

San Diego Sansei competent in Spanish picked for So. American summer seminar

SAN DIEGO. — A local Japanese American boy will be one of 10 representatives of the United States at an international affairs seminar in Connecticut and South America.

Timothy Kaihatsu, a junior at Clairemont High School, will leave for Pomfret, Connecticut May 21 and from there visit Venezuela and Columbia, returning to San Diego in mid-August.

He is the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kaihatsu of 3871 Chippewa Ct., active San Diego JACLers.

Tim came to San Diego with his parents when he was 3 months old. He is a graduate of Stevenson Elementary School, where he was student body president, and of Marston Junior High School.

The seminar is sponsored by Pomfret School in an effort to stimulate active interest in foreign affairs among high school students. Twenty students are chosen to attend the seminar, 10 from the United States and 10 from the continent the semina chooses to focus on.

Last year students went to Africa, the year before to India. Only 10 school systems in the United States have been chosen by Pomfret School to send a representative to the seminar.

San Diego, one of the districts chosen, selected one student from each of the nine city high schools then narrowed the number of candidates to six. Pomfret then sent people to interview the finalists.

They considered candidates who had ability in art or music, some knowledge of Spanish, and who could speak and write with clarity. Tim plays the guitar and is considered by Clairemont High administrators to be at a professional level in his knowledge of early American folk songs. He is a member of the Clairemont baseball team.

The seminar pays all expenses from Connecticut to and through



TIM KAIHATSU South America Bound

South America. Students will study at Pomfret through June 25, stay in Venezuela to July 15, and visit Columbia to August 10.

The first four weeks will be spent at Pomfret, with field trips to Washington and New York, in study and seminar discussions on the problems of better understanding of international affairs.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER TAKES HOME PSW CONFAB TEAM BOWLING TROPHY

Long Beach JACL's five-some paced by Allan Kobata's 622 scratch effort won the PSWDC Convention bowling championships with a 2837 total this past Sunday morning at Rodeo Bowl.

The Arizona JACL perpetual team trophy was awarded to Allan's wife, Frances, who was present at the Sunday luncheon-fashion show at the Sheraton West Hotel where the bowling awards were announced by John Ankey, bowling chairman.

Only six teams were entered. In the Scotch doubles held at Holiday Bowl, Hiro Matsubara and Tami Teramoto won this special event with a 662. Other winners among 27 teams competing were:

- 2 — Kats Yagura-Saye Matsui; 3 — Paul Paul Kiyotaki-Dot Sumida; 4 — Hide Hamaguchi-Chuck Yoshida; 5 — Mr. and Mrs. George Yuba.

Sacramento bowlers to fete team sponsors, alley mgrs.

SACRAMENTO. — With most of the 53 team sponsors and alley managers from five bowling houses scheduled to attend as well as local city bowling association officials, the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association awards dinner-dance is anticipating a record crowd on May 20 at El Dorado.

Eugene Okada and Irene Dong are co-chairmen of the event. Tickets are available at El Rancho Bowl, added Ed Hayashi, local NBA president.



JUMPING PHENOM ENTERS NISEI RELAYS Sus Ito of Narbonne High, who has a 6 ft.-3 in. effort in the high jump which tops the Nisei Relays record of 6 ft.-3 in., is leaping over the hurdles as he is entered in both the 70 highs and 150 lows as well as his favorite high jump in the 10th annual Nisei Relays to be held at University High on Sunday, May 28.

OMAHA'S ISSEI PIONEERS RECOGNIZED AT JACL BANQUET

Over 150 persons attended the April 17 Omaha JACL Issei Recognition banquet. Some of the Issei honorees were (from left) standing—Tom Kubo, Ritta Mori, Mrs. Anna Ishii, Mrs. Tom Arikawa, Mrs. Sato Yoden, Mrs. James Miyeno, Kanichi Matsunami; seated—Mrs. Kiyoko Watanabe (mother of current JACL president Mike Watanabe), Mrs. Eileen Egusa, Mrs. K. Ando, Mrs. Sen Fujii, James Miyeno and Joe Okuda. Other honorees not pictured were Sen Fujii, Mr. and

Mrs. Joe Tsuji and Kiyoshi Ishikawa. Robert Nakadoi, event chairman, explained the Nisei wanted to show their appreciation to their elders. "We do not forget their effort or what they have done," he said. Patrick Okura, national first v.p., was toastmaster. Msgr. Edmund Walsh, editor of True Voice, was the main speaker. Entertainment consisted of Japanese classic and folk dances and a musical interlude by the Ales.

3 waves of Issei settled in Omaha: 1st came as strikebreakers, 2nd as businessmen, and 3rd as evacuees from West Coast

By Mike Watanabe

Omaha. The Issei came to Omaha in three different groups. The first group came as a result of the need for strike-breakers around the year of 1900. The second group consisted of men who were determined to start businesses of their own around the year of 1929.

The story of the Issei in Omaha is full of amusing and serious twitches. The circumstances which led to the movement of the Issei to Omaha are interesting and must be written in the pages of history. The Omaha Isseis are the beginning of a certain group of people who certainly have made a marked effect which is rather obvious in Omaha but taken for granted to the point where no material has been made to make the Issei a matter of record. So here goes:

accepted life as well as anyone else as it was. Few of these settlers still reside in Omaha. Many moved out as farmers. Others moved out seeking various other occupations. Some of these pioneers were people like James Ishii, Sr., Joe Watanabe, Toshio Kutow, Ritsita Mori, Joe Okuda, and Chuzo Okimoto.

The Japanese were considered above average in working enthusiasm. Oddly enough, their pay was equivalent to that of other workers—\$1.75 a day. But contractors took a percentage of the salaries of these wide-eyed Issei who considered Omaha a good place to work because wages were above those of the West Coast. As a short time passed, contractors relinquished their percentages and the Issei enjoyed the full monetary reward of their work.

Some opposition was met at bringing these Japanese to Omaha. Due largely to a Mr. Reed (then Chief Watchman at Cudahy and formerly Chief of Police in South Omaha) these Issei were made employees at Cudahy. Then there was a Miss Reed who daringly took upon herself to attempt teaching the English language to eight out of the 183 people from the strange land. You see, her neighbors objected. No violence took place. Rather cute was the fact that these eight men continually escorted Miss Reed to the street car after lessons.

These Issei lived in labor camps located at 37th and M Streets. The labor camps went out of existence in 1937 when they became overcrowded and boarding houses became their living quarters.

Undoubtedly, the vast majority of these Issei were of the Buddhist religion. However, some of these had the yearning to be church-goers. In 1907, Reverend Van Winckle of the South Omaha Baptist Church was preaching to six Japanese.

On the whole, these first Japanese were a happy people and

Ken Dyo's son injured while watching fire

PASADENA. — Mike Dyo, 9, of 146 Bellefontaine St., slipped on a wet board and struck his head on the rear of a burned vehicle last week while he and other youngsters were watching firemen quell a blaze in a garage.

World War II came along and as a result, many Issei found Omaha as a permanent home at the end of the war. Quite naturally and for the first time in history, the Japanese were considered a sneaky and dirty race, however, the impact of prejudice was little felt by the Japanese in Omaha. The Issei representative of this era were people like the Tamai's, Matsunami's, Nakadoi's, Doi's, Shimada's, Arikawa's, Egusa's, Tsuji's, Ikebasu's, and others. Most of these Issei were quite along in years and so handicapped to contribute any direct material benefit in Omaha. What they did bring along with them is the Nisei whose record in Omaha is quite a showy one and whose appearance has added a zest of life to the Japanese people in Omaha.

Rohwer monument to Nisei war dead

(Continued from Front Page) of a mile from the highway near Rohwer in Desha County, Ark. On another side of the shaft is the name of the late Ray D. Johnson, director, and the name of one of the three assistant directors of that war relocation center. This monument was erected to the memory of the American people of Japanese descent and their parents who died while confined within the Rohwer Relocation Center during the Second World War. Just west of this monument are 24 graves.

This request has been neglected. That sacred acre has been allowed to grow up in woods and brush.

Recently a citizen of Arkansas had the place cleaned off and owner of the adjoining farm leveled up the most sunken places. The American Legion Post of McGehee is interested in keeping these grounds beautiful. The great need is for the construction of a road from the cemetery out to the highway. When the land formerly used for the relocation center was sold, the cemetery acre and a strip out to the highway were reserved as United States property.

The deed to this small area is held by Mr. Miki Nakamura, a citizen of Scott, Ark., and held in trust for the families whose loved ones are buried at Rohwer. It would be wonderful if the highway department, in carrying forward its road construction program in Desha County, would build a permanent road from the highway out to this lonely spot. We need to remember that not many cities gave the lives of 30 sons in the cause of freedom, and only the families in these relocation centers sent forth their sons from behind barbed wire.

NC-WNDC

(Continued from Front Page) lic, while the youth delegates and advisors met with Marie Kurihara of San Francisco and Jerry Enomoto, national JACL Youth Committee chairman, to talk over the Jr. JACL movement.

Chapter president Hi Akagi of Alameda welcomed the delegates. George Ushijima was in charge of arrangements.

Dignitaries Honored At the banquet which followed with George Ushijima as toast master, ex-mayor of Alameda, William McCall, now councilman was honored by the host chapter for his support to the Japanese community. A scroll of the "Japanese American Creed" was read by Joanne Takeda and presented by Haruo Imura to McCall.

Other dignitaries at the dinner were: Mayor and Mrs. Franz Collischonn, City Manager and Mrs. H.D. Weller, Police Chief and Mrs. Floyd Drake and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Kofman, Alameda Times-Star publisher.

Publicity techniques and programs of the Jewish B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League was the subject of the banquet speaker Stanley Jacobs, Pacific area director of the league in San Francisco.

He said the ADL was originally organized to combat discrimination and prejudice against those of the Jewish faith but it has now expanded its program of concern for human rights of all persons.

Similarly, now that JACL has resolved most of the major problems faced by Japanese Americans, Jacobs urged that Nisei through the JACL should become more involved in protecting the rights of all people.

For the most effective public relations, Jacobs said it requires personal, face-to-face contacts.

Human Rights

Postwar Resettlers

Orange County resident wins PSW confab prize

Jim Tsutsui of Costa Mesa was announced as first prize winner of \$250 of the PSWDC Convention drawing held this past weekend at the Sheraton West Hotel. Other winners included:

2nd (\$100) — James Kodama, Imperial, Calif. 3rd (radio) — H. Miyaya, Los Angeles, Calif.

Prizes down to seventh place were awarded. Linda Mizuhara, Southwest L.A. candidate for Nisei Relays queen contest, drew the numbers. George Matsubara, finance chairman, was in charge.



POCATELLO CLERS PLAN IDC PARLEY

Committeemen for the 11th biennial Intermountain District Council convention, set for Aug. 11-12, at the new Student Union Bldg., on the Idaho State College campus in Pocatello shifted into high gear with the selection of the site recently. The registration committee (pictured on top) urges delegates and boosters to have their summer vacation include the IDC convention. In the photo are (from left): top—Junko Yamashita, chmn.; Jane Ugaki, Kae Sumida; lower—Joanne Kawamura, Miki Shiosaki, Kazu Kawamura and Midori Tsukamoto. BOTTOM PHOTO: Officials of the host Pocatello JACL meet with IDC chairman Joe Nishioka of Idaho Falls. At left is Ronnie Yokota, convention chmn.; Nishioka; Marianne Endo, conv. sec.; and George Shiozawa, chap. pres.



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Southwest L.A. — San Fernando —

(Continued from Front Page) senior year. Although she intends to obtain her credentials in elementary education, her secret ambition is to open a nursery school of her own.

An active member of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Linda has typical teenager's interest in bowling and dancing. She also sews and dabbles in painting for her own amusement. Her parents, Eugene and Helen Mizuhara reside in the Southwest area of Los Angeles.

Three more area candidates are expected to be announced in the near future for a total of nine. The judging will take place next Friday. There are to be no elimination, one will be chosen queen and the rest will be named Princesses.

The Relays queen will receive a special trophy donated by the Japanese American Junior Chamber of Commerce plus a free permanent and make up analysis by the Yamano Beauty College.

The princesses will also receive special Relays trophies, with all girls receiving orchid corsages donated by Mike Hida of the Dos Pueblos Orchid Farms of Santa Barbara.

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