

COLUMN LEFT:

Toying with the P-bomb

It took a California Protestant Episcopal bishop to make the issue of overpopulation a political football when he asked if the policy laid down by the Catholic hierarchy in their Nov. 25 statement on birth control was "binding on Roman Catholic candidates for public office."

Before one can regard this a good thing to bring the topic of population control into the realm of political issues, two risks should be considered.

One is the effect of religious bigotry of the Al Smith era that may split the unity of Americans when this nation faces a critical period in its relations with world communism.

The other is the impact of this question on the world at large. When one argues the pros and cons of overpopulation, the primary objectives of this noisy issue cannot be ignored. "Too many babies" means too many Asiatics and too many Africans, not too many Yankees. It wouldn't take Soviet Russia too long to make propaganda hay from it, broadcasting that such U.S. concern for foreign countries unable to feed their peoples is no more than a device to insure imperialistic domination.

Judging from President Eisenhower's news conference of Dec. 2, he does not accept the thesis of promoting birth control in foreign countries into political discussion. In fact, he indicated that our Government has no business toying with this P-bomb.

A writer in the Los Angeles Times last week also called the suggestion that foreign aid being dependent on what other countries do or do not do about birth control was "irresponsible" since it would offend the lands "to which we are trying most to appeal." The local Negro weekly Tribune suspects the Planned Parenthood Federation is part of a sinister plot to preserve white supremacy. Sinister or no, it adds up that way. —HH

BOY SCOUT FUND OVERSUBSCRIBED, PASS \$1,000 GOAL

SAN FRANCISCO. — The goal of \$1,000 for a transportation scholarship to bring a Boy Scout from Japan to the 50th Anniversary Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America has been over-subscribed, JACL National Headquarters announced Monday.

A total of \$1,091.20 has been received in contributions, and communications are now underway with National Boy Scout Headquarters and the National Committee of the Boy Scouts of Japan to welcome the designated representative when he arrives in America.

National JACL President Shig Wakamatsu expressed appreciation to JACL members and friends of Scouting for their cooperation. "We are happy to have completed our financial commitment on this project in time for a Christmas gift to the Boy Scouts of America. We are deeply grateful to those who participated in this worthy project for their voluntary contributions. Whatever overage will be given to the Boy Scouts of America for their International and Interracial work."

Contributions amounting to \$210 were received at JACL National Headquarters from the following since the last public report of \$881.20:

\$50—Intermountain DC 1000 Club convention.

\$25—Dr. James Nagatani (Delano), Mountain-Plains Dist. Council.

\$15—Washington, D.C., Sansei; Delano JACL.

\$10—San Fernando JACL, Yoshio Takahashi (Palm Springs, Idaho), Reno JACL.

Cortez JACL, Dr. Carl Hirota (San Francisco) William Mimbu (Seattle).

Ko S. Sameshima (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

\$5—Jerry Enomoto (San Francisco), Harry K. Honda (Los Angeles).

Berkeley Nisei geologist to research water shed management in Hawaii

BERKELEY. — Appointment of Teruo Yamamoto, watershed geologist, to the staff of the Pacific Southwest forest and range experiment station, was announced this past week by Dr. Keith Arnold, director of the U.S. Forest Service experiment station in Berkeley.

Yamamoto will be assigned to the Honolulu office of the experiment station, where he will start research in watershed management aimed at improving water supplies for the new state of Hawaii.

Before coming to the experiment station, Yamamoto was on the Forest Service staff at Vicksburg, Miss., where he conducted investigations of soil strength, trafficability and soil-moisture infiltration in cooperation with the Army mobility research center.

Nisei in partnership designing furniture

PHILADELPHIA. Richard Koga is now in partnership with Theodore T. Newbold in unusual furniture design and manufacture, the Philadelphia JACL reported this week.

The first Koga line recently introduced has a slightly Oriental flavor with a strong Shaker influence. Prices range from \$160 to \$700. Their showroom is at 2310 Locust St.

Oakland to campaign for lakeside Japanese gardens

OAKLAND. — A Japanese garden in the center of Lakeside Park, which juts onto Lake Merritt on the northside, will be constructed soon, according to Frank Ogawa, prominent nurseryman here.

To be designed by Nagao Sakurai, noted Japanese landscape architect, Eastbay area nurseries will provide the plants while the city park commission will furnish labor and construction materials.

Ogawa and Mas Yonemura, local attorney, will chair a campaign to raise \$3,000 here shortly.

ICBM MEMBERSHIP DERBY LOSS PAYOFF



Fred Takata, PSW regional director, holding the kettle of water pours San Francisco waters on the head of Joe Yasaki, Southwest L.A. JACL president, and Vi Nakano, membership chairman. The placards tell the story. San Francisco won the 1959 ICBM Trophy, emblematic of being the biggest chapter in the U.S. Chicago, which was in the three-chapter race, also ran—and a picture was published in the Nov. 6 PC front page.

POCATELLO JACL ALERTS HEADLINE WRITER IN IDAHO ON USE OF 'JAP'

POCATELLO. — The Idaho State Journal this week agreed with Pocatello JACL that the use of "Jap" on a front page headline last Dec. 7 was to be avoided.

The acknowledgement appeared Sunday in "Buzz of the Burg by Ing", in which longtime JACLer George Shiozawa of the Pocatello chapter writes:

Dear Ing:

IN YOUR PAPER of December 7th, "Pearl Harbor Day," a front page item appeared "Ex-Envoy Says Jap Attack Risky." The article was newsworthy but the heading was from my standpoint out of line. The word "Jap" is detested by all Americans of Japanese ancestry and by Japanese wherever they may be. The word Jap according to Webster—the latest edition—is derisive and derogatory. It is not a proper abbreviation as it was used in your paper.

Granted there may be strong feelings remaining from the sneak attack of December 7, 1941, on Pearl Harbor, I wonder if it is the American way to refer to our one-time enemy in a derogatory manner, especially in view of the present relationship we enjoy with Japan.

The word Jap connotes racial bias and for this reason more than any, we Japanese Americans dislike this reference when made to us or to Japanese. It is impossible for us to hide our racial identity (nor do we wish to) hence many of our fellow Americans refer to us as Japanese Americans or simply Japanese. While many racial groups are referred to by their ancestry, I have yet to see a newspaper reference to Chinese as "Chinks," Negroes as "Niggers," Jews as "Kikes," or Italians as "Dagoes." Why then should the Japanese be called Japs?

Our children ask "Are we Japs? that's what some kids call us at school." I believe reasons for this are obvious.

In the future it is my hope

that your paper will refrain from the use of the word Jap and continue in its usual high quality journalism.

The above letter was follows by: Dear George:

WE AGREE WITH YOU. it is our guess, however, that the use of the word "Jap" by editors in recent years, in most instances, has resulted from the mechanics of head writing. It is almost impossible to get the words, "Japanese-American" into an ordinary head on a news item. At least, the editor has to devote a bit more time to the problem. However, this is no excuse as there is no racial group in this country, who have better earned the admiration and respect of the populace as a whole than the Japanese-American. Some of the best and most loyal friends we have ever had have been and are members of this group.

It takes bit of time to overcome prejudices, and we should all cooperate to wipe them out. Many years after the first World War, the word "Boche" in reference to the Germans appeared in public print. You have every reason to be proud of your Japanese heritage. It has given you much in the way of courage, industry and appreciation of many of the finer things in life.

Shiozawa, who was awarded the JACL sapphire pin at the Salt Lake City national convention last summer, also enclosed a news clipping from a recent issue of the Pacific Citizen that told of the action taken by the Cleveland JACL and Washington JACL representative with reference to use of "Jap" in a Li'l Abner cartoon strip.

The clipping was reprinted in the balance of the Sunday column. Novo Kato, active Pocatello JACLer, pointed out that the Idaho Journal has refrained from the use of "Jap" in headlines for many years in the past.

The chapter officially added its

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1000 CLUB HITS NEW HIGH: 1,376 ACTIVE MEMBERS

SAN FRANCISCO. — The JACL 1000 Club "honor roll" in the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue being published next week will include 1,376 members in good standing—which tops the all-time high announced Dec. 15.

By the end of the first week of December, a sudden flurry of new and renewal memberships boosted the membership another 38 strong.

A list of current and expired 1000 Club members is being sent to respective chapters, which is expected to aid in the campaign to sign 2,000 active members at the 1960 JACL Convention time in Sacramento.

With the addition of 36 new and renewal members received during

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NISEI FILES TO BLOCK DEPORTATION ORDER ISSUED 8 YEARS AGO

CHICAGO. — Kazuo Joji, a 27-year-old Nisei factory worker born in Watsonville, Calif., filed suit in federal district court here Dec. 7 seeking to block his pending deportation.

Under deportation order because of service with the Japanese army in World War II, he contends that he was drafted after his family took him to Japan for a visit in 1940.

A federal district court in San Francisco ruled eight years ago that Joji should be deported because he failed to prove he had been drafted involuntarily.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled later in a similar case that the citizen need not prove involuntary drafting; that it was up to the government to prove his service was voluntary.

Joji's attorney, Thomas Matsuda, said U.S. Immigration Service officials, however, took the position that Joji's deportation must be carried out because it was not specifically voided in court.

Four Nisei pass Calif. bar exams

Two Southland and two San Francisco Nisei were among 642 who successfully passed their California bar examinations in September and will be admitted Jan. 6 before the State Supreme Court.

They are George Shibata of Gardena, and Wilbur Sato of Los Angeles; Grant Shimizu and Wendell H. Marumoto, both of San Francisco.

Shibata, first Nisei to enter and be graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, resigned from the Air Force to study law at USC. The Utah-born Nisei also starred in "Pork Chop Hill", a Gregory Peck film on the Korean conflict.

Sato is an active East L.A. JACLer, who worked five years as a spot welder before resuming his studies at Denver University. Shimizu formerly lived in San Jose, where his father was a prosperous nurseryman. He received his degree at Hastings Law School.

Marumoto is the son of Associate Justice Masaji Marumoto of the Hawaii Supreme Court.

New Year's Eve dance set for San Francisco JACLers

SAN FRANCISCO. — The annual San Francisco JACL New Year's Eve Dance will be held in the Empire Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel from 10 p.m. until orchestra.

Chairman for this event will be Tad Ono, assisted by John Yasumoto, tickets; Hats Aizawa, posters; Kei Hori, Sam Sato, Steve Doi and Mrs. Yo Hironaka, door.

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Ye Editor's Desk

Next week, our mammoth 1959 Holiday Issue will be in the mails—all of 72 pages in the Christmas edition. As in the past, however, to accommodate some last-minute advertising we have a good chance of running over again . . . We promised 72 last year and added four more pages. The biggest one was published in 1955 when we had 84 pages.

For fear that we might not be able to squeeze a column in the Holiday Issue, let me mention the fine work of my left and right hand men: Charles Fullert and Brother Theophane—two cronies of the Wednesday Supper Club, an unorganized excuse for having dinner with the boys on the nights we stay in town to lock up PC pages each week. Charlie has been laying out the display ads on the pages for the Holiday Issue for several reasons; while Brother Tee switches from paperback mysteries to Holiday Issue galley proofs about this time each year.

The hours have been flying fast for PC business manager Fred Takata and the office secretary Maebelle Higa, handling the advertising accounts . . . As this is being written, half of the ad-copy and straight matter has been checked—and we'll have this coming weekend to wrap up the final page dummies before the presses roll come Tuesday night. I can see a couple of sleepless nights ahead of me.

The PC Board and Staff wants to thank the chapters and solicitors for helping us go over last year's mark in the display advertising. Some of the chapters were good enough to take an ad in lieu of commissions. Every little bit will help make PC solvent and really let us concentrate on improving the publication as well as exerting our own efforts in promoting PC with Membership at the forthcoming national convention.

On the theme, "1960-70 JACL Planning," some of the requested stories fail to appear by deadline. We hope to have them published in the weeks to come. It may be that time was against us—having people write on a topic as serious as this one. But there are other stories that will make the 1959 Holiday Issue readable. . . . Other features you can expect next week will be the JACL History, 1000 Club Honor Roll (with its all-time high count in excess of 1,350), listings of chapter presidents, district and national officers, JACL pin winners, etc.

Chapter reports were fewer in count this year than in previous years. This is one tradition we hate to see die on the vine. It's a handy means of knowing what a chapter did throughout the year . . . Those we have contained a lot of names (which we don't mind), but the trick in chapter reports in Holiday Issues is to distill the most significant and unusual things of the year. What was done seems more substantial in a report of this kind than where, when and who. . . . We should slap on a 500 word limit to chapter reports hereafter. It might encourage more chapters to really submit an annual report.

Venice-Culver wanted to send their report in—because of the success they have enjoyed this past year. Knowing the people intimately out there, I'm sure 1960 will be another success and I hope someone will tell the rest of the chapters about it in next year's Holiday Issue.

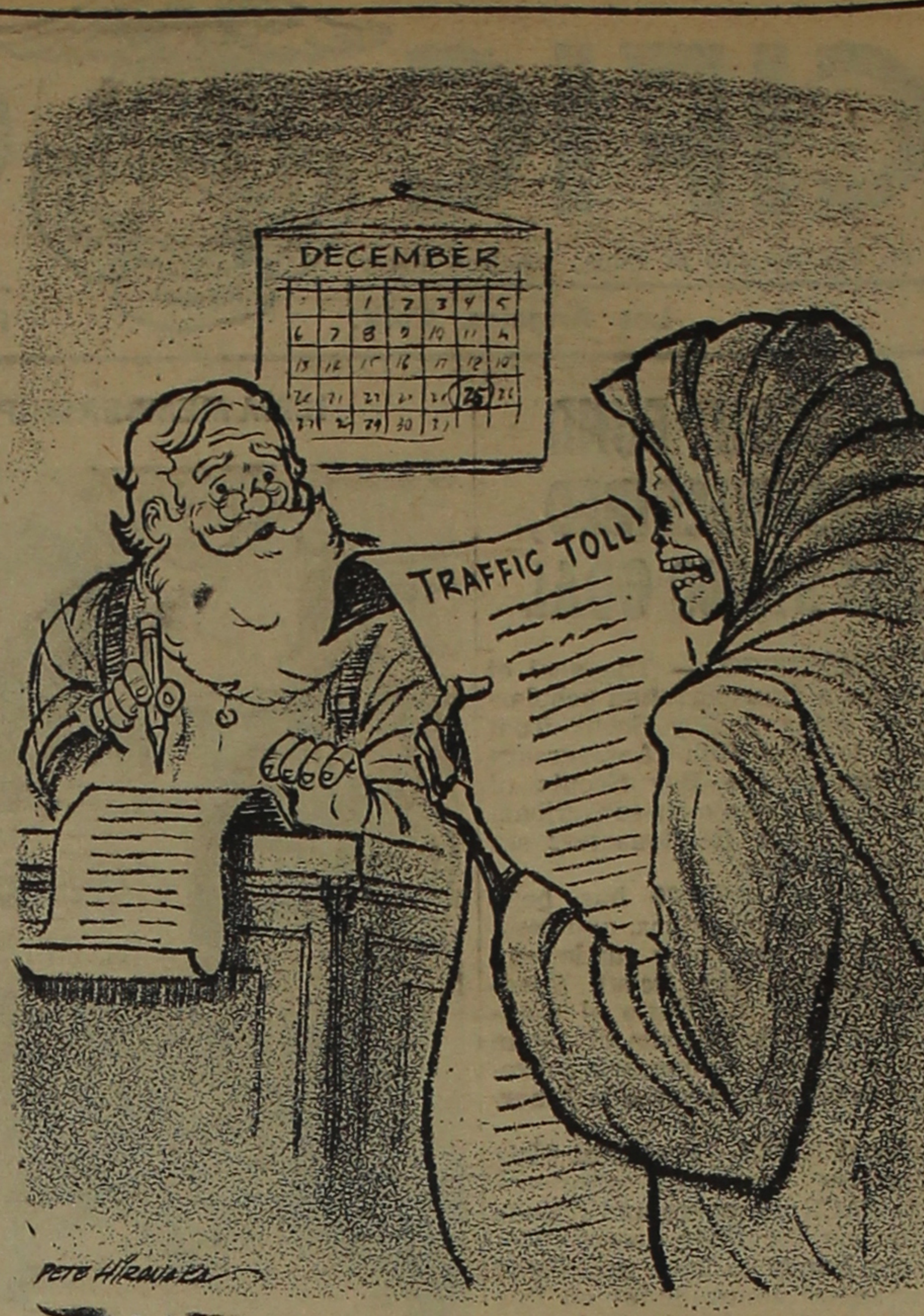
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'My List Keeps Growing Too'

Buchanan YM-YWCA to split after 12 years
of joint community work in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Buchanan St. YM-YWCA, a joint operation for the past 12½ years, will be separated at the end of the year when the YWCA will resume its community activities at the old Japanese YWCA at 1830 Sutter.

Mrs. Michi Onuma, former English editor of the Hokubei Mainichi and currently with the city's redevelopment office in the Buchanan "Y" building, will take over as executive director of the new 1830 Sutter YWCA Branch from Jan. 1.

In a joint statement last week, Mary Buchtel, San Francisco YWCA executive director, and Roy Sorenson, Metropolitan YMCA executive director, said the new move is being undertaken by their groups to adapt "to community conditions to enlarge effectiveness with the youth of the area."

The postwar joint operation has "provided a distinctive contribution to the Western Addition community" but the situation has changed, the statement said.

"There are empty buildings, extensive demolition and street repairs as the redevelopment program is active" and the YWCA is now moving to Sutter St. to

provide a safer and more accessible place for its program for girls.

Built in 1932 as the Japanese YWCA, the 1830 Sutter Building has been rented by the American Friends Service Committee since 1942. The Friends have now a location for their San Francisco headquarters and will be moving shortly.

Lucy Schulte, present executive director at the Buchanan St. center, was recently named to succeed Miss Buchtel who is retiring from her city-wide post.

The program for boys and men will continue at the Buchanan St. center under the direction of Harry Pavne and Yori Wada.

Present members of the joint YM-YWCA board are being asked to form the nucleus for a new 1830 Sutter board. Among committee chairman assisting Mrs. Onuma will be Mrs. Kay Okamoto, house committee.

Dr. Robert Kiyasu will remain as chairman of the Buchanan St. YMCA board. Additional members are now being selected by a nominating committee headed by Tom Hoshiyama. It was indicated that the new YMCA board will include a number of women members, in line with general policy at YMCA branches.

The Buchanan St. center was built as the Japanese YMCA in 1936. It was used as a USO center until early in 1947 when it was returned to the YMCA and reopened as a community YM-YWCA center.

MRS. CHARLOTTE DOI
TO HEAD S.F. AUXILIARY

SAN FRANCISCO.—New officers of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary were chosen at the recent gift-exchange Christmas of the Auxiliary members. Those who will be serving on the 1960 cabinet are: Mrs. Charlotte Doi, pres.; Chibi Yamamoto, v.p.; Naomi Shibata, v.p.; Barbara Nagareda, rec. sec.; Amy Hatsukano, cor. sec.; Miye Magota, treas.; and Yasuko Fujita, service.

Outgoing officers of the Auxiliary are: Mrs. Miyuki Kobayashi, pres.; Tess Hideshima, v.p.; Katherine Reyes, pub.; Mrs. Charlotte Doi, rec. sec.; Marie Kurihara, cor. sec.; Marie Kogawara, treas.; and Mrs. Kay Onishi, service.

Following the election, games led by Naomi Shibata, gift-exchanging, and refreshments were enjoyed by the members.

An I. Magnin gift certificate was Bess Sonoda, with Lucy Adachi handling the refreshments.

Christmas Cheer
passes 84% mark

Christmas Cheer packages will again be well filled, thanks to the superb door-to-door canvass for canned goods and staples by Koyasan Boy Scout Troop 379 this past week, according to Cheer chairman Jim Higashi.

Volunteers will sort the packages and box them for delivery in time for Christmas. Toys and cash remembrances will be included. The Cheer campaign has reached the 84 per cent mark at \$2,123.83. Latest donors are:

December 7 - 12
Long Beach-Harbor District
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Buddhist Sunday School
\$10—Dr. and Mrs. Itaru Ishida DDS.
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Mr. and Mrs. Ikuo Yamamoto
\$3—George Yamagata
\$1—Connie Hiraoka.

Other Cash Donations
\$29—Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae
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\$15—Fukui Mortuary.
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\$2—M. Kaita, Mr. Kitahara.
\$1—T. Mayeda.

Cheer Fund Recapitulation
Total previously reported . . . \$1834.33
Total this report . . . 239.50

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San Francisco JACL
inaugural Feb. 12

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL will hold its 1960 inaugural dinner dance on Friday, Feb. 12 at A. Sabella's Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf, it was announced this week.

The chapter is holding a mail-ballot election with those post-marked by Dec. 20 to be tallied. Twelve were nominated for 10 vacancies on the chapter board. They are:

Kay Fujimoto, insurance salesman; Sumi Fujita, dietician; Michisuke Fukuda, social worker; Marie Kurihara, nursing instructor; Jim Mametsuka, produce manager; Tooru Mochida, engineer; Dr. Harry Nomura, dentist; Hank Obavashi, administrative asst.; Tad Ono, accountant; Dr. Clifford Uyeda, physician; Chibi Yamamoto, secretary and John Yasumoto, engineer.

Fremont JACL schedules
Christmas party tomorrow

FREMONT.—The Fremont JACL will hold its annual Christmas party this Saturday at Hansen Hall.

Festivities get underway at 2:30 p.m. with Toyoko Yonekura chairing the games, carol singing and entertainment. Michi Handa is assisting.

Sculptor Noguchi wins \$2,000 prize

CHICAGO. — One of the most respected art awards in the nation, the Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Logan Art Institute Medal which carries with it a cash award of \$2,000, has been given to Isamu Noguchi, noted sculptor.

Announcement was made here Dec. 1 on the eve of the opening of the 63rd American Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture at the Art Institute. The exhibition through January.

Noguchi's entry was a cast-iron sculpture, "The Self."

Comprising the jury of awards were: Robert Motherwell, a painter; Otto Sittman, Jr., of the Toledo Museum of Art, a museum director; and Alfred Frankenstein, critic of the San Francisco Chronicle.

Use of 'Jap' —

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protest to the Journal editor and other friends of the chapter have been urged to express similar sentiments.

40 & 8 Comment

The columnist Ing closed his column with a comment on the 40 & 8 Society racial issue.

WHILE WE ARE a charter member of Pocatello voiture of the Forty & Eight, a past officer in the organization and paid our 1960 dues on Veterans' Day, we are pleased to read that the American Legion has broken off with the '40 & 8' because of its refusal of membership to non-whites. Until the controversy broke out with the parent organization, we doubt that many of us Forty & Eighters knew of this restrictive clause. We are hopeful that the local voiture will inform the national organization that as far as it is concerned that it stands solidly with the Legion.

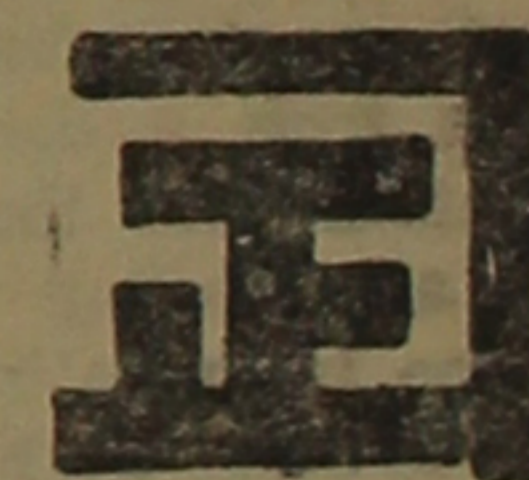
It is incredible that any kind of veterans organization should retain this restrictive feature in this day and age. Americans of all races fight and die for the United States in time of war. The devotion and sacrifice of Negroes and persons of Oriental descent is as great as anyone else's. Indeed it is greater, in the sense that they are engaged in another struggle within the country they serve, the struggle for recognition. How the 40 & 8 manages to sidestep these facts is a puzzle which need not concern. However the dishonorable discharge it has been given by the American Legion may have a salutary effect upon its policies.

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

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

AGE OF THE HORSE—Man may have his eyes on the distant stars, dreaming of the day he will fly into space, but little girls still live in the age of the horse. At least our Christie does. She is filled with love for the horse, any horse, completely enchanted by the horse legend that has become part of contemporary Americana. In other words she wants a horse of her own, preferably for Christmas.

It does no good to point out to her that horses are stupid, petulant beasts requiring more care than they are worth. The argument that horses are smelly, capable of making large messes, and eat a devastating amount of expensive hay, is as nothing to her. She wants a horse. She is convinced that horses are noble, not mean. She thinks they love little children and like nothing better to give them rides, whereas everyone knows they are poised at all times to throw and maim any rider regardless of age, sex or previous condition of servitude.

Well, where would we keep a horse? In the garage, of course. She insists I can leave the car outside, for it is an unfeeling piece of machinery that requires no shelter. Who will feed it? She will. Who will curry it and brush down its coat? She will. Who will clean out the garage? She will.

These are arguments and promises we've heard before. The youngsters were going to feed and care for the dog when we got one. Likewise the parakeet. Likewise the turtles. Likewise the goldfish. And who did the work? After the first few weeks, not they.

So, wise from experience, I have reached a compromise with Christie. She has been persuaded to settle for her second-choice Christmas present, namely a wrist watch. Thanks to Swiss artisans, wrist watches are now within the reach of even a newspaperman's purse. This seems to be fine with Christie, and I am delighted, especially since I understand how to wind a watch but don't know the first thing about the care and feeding of horses.

Now, somehow, I get the idea she would have preferred a watch all along and dreamed up the horse caper just to make sure she'd get it.

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TEMPUS FUGIT—Almost before we realized it, the year has run its course. Here it is almost Christmas, and a week after that comes 1960. The figures one-nine-six-oh have an unreal quality. It will be hard getting used to writing them after the date.

Only a few short years ago—at least that's the way it seems—we were in the Golden Twenties. Then it was the Hungry Thirties, and after that came the fleeting wartime years of the Forties. How those decades have sped by.

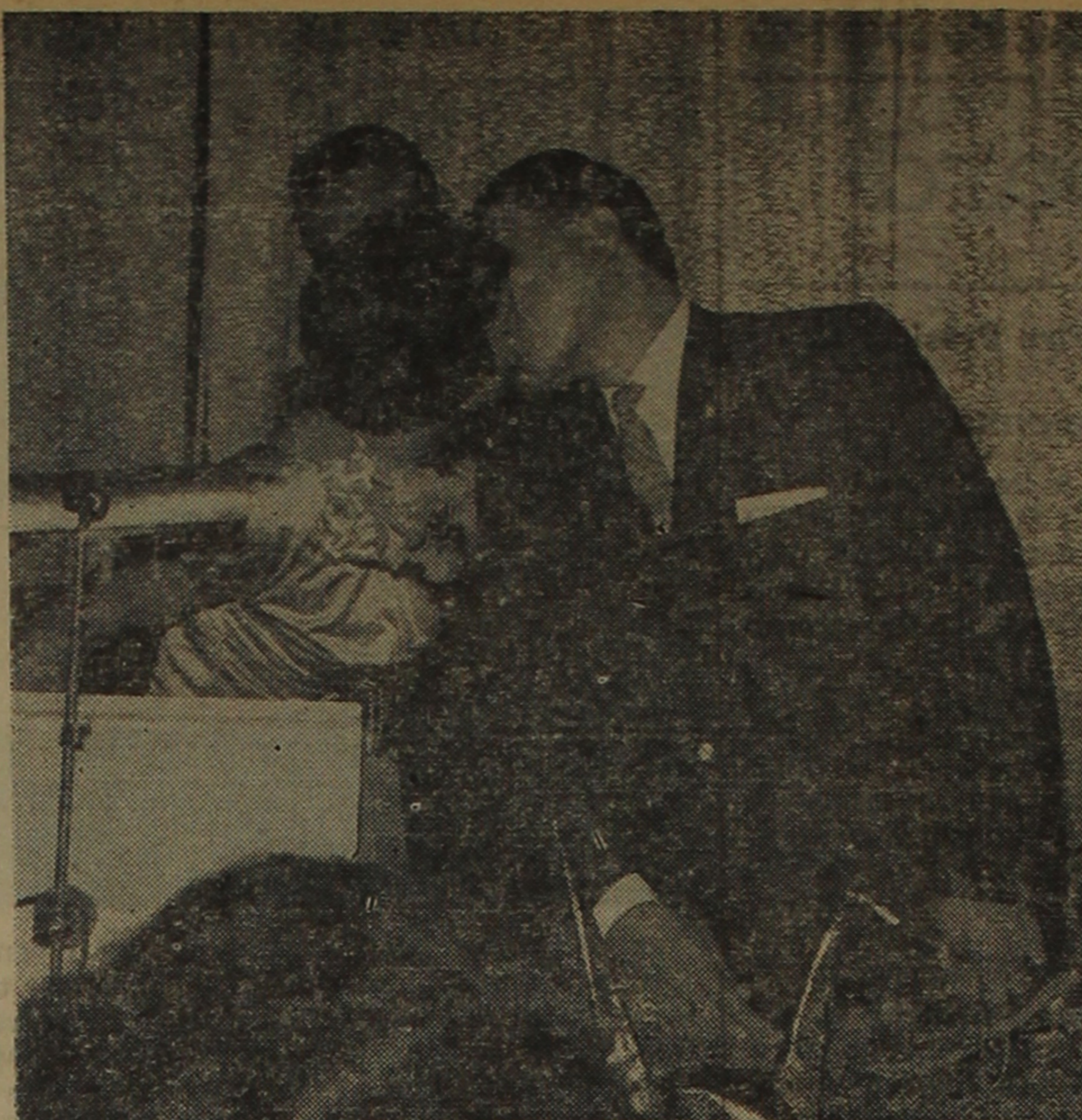
It was just yesterday, or maybe the day before, when we reached 1950. The newspapers and magazines were filled with pieces about the nation and the world at mid-century. It was a time of recollection and stock-taking, and peering into the distant future. Hardly had the second half of the Twentieth Century been ushered in than we were locked in the most brutal kind of infantry war in Korea. And shortly after the guns had been stilled, the outer reaches of our atmosphere was being criss-crossed by man-made satellites.

Now another decade has fled and we enter the Perilous Sixties, full of portents for both good and evil. Life may be grim and earnest, but it's also exciting. It's great to be alive.

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REPERCUSSIONS—We're still getting favorable comments about the recognitions banquet of the Mountain-Plains District Council over the Thanksgiving Day weekend. One Caucasian guest had this to say: 'Man for man and pound for pound, the Nisei have a deeper understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship than people of any other racial group.'

There's no way to prove him either right or wrong, but it was nice of him to say it.



K. Patrick Okura of Omaha being warmly congratulated by his wife, Lily, upon presentation of Certificate of Recognition for community services by the Mountain-Plains JACL District, on the occasion of the Mtn-Plains district convention held in Denver on Nov. 27-28. The head in the back (looking enviously on) belongs to Bill Hosokawa, toastmaster for the occasion, and Nisei-of-the-Biennium 1956-58. Taken in the romantic Starlite Room, Top of the Park, high above Park Lane Hotel in Denver.

—Photo by Tom Masamori.

16 states have specialized agencies to enforce anti-minority discrimination laws

NEW YORK. — For the first time in U.S. history, the majority of Americans live in states with enforceable laws barring racial and religious discrimination, the American Jewish Congress reported recently.

The Congress said 16 states have established specialized agencies empowered to administer and enforce laws prohibiting discrimination based on race, religion and national origin. Two other states have created anti-discrimination agencies without enforcement powers.

The sixteen states with enforceable anti-bias laws had 50.32 per cent of the country's total population, according to the Census Bureau's 1958 population estimate. Residents of these states comprised 25.59 per cent of the total Negro population of the U.S., 59.25 per cent of "other non-whites" and 82.29 per cent of the total estimated Jewish population, the study noted.

States that have enacted anti-discrimination statutes with provisions for enforcement are Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington and Wisconsin. All have laws prohibiting discrimination in employment; eight of these states also authorize the state anti-bias agency to prevent discrimination in places of public accommodation such as hotels, restaurants, theatres and recreation areas. Five of the states have fair education laws; eight have fair housing statutes.

Two states, Indiana and Kansas, have enacted "voluntary" anti-bias legislation broadly condemning discrimination in employment, but without enforcement procedures other than establishing state agencies to attempt to bring about voluntary compliance, it was said.

Noting that the first two state anti-discrimination agencies were established in 1945 by New York and New Jersey, the American Jewish Congress report pointed out that the administrative procedures adopted by these two agencies have been followed by virtually all other state agencies.

In a statement accompanying release of the report, Shad Polier, chairman of the AJC Commission on Law and Social Action, noted a "rising trend" toward the enactment of anti-discrimination laws by state legislatures. He said that

Agency manager

Harry M. Fujita, Wilshire Agency manager of California-Western States Life Insurance Co., 730 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, attended a four-day business session for agency managers at the Villa Hotel in San Mateo this week.

In 1959, 24 laws dealing with various forms of racial and religious bigotry had been passed by 14 states. Two states, California and Ohio, adopted enforceable fair employment laws for the first time.

"The successful operation of these laws over a period of 14 years is a convincing refutation of earlier fears that such legislation might aggravate rather than ease intergroup differences," Polier commented.

Buddhists to commence minister training in U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO. — A program to train Buddhist ministers in the United States was announced this week by Bishop Shinsho Hanayama of the Buddhist Churches of America. The course starts in 1960 at the BCA Study Center in Berkeley.

Five or six students have shown interest in the program, it was added. Ryosetsu Fujiwara, professor of Shinshu Buddhism at Ryukoku University in Japan, will be the lecturer as well as Bishop Hanayama and the Rev. Masami Fujitani, study center director.

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THE ISSEI STORY, A BEGINNING

In the Colusa cemetery may be seen a tombstone bearing this inscription: "IN MEMORY OF KUNI MASUMIZU, DIED SEPT. 13, 1915, AGED 66 YEARS." Memory is spelled with three M's. On the other side of the headstone are etched Japanese characters which read, "The Grave of Kuninosuke Masumizu."

The interesting thing is not that "memory" is misspelled or that a person of Japanese ancestry lived to the ripe old age of 66 in the year 1915, although that in itself is quite a feat considering the hardships and hazards of living in the years before and immediately after the turn of the century. Perhaps the most intriguing stories and fascinating secrets will remain forever buried beneath the three tiered concrete monument.

Kuninosuke Masumizu, as a youth of 20, was one of the party of some 20 Japanese immigrants to California in the year 1869. The party, probably the first organized group from Japan, was led by a former Dutch Consul to Nagasaki, and included among them was the now immortalized "Okei." Okei, a young Japanese maiden of 17, was to die two years later becoming the first Japanese woman to die within these shores. It may be safe to presume that Kuni Masumizu was one of the oldest survivors of this small, courageous band of immigrants who ventured forth in search of a new life. It was not only new in the strangeness of their surroundings, but new also in the brawling, expanding and savage manner that was California of the 1860's. It is noted that after debarking in San Francisco, the party proceeded by covered wagon to Placerville, a trip which required a weeks travel. The original purpose of their long journey across the Pacific (silk culture and tea) ended in failure, and the group for the most part dissolved into historical oblivion.

Kuni Masamizu, a carpenter by trade, lived and worked in the El Dorado County area for a number of years before moving on. His personal history, his comings and goings cannot be reported with accuracy, but it is fact that he spent his final years in Colusa working at his trade. Oldtimers of the area remember him during his waning years as a kind of "transplanted beachcomber", who fished in the Sacramento River which flows behind the town of Colusa and sold his catch to eke out a meager living.

Kuni Masumizu did not leave a legacy of achievement. Yet as we delve into the story of these early immigrants, one cannot help but regard with awe and respect these young men and women who braved the long, arduous Pacific crossing on a laudable but seemingly impractical purpose. We keep wondering, "What youthful aspirations, what impelling urge for adventure caused them to leave the warmth and security of the homeland? How did the wild, vastness of the California countryside appear to Kuni, to Okei and the others? What terrors this strange, new land must have held for them?"

Kuni Masumizu died in 1915, some 46 years after his arrival in California. For many years his grave was unmarked, but in 1926 the Japanese community of Colusa raised funds to build a suitable monument in his memory as one of the first of our pioneers.

Among the other bits of information we have been able to gather and record, is that Colusa's Japanese community since our early childhood was moving slowly towards the path of all ghost towns. In the heyday of rice farming, which the Japanese helped to pioneer under such men as Otajiro Noda, Yasuoka, Rikizo Takata and many hundreds of others, Colusa was a thriving, brawling community of from 4-500 Japanese. It is said by the oldtimers, and not without a twinkle of amusement, that the rice barons of the era lived high on the hog, taking in the bright lights of "Soko" (San Francisco) dressed in luredos and throwing their money around with the abandon uncharacteristic of the Issei we have come to know during our youth and young adulthood. But these were fabulous times, when fortunes were made and lost. The records at the Colusa County Hall of Records reveal that many corporations were formed by the Issei for the purpose of farming rice, bearing such imposing fictitious names as the "US Farmers Company", "California Rice Farming Company", and others. These were also violent times, and death certificates imply that many young Issei met their end by drownings, accidents (dynamiting) and sickness it appears took a disproportionate toll of lives.

In our amateurish and thoroughly inadequate attempt to record history, we are finding that our respect and admiration grow faster than the information. Even with the little we have been able to gather to date, we have developed a deeper appreciation of the tremendous contributions made by our Issei pioneers in the face of adversity, to build the kind of future which we, their children and grandchildren enjoy today.

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INTERMOUNTAIN YOUTHS MEET



One of the inspiring sessions at the recent IDC Convention was the youth forum, "What JACL Can Do for the Youth." Photo shows Shig Wakamatsu, national president, addressing the youth meeting. At left is Tomi Tamura taking minutes; Ronald Inouye, who won the 1958 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship, next to Wakamatsu, and Lou Nakagawa, IDC youth chairman, of Mt. Olympus. Inouye's skill in moderating the meeting pointed him to be a second "Mike Masaoka". —Wm. Yamauchi photo.

Dinner-dance to install Pocatello JACL chapter and auxiliary officers for 1960

POCATELLO. — A gala dinner-dance Dec. 28 at Hotel Bannock will install the 1960 Pocatello JACL chapter and JACLyn (Auxiliary) officers.

Hero Shiosaki was re-elected chapter president at the Dec. 6 annual meeting held at the JACL Hall. Assisting him will be Harvey Yamashita, 1st v.p.; Seiji Endow, 2nd v.p.; Mildred Thatcher, treas.; Mae Endow, cor. sec.; Joanne Kawamura, rec. sec.; Marianne Endo, hist.; Bob Hanaki, Jun Shiosaki, social; Ace Mori, ath.; Novo Kato, editor; Bill Yamauchi, Del.; Masa Tsukamoto, alt. del.

Tatsuko Shikashio will succeed Kae Sumida as JACLyn president. Other officers are May Shiozawa, 1st v.p.; Masako Endow, 2nd v.p.; Martha Shiosaki, sec.; and Mrs.

Mildred Thatcher, treas. (Probably she is the only person in JACL holding down treasurer posts in both the chapter and auxiliary.)

William Kawamura and Ronnie Yokota are co-chairing the dinner-dance. Tommy Miyasaki of Yellowstone JACL will be the guest speaker. Joe Nishioka of Idaho Falls, newly-elected IDC chairman, will be installing officer.

A smorgasbord dinner will be served at \$4 per person. Music will be provided by Gene Burton's orchestra. Cocktail hour starts at 6 p.m.

Capacity group enjoys Yule party

HAYWARD. — A capacity audience of about 250 children and adults of the community attended the 11th annual Christmas party given by the Eden Townshio JACL. The party was held at the Ashland School in San Leandro last Saturday.

Mrs. Masako Minami, chairman, opened the evenings' program. Kee Kitayama, chapter president, spoke a few words of welcome.

Presented for the evenings' entertainment were hula and ballet —Joy Nieda; tap dance—Janice Nakao; piano solo—Jane Yokota; accordian and piano duet—Tommy and David Kitayama; piano solo—Ellen Wada; Japanese dance—Kumiko Kakutani; combo—Larry Borgess, Greg Koyama, Russ Munford and Butch Hara.

Christmas carols were sung by Barbara Shimizu, Donna Naruo, Ralph Hamanaka, Kathy Naruo, Earl Hamanaka, Marilyn Shimizu, Randy Naruo, Phyllis Naruo, Douglas Naruo, Norma Jean Kakimoto, and Brenda Naruo. They were accompanied on the accordion by Georjean Nomura and directed by Mrs. Michi Naruo.

Also assisting with the program were the following: Mmes. Allyce Fujii, Mary Iyemura, Michi Naruo, Setsu Shimizu, Hamako Nishida, Takiko Shinoda and Kazue Sakai. Messrs. Machi Tomotoshi, Itch Nishida and George Nomura.

Santa Claus's arrival with candy and gifts for the children climaxed the evening's gaiety. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served to all attending.

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1000 CLUB NOTES

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the first half of December, plus several "no money yet" requests for inclusion in the PC Holiday Issue Honor Roll, Headquarters is reporting the record count of 1,376 names.

The memberships received the past two weeks are:

TENTH YEAR
Seabrook—Vernon Ichisaka.

EIGHTH YEAR
Sequoia—John T. Enomoto.
Chicago—Arthur T. Morimitsu.

SEVENTH YEAR
Selma—George Abe.
Gresham-Troutdale—Kazuo Kinoshita.
Chicago—Jack Y. Nakagawa.
Detroit—Minoru Togasaki.
Orange County—Ken Uvesugi.

SIXTH YEAR
Fresno—Dr. Henry H. Kazato, Dr. Ki-kuo H. Taira.
Chicago—James T. Nishimura.
Coachella—Masao Seto.
Salt Lake—Mas Yano.
Puyallup Valley—Daiichi Yoshioka.
Seattle—Juro Yoshioka.

FIFTH YEAR
Marysville—John K. Sakaki.
Cincinnati—Hisashi Sugawara.

FOURTH YEAR
Salinas Valley—George Higashi.
Cleveland—Thomas T. Imori.
San Jose—Phil Matsumura.
D.C.—Chisato Ohara.
Portland—Dr. Robert H. Shiomi.
Orange County—John M. Tadokoro.
Chicago—Peter I. Yamamoto.
Pasadena—Dr. Earl M. Yusa.

THIRD YEAR
Cleveland—Mrs. Takeyo Imori.
Ventura County—Akira Kurihara.
D.C.—Kaz Oshiki.
Fresno—George S. Takaoka.
Snake River—George E. Vaughn.

SECOND YEAR
Snake River—George T. Mita.

Pasadena—Paul Miyamoto.
Fresno—Dr. Hideki Shimada, Mrs. Miyeko Takaoka, George T. Umamoto.
FIRST YEAR
Chicago—Dixie Ishida.

Judge swears in Long Beach officers

BY FRANK SUGIYAMA

LONG BEACH. — The installation of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL 1960 Board of Directors was held Saturday, Dec. 12, following dinner at the Coast Inn, Long Beach.

Elected to the Board were Dave Aoki, Allan Kobata, Dr. Katsumi Izumi, Mrs. Ruby Mio, Miss Kazuko Matsumoto, Hiroshi Morita, Arthur Noda, George Nakamura, John Tachihara and Kazuo Takade.

They join the ten holdover members: Dr. John Kashiwabara, Jim Hayashi, Sam Ichikawa, Susumu Iwasaki, Sumi Fujimoto, Dr. Itaru Ishida, Roy Shiba, Frank Sugiyama, Mrs. Kiyo Anne Fujimoto and Jim Okita.

Toastmaster Fred Ikeguchi introduced the speaker for the evening, Judge Martin De Vries. His Honor, a frequent visitor to Japan, spoke of his travels there. He commended the local Chapter for its civic contributions and fine record as citizens of the community. Following his address, he assisted in swearing-in the new Board.

The conclusion of the evening was spent at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shiba, where delicious refreshments were served and music to dance by was played.

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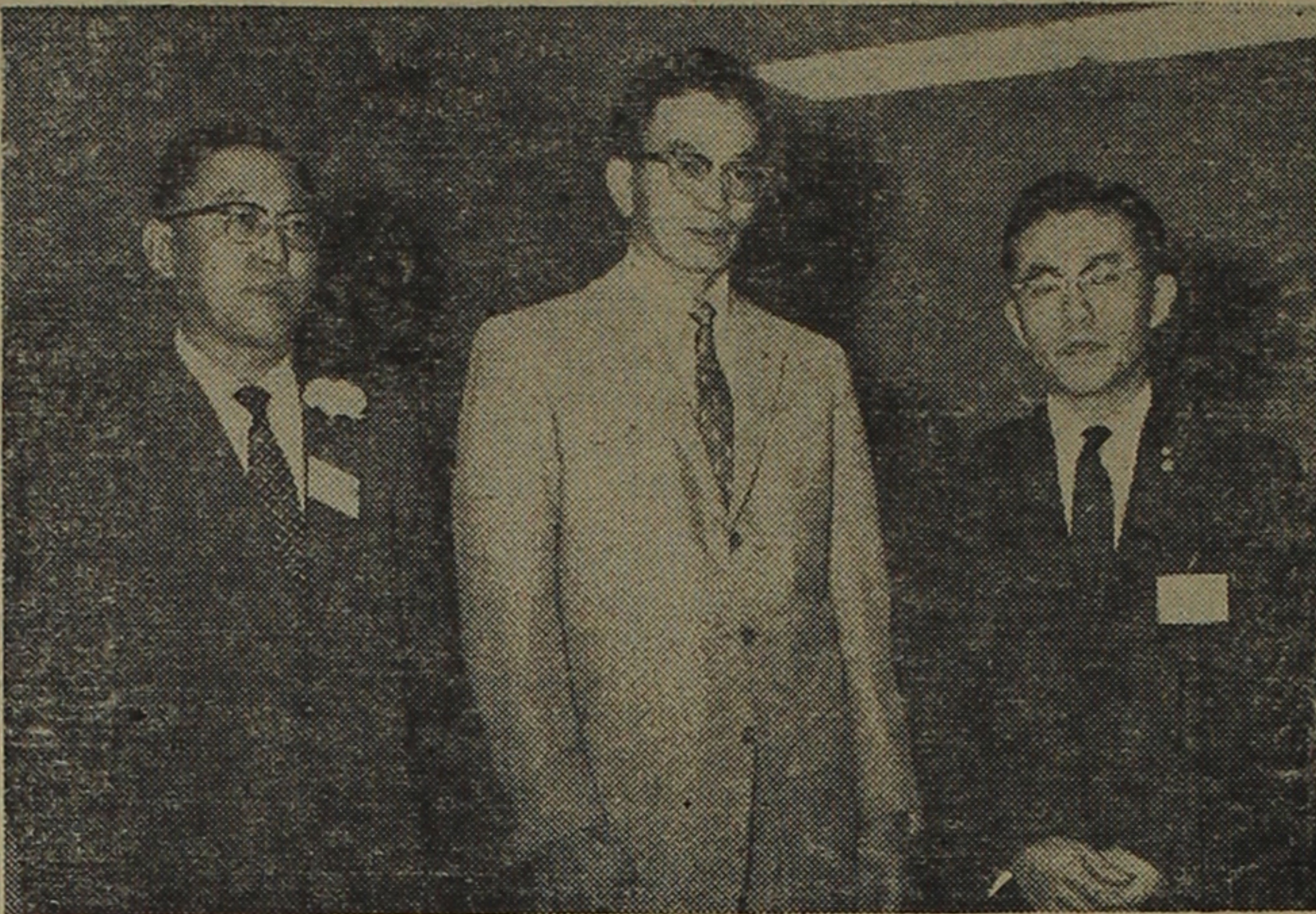
By Fred Takata

1000 CLUB LUAU—A couple of weeks ago the LA JACL Coordinating Council sponsored the first 1000 Club get-together in our District at Kono Hawaii in Santa Ana. Some 150 members of Order of the Tie and Garter gathered for an evening of fun and frolic. Master of ceremonies was none other than the "Costello" of Li'l Tokio, Frank Suzukida, with his loud Hawaiian shirt, beach pants, and zoris yet . . . The evening got off to a flying start with the ELA Chapter's skit, which was a real gem. Sam Furuta laid the groundwork by introducing the act as some young girls from an ELA dancing school and that this was their first appearance before a group gathering. We were anticipating some cute little girls to come prancing out on the floor when we saw these four huge ballerinas come bouncing out in their tight leotards with flaring white skirts and oversized bras. Leading the group (with his very own over inflated tummy) was star ballerina Roy Yamadera, followed by Frank Okamoto, Mas Hayashi, and Jim Higashi. These cute ballerinas with their long pony tails went through the intricate steps to the tune of the "Swan" which had everyone in stitches. The act went over so big that we've encouraged them to take the act to the National Convention . . . Since Roy was kidded so much about his slipped tummy, he's now on a diet trying to get in shape by the time the Convention convenes in Sacramento, but we'll lay odds that it'll still be there . . . The Southwest L.A. Chapter satirized some of our local people with Joe Yasaki handling the interviews. George Fujita impersonated us as Regional Director (the pillow under the shirt was unnecessary, George!) as he looked into a box marked "JACL" and "Mas Satow". For each question asked, George would look into the box and ask "Alright" and voice would answer back "Alright!" Of course the topper for the evening was Kango Kunitugu's impersonation of Frank Chuman and his defense for the "B-Girls Protection Association of America". When asked "Do you belong to the JACL?" He answered by saying "Well, let me see," as he unrolled a flock of membership cards that extended from the floor to the ceiling. "Yep I guess I do!" The act ended by showing Frank seated on the floor being served sake by the waitresses of Kono's Restaurant . . . The final big deal of the night was when we had the pleasure of dowsing prexy Joe Yasaki and Membership Chairman Vi Nakano with water sent down by the San Francisco Chapter for losing out on the membership drive. We don't know where the water came from, but it sure had a peculiar odor. The Queen for the evening's festivities was selected by our two bi-focal judges, George Inagaki and Sab Kido, who seem to regain their 20-20 vision when it comes to chores such as this. The beautiful queen was Yayo Nagahisa who was presented a gift from the 1000 Clubbers, and expressed her thanks by kissing lucky George on the cheek. With wife Yuki sitting in the front row, George changed to every color of the rainbow, a most beautiful sight to behold! . . . John and Miki Fukushima, formerly of the PC staff, brought several genuine Hawaiian lei's flown in from Hawaii and gave us the pleasure of distributing them and we're afraid we made a few enemies that night since there weren't enough to go around . . . Mike Hide, Aki Endo, Yo Mori, and Suzi Tamura were all here from Santa Barbara to join the fun. The gals had brought down some beautiful orchids from Dos Pueblos Ranch and they really looked like real native gals with all those flowers in their hair. We had the pleasure of visiting the world famous Dos Pueblos Ranch last month. And it's really an experience to see all the beautiful orchids growing in the green houses. Mike says many of our JACLers drop in to say hello and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike for showing us around . . . The Luau came to a close with social dancing to a real hep combo. The first gathering of the 1000 Clubbers was such a huge success that the council is planning to make this an annual affair.



Close to 250 heard Shig Wakamatsu (standing at rostrum), national JACL president, who was keynote speaker at the 10th biennial Intermonntain District Council convention at Salt Lake City. Seated at left is Mrs. Momoko Ushio of Mt. Olympus JACL, convention chairman, and Police Chief W. Cleon Skousen, principal speaker, who spoke at length on the communist menace. He called the present American policy—not "peaceful co-existence" but rather "peaceful co-resistance." —Photo by Wm. Yamauchi

THREE SAPPHIRE PIN WINNERS



Honored with JACL's sapphire pin at the recent IDC convention were (from left) Mas Yano of Salt Lake City, past IDC chairman; Hiroshi Miyasaki of Yellowstone; and Ichiro Doi of Salt Lake City. —Photo by Wm. Yamauchi

New Southwest L.A. board group named

Ten new board members for 1960 were announced by the Southwest Los Angeles JACL this week and will convene tonight with incumbent board members at the Holiday Bowl Play Room with Joe Yasaki, 1959 president, presiding.

Elected were Ted Fujii, Ken Hayashi, Paul Kato Sr., George Matsubara, Momoko Murakami, Jun Nakatani, James Sakakura, Matsunosuke Oi, Dr. Sho Tarumoto and Shig Yuge. Sakakura and Oi are naturalized Issei citizens.

Continuing on the board to fill out their two-year terms are George Fujita, 1000 Club chmn.; Mark Kikuchi, exec. v.p.; Tats Minami, hist.; Haruo Okino, mem.; Frank Shimazaki, treas.; Thomas Shimazu, adm. v.p.; Cedrick Shimo, youth co-chmn.; Shig Uyeta-ke, social; Akie Watanabe, rec. sec. and Fred Yasunaga, sp. events.

Outgoing board members are

Ben Adachi; Yumiko H. Kawamoto, cor. sec.; Vi Nakano, memb. v.p.; John Shiokari, aud.; Tosh Terazawa, memb.; Dr. Takao Ushiyama, youth co-chmn.; John Yamada, membership; Joe Yasaki, pres.; Sakakura and Oi.

Serving on the nominations committee were Miss Nakano, Yasaki and Terumi Yamaguchi.

Eden Township Jr. JACL holds election meeting

HAYWARD. — Butch Hara was elected to head the Eden Township Junior JACL at a recent election meeting held in the home of Mas Yoshioka.

Hara will be assisted by the following newly elected officers: Takeko Tani, v.p.; Sherri Imazumi, rec. sec.; Sharon Ide, cor. sec.; Shigeko Masuyama, treas.; and Penny Imazumi, publicity.

Yoshioka will be the adult advisor for this youth group.

Monterey Peninsula board of directors boasts 38 members

MONTEREY. — Probably boasting the biggest chapter board of directors in JACL today with 38 members, the 1960 Monterey Peninsula executive committee.

The outgoing cabinet is headed by Aki Sugimoto. The new board is to meet to select its cabinet officers.

Newly elected board members are:

SEASIDE (12)—Tad Ogawa, Aki Sugimoto, Royal Manaka, Mas Yokogawa, Cliff Nakajima, Frank Shingu Jack Nishida, Dorothy Suzuki, George Kuwata, Kaz Sugano, Henry Tanaka, Jack Ninomiya.

MONTEREY (12)—George Kodama, George Esaki, H. O. Miyamoto, Mike Sando, Yo Tabata, Jim Takigawa, Yosh Satow Ky Miyamoto, George Inadomi, Ken Sato, John Gota, John Hamamura.

NEW MONTEREY (9)—Barton Yoshida, Kats Komatsu, Henry Nishi, Al Ito, Harry Menda, Haruo Esaki Frank Tanaka, Ishio Enokida, Pet Nakasako.

PACIFIC GROVE - CARMEL (5) — Paul Ichijui, Jim Tabata, Mush Higashi, Jim S. Uyeda and Mickey Ichijui.

Dec. 31 Festivities

Social highlight of the year for Nisei here is the chapter New Year's Eve dance at the Pacific Room, San Carlos Hotel. Another capacity crowd is being anticipated. Jerry Hill and his combo will play.

A sumptuous buffet will be served by the Monterey Peninsula JACL Auxiliary. Tickets are going at \$5 per couple.

The Auxiliary closed their year with its annual Christmas luncheon at the Outriggers recently. Anita Higashi and Mamie Honda were in charge. Table decorations were made by Fumi Kodani, Joanne Nishi and Cedar Tabata.

Talent show added for Philadelphia CL Yule party

PHILADELPHIA. — A talent show will be added to the traditional Philadelphia JACL Christmas potluck party this Sunday at International Institute. Mrs. Masaru Harada, in charge, said children are being rounded up to present skits, songs, dance, instrumentals and recitations.

Rick Hirata, chairman, added a short business meeting is also planned for the 3:30-7 p.m. party. It is open to members, family and friends. Ice cream, cookies, tea and milk will be provided, but families are expected to bring enough food for their family and a little extra.

Mrs. Harada was announced as program chairman for the 1960 Folk Fair to be held April 23-24 at Convention Hall. Dr. Tom Tamaka, chairman, is being assisted by Jack Ozawa, Sumi Kobayashi and Sim Endo.

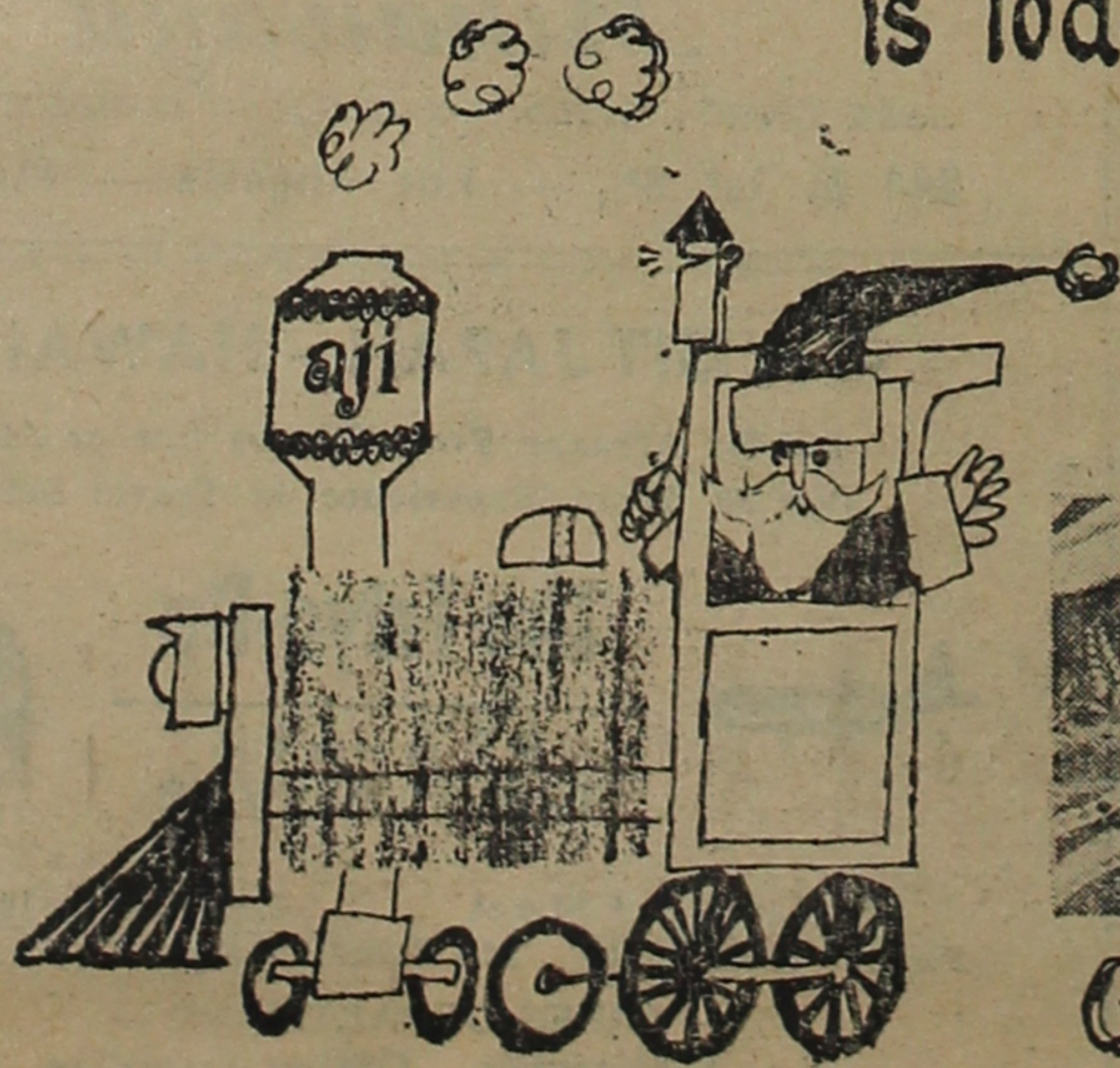
'Miss Nisei Co-ed'

BERKELEY. — Irene Takei, 20, of Santa Cruz was chosen Miss Nisei Coed at the U.C. Nisei Student Club dance last week. An education major, she is currently captain of the Cal pom-pom girls.

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By Jean Kimura

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Chicago was all a-glitter last Thanksgiving weekend to celebrate its Crystal Anniversary at the 15th Annual Inaugural Dinner-Dance in the Crystal Ballroom of the Edgewater Beach Hotel. The chandeliers reflected the splendor and gaiety of the festivities that evening—sparkled by the presence of Senator and Mrs. Paul H. Douglas and Congressman and Mrs. Sidney R. Yates joining in the tribute to the Chicago JACL's 15th birthday.

In a brief greeting to the audience, Senator Douglas recounted the outstanding record of the 442 RCT, praised Congressman Inouye of Hawaii and Mike Masaoka, and said "We count you amongst our most valuable citizens" and asked our help in interpreting Japan to us and in interpreting us to Japan.

We beamed with pride to hear our good friend, Congressman Yates, recall past incidents at JACL convention, get-togethers, etc., as he stood up to say "JACLers are among my oldest friends (in terms of my political career). It has been 11 years since I first became familiar with JACL. I am proud and I am honored of the friends that have come my way from the JACL. To those of you who have worked so hard for the ideals that came to fruition through the efforts of JACL, I believe there will always be a function for JACL to perform. The glory of America is the amalgamation of the peoples . . . in making our nation a great nation of the world. This is why I hope you continue to be an organization. God bless you."

Amid a setting of 15 white candles symbolizing our 15 years of distinguished service flickering in a darkened ballroom, MDC Chairman, Joe Kadowaki of Cleveland, administered the oath of office to the newly elected members of the chapter and the Jr. JACL in a solemn and impressive ceremony.

The highlight of the evening was the major address by my favorite dentist and "Grand-daddy of JACL"—Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe. As if in answer to our groping for the right path to take in terms of JACL, we perked our ears to hear the words of wisdom Doc had prepared, and was at long last making public. In his inimitable words, Doc enumerated JACL's past accomplishments and touched upon the future of our organization, and the way it has affected persons of Japanese ancestry in placing us more and more into the main stream of American life for which we have striven so many years. We were reminded of the primary purposes of JACL; and were reminded of the role we can play in four major areas—(1) Youth Program—to carry on our heritage and culture imbued in us so that we can be a contributing factor in the American way of life, (2) Public Relations—the Hub of our Program, heretofore neglected on the chapter level although a yeoman's job has been done nationally, (3) Civil Rights—a realm that will be with us till "Kingdom Come," and (4) Continuation of our Washington Office—the life-line of entire organization.

In closing, Dr. Yatabe declared: "It behooves us whether on the chapter or national level to appraise and evaluate ourselves to find our weak presses even if we do nothing more than those things outlined above—to put this into force effectively will be a major enterprise. I sincerely hope our chapter will evaluate and incorporate these into the chapter level . . . and become more and more an integral part of our city."

Following the dinner, an SRO crowd swarmed the floor (and I do mean Standing Room Only!) to dance away until the wee hours of the morning to the flowing music of Al Peters and his Orchestra. We oohed and aahed the terpsichorean art of dance exhibitionists during the intermission—after which it was all we could do to untangle our feet to effect a floating air on the dance floor (to no avail, I might add).

Nisei gridders named to Calif. regional all-star teams

SAN FRANCISCO. — Ron Minamide, top Northern California prep pointmaker this past season and ground-gaining champion from Vacaville, was placed on the backfield of the San Francisco Chronicle's all-in-land empire first all-star team this past week.

Jerry Akiyoshi of Watsonville won a second team berth on the all-coast second team at one of the guard positions.

Prose of 7-year-old tells of gratitude

SKOKIE, Ill. — Little people are often well aware of their large blessings.

Few of them, however, are able to express their feelings of joy and gratitude.

Irene Suzukida, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Suzukida of 9432 Crawford, a second grade student at Highland school, does not have this difficulty as witnessed by the following prose written by Irene as a school assignment.

Why I Give Thanks

I give thanks for my mother and father because they help me and feed me.

I give thanks for my teacher. She helps us to do work.

I give thanks for my clothes because they keep me warm.

I give thanks for my sister and brother because they play with me.

I am thankful for food because it makes me strong.

I give thanks for water because it makes me not thirsty.

I give thanks for God, too, because He takes care of me.

I give thanks for my home because it keeps me warm.

The (Skokie) Life editor added: And we give thanks, Irene, for little girls like you!

To premiere Japan opera in New York

NEW YORK.—The American premiere of Ikuma Dan's one-act opera, "Yuzuru" ("The Twilight Heron"), will be presented by the Manhattan School of Music on Jan. 27, 28 and 29 in the Opera House at Hunter College.

The opera will be sung in Japanese.

Mr. Dan will come to the United States to conduct the three performances and oversee the production.

Mme. Kiyoko Otani, Japan's leading soprano, will make her American operatic debut in the title role. She has sung the role more than a 100 times in performances given throughout Japan.

To assure authenticity, sets and costumes are being sent from Japan especially for these performances. The orchestra will be the Manhattan Orchestra, senior ensemble of the school.

The opera was first performed in Osaka in January 1952, and has since been given more than 100 times throughout Japan. The first of many European performances was at the Stadttheater, Zurich, in June 1957, when it was sung in German.

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Idaho bowlers claim main trophies in annual Intermountain JACL tournament

SALT LAKE CITY. — Under the capable leadership of co-chairmen Tom Matsumori and Grayce Sato, the IDC Convention bowling tournament Nov. 27 was a success. Winners in the various categories were:

Men

Teams: Idaho Falls JACL, Quality Produce, Utah Canning.

Doubles: George-Koyama-Seichi Hayashida; Pap Miya-Ken Takeno; Piney Sonoda-Sub Okumura.

Singles: Shoji Sugaya, Ken Uchida, Tucky Bingo.

All Events: Ken Takeno, George Koyama, Sub Okumura.

Rag Time Doubles: Harold Tominaga-Sub Okumura; Pap Miya-Tom Yamada; Sam Tominaga-Jim Ushio.

Women

Team: Pine Bowl (Pocatello), Monarch Motor (Salt Lake).

Doubles: Chieko Hayashida-Maxie Kato; Yaeko Ikegami-Ela-

nor Yamamoto; Francie Taki-Cleo Eames.

Singles: Chieko Yagi, Maxie Kato, Hanna Namba.

All Events: Chieko Yagi, Mary Uchikoshi, Maxie Kato.

Pot game 300

POCATELLO. — As a grand finale to bowling before his hitch with the U.S. Army, Mike Abe rolled a perfect game at Pine Bowl in a pot game recently. For his "300" game, he received \$100 from the management.

JACler bowls series record in Pocatello

POCATELLO. — Active Pocatello JACler Ace Morimoto rolled a 760 scratch series in the JACL League to set a city record in sanctioned play. He posted games of 256, 269 and 235 to better his own city record of 739.

"Mori" is currently stimulating interest in the forthcoming National JACL Bowling Tournament to be held Mar. 1-5 at Denver.

Japanese fencing teacher to coach U.S. Olympians

Torao Mori, foremost Japanese fencing expert, has been named one of 13 coaches to tutor the 1960 U.S. Olympics fencing team, according to a letter from Donald Thompson, president of the Olympics fencing committee.

Twelve of the coaches are in the east, while Mori is the only coach named from the west coast.

He will have about 15 fencers under his tutelage, three of whom are his own pupils.

Sansei fencer ranked

NEW YORK.—Madeline Miyamoto of Los Angeles, currently ranked seventh among U.S. women fencers, is a member of the Dickinson University varsity fencing team of four girls, which is participating Dec. 19 in the Hunter College Christmas tournament here. Dickinson is a private school in Rutherford, N.J.

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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

Seattle

ALIEN LAND LAW REPEAL—"Thanks for a job well done" is what members of the local Alien Land Law Committee say in tribute to the first generation, as the committee launches a fund raising campaign for repeal of the discriminatory law in the 1960 November election.

Objective is to raise \$15,000 in addition to the funds already received to finance printing, advertising, and extensive mailing to organizations and voters.

Although both houses of the State Legislature registered an overwhelming vote for repeal in 1959, the final step is to submit the resolution to popular vote in the Nov. 8, 1960, election, since repeal of a constitutional amendment is involved.

The present drive is a "Go for Broke" campaign, it was pointed out. The present drive cannot fail for lack of funds, 2nd National Vice President Toru Sakahara emphasized at the committee meetings, as an attempt to make a comeback after an initial failure, would be a virtual impossibility.

The job of canvassing locally is apportioned to some 20 teams composed of Issei and Nisei. Issei members of the Japanese American Community Service, seasoned campaigners in the art of covering their territories like a blanket are prominent in each local canvassing team.

Although the drive is just starting, individual kick-off contributions are sizeable and most encouraging. A compilation of these and JACL chapter contributions is expected to be published in the near future.

SEATTLE JACL ELECTIONS—The nominating committee, headed by James M. Matsuoka announces its slate of Seattle JACL officers for the coming year. Voting will be by mailed ballots, and installation will be during the Northwest District Council Convention at Tacoma Jan. 23-24.

Nominated for pres., Min Tsubota; 1st v.p., Fred Takagi; 2nd v.p., Eddie Shimomura; 3rd v.p., Nish Kumagai; rec. sec., Lillian Tada; cor. sec., Nancy Kuwata; treas., Takeshi Hori; hist., Bernice Kumasaka; board delegate, Takeshi Kubota.

Nominated to the Board of Governors are Heitaro Hikida, Mitsuji Noji, George Kawachi, Mutsuo Hashiguchi, Yeichi Okiyama, Kunzo Mayeno, Harry S. Kawabe, Yukio Kuniyuki, George Kawaguchi, Dr. Ben Uyeno, Paul Tomita.

U. OF W. DAILY EDITOR—Akira Ichikawa, U. of W. Daily managing editor, will become editor in February. The 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuya Ichikawa is a senior majoring in journalism, vice-president of the Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity on campus.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

Buto, George (Esther K. Yasaki)—girl Amy Kei Sept. 30.
Fujimoto, Dan Y. (Noriko K. Muto)—girl Carrie Yasuko, Sept. 30.
Hori, Frank S. (Anna Higuchi)—boy Mark F., Oct. 17, Whittier.
Horie, George (Martha Mori)—girl Adele N., Oct. 10, Reseda.
Ige, George (Ruth T. Kurosui)—boy Leonard Mitsuo, Oct. 14.
Maetani, Myron (Gladys Kawakami)—boy Wade Akio, Oct. 4.
Miyamura, Dan T. (Fumiko Hashimoto)—girl Debra D., Oct. 15.
Nakayoshi, Nobuichi (Bessie Ginoza)—girl Sharon Sachie, Oct. 2.
Okamoto, Shigeru (Ethel M. Takabayashi)—girl Deborah Shigeko Oct. 8.
Respicio, Florentino (Setsuko Hasegawa)—girl Kerrie A., Oct. 2.
Williams, Robert (Doris M. Hashimoto)—boy, Sept. 30, Santa Monica.
Yasuda, Isao (Misao Nagata)—boy Dwayne Tsuyoshi, Oct. 14.

Nisei to open new school experiment in student gov't

PORTLAND. — Roger Okamoto is serving as president of the fall student body of Benson High School.

He is regarded as a pioneer in student government, being the first president to have a senate, a house of representatives and a presidential cabinet. Patterned after the national government system, this new student government is being tried at Benson for the first time.

He has been active in all phases of his high school life. He recently was one of three finalists in a contest sponsored by the Journal for the privilege of accompanying that paper's automobile editor, Ernest Peterson to Detroit for the first showing of the new 1960 cars. He earned his spurs writing in one short year of journalism, having been made editor of one of the pages of the school paper.

Scholastically Roger has been one of the top members of his freshman year. He has also been president of the junior class.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Okamoto who manage the Moreland Market.

Japanese theologian assumes pastorate of ICU church, studied with Karl Barth

A young Japanese theologian who was awarded the degree of Doctor of Theology by Princeton Theological Seminary last June assumed his duties as Acting Pastor of the Church of the International Christian University in Mitaka-shi, Tokyo, on Nov. 26.

He is Dr. Yasuo Carl Furuya, who was ordained Oct. 29 by the New Brunswick, N.J., Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

His wife is the former Sachi Shimomura, a Nisei from Salinas. She received the Master's degree from the Drexel Institute School of Library Science, Philadelphia. She was employed as librarian at Princeton Theological Seminary and also at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Dr. Furuya's father served as pastor of the Japanese Congregational Church in Los Angeles from 1906 to 1918. This later became the Japanese Union Church which is still in existence today.

Dr. Furuya comes from an out-

standing Christian family. His two brothers are both ministers. His three sisters are in Christian education work. One of them, Mrs. Grace Katagiri, was church secretary at ICU in Japan from 1953-59.

Five years later he crossed the Pacific to study at San Francisco Theological Seminary, where he earned the Bachelor of Divinity degree in May, 1952. Continuing his studies in religion, he enrolled at Princeton Theological Seminary and in June, 1959, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Theology.

During the latter period he received a scholarship for one year, 1955-1956, from the World Council of Churches to study in Europe and to do research work for his thesis, "Absoluteness Claim of Christianity—A Theological Critique." While there, he attended Eberhard-Karls-University at Buben, Wurttemberg, Germany; and studied at Universitat Basel, Switzerland, under the distinguished theologian Karl Barth.

Shibata family of Mt. Eden to contribute \$20,000 rose garden for proposed hospital

MT. EDEN. — Mrs. Koyuri Shibata and her family will present a \$20,000 gift to Mt. Eden and Hayward.

The gift is a rose garden which will be planted on the grounds of the proposed \$4,056,262 St. Rose Hospital, which will be built on Tennyson Road near Calaroga Ave. Work on the 150-bed hospital will start in March.

The garden, which will contain \$20,000 worth of hybrid roses, will be planted in memory of Mrs. Shibata's husband, Zenjuro, a Mt. Eden nursery operator who died in 1947.

The couple settled here 40 years ago and established a nursery which has since become one of the world's largest growers and shippers of roses.

"The rose business has been very good to us and the garden

is our way of saying thank you to the people of Mt. Eden and Hayward," Mrs. Shibata said.

She said she chose to make the gift to the hospital because of the fine treatment her husband received in a Catholic hospital in San Francisco during his final illness.

Mrs. Shibata said the rose garden also is being provided in appreciation of the education which her four sons and one daughter have received in local schools.

Her sons, who operate the family nursery, are Yoshimi, Yoshito, Yoshiye and Yoshikuni. Yoshimi, the eldest, is on the St. Rose civic advisory board.

The daughter, Mrs. Ailene Kasai, is an accomplished artist whose paintings have been exhibited in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The Shibata nursery, which was started in the days when plenty of farm land was available in Mt. Eden, has grown steadily through the years.

Last year, the nursery chalked up \$2,700,000 in total sales of roses, chrysanthemums, carnations, orchids and other flowers. The operation employs 135 persons with an annual payroll of \$210,000.

The family also owns an interest in five other nurseries, including one in San Leandro, three in Irvington and one in Stuart, Fla.

Mrs. Shibata recalls that her husband who came to the U.S. in 1904, used to mow lawns for East Oakland residents and work as a houseboy. At night, he went to school to learn English.

Eventually, he built eight greenhouses and started a nursery in the Elmhurst district of Oakland. He and his wife moved to Mt. Eden on 1919 and farmed for three years before going back into the nursery business.

They planted a two-acre Japanese garden around large pond.

The garden was completed in 1939 with the help of 18 Japanese gardeners sent here to help set up the Japanese Pavilion at the World's Fair on Treasure Island.

The garden has been a show place for touring Japanese diplomats, businessmen, artists and other distinguished visitors.

Mrs. Shibata, a gracious hostess, enjoys company and always has tea, coffee and cakes for visitors. "I like to meet nice people with warm hearts," she says.

And maybe that's because she's so warm-hearted herself.

—Oakland Tribune.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Comments from Japan

JOHN FUJII, FORMER Los Angeles newspaperman, has written the following article about the so-called Supplemental Japanese Agricultural Workers Program, which has evoked controversy both in the United States and Japan because of purported newspaper accounts of mistreatment by the returning workers. Fujii is now the editor of "This Week in Japan".

BY JOHN FUJII, Editor of This Week in Japan
Asahi Evening News Nov. 11, 1959

RETURNING JAPANESE FARM youths tell varying stories about their treatment on California farms. Some have been quoted as saying that they received discriminatory treatment; others say harsh things about their working conditions.

In all fairness to the young farmers, a few points ought to be clarified. I have just returned from California, where a number of my friends are farmers who have employed Japanese farm help.

There is need for imported farm laborers in California. At the present time, Mexican contract labor is being used by a number of farmers, principally Nisei, who said they would be glad to use Japanese help if it was up to the standards of the Mexican help.

There seems to be misunderstanding over the farm project. Many Japanese evidently go to the United States under the false impression that they are going to study farm conditions in the U.S. This is not true.

Farmers in California hire the Japanese just as they do any other type of labor and treat them in the same way.

Many Japanese youths who go to America are not really farm laborers. Many, it is true, originate from the rural communities but have spent a number of years in the cities like Osaka and Tokyo, where they have become soft. So when they go to California, they find working conditions too difficult—so they complain.

Some Japanese laborers are resentful of the fact that they are housed in camps and barracks while their Nisei employers live in comfortable homes. It's like a factory hand complaining about the manner in which their company president lives.

The subject was discussed with Ichiro Minabe, the oldest of three brothers who farm more than 1,000 acres in Livingston, California. He said that sometimes the Japanese farmers are spoiled by their parents, the Issei, who remember their own hardships and sympathize with the young laborers. Many times he said, his mother would make some Japanese "sushi" or other dish and send it over to the laborers.

A former classmate of mine, Gordon W. Winton, who is now California State Assemblyman, from Merced, California, said that it was unfortunate that there was so much bitterness about the Japanese laborers. He suggested that perhaps the farm laborers could be better screened before being sent to the U.S.

Mr. Winton, who has long been a friend of the Nisei farmers would welcome Japanese farmers if they were sincerely interested in working.

Another farmer, who preferred not to be quoted, said the Japanese were "shiftless, arrogant and lazy." He said they came to California as though they were tourists and felt insulted when they were expected to work for their wages.

Basically, I feel that the main difficulty is the lack of understanding on the part of the Japanese regarding working conditions in California.

I grew up in a farming community and know that the conditions that prevail today are far better than the manner in which many of the Nisei farmers today, who have fine homes and Cadillacs, grew up.

I think the truth should be told about actual working conditions and that only those Japanese who are interested in working hard and conscientiously should be sent to the United States in the interests of common goodwill.

A suggestion would be to have a California farmer be one of those who would select the workers. Certainly, some of the complaints brought back by the farmers are unfounded such as the protest that they were not given Japanese food. I'd like to see how many American farmers would be given Japanese food on a Japanese farm if he were to be working there.

Farming is so highly mechanized these days in California and elsewhere in the U.S. that it is true that Japanese cannot learn much about farming methods on their trips.

If that is ostensibly the reason, the farmers are sent abroad, it's about time the truth were told—that they are being sent to work.

BY THE BOARD:

(Continued from Page 4)

We join National President Shig Wakamatsu in urging the Nisei to rally around this long overdue and highly important JACL project of producing the Issei Story. It will require the concerted effort of each chapter, each community and every JACLer and non-JACLer to amass the kinds of information that will be necessary for an undertaking of this magnitude. The short periods that we have devoted to research have been most rewarding and educational, and we would not hesitate to encourage others to get their "feet wet." We would particularly commend this project to our Junior JACL's and other youth groups. Under proper guidance from professional sources which the national organization will provide, coupled with youth's curiosity and enthusiasm they could contribute much towards compiling a fitting literary tribute to the Issei pioneers.

Five Denver graduates chosen for 1960 award of Harry Sakata memorial plaque

DENVER. — Toshio Ando, chairman of the awards committee, announced that five finalists have been named by the selections committee to be considered for the annual Mile-Hi JACL—Harry H. Sakata Memorial Award.

In alphabetical order, the candidates are:
Paul Y. Hoshiko of Brighton, Colo., who was a star wrestler for the Brighton High School wrestling team, and was active in the Hi-Y Club, Latin Club, and in student politics.

Elaine Kuritani, a graduate of Manual High School in Denver, who with a 3.80 grade average ranked third in her graduating class of 327, and was an officer in the Future Teachers of America, as well as secretary of the senior class. She won the Thurbolt Citizenship Award, the Estelle Hunter scholarship and the Denver Classroom Teachers' Assn award.

Eugene Miyazawa, a graduate of West High School in Denver, who had a grade average of 4.85 (out of 5.00), and ranked fifth in his graduating class of 514. He served as secretary and treasurer at the school, was a member of honor societies, and of Tau Sigma. Miyazawa won a Gates Scholarship to Colorado University.

Melvin Shiramizu, a graduate of Manual High School in Denver, who had a grade average of 3.96 out of a possible 4.00, and was first in his graduating class of 327. He was a member of the Key Club, Math Club, Latin Club, delegate to Boys' State, and the Science Foundation, a member of the Toastmasters, and won his varsity letter in football. He is attending Dartmouth College on a scholarship.

Joyce Ann Takamine, a graduate of East High School in Denver, who ranked in the upper 10 percent of the graduating class of 750, and was a member of the Seraph Sisters (Girls senior honorary), an officer in the Future Teachers of America, a member of the Organ Club, and was a Junior Escort.

The selections committee considered more than a dozen candidates, before reducing the list to five finalists, out of a total of more than 60 June graduates of 1959, among persons of Japanese ancestry in the Denver metropolitan area. The selections committee commented that the younger Nisei and Sansei students have established outstanding records which compare favorably to the records established by the older generation of Nisei some 20 or 30 years ago.

The panel of judges, consisting of Larry S. Tajiri, as chairman and including Jack Boyd, administrative assistant in the Dept. of Instruction in the Denver Public Schools, and Grace Brannon, a trustee of Colorado College and a teacher at Randall School, will make the final selection of the winner of the JACL-Sakata Memorial Award.

The Mile-Hi JACL—Harry H. Sakata Memorial Award was established in 1956 by the Mile-Hi JACL in memory of Harry Harumi Sakata, a devoted JACLer who served the local chapter as president, and whose enthusiastic and ardent faith in the future of the young people is perpetuated in this Memorial Award. The family of the late Harry H. Sakata contributes a cash award in addition to the memorial plaque given by the JACL.

Members of the committee who canvassed the records of Japanese American high school graduates of 1959 include: Toshio Ando, chairman, Sam Y. Matsumoto, Y. Terasaki, Phoebe Sasano, Chiyo Okumura, Fumi Yabe, Haruko Kobayashi, Min Yasui, Marv Sakata (ex officio), and Robert Y. Uyeda (ex officio), as president of the Mile-Hi JACL.

Announcement of the winner of the Mile-Hi JACL—Harry H. Sakata Memorial Award will be made at the Recognitions Dinner of the Mile-Hi JACL at the Albany Hotel here Dec. 31, preceding the annual JACL Inaugural Ball.

Mountain-Plains DC elects Min Yasui as chairman, moot Denver hosting CL parley

DENVER. — Lily Okura, secretary to the National JACL Board, installed the newly-elected officers of the Mountain-Plains JACL for the next biennium at the Thanksgiving weekend district convention here. The new officers are:

Min Yasui, chmn.; Robert Nakadoi (Omaha) 1st v.c.; Jack Tsuchihara (Ft. Lupton), 2nd v.c.; Henry Suzuki (Mile-Hi), treas.; Mary Sakata (Mile-Hi), rec. sec.; May Kumagai (Mile-Hi), cor. sec.; Chiyo Horiuchi (Mile-Hi), hist.; James Imatani (Mile-Hi), 1000 Club.

The new Mountain-Plains JACL cabinet pledged to carry on the activities and policies of Y. Tak Terasaki, the retiring district chairman. Although consisting of only five active chapters, Arkansas Valley JACL, Ft. Lupton JACL, Mile-Hi JACL (Denver), Omaha JACL, and the San Luis Valley JACL, the Mountain-Plains JACL district is the largest geographical district of the national JACL organization.

Vice-chairman Nakadoi was named to head the district International Relations committee, and vice-chairman Jack Tsuchihara appointed to take care of the district JACL Youth Program, and oratorical contests. Terasaki continues as a vice-chairman of the 1960-70 National JACL Planning Commission.

Yasui is an attorney in Denver, and has been associated with the JACL movement during the past 25 years. Nakadoi is employed by the Novak Cadillac Co. in Omaha, and has served as chapter president. Tsuchihara is a farmer in Ft. Lupton, Colo., and has served two terms as chapter president and has been active in community affairs.

Mary Sakata is a secretary for the Soil Conservation office in Brighton, Colo., and is the widow of Harry H. Sakata, an ardent JACL supporter who served as chapter president. May Kumagai is a nurse in Denver, and has served on local chapter cabinets. Henry Suzuki is a produce man

in Denver, and has been active in community affairs. His wife, Betty, is a sapphire JACL pin wearer awarded at the 1958 JACL Convention in Salt Lake City.

Imatani is a pickle manufacturer in Henderson, Colo., and has been active in 1000 Club activities in this region during the past 10 years. Chiyo Horiuchi, formerly from Seattle, is a secretary and has been active in JACL affairs.

The new 1959-61 Mountain-Plains JACL cabinet has been tentatively discussing the possibility of bidding for the 1962 or 1964 National JACL Convention, and will be strongly represented at the 1960 National Convention scheduled in Sacramento.

Lodi Nisei elect

LODI. — Eugene Nishizaki succeeds Dr. Hiroshi Kanegawa as president of the Lodi Nisei Civic Society.

TALENTED YOUTH



Gary Amano (right), 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Yosh Amano of Helper, Utah, won the IDC youth talent contest. He represented the Mt. Olympus JACL, after defeating five other contestants with his piano renditions of Chopin's "Fantasy Impromptu."

—Photo by Wm. Yamauchi

DAR TO HONOR ISSEI CITIZENSHIP TEACHER

The Hollywood chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will honor Choyei Kondo, an officer of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and East Los Angeles JACL board member, for his contribution to naturalization of alien Japanese in the community.

Kondo, a graduate of the Univ. of Iowa and Albion College, conducted for many years classes in Americanism and citizenship. He is being paid tribute for his work in that field as well as for his part in community welfare programs.

The DAR will hold its regular meeting today to make the presentation of the Americanism medal.

Tad Masaoka leaves for housing post

WASHINGTON. — Tad Masaoka, formerly with the Washington office of the Japanese American Citizens League, has been appointed intergroup racial relations specialist in the San Francisco office of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.), who recommended Masaoka for the post, said he will assume his duties Jan. 4 and assist in carrying on various housing programs in several western states.

Masaoka, a native of Salt Lake City, is a graduate of the Univ. of California and was decorated for military service, including the Purple Heart, as a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II.

Gardena realtors elect Nisei to director's board

GARDENA. Kay K. Kamiya of Kamiya-Mamiya Realty Co. of Gardena was installed as a member of the board of directors of the Gardena Board of Realtors. Inaugural ceremonies were held Dec. 10 at the Western Club.

Kamiya, who is a charter member of the Gardena Board of Realtors, is one of the first Nisei in California to become a realtor. He is also one of the first Nisei to become a Realty Board officer.

Downtown L.A. JACL calls election luncheon

The Downtown Los Angeles JACL will hold its final luncheon meeting at San Kwo Low next Wednesday, Dec. 23, it was announced by Gongoro Nakamura, president. New officers for 1960 are to be selected. The meeting is expected to be over by 1:30 p.m.

Boston Symphony tour

BOSTON. — A two-months tour of the Far East, including Japan, in April-May was announced by the Boston Symphony Orchestra last week. The tour is under auspices of the President Eisenhower special international program for cultural presentations.

CALENDAR

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Dec. 19 (Saturday)
Salinas Valley—Christmas party, Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church gym, 7 p.m.
Long Beach—Christmas party.
Dec. 20 (Sunday)
Philadelphia—Christmas party, International Institute, 3:30 p.m.
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.
Dec. 28 (Monday)
Pocatello—Installation dinner-dance, Hotel Bannock, 6 p.m.
Jan. 1 (Friday)
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.