9 a.m. at Los Angeles State College, under joint sponsorship of the college and Community Relations Conference of Southern California.

The JACL, as a member of the CRCSC, has urged chapters in the Pacific Southwest district to send as many interested representatives as possible, regional director Fred Takata said.

Purpose of the conference is to explore the extent and character, the causes and consequences of discrimination in housing and to consider programs to promote open occupancy and equal opportunity in housing, regardless of race, color or creed.

Emphasis will be placed on joint action by civic groups and use of the newly enacted California civil rights laws.

### Conference Speakers

Conference speakers include PSWDC chairman Kango Kunitzugu, Mrs. Hideo Kodani, public affairs commission chairman of the Church Federation of Los An-

geles; Franklin H. Williams, chief of the constitutional rights division, State Attorney General Office; George L. Thomas, CRCSC executive director; Loren Miller, Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins, John Buggs of the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations; Max Mont, Jewish Labor Committee; and Anthony Rios, Community Service Organization president.

The CRCSC is a coordinating body for 60 major church, professional, social welfare, business, labor and civil rights organizations.

The one-day conference is open to the public. A \$1.25 registration fee is being asked.

Among the subjects to be discussed are:

- (1) Where Shall We Live—the National Housing Discrimination Problem;
- (2) "Law and Housing"—Legal Tools for Open Occupancy;
- (3) Target for Tomorrow—a program for 1960-61;
- (4) Opening Up New Housing Opportunities;
- (5) Neighborhoods in Transition;
- (6) Urban Renewal Programs; and
- (7) Facts and Fancy in Housing—Education for Integration.

Sessions will be held in the campus Music Bldg., Room 124.

## Sansei UCLA co-ed invited to White House Conference on Children & Youth in 1960

Not everyone can meet the president of the United States, shake hands with him and get into a huddle to solve the youth problems of the world. But that opportunity comes to for 18-year-old Diana Reiko Okumoto, a freshman at UCLA majoring in education.

She is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Okumoto. Her dad is a public accountant and an active Downtown L.A. JACLer, who has been one of the key men in the PSW JACL Credit Union.

Diana is a member of St. Mary's Girls Friendly Society, a world-wide organization.

The White House Conference on Children and Youth called by President Eisenhower on Mar. 27 through April 2, next year has called for only two delegates from the thousands of GFS units all over the United States.

Because of the wonderful work Diana has done this summer in organizing GFS groups in Mexico City, St. Mary's Episcopal received the signal honor to have her represent not only the church but also the American GFS group at Washington next spring.

Miss Okumoto stayed two weeks in Mexico City as one of the three U.S. representatives to establish

GFS units there.

Of Miss Okumoto's representation, Mrs. Ty Hamano, St. Mary's GFS adviser said:

"We want all of the parents to share in our pride and joy in the once-in-a-lifetime honor which has come to St. Mary's through one of our young leaders.

"Because of the wonderful work done by the teenagers of St. Mary's and the very high recommendation on behalf of Diana, she has been given the opportunity and privilege of representing not only the church, the Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese, but the entire GFS at Washington, Mar. 27-Apr. 2 when the global meeting is held."

Miss Okumoto maintains a high scholastic standing as a winner of the Univ. of Calif. Board of Regents grant.

### NISEI MANAGER OF HANSHIN TIGERS QUILTS

TOKYO. — Yoshio (Kaiser) Tanaka, one of the greatest catchers ever developed in Hawaii, quit Nov. 26 as manager of the Hanshin Tigers professional baseball club but said he hoped to make a comeback sometime in the future.

Tanaka's resignation was accepted reluctantly by the owners who had asked him to reconsider and pilot the Tigers for the third successive season next year.

"I quit because of my high blood pressure and for family reasons," Tanaka explained.

Tanaka said he had accepted a position with the special services, U.S. Navy, and would be at Yokohama.

### 'BULL' KAWAMOTO GETS CIVIL SERVICE AWARD

Roy A. Kawamoto, 48, was presented an Award Certificate and check from Supervisor Ernest E. Debs at a recent meeting of the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission.

Kawamoto, an offset duplicator operator in the Civil Service Dept., was given the award for his suggestion in connection with clerical operations in the department that will result in great financial savings to the county. (He was known for his linoleum art work published before the war in the Kashu Mainichi.)

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## Christmas Cheer sets 'sorting' day

Volunteers will spend Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, at the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce office (next door to the JACL Regional Office in the Miyako Hotel) to sort and package the groceries, staples and toys for needy Japanese families in Los Angeles, it was announced by Christmas Cheer chairman Jim Higashi.

Deliveries are to be made during the week preceding Christmas Day. Organizations or individuals wishing to assist are asked to call the Christmas Cheer offices at MA 6-4471.

The current total of contributions is \$1,884.33, representing 75 per cent of the goal, and it was bolstered by \$178 received during the past week as follows:

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\$1—Anonymous, Morio Yanabu, Richard Hikida, Anonymous.	
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Total previously reported	\$1706.33
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Contributions in cash or in kind will be accepted until Dec. 19, it was added, at the JACL Office, 258 E. 1st St., Los Angeles 12.





# Washington NEWSLETTER BY MIKE MASAOKA

## Comments from Japan

Tokyo

**ALTHOUGH SUBSEQUENT NEWSLETTERS** for the rest of the year will note a Tokyo dateline, they will have been prepared prior to our departure from Japan to Hong Kong, Bangkok, Calcutta, New Delhi, Moscow, Copenhagen, Berlin, Paris, London, and New York. My associate Sam Ishikawa, who has shared this trip with me thus far, will leave me at Copenhagen to fly to Madrid and Lisbon, as well as New York.

It had been our plan and hope to return to the East Coast via Hawaii and the West Coast, but the dictates of our clients are such that this route was not possible.

Early in the summer, the National Cotton Council petitioned the Secretary of Agriculture for restrictive action against cotton imports into the United States on the basis that such imports impaired the government program for raw cotton exports. The Secretary recently recommended, and the President directed, that the Tariff Commission conduct an investigation into this complaint.

Since we represent the Association of Importers of Japanese Textiles, Inc., a New York trade organization, we are, of course, vitally concerned with this investigation. Accordingly, for the past month, we have been studying the Japan cotton textile industry, as Japan is the largest supplier of the American market, followed by Hong Kong and other countries that we will visit prior to Christmas.

**THE JAPAN OF** today is a vastly different Japan from that of even three years ago, when we last visited here. Both Sam and I agree that perhaps the most striking and noticeable change is in the number of television sets that are seen everywhere—even in the most remote areas and in out-of-the-way temples. We understand that Japan today is second only to the United States in the number of television sets in use and we are inclined to believe that estimate as we see antenna on practically every rooftop.

Japan's urban traffic is more frightening than ever, as the number of automobiles seem to have mushroomed tremendously. One does notice, however, the relative silence of the streets when one recalls the continual din of the horns just a few years ago when it seemed that every driver depended more upon his horn than on his brakes.

That Japan is prosperous is evident, for new office buildings and hotels are going up as if in New York City or Washington, the top two cities in terms of construction since the end of World War II in the U.S. The shops and stores are loaded with merchandise of every description and from many parts of the world.

The people are still in a hurry, but are better dressed than ever before. Bachelor Sam observed that the always beautiful Japanese women are even prettier now that they have mastered the art of facial makeup.

Most Japanese homes now have small automatic washing machines, although their lack of continuous hot water makes for a rather complicated, makeshift operation that is, with its limitations, far more efficient than the old method tub or river washing. Although the Japanese family still is without an automobile, most families have at least an autobike for transportation.

**ON EVERY VACANT** lot of playground, even in mid-December, boys and men of all ages and shapes are playing baseball, which, without doubt, is the national pastime. Two all-time baseball greats, Frank Lefty O'Doul and Joe DiMaggio, are in Japan at the present time. They are real heroes to the Japanese, especially O'Doul who is considered to be the father of professional baseball in Japan and the one who, in sponsoring the first postwar all-star team in 1949, helped to cement Japanese American relations by demonstrating that the hates of war had passed. From various sources, we learned of O'Doul's many and great private contributions to charity and worthy causes in Japan which have endeared him not only to the sports-minded but the general public as well. In truth, the two-time National League batting champion who played with both the New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers is a household name in this land where baseball is king of sports and where, perhaps more than any single individual, he represents Japanese-American friendship through sports.

**EVERY YEAR, MORE** and more Nisei are visiting Japan for business and personal reasons and the main lobby of the new annex to famed Imperial Hotel is like the Grand Central Station for meeting with friends from the States.

Among some of those best known to JACLers were Tom Hayashi, Mas Yonemura, and Bill Mambu, all attorneys, from New York, Oakland, and Seattle, respectively. Bill, incidentally, was honeymooning with his charming bride of recent weeks.

From Washington, D.C., we saw former chapter presidents Hank Goshio and Ben Nakao, as well as Peggy Matsuda Otsuki and Bob Iki.

Peter and Muts Okada of Los Angeles, Shiro Omata of Fresno, George Iwatsumo, also of Fresno, Cappy Harada of Santa Maria, Tamotsu Murayama and Dr. George Kiyoshi Togasaki of San Francisco were among others with whom we met.

We were particularly pleased to meet with the Nichibei Club, composed of former residents of the United States. We were honored that such legendary figures as T. Togasaki, 96-year old Issei leader who inspired many of us Nisei to work for the elimination of racial discrimination in our native land,

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## Rep. Inouye in tearful reunion with GI who rescued him in combat for Japan TV

TOKYO.—Rep. Daniel K. Inouye had a dramatic reunion Thursday last week with the man he credits with saving his life during World War II combat in Italy.

The reunion between the only American of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. Congress and his savior took place at the studios of the Nippon Television Co. where Inouye appeared to record a videotaped one-hour program on the story of his life.

Four others who served with the 35-year-old Congressman in the 442nd "Go for Broke" all-Nisei Regimental Combat Team in Italy also appeared on the program.

The dramatic moment came when one of the four, Sam Matsuura, of Spokane, Wash., stepped forward. "He was choked up and teary-eyed," a witness to the scene said.

Inouye, who had not seen Matsuura in 10 years, extended a for the TV audience by declaring warm greeting and identified him "This is the man who saved my life."

It was explained that when Inouye lost his right arm in action and lay helpless, Matsuura, now a civilian employee with the U.S. security forces in Japan, dragged him out of the danger area.

The other three, also civilian employees of the U.S. military in Japan, are James Kono, Harry Teshima and Joseph Fujii, all of Honolulu.

Earlier that day, Inouye called on Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi.

Inouye, who arrived in Japan Nov. 30 with his wife Margaret Shinobu, is making a Far East tour of the invitation of U.S. Army Secretary Wilbur Brucker.

Arriving Saturday at Seoul, Inouye sidestepped a question from newsmen concerning the strained relations between South Korea and Japan. He said only:

"It would be impudent of me to take any sides. However, I hope that the two nations, Korea and Japan, get together. Their differences assist only one force, and that is the force north of us."

Inouye, who is accompanied by wife, Margaret Shinobu, explained his trip was to obtain first hand knowledge of the Far East. He was to stay in Korea four days

and visit Formosa, Okinawa and the Philippines.

While here, Inouye presented a message from the people of Hawaii to President Syngman Rhee who lived in Hawaii when his nation was under Japanese rule.

The people of Hawaii, the Congressman said, consider Rhee "a beloved former resident and they wish him good health and long life."

## Wakamatsu—

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George Hirakawa and Bunny Nakagawa, both chapter past presidents, were presented with JACL Silver pins for their long and meritorious service to the organization, while Jeanne Takemoto and Junius Matsumoto were awarded JACL membership pins for their active support and participation in chapter activities. Howard Nakae, recognition committee chairman, made the presentations.

### 25-Year JACLers

Following chapter members were presented with 25 year membership pins for their loyal support:

Jack Yokote, Bunny and Harriet Nakagawa, Tom Hironaka, Shuji Yoshikawa, Amy Hironaka and George Makabe. Hanayo Yego, another recipient, was unable to attend.

Newly-elected 1960 chapter president Aster Kondo of Loomis and Jr. JACL prexy Satoru Tamaribuchi of Penryn and their respective cabinet members were sworn into office in a joint installation ceremony conducted by Masao Satow, national director. Satow also presented retiring chapter president Dr. Kashiwabara with the JACL past president pin.

Among the honored guests present were State Senator Ron Cameron of Auburn, Assemblyman Paul Lunardi of Roseville, Superior Court Judges Lowell Sparks and Leland Propp, various county officials, and civic and business leaders of this area.

National JACL officials attending besides Wakamatsu and Satow were Aikiji Yoshimura of Colusa, national 1st vice-president, Bill Matsumoto of Sacramento, national 1000 Club chairman and general chairman of 1960 national convention, and Yone Satoda of San Francisco, chairman of Northern California-Western Nevada district council.

General chairman Yosh Nakamura and co-chairman Bob Nakamura and the various dinner committees were highly praised for their superb efforts in making this annual event a big success. Particular commendation went to Ellen Kubo and her corps of lovely hostesses for their charming efficiency in greeting and seating the guests, and to the Jr. JACL for their pleasing hall decoration.

Dr. John Kashiwabara, native son of Placer County and president of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL, and whose brother Kay is the Placer County chapter president, had urged Wakamatsu's attendance and was also attending.

### Nisei place in 1959

#### contract bridge meet

CORONADO.—Dr. Katsumi Uho of Los Angeles finished fourth in the American Contract Bridge league's 1959 senior master tournament last week.

An all-California team, including Don Oakie (Aoki) of San Francisco, scored 53.7 points to win the blue ribbon open-team championship Friday.

The Southwest Los Angeles Nisei dentist scored a total of 711 points in four sessions. The one-time Nisei basketball star led at the midway point with 400 points.

Tom Commander of South Gate, Calif., finished first in a field of 232 with 733.

The senior tourney was held in conjunction with the life masters event at the week-long ACBL fall championships.

### Homecoming queen

MILWAUKEE.—Irene Jonokuchi, daughter of Eddie and Helen Jonokuchi, active JACLers here, reigned as Homecoming Queen at Pulaski High School last month.

## LEGION SEVERES 40 ET 8 TIES OVER RACE BIAS

INDIANAPOLIS.—The American Legion last Friday cut its public ties with its funmaking 40 & 8 Society in a fight over racial membership restrictions.

From now on the 40 & 8 will be forbidden to use the American Legion name or its emblem in any connection with its activities, announced Legion's national commander Martin B. McKneally.

McKneally sent word of his action to John Hobbles of Liberal, Kan., national 40 & 8 chief.

The parent Legion and its 40 & 8 offspring have been arguing for several years over a Society rule limiting membership to whites only. The Legion itself has no racial bars.

Last year the 40 & 8 national headquarters lifted the charter of its San Jose, Calif., chapter for admitting a Chinese American.

The Legion national convention in Minneapolis last August declared the 40 & 8 membership restriction illegal.

The 40 & 8 was named for World War I French railroad cars, which carried the sign "40 et 8"—40 men and eight horses.

## Secretary of State signs commendation letter for research office worker

WASHINGTON.—Mrs. Ruth Okuye Ihara, formerly of Livingston, Calif., has been presented with a letter of commendation, signed by U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Hertel, in recognition of "outstanding performance" over a sustained period of time.

Mrs. Ihara is a secretary in the office of research and analysis for Western Europe in the State Department.

She is a graduate of Livingston High School and has attended Modesto Jr. College and Univ. of Minnesota.

She is married to Hideo Ihara, an electronics engineer with Emerson research laboratory in Silver Springs, Md. The Iharas have two children, Randall, 17, and Naomi, 12, residing at 3228 O St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Ihara's mother is Mrs. Chiyo Okuye of Livingston.

### Hijikata elected

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Frank Hijikata of Neighborhood House has been elected president of the St. Paul Federation of Settlement Houses and Neighborhood Centers, it was announced Nov. 13.

## CALENDAR

(Items for insertion in the Calendar are exclusively reserved for chapters and placed without charge.—Editor.)

- Dec. 12 (Saturday)
  - Chicago—Christmas party, McCormick YWCA, 8 p.m.
  - Eden Township—Christmas party, Ashland School, 7:30 p.m.
  - Mid-Columbia—Auxiliary Christmas party, Mid-Valley School.
  - Milwaukee—Christmas party, Mitchell Park Pavilion.
  - San Francisco—Aux'y Christmas dance, Central YMCA, 9 p.m.
  - Sonoma County—Auxiliary Christmas party.
  - Detroit—Japanese movies, International Institute.
  - Long Beach—Installation.
- Dec. 13 (Sunday)
  - Venice-Culver—Christmas party, Community Center, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19 (Saturday)
  - Salinas Valley—Christmas party, Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church gym, 7 p.m.
  - Long Beach—Christmas party.
- Dec. 20 (Sunday)
  - Detroit—Children's Christmas party, International Institute.
- Dec. 21 (Monday)
  - Sacramento—Youth meeting, New YBA Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Howard Busching, spkr. "Teenage Life and Problems".
- Dec. 22 (Tuesday)
  - Fowler—Christmas party, Buddhist hall.
- Dec. 23 (Wednesday)
  - San Fernando Valley—Christmas party, San Fernando Park Comm. Ctr. bldg.
- Dec. 26 (Saturday)
  - Cleveland—Dinner-dance.
- Dec. 31 (Thursday)
  - Detroit—New Year's Eve dance, American Legion Hall.
  - Monterey—New Year's Eve dance, San Carlos Hotel.
  - San Jose—New Year's dance, Hawaiian Gardens.
- Jan. 2 (Saturday)
  - Long Beach—New Year's dance.
- Jan. 6 (Wednesday)
  - Detroit—Teen Club elections.
- Jan. 9 (Saturday)
  - Sonoma County—Installation dinner.