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Going on the Road Again

Former So. Calif. JACL regional director, Fred Takata, who decided to get into travel agency work appears to be bubbling over with enthusiasm nowadays. He resigned from his JACL office only two months ago but already has been to Italy and next Monday heads for Tokyo for a three-week orientation stint via Taiyo-Do Travel Agency where he is employed.

His boss, Roy Takeda, is taking a tourist group to Hiroshima and Takata, for the first time in his life, will be seeing the best spots of scenic Japan.
The jet has cut down air travel time considerably and in 10 1/2 hours—the train time between here and San Francisco—you can be in London. So in the short span of seven days you can cover quite a bit of Europe on a package tour.

It seems that when Takata takes his baptismal trip to Japan as a tourist guide, Eli Tanabe, also onetime JACL regional director, will be just a few days ahead of him.
Tanabe, of the Far East Travel Service and president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, left yesterday for Tokyo. He'll be carrying goodwill messages from Mayor Norris Poulson and Board of Supervisors Chairman Ernest E. Debs on his Oriental sojourn.

About London, Takata said he was "rather disappointed." He said Italian people impressed him as being very happy and well adjusted. "Perhaps the reason for this is their custom of taking a siesta every afternoon—at 1 p.m.—closing shops and offices until 4 p.m.," Takata added. But there is a catch. Italians work until 8 p.m., so the story goes. In other words, you'll be bucking the 8 o'clock traffic. No pun intended.

In London, Takata and his group once got lost and stopped one Englishman to inquire about a certain hotel where they were staying. It was in Piccadilly Square which is the Times Square of England. He said he had great difficulty, although humorous, in interpreting "right" with reference to direction, and "right" as emphasis. "Now, you turn right, right; then left, right; then right again, right." So it went on.

Two hours later Takata groaned his way back to his hotel. The streets there run in almost every direction, except up.
QUEEN CONTEST
At least five JACL chapters have come forth to volunteer their service in obtaining candidates to vie in the 21st annual Nisei Week Festival queen contest. Although the girls will not represent, particularly the chapter, they will go under the banner as area entries. Districts include the San Fernando Valley, Long Beach, Orange county, West Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Downtown, Southwest and Hollywood.

The coronation of the 1961 queen, to succeed Penny Akemi Tani, last year's Downtown JACL chapter entry, will not happen at a dance this August. But it will come at a dinner and entertainment affair at the Biltmore Bowl, Aug. 5 with judging to take place at that time.
The Nisei Memorial Post 9038, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be the sponsoring organization. The show will include headline vocalist Bob Newkirk, of the Linda Darnell-Newkirk team.

It is not a welcome gesture from the Nisei's standpoint. We want to handle our own problems ourselves. We do not want a foreign government to meddle into the internal affairs of this country which has a distinct possibility of involving us.
A dangerous precedent may be set. There is the danger that an impression will be created in the American public's mind that the Japanese government may have some voice in the Nisei's attitude and rights, which is far from the truth. This may force us to be up on all affairs connected with the Japanese government.
Groups within this country are launching a movement to seek leniency from the President. What they are doing will be opposed.

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Nisei legal minds agree with JACL policy on Kawakita matter that Japanese government shouldn't intervene for traitor

(Two commentaries by attorneys on the Kawakita matter have been published by the Nisei press this past week after the National JACL Board made known its declaration of policy on this question. One was an open letter to Frank F. Chuman, national JACL president; the other the personal observations of a newspaper columnist. Mike Masaoka's column last week also goes into the background of the Kawakita matter at great detail.—Editor.)

A DELICATE SUBJECT
Los Angeles
When I read the UPI dispatch about Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda of Japan planning to appeal to President John Kennedy for leniency for Tomoya Kawakita, a Nisei who was sentenced to death and later commuted to life imprisonment for treason, I had grave misgivings as to the advisability of such a course. It was a story which had been picked up from the Sankai Shimbun of Tokyo in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Japanese prime minister.

Simple things like this can stir the emotions of people. The repercussions will be far reaching. Even the trade relations will be affected. The racists may find the opportunity to make the Japanese their targets.
Role of Spokesman
The Prime Minister of Japan must not overlook the fact that he is the spokesman for his country. He does not belong in the same class with Diet members signing a petition for the commutation of life sentence.

Before Mr. Ikeda comes to this country, we hope there will be a statement forthcoming which will deny any intention on his part to discuss this matter about Kawakita's clemency.
SABURO KIDO
Shin Nichihei, Mar. 23.

OPEN LETTER
Oakland
Dear Frank: This is in reply to your recent news release setting forth the National Board's declaration of policy on the Kawakita case, in which the government of Japan and more particularly, Premier Ikeda, were admonished from intervening on behalf of Tomoya Kawakita, who is now serving a life sentence following his conviction of treason.

I agree with the Board's position that the Government of Japan should not intervene on behalf of Kawakita, but for entirely different reasons than set forth in the declaration of policy.
JACL seems to assume that the Kawakita case is an "internal, domestic matter" because the case was tried in the Federal courts, and "its ultimate disposition is within the sole discretion of the President of the United States."

I submit that this is a non sequitur because it does not necessarily follow upon analysis, that a case is per se "internal and domestic" because it is tried in the Federal courts. For example, if Kawakita were a Japanese national and had been convicted in the Federal courts of espionage and sentenced to life imprisonment, the Japanese government could well be within its rights to negotiate through diplomatic channels for a commutation of his sentence. Recently, we had such an example of Presidential intervention on behalf of two U.S. fliers who had been accused of violating Soviet territorial boundaries. Another example is the case of Francis Powers, where the U.S. government, through its Embassy in Moscow, attempted, albeit un-

successfully, to communicate with Power prior to his trial.
It would appear more correct to state that the government of Japan should not intervene in the Kawakita case because he is convicted of a crime, namely, treason, which only a citizen of the United States could be convicted of. Moreover Kawakita had returned to the United States following the war, on a passport issued by the U.S. government of Kawakita's own claim of U.S. citizenship.

I also have serious objection to the last portion of the policy statement which is not only self-serving, but implies that any intervention by Premier Ikeda on behalf of Kawakita might be construed as an attempt by a foreign government to represent members of JACL. I repeat that I feel that any intervention by Premier Ikeda in the Kawakita case would be ill-advised, but I see no useful purpose served by reaffirming JACL's policy that "no foreign government shall represent our members in any matters."

Finally, what attempts, if any were made by JACL to determine whether the UPI story was accurate? Was the declaration of policy issued solely upon the UPI story or did you or Mike Masaoka get some confirmation from the Japanese Embassy at Washington that the Kawakita case was on the Premier's agenda? If the UPI story turned out to be true, my own feeling is that JACL's stance and record could have been preserved by a letter through channels, addressed to the Premier rather than through the use of a highly publicized declaration.
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Following is the text of Carol Ogata's prize-winning broadcast script written for the Voice of Democracy contest. The 17-year-old Pahoa (Hawaii) High School senior received the top prize, a \$1,500 scholarship, in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 22. Congressman Daniel Inouye prefaced his talk at the 15th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament awards dinner at San Jose by reading the speech.

Where else will you find territory so eager to become a part of the nation?
Where else will you find the government so close to and so representative of the people?
My answer is nowhere else but in my homeland—America.
To some people America may be the farms and fertile valleys. To others bustling cities, filled with humanity may spell America. A Negro mother may hear America in the voice of Marian Anderson. A Jewish citizen may look with pride upon the life story of Albert Einstein.

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America represents something intangible, yet something we live by day in and day out. It represents something people have given and will give their lives for. It represents something people take for granted at times. It represents democracy. Democracy, our daily way of life, can survive only if all of us are determined to keep it alive.

THEREFORE, I vow to defend my country, not with arms and fists, for I am quite helpless with these; nor with angry words, for they are of no avail; but in every way I can—through my actions and with my heart.
Every time I'm given a chance to voice my disagreement, I will try to remember that I, too, must give others an equal opportunity to voice their opinions.

Every time I communicate with God in my own way, I must remember to put in a few words of thankfulness.
Every time I am given a chance to make my own decision, I must try to remember that I, too, must give others an equal opportunity to voice their opinions.

Such is the history of our nation, built by the sweat and blood and ingenuity of countless individuals. This is our heritage.
I, AS AN American, proud of my heritage, will defend it.
Where else can there be so much prosperity and abundance? Where else will you find a Catholic and Protestant running for the nation's office and have each man considered for his abilities and not for his religion?

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Chicago JACL Report:

Lulu of a Luau

BY JEAN SAKAMOTO Chicago We've been studying the papers to see if any tremors were reported in the "Paradise of the Pacific" after the Chicago 1000 Club's fantastically stupendous... Lulu of a Luau... Chicago JACL Report: Lulu of a Luau

Fowler's 10th anny. fele plans underway

FOWLER. — Special recognition will be made to the pioneer Issei who have resided in the United States for at least 50 years at the 10th Anniversary Banquet of the Fowler JACL Chapter. The banquet is scheduled for Bruce's Lodge on Oct. 14.



REUNION HOSTESS

Jean Hiroko Ohta, 19, appropriately named "Gigi", will greet Nisei veterans attending the 1961 Nisei Reunion to be held in Hawaii, June 10-24, 1961.

Nisei Relays scheduled May 28 at Unih, events for four divisions designated

A full slate of 32 track and field events is being scheduled for the 10th annual Nisei Relays, according to Relays chairman George Fujita. The track and field extravaganza is being held on Sunday, May 28, at the University High School track field in West Los Angeles.

Frank Yoshioka wins golf championship for the fifth time

MONTEREY. — Frank Yoshioka became a five-time winner of the Northern California Nisei Golf Assn. championship as he toured the Pebble Beach course in 77 to win both low gross and field low net titles Mar. 18-19.

San Francisco cagers win Nisei state title

SAN FRANCISCO. — After seeing the North-South Nisei Athletic Union state basketball championships go south for seven straight years, the San Francisco Association ended the string by downing the San Kwo Low Lords 74-72.

Idaho Falls JACL holds farewell party for Cler

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho. — Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dots and Jack and Jerry Hirai, local JACL members, were guests at a farewell supper here at the JACL Hall on Mar. 10.

CALIF. GOVERNOR LAUDS NISEI BEFORE NEWSMEN

SACRAMENTO. — Gov. Edmund G. Brown praised the state's Nisei as good citizens during a meeting here recently with a group of Japanese political news writers now on a tour of the United States.

San Jose community groups organize youth service, plan junior baseball

BY PHIL MATSUMURA SAN JOSE. — Community Youth Service (CYS) of Santa Clara County is being formed under the joint sponsorship of JACL, Nisei VFW, Wesley Methodist and Buddhist churches of San Jose for the purpose of promoting and coordinating activities for the youth in the community.

GILROY CHAPTER SLATES COMMUNITY PICNIC APR. 9 AT UVAS PICNIC GROUNDS

GILROY. — The 15th annual community picnic sponsored by Gilroy JACL will be held at Uvas Picnic Grounds on Sunday, April 9, starting from 9:30 a.m., according to general chairman Moose Kunimura.

Nisei loses planning post on residency

GARDENA. — The nomination of Ken Nakaoka to the Gardena Planning Commission was accepted by the city council recently.

State Nisei champs enters Gardena cage invitational

GARDENA. — Southland basketball fans may see a rematch of the state title game between the San Francisco Associates and the San Kwo Low Lords during the Gardena invitational tournament this week at Gardena High School.

Long Beach State co-eded to represent U.S. at international student meet in Sweden.

LONG BEACH. — A Long Beach State College freshman is one of two students who will represent the United States at a 42-nation conference in Sweden this summer.

Richard Kaku elected Optimist Club president

Richard Kaku, service station operator, was elected president of the Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles. He and the new cabinet will be installed at a dinner at Statler Hilton, Apr. 22.

Whereabouts sought

LONG BEACH. — The Long Beach Harbor JACL, P.O. Box 9002, Long Beach 10 is seeking the whereabouts of Ben Uchigoshi who was discharged from the Itazuke AFB in Japan about three or four years ago.



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Victims of poisoned fish sue for \$925,000 damages, represented by Marutani

PHILADELPHIA. — Three persons who said they suffered ill effects from eating poisoned flounder and the operators of a milk farm who claimed the fish killed 364 milk filed damage suits totaling over \$925,000 in the U.S. District Court here March 14.

Easter egg hunt

ST. LOUIS. — The St. Louis JACL Easter egg hunt this Sunday will be held at Tilles Park pavilion area from 2 p.m. Some are expected to bring their lunches to make it a full day.

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