

Shame of Our Nation



Negro members of the bi-racial "Freedom Ride" group sit outside their gutted bus after it was stoned and burned by a mob of whites who attacked the group on highway near Anniston, Ala. The group, sponsored by Congress of Racial Equality, has been testing Southern bus segregation laws.

Washington, D.C. RIGHTEOUSLY, we Americans have expressed shock and disgust when communists, leftists, and zealous students have fomented riots against constituted governmental authority and to protest certain political decisions or actions.

Rightfully, we have deplored the so-called tyranny of the minority when mobs take the law into their own hands and substitute brute force for legal recourse. Realistically, we have proclaimed that the breakdown of law and order in any part of the world, and especially in our own land, threatens the security and safety of all, and particularly those in our own country.

Yet, last weekend, several hundred armed United States marshals and other officials had to be rushed into Alabama to try to restore peace and order after a mob of white persons attacked a racially mixed group of bus riders in its capital city, Montgomery, the vaunted "cradle of the Old Confederacy".

Although the President described the situation as "a source of deepest concern to me, as it must be to the vast majority of the citizens of Alabama and all Americans" while instructing "the Justice Department to take all necessary steps", and although the Attorney General quickly instituted action to "guarantee safe passage in interstate commerce", the very fact that these racial outbursts did occur, attesting that all Americans do not yet enjoy the full and equal protection of the laws everywhere in these United States, is the shame of our Nation.

IT IS bad enough for our own consciences and for our international image and prestige that, on the seventh anniversary of the historic United States Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in our public schools, in too many places—North as well as South—the "law of the land" is still being defiantly or covertly resisted or circumvented, discrimination against Negroes particularly continues in employment, housing,

HOLLYWOOD CANDIDATE CROWNED NISEI RELAYS QUEEN, APPEARS TONIGHT



SANDY SAITO
Picked Nisei Relays Queen

Nisei Relays queen Sandy Saito will present the awards to the outstanding chapter athletes of the past CYC basketball season at the Hollywood JACL's Maytime Square Dance tonight at the Elysian Park Lodge, it was announced by chapter president Fred Taomae.

Sandy, who was judged winner last Friday night, was the chapter's candidate in the contest to choose the queen of the relays to be run this Sunday at the University High School oval.

Also scheduled to attend is Jim Higashi, queen contest chairman, who will present Sandy with the trophy emblematic of the honor. Tentatively scheduled to attend the 6:30 p.m. event which will also honor graduates of the area is Goro Suzuki, star of the Broadway and road show versions of "Flower Drum Song," who is now working on the movie of the same name.

Suzuki will appear if his shooting schedule permits. His son Jimmy is on the chapter baseball team. George Saito is chairman of the event which will serve a western-style dinner.

and recreation, and prejudice in so many places challenges and humiliates not only the American Negro but also the official diplomatic representatives of the new sovereign nations of Africa.

But, how much worse is it when vigilante mobs are allowed to wreck violence upon peaceful "freedom riders" and bystander citizens?

In spite of the difficulties incident to the forthcoming "summit" meeting between the chief executives of the United States and the Soviet Union and the continuing American crisis in space, in disarmament, in Cuba and other international "hot spots" it may well be that our greatest single problem is in this field of human dignity and opportunity within our own country.

Admittedly, great progress has taken place in the field of civil rights. Admittedly too, there is growing realization in the North and in the South that the day of racial integration and acceptance cannot be postponed indefinitely. What happened in Alabama may be only a momentary setback in the campaign for racial equality, even though the casualties are real enough.

The courts have defined racial desegregation as the constitutional brightline of all Americans. The Administration has demonstrated action to "guarantee safe passage in interstate commerce", the very fact that these racial outbursts did occur, attesting that all Americans do not yet enjoy the full and equal protection of the laws everywhere in these United States, is the shame of our Nation.

IN OUR tripartite checks and balance system of government, two coordinate branches—the judicial and the executive—have demonstrated their will to provide equality for all Americans; only one—the legislative—has refused thus far to join in this attack upon the un-American practice of racial inequality.

Though the President has previously indicated that he prefers to test the scope and effectiveness of those civil rights statutes currently on the books by aggressive administrative leadership, instead of requesting additional enabling authority at this time, we are hopeful that the outbreak of hoodlums and gangsterism in Alabama last weekend has convinced him of the need and necessity for adequate and meaningful civil rights legislation in this session of the Congress.

As we view the congressional situation, he ought to risk endangering the rest of his legislative program if necessary, for—coincidentally—the core of the opposition to his Administration's socio-economic objectives is essentially the same as that which opposes all civil rights legislation, the congressmen (including Senators) from the Deep South.

If, by his leadership, President Kennedy can defeat the anti-civil rights bloc by securing more "truly democratic" and "less restrictive" parliamentary procedures for the consideration of even the most "controversial" measures, he will win not only effective civil rights legislation but also the majority of his legislative program. The "Key" to Discredit threats to prevent consideration or defeat "progressive" legislation is in the parliamentary procedures in both the Senate and the House that encourage an organized minority to frustrate majority will.

WE ASK that the President re-

consider his views on the urgency of civil rights legislation in this session of the Congress, especially in the light of the developments this weekend in Alabama. We believe that he will agree that he needs to be armed with new and more potent weapons to carry out his constitutional responsibilities to all the citizens of the United States, the protests of one section of our country notwithstanding.

Should he request such legislation from the Congress, we are confident that an aroused citizenry will support his leadership, for too long, for one reason or another, have we tolerated racial discrimination and persecution to hinder both internal domestic development and our leadership of the free world.

INCIDENTALLY, these vicious outrages against our fellow Americans in Alabama have a melancholy resemblance to some of the violence directed against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country after the attack on Pearl Harbor. We have special reference to the overturning of trucks and the "beating up" of the so-called "voluntary evacuees" who left California at the invitation of the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command early in 1942 to avoid "detention" and "relocation" in wartime internment camps.

What happened then to us of Japanese ancestry, in a sense, is happening again, only this time to another group of Americans. Somehow, it seems that we never learn!

TO DEDICATE PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF TSUKAMOTO
SAN FRANCISCO.—Sixty Army friends of the late Col. Walter Tsukamoto have contributed toward a bronze plaque in his memory which will be placed in the San Francisco Presidio chapel. It is to be dedicated this Sunday, May 28, at the Presidio.

Col. Tsukamoto, who was National JACL president in 1938-40, died of a heart attack Jan. 20 in Heidelberg, Germany. He was a ranking officer in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Department.

ARKANSAS VALLEY JACL CONTRIBUTES \$100 TO COLORADO BOYS RANCH

LA JUNTA, Colo. — The Arkansas Valley JACL has contributed \$100 to the Colorado Boys Ranch here, indicating its interest in curbing juvenile delinquency.

The presentation was made recently by Hank Konishi, treasurer; Robert Mayeda, chapter president; and Tom Nakayama, immediate past president, to John May, ranch executive secretary.

The chapter, whose territory stretches close to 100 miles along the Arkansas River, is one of the three dozen chapters surpassing its 1960 membership this year with 86 members, representing some 80 families in the valley. About 30 members are veterans of World War II.

Colorado Boys Stater

DENVER. — Cathay American Legion Post has selected Ronald Takahashi and David Inagaki, both of Manual High, as their 1961 Boys State delegates.

Sanger Sansei selected for Coro Foundation internship in public affairs for '61-'62

SAN FRANCISCO. — Peggy S Sasashima, 21-year-old senior at San Francisco State College, was announced as one of the eight winners of the 1961-62 Coro Foundation internships in public affairs.

A major in government, she is vice-chairman of the student committee on political education and active with the Panel for American programs.

Miss Sasashima is a graduate of Sanger High School where she won an Elks scholarship award. Her father is the daughter of Mrs. Arata Sasashima of Sanger. (Her father died on May 14.)

She and seven other interns will start an intensive nine-month program during which they will observe government activities, business operations, labor affairs, legislative functions and political campaigns.

Three other Nisei have won previous Coro Foundation awards for similar study. Two were Univ. of California graduates, Tad Masao, now with the Federal Housing and Home Financing Agency; and David Yamakawa, Jr., now in New York.

The other, Henry Iwasa of Honolulu, who is now back in Hawaii, is reportedly in newspaper work.



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In Memoriam

The names of 76 Japanese American war dead interred at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno are being published in the Pacific Citizen for the first time.

In most cases, the locale of the immediate next-of-kin is designated, while in others where next-of-kin has not been located, the original residence of the deceased is indicated. National JACL Headquarters would appreciate any information regarding the 13 next-of-kin still unknown.

Notices of the Memorial Day program being sponsored by the Golden Gate Nisei VFW Post and the No. Calif.-W. Nev. JACL District Council at San Bruno have been sent to all known next-of-kin.

Chester Abe (Florin)
Frank Akabane (Berkeley)
Shiro Ashline (Salt Lake)
Hachi Endo (Oakland)
Russell Fujino (S.F.)
Barbara Fukuhara
Tatsuro Furukawa (Stockton)
Kuni Hattori (Rose, Calif.)
Paul F. Horuchi (Morgan Hill)
Robert S. Hoshino (Chicago)
Stanley T. Ichiki
George Ikeda
Roy Ikeda
Shiro Kikuchi (S.F.)
Kiyoshi Ishimizu
Noboru Kajiura (Oakland)
James J. Kanada (Concord)
John Kato (S.F.)
Joseph H. Kato (Fremont)
Kenji K. Kato (San Mateo)
Kazuo Kawachi (Eden Township)
Momoru Kinoshita (Livingston)
Yutaka Koizumi (S.F.)

Satoshi B. Kurokawa (San Jose)
John H. Kyono (S.F.)
Harry Makita (Placer)
Soo Masuda
Peter S. Masuoka (Sonoma)
Isamie Matsukami (Salt Lake)
Tom T. Mitsumi (Hayward)
Timothy I. Mizokami (Berkeley)
Haruto Moriuchi (S.F.)
Tokuo Murakami (Watsonville)
Jim Nagata (Redwood City)
George I. Nakamura (Santa Cruz)
George S. Nakamura (Acampo)
Kiyoshi C. Nakaya (Richmond)
Minoru Nakayama (Alameda)
Willie Niede (Hayward)
Takamori H. Nishi (Hayward)
Tadaishi Nozaki
Arnold Ohki (Livingston)
James S. Okamoto (San Mateo)
Togo Okamura (S.F.)
George Omokawa
Daniel C. Ota (S.F.)
Akira B. Otsubo (Stockton)
Tom Sagimori (Berkeley)
John M. Sakaguchi (S.F.)
Toshio Sakai (Placer)
Jasa Sawamoto (Placer)
Minoru Sasaki (Oakland)
Toshio Sonekura (S.F.)
Tetsuru Shibata
George M. Shikada
Anthony Shiotani (S.F.)
Kiyoshi J. Shiramizu (Denver)
Shigeomi Shiroishi
Toshio Shoji (Livingston)
Yoshio Suetoki (Sunnyvale)
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Togo Sugiyama
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Teruo Tabata (San Mateo)
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Shiro S. Takano (Fremont)
Thomas Tawizawa (Fremont)
Henry Terazawa
Michio Teshima (Riverside)
Yoshio Teshima (S.F.)
Fred M. Yamamoto (Palo Alto)
Joe R. Yasuda (Santa Rosa)
Kazuo Yonemura (Eden Township)
Hitoshi Yonemura (S.F.)
Hajima Yoshino (S.F.)

Rowher WRA cemetery may become nat'l shrine maintained by Nat'l Park Service

STOCKTON. — Hope that the lonely plot of land which is the final resting place for some 24 Japanese Americans at the former Rowher WRA Center in Arkansas and marked by a massive Nisei war memorial monument erected by the residents of the center may become a national shrine was revealed in a letter published recently by the Arkansas Gazette of Little Rock.

Public interest in these graves was heightened last month when former residents of Rowher in Los Angeles as well as Chicago discussed ways and means of returning the graves to the West Coast.

Since then other interested people such as Dr. Joseph B. Hunter, assistant director of the relocation of the Arkansas Council of Churches, P.O. Box 371, Little Rock, and Mrs. Jun Agari of Stockton, former Rowher resident, have pushed the project along.

Mrs. Agari, who has been in contact with Dr. Hunter, sent articles of West Coast reports to him and Dr. Hunter has reciprocated with articles published in Arkansas papers.

The latest development came about when the Arkansas Gazette published an editorial in its Apr. 24, 1961 issue, giving credit to Dr. Hunter for the project.

Credit to Legionnaires
The editorial elicited a letter from Loyd McDermott, department adjutant of the American Legion, 1415 W. 7th St., Little Rock, Ark., which stated that the first time the American Legion learned of Dr. Hunter's interest was after June 26, 1960 when the Arkansas Democrat wrote about a trip to the cemetery by several American Legion officials to see what could be done about the graves.

"For more than a year, Clovis Copeland of the Arkansas Publicity and Parks Department has urged its development as a tourist attraction before we made the trip to see if the Legion could assist," McDermott wrote the Gazette.

And in the letter to Mrs. Agari, Dr. Hunter said:
"I shall help all I can to encourage this idea of bringing the cemetery into the National Park Service. . . I hope we can preserve the Rowher Cemetery as a memorial. This can be of far greater value to the evacuees and their children than would its abandonment and the transfer of the dead to California."

Nisei chaplain at Western Michigan Univ. to lead study-work project in West Africa

NEW YORK. — A Nisei minister, now an active worker among college students, will go to West Africa as a leader of an American student study work group this summer.

The Rev. Minoru Mochizuki, formerly of San Francisco and now chaplain at Western Michigan University's Campus Christian Fellowship at Kalamazoo, Mich., will lead a group of 11 students to Sierra Leone.

This country, formerly a British protectorate, gained full independence on April 27.

This group led by Rev. Mochizuki will be one of 18 Africa groups going to 16 different West Africa countries under a study-work project known as Crossroads-Africa.

College student from all over the country are participating in this project, each paying \$900 for this experience of going to Africa to live among Africans and to share in a common building project.

The work project for the Sierra Leone group will be to build a road somewhere in the interior.

Leaving June 25
The group will leave Washington, D.C. on June 25 and return Aug. 30 and will visit neighboring Guinea and Liberia in addition to Sierra Leone. Members of these work project groups will have opportunities to talk not only with leaders of government and busi-

ness, but with the people of the interior and rural regions as well.

Rev. Mochizuki is the son of Mrs. Jitsue Mochizuki of San Francisco. His wife is the sister of Pat Suzuki, noted Nisei Broadway musical star.

California JACL chapters active in all but one of the proposed congressional districts; voters to determine 38 seats in 1962

Californians spent the past week-end perusing the proposed reapportionment of congressional and assembly districts. The new plan was unveiled last week in Sacramento. The bill for reapportionment was sent to the Assembly floor for a final vote, scheduled for yesterday.

Political observers in Sacramento have pointed out that the bill

should enable the Democrats to gain at least a 24-14 margin in Congress, eight more than they have now, following the 1962 elections. This number corresponds with the number of new congressmen the state will get.

The Assembly membership will remain at 80 but the Democrats are expected to bolster their present 47-33 margin by a large extent

through reapportionment.

"Write Your Congressman"

When the JACL chapters are writing to their new congressmen after 1962, all but one of the 38 will be recipients. The exception will be the 33rd district, formerly the 25th of San Bernardino County.

The listing below includes the name of incumbents in the House of Representatives from the present 30 districts.

- 1—C. Miller (D); Sonoma County.
- 2—Johnson (D); Placer County.
- 3—Moss (D); Sacramento, Florin.
- 4—OPEN; Marysville.
- 5—Shelley (D); San Francisco.
- 6—Mallard (R); San Francisco.
- 7—Cohelan (D); Oakland, Berkeley.
- 8—G.P. Miller (D); Alameda.
- 9—OPEN; San Jose, Eden Township, Fremont, Gilroy.
- 10—Gubser (R), lives in new 9th Dist., but expected to run as incumbent of 10th Dist.; San Jose.
- 11—Younger (R); San Mateo.
- 12—OPEN; Watsonville, San Benito County, Monterey Peninsula.
- 13—Teague (R); Santa Barbara, Ventura County.
- 14—Baldwin (R); Contra Costa.
- 15—McFall (D); Stockton, French Camp, Cortez.
- 16—Sisk (D); Livingston-Merced.
- 17—Hagen (D); Tulare County, Delano, Bakersfield.
- 18—Hosmer (R); Long Beach-Harbor.
- 19—Holfield (D); East Los Angeles.
- 20—TO BE REVISED; Smith (R) and Lipscomb (R) both live in this new district and revision has been promised to avoid this doubling-up; Hollywood, Pasadena.
- 21—OPEN; Downtown L.A.
- 22—Corman (D); San Fernando.
- 23—Doyle (D); Long Beach-Harbor.
- 24—Hiestand (R); Pasadena.
- 25—Roussell (R); Pasadena, East Los Angeles.
- 26—Roosevelt (D); Southwest L.A., Venice-Culver.
- 27—OPEN; San Fernando.
- 28—Bell (R); West Los Angeles.
- 29—OPEN; East Los Angeles, Hollywood.
- 30—OPEN; East Los Angeles, Downtown L.A., Southwest L.A.
- 31—McDonough (R); Southwest L.A.
- 32—King (D); Gardena Valley.
- 33—Sheppard (D).
- 34—OPEN; Orange County.
- 35—Utt (R); Orange County.
- 36—Wilson (R); San Diego.
- 37—OPEN; San Diego.
- 38—Saund (D); Coachella Valley, Imperial Valley.



DR. WALTER H. JUDD
Minnesota Congressman

Chuman lauds stand of L.A. Mirror for supporting evacuees

The Los Angeles Mirror was commended this past week by National JACL President Frank Chuman for supporting the proposition that Nisei civil service workers of Los Angeles County who had paid toward their retirement while confined in relocation centers during World War II should be reimbursed.

The Mirror, in a front-page editorial, announced its stand on Mar. 22 (see Mar. 21 PC).

"On behalf of the entire organization, and especially on behalf of our fifty-one chapters in the State of California, I wish to express my individual thanks, as well as those of our organization, for your forthright stand in support of this proposition."

"As you state in your fine editorial, although there were only forty-six Nisei then employed, we agree with you that it is a matter of principle and of fair play that these forty-six Nisei be accorded the same right to retirement fund payments as those employees who were absent on military leave."

"We sincerely appreciate your deep concern in this matter and I wish to take this opportunity to personally express our thanks to you in writing."

State Sen. Dolwig named speaker at Evergreen rites

State Sen. Richard Dolwig (R., San Mateo County) will be the principal speaker at the Memorial Day rites to be conducted by the Nisei Veterans' Coordinating Council at Evergreen Cemetery next Tuesday, 11 a.m. Jack Matsukawa, commander of the DAV Nisei Chapter 100, is program chairman.

Dolwig, an attorney in Redwood City, has served in the state legislature since his release from military service in 1946.

Rites at Denver

DENVER. — The Mile-Hi JACL and Mountain Plains District Council will join other local groups at Memorial Day services to be conducted by the Cathay Post 185 of American Legion at Fairmount Cemetery, 12 noon, Yosh Arai is program chairman.

RODNEY OMACHI CLAIMS SECOND \$1,000 AWARD

STOCKTON. — Rodney Omachi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Omachi, returned to Sacramento to claim his second \$1,000 scholarship prize this past week, winning the top prize in the Central Valley Math Quiz. The previous week he was awarded a \$1,000 cash prize in the Bank of America Achievement program.

Omachi, student body president at Edison High, is a straight A student with hopes of majoring in medicine or mathematics at Stanford.

He also won a \$300 scholarship from the California Scholarship Federation, thus giving the Sasei a \$2,300 stake on which to start his collegiate career.

Car wash project

CLEVELAND. — Car washing and wax polishing at the East End Neighborhood House this past week enabled Cleveland Jr. JACLers to build their treasury for coming summer workshops.

Berkeley dentist earns colonel rank

BERKELEY. — Dr. Mas G. Tsukasaki was recently promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

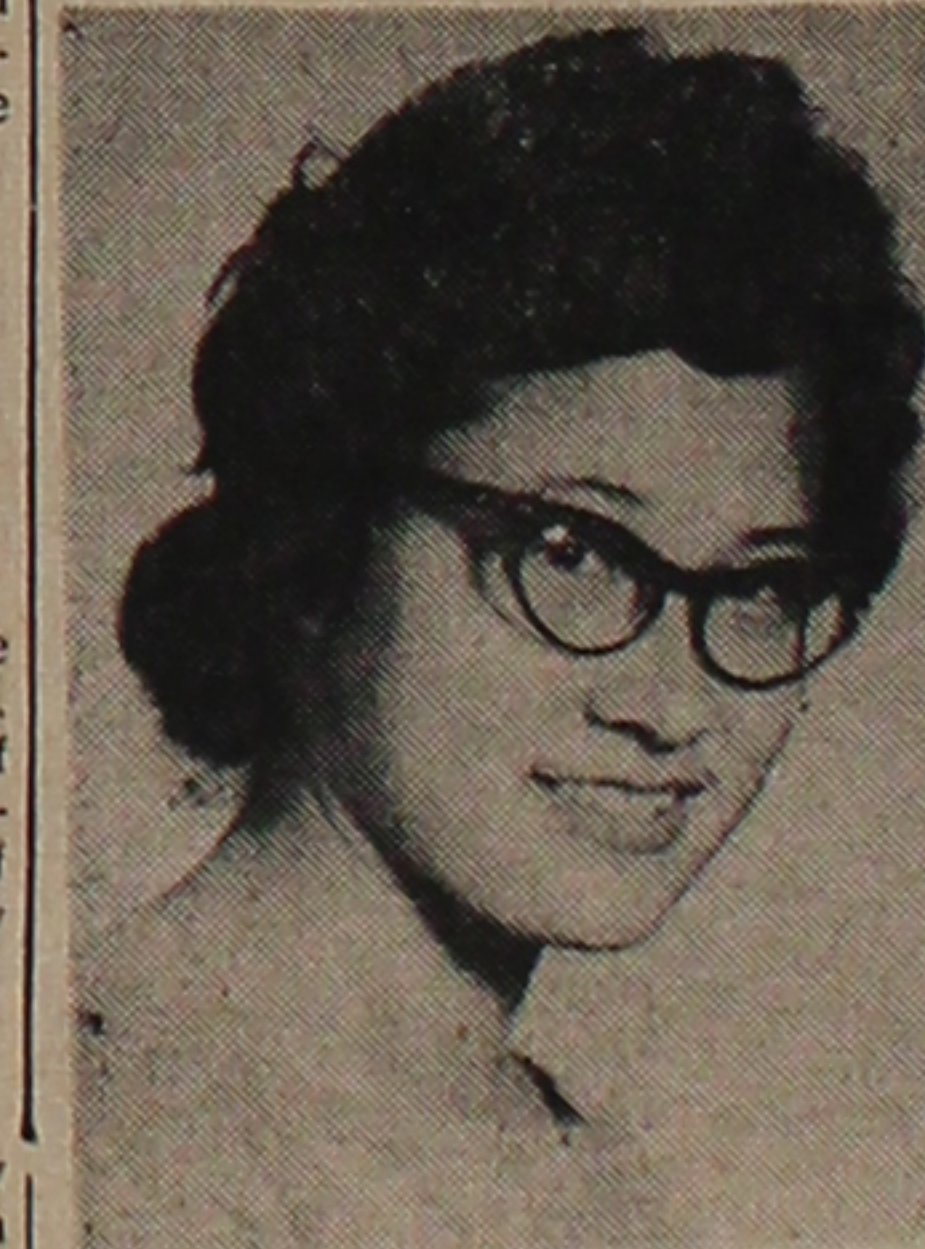
A graduate of the Univ. of California in Berkeley, Dr. Tsukasaki has been active in the U.S. Army Reserve since his separation from his tour of duty. During World War II, he served in Europe with the 114th Evacuation Hospital.

To date, it is believed that this is the highest rank to be attained by a Nisei in the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

His active reserve assignment is with the 32nd General Hospital at the Oakland Army Terminal, where he is the acting chief of dental services.

Carrying an expert pistol classification rating, he has also been an active member of the 15th Army Corps pistol team for the past two years participating in the U.S. area sector and 6th Army matches.

GIRL STATER



PAT SAKAMOTO
Butte County Representative

—RIDLEY.—Pat Sakamoto, daughter of the Fred Sakamoto and junior at Gridley Union High School, was named Girls State representative for Butte County and being sponsored by the Gridley Junior Women in cooperation with the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 17 of Chico.

Miss Sakamoto will attend Girls State at Davis, June 26-July 4 with over 400 other girls from throughout the state.

A Girls Stater is chosen because of her high ideals and aspirations as an outstanding student and co-workers and classmates—an "all around American girl." This is one of the highest honors a junior can attain. Currently she is the Gridley Union High School student body secretary.

Parents are active members of Marysville JACL.

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Ye Editor's Desk

REAPPORTIONMENT HOWLS

Obligated to make room for eight new congressional districts, the California Assembly this week acted upon a proposal reapportioning the boundaries of the congressional and assembly districts, reflecting the population increase as indicated in the 1960 census.

As one reporter put it, that "long-awaited, sometimes decennial political bombshell — redistricting" exploded in California and politicians, national and statewide, "will be assessing its fallout for weeks to come."

Reapportionment is easily one of the most important political acts each decade in California. With each reapportionment, the political patterns of California were set for the ensuing decade.

With the 1962 elections, the political influence of California with its 38 congressmen is vastly increased and makes California's congressional delegation the second largest in the House, surpassed only by New York's 41.

The reapportionment bill gives Southern California five of the eight new congressional seats — three of them in Los Angeles County, which now teems with 42 per cent of the entire California electorate.

Politicians are already forecasting the redistricting job the Democrats have done (their first in the 20th century) will bring them rich harvest of increased political power in 1962. The new political map virtually guarantees that Democrats will come out of the 1962 election with the eight new seats. The present count is 16 Democrats and 14 Republicans. Democrats are also expected to pick up as many as 10 more seats in the Assembly, upping their present strength from 47 to 57 and trimming Republican strength from 33 to 23.

Even before the bill was publicly unveiled last week, Republican critics were denouncing it as a masterpiece of vicious gerrymandering. The foremost Republican voice in the state, Los Angeles Times, editorially exclaimed: "this exceeds honest gerrymandering; it approaches grand larceny."

In 1951, when the Republicans had charge of reapportionment, the Democrats howled with equal anguish.

Now there is talk the Republicans may try to revise the new map by carrying it to the electorate. The Democrats back in 1951 tried it, too, but unsuccessfully.

Assemblyman Robert Crown of Alameda, who chaired the election and reapportionment committee, conducted public hearings throughout the state during the early months of this legislative session. His committee was composed of 11 Democrats and six Republicans. It also consulted with incumbent office holders, weighed all ponderables — geographical and political, and endured pressures that always accompany the charting of new political lines in any state.

So far as JACLers writing to their congressmen when the new map becomes effective, we shall have active chapters in all but one of the 38 congressional districts. The only one missing — in San Bernardino County — never did have enough Nisei interested in organizing an active JACL chapter.

★ APPORTIONMENT ADD

With the number of Representatives fixed at 435 by law (even though the Constitution calls for one representative for every 30,000) since 1929, the admission of Alaska and Hawaii as states, the number temporarily rose to 437. It reverts back to 435 and each congressman will be representing an average of 400,000. The 1950 average was 344,587.

★ GERRYMANDER

The scheme of rearranging political districts, which made some areas look like pieces from a jig-saw puzzle and giving the party in power an unfair advantage over the opposition party, goes back before the time of Elbridge Gerry, when he was governor of Massachusetts in 1812 and wanted to increase representation of the Democratic party in the state senate. He redistributed the districts in such a way that the contours looked like a salamander. One Federalist editor, Benjamin Russell, growled: "Better say a Gerry-mander!" and this outlandish name has stuck in American politics.

Historians have pointed out this practice was started in 1709 in Pennsylvania when the counties of Bucks, Chester and Philadelphia combined to prevent the city of Philadelphia from securing its proportionate representation.

The Massachusetts law of 1812 resulted in 29 seats being secured by 50,164 Democratic votes and only 11 seats from 51,766 Federalists regained control of the Mass.

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Chapter
Chit-Chat

Chicago JACL

When the Chicago JACL executive board and some members hosted a dinner at Como Inn on April 29 to the Issei Story executive committee meeting that weekend, there was a look of real surprise on Frank Chuman's face when a birthday cake was placed in front of him. The report adds that there were no candles on the cake.

Hiro Nakamura, who teaches English at Englewood High, will be teaching the same subject in Japan for a year. He has been accepted as an exchange teacher in Japan.

Tery Yamaguchi, Amy Inouye, Sumi Shiba and JACL board member Tommi Kakita preferred early spring vacations this year, taking the New York-Washington circuit. The girls saw three shows within a five-day period.

Fred Tanaka, who started the JACL dance classes a few years back, has tied the marital knot with Joyce Yamamoto on April 14.

Cleveland JACL

MDC Chairman Joe Kadowaki has been elected to the National JACL Services Center board of directors.

The JACL trip to Niagara Falls scheduled this past weekend was cancelled. The committee is planning a trip to Detroit's Aquarium.

West Los Angeles JACL

The chapter movie benefit held at the local Gakuen was a tremendous success, with more than 200 persons attending. Thanks to the Asiatic Film Co. for making this possible. Proceeds will be used for our local track meet to be held May 21 at University High School.

PC Letter Box

After Masaoka's Speech

Los Angeles Mike Masaoka's accumulated views (JACL 5-6-61 L.A.), "laid on the line" for the more apathetic members who might have been drifting away, left us acutely aware of how quickly people—including ourselves—forget. Even important things that have cost a lot.

After reflecting on the world situation, implications of the Red threat and domestic repercussions, I arrived at a few sentiments concerning another national group with which we have almost no contact and about whom I've thought seriously for the first time.

If winter ever comes and Red China and the Free World—with or without a combatant Japan—should ever draw swords, we Japanese Americans, of all decent human beings—you don't have to be a humanitarian or even a Christian—should be first to immediately demonstrate the courage of our convictions by going on record that we stand in defense of any poor souls who are unlucky enough to be part of a west coast Chinatown about to have their civil rights perpetually suspended without due process of law and trial, under the guise of national defense or anything else. I will have the pleasure of knocking down his throat the teeth of the first Nisei or anybody else who suggests wearing an "I'm No Chinese" lapel button to ensure our safety from vandals.

Maybe I am insinuating an unnecessary precaution for which there is no need, but judging from the way Laos is slipping and the gradually increasing Sinophobia detectable in the various mass communications media, I can easily conceive of things getting worse. Red China may underestimate the U.S. and overextend its hand through miscalculation, although this is unlikely unless it develops its own A-bombs.

At any rate, regardless of Communism, USSR, Red China, brush-fire wars or no, we should stick to our avowed course unswervingly. "Better Americans in a Greater America," especially by doing our share to make ours a Nation where Americans in all lines of endeavor who have responsibility in making valuations on anything affecting people, shall do so without prejudice as to religion, derivation, or position. By making this a genuine reality, we also may be helping to improve the world a bit. With these safeguards assured, we can welcome competition from any quarter; and, as now, always be happy to open the record for inspection by anybody with the interest and competence to judge.

TARO KAWAKAMI

ORANGE COUNTY LASS
TO VISIT FINLAND

GARDEN GROVE. — Irene Chiyoko Yamani, 16, of Garden Grove High School will depart June 9 for Finland under a student exchange program for the summer, according to Henry Kanegae, Orange County JACL president, who is her uncle.

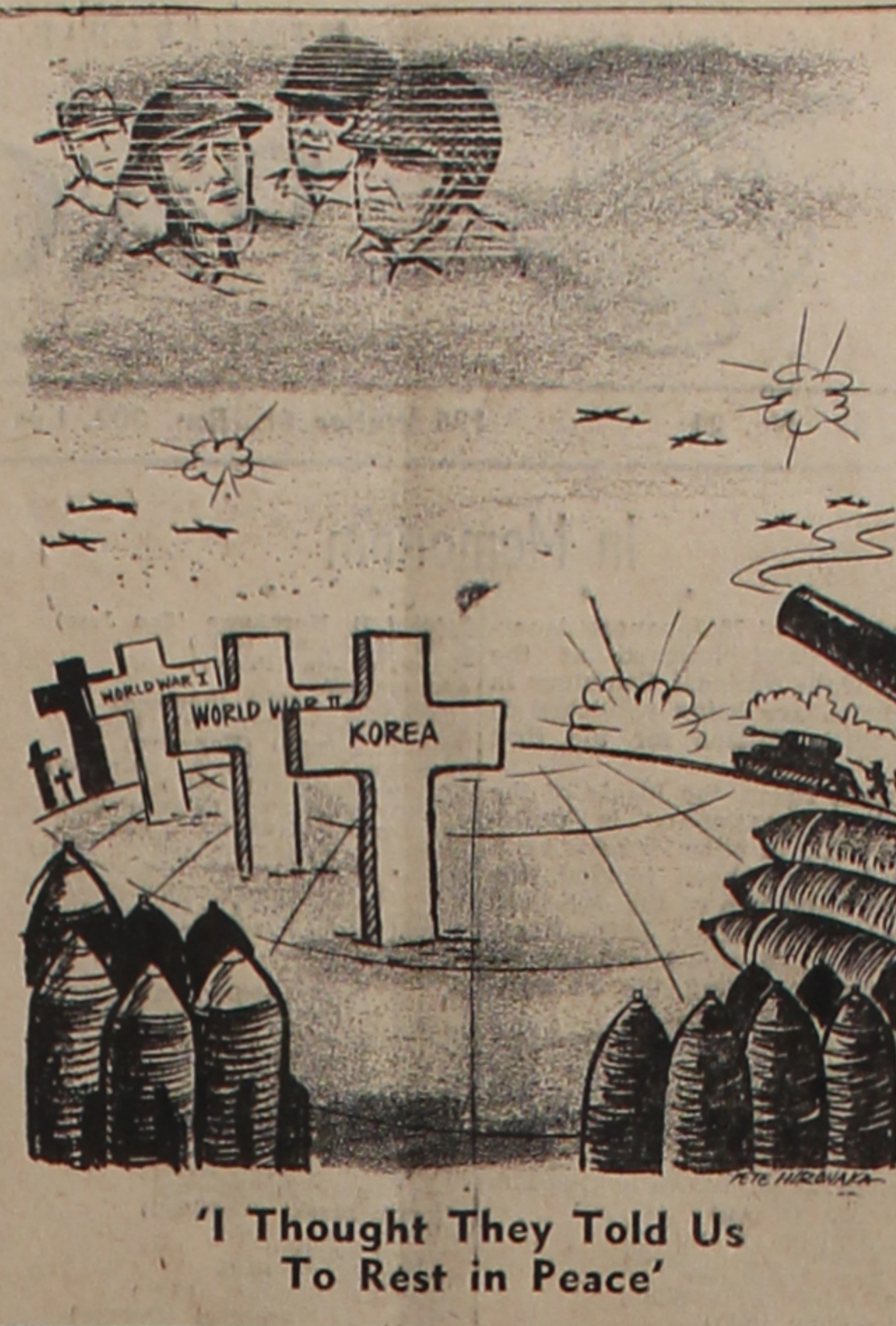
Miss Yamani is a junior at school and is expected to return in September. Several Orange County Saneis have made similar summer trips to Europe in recent years.

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Prejudice and Hawaiian Dialect

BY ALLAN BEEKMAN

Honolulu There is a type of discrimination against the Nisei in Hawaii related to local patterns of speech. Whether such discrimination is also related to race, a Mainland Nisei may sometimes be called upon to decide for himself. We may imagine a Mainland Nisei becoming acquainted with the phenomenon at an Independence Day gathering in Honolulu.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," he hears a speaker intone. "Dat all men ah created equal; dat dey ah endowed by deh creatur wit suabtain unalienable rights; dat among deese ah life, leebahity, and da puhst of happiness."

These exotic accents, and the peculiar inflections that accompany them, may inspire the visitor with uneasiness, the kind of uneasiness he might feel upon seeing a loved object being put to an improper use. The speech might even strike off associations of a movie gangster genially exhorting his henchmen to increased dedication.

If the visitor remains in Hawaii, he will gradually become aware that the accents he has heard are characteristic of a widely used idiom, an idiom that draws upon the aboriginal tongue for an important part of its vocabulary, and that has a syntax compounded of the language patterns of the polyglot people from whose speech it has evolved—an idiom often unintelligible to the uninitiated.

Childhood Dialect

"My mama geeve me leaking," says a child, who has learned the dialect at his mother's knee. He is not announcing an operation to provide him with better drainage. He is expressing the conviction that the pursuit of a certain course of conduct will put him in danger of receiving corporal punishment—a licking, to use the pronunciation of people who do not know better.

To a greater or less extent, most Nisei in Hawaii seem to use this dialect. Such use results in some prejudice against them by people bred to standard English. The Mainland Nisei may explore his own feelings to ascertain if such prejudice is racial.

(Ed. Note.—As one Mainland Nisei, who does not feel any prejudice on how a person speaks and wouldn't classify prejudice as racial in this case. We remember one JACL convention where the delegate from Texas spoke with an identifiable Texas drawl and another from Manhattan with an unmistakable Eastern accent.)

A familiar example may also help to clarify such prejudice: the example we have of the attitude of the French speaking Normans invaders of England to the Saxon speaking residents. The Normans, to pursue this analogy, had no idea that they were dealing with another race. The concept of race had yet to be formulated, and people had not yet been trained to react to it. The Normans saw the difference between them and the defeated Saxons as being one primarily of culture and language—particularly language.

The Normans assigned the defeated Saxons, along with their language, to the barnyard and other unlikely places. So what was cow (cu) and hog (hogg) to the Saxon churls assumed the more refined designations of beef (boef) and pork (porc) when served up on the tables of the lordly Normans.

CSEA chapter official

LONG BEACH. Active Long Beach Harbor District JACL'er Peggy Tanaka will be installed as new secretary of the California State Employees Assn. Chapter 110 at Long Beach State College next month. She recently was elected over two other candidates. Miss Tanaka is administrative secretary for the college business manager.

Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama

Issei Story Lead in Berkeley

Now that longtime Professor Chiura Obata of the Univ. of California at Berkeley has completed his semi-annual tour of Japan with many American friends and is back home, he should be freely interviewed and be allowed to recall some of the forgotten pages of Japanese life in America for the Issei Story project.

Much has been said of the accomplishments of the Issei pioneers in the fields of agriculture, mining and commerce. But there is a unique facet of Issei life in American literature! Professor Obata was among the few Issei who actually took part in this phase at the turn of the twentieth century.

The early history of Japanese cultural life in California is centered at "Miller Heights" in Oakland, where such Japanese poets as Yone Noguchi and Isen Kanno worshipped the poet of the Sierras—Joaquin Miller. Dr. Obata is probably the only person alive today who knows of the famous "Heights" activities.

Japanese Bohemians

Kanae Nagasawa, founder of Fountain Grove in Santa Rosa, was a close associate of Miller and composed poems of his own. Nagasawa was the samurai from the Satsuma clan in Kagoshima.

Yone Noguchi, who lived in America between 1893 and 1902, became a famous Japanese poet and was a close friend of the Hindu poet Tagore, the Nobel

Prize winner. His son is the noted Nisei artist Isamu Noguchi. Isen Kanno was a famous poet of the early days, his pieces being introduced from the Atlantic to the Pacific. His American wife, Gertrude Boyle, was also a famous poetess and sculptress. She had numerous exhibitions in America and Japan.

It might be said that the Miller Heights in Oakland was the cradle of the Japanese literary and cultural movement in America. It is interesting to know that there were many well-known Japanese poets in America at one time. They had conquered the language barriers and mastered the expression of their thoughts in English. They are all dead today and forgotten.

Played Baseball

The JACL project to record the history of Japanese in America comes at an opportune time. Further delay may leave many phases of Japanese life in America without accurate records.

Dr. Obata happens to be the sole survivor of the first Japanese baseball team, which was organized in San Francisco to meet the team from Waseda University. They played at Stanford University. The Waseda coach was the late Professor Isao Abe, who later organized the Social Mass Party in Japan.

Obata also organized about seven or eight baseball teams among the young Issei in the Bay Area. He also was a key man for the first Japanese theatrical group in California.

Los Angeles Newsletter: by Henry Mori
Yokohama-Born West Pointer

NOMINATED by Rep.—James Roosevelt, D-California, a Yokohama-born UCLA student has successfully passed examinations to enter West Point this July 5.

The 20-year-old appointee is Ken Yoshitani, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Masaharu Yoshitani, now residents of New York. Ken lives with his brother, Ryo, and both attend UCLA.

Six years ago when Ken came to the United States he had no dream of ever qualifying for West Point. But in the spring of 1960 he applied and then early this year he passed his physical.

Yoshitani attended Seika Elementary School in Yokohama. He enrolled at Stevenson Junior High School in East Los Angeles. He was graduated from Hamilton High School with top honors.

Another Sansei from Los Angeles is making a name for himself in a military school.

Cadet Captain Lowell M. Hattori was judged the outstanding cadet selected for assignment to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps at Pennsylvania Military College in Chester, Pa. He received the Gold Scholastic Key Award of the American Ordnance Association.

IN A CITYWIDE essay competition, Linda Murayama, 16-year-old B12 student at Marshall High School was third place winner in the contest sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Murayama was honored with nine others at the awards luncheon at the Biltmore. Linda is a CSE. She plans to enroll at UCLA next February to take up studies in either teaching or social science. Linda's prize was a \$75 savings

bond from William K. Hopkins, chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

FAMILIAR names from the past who were the backbone of the Magnolia YWCA Residence in East Los Angeles gathered early this month to close a memorable chapter in their voluntary work.

The Residence which served the last 37 years, weathering evacuation, wartime vandalism and the post-war resettlement period, has been purchased by a private Nisei family.

Oldtimers will recall the East-side dormitory for girls as one of the social spots for Nisei activities before the war. Among the honored for their devoted welfare work included Mrs. George Takeyama, Katsuma Mokuada, Miya Kikuchi, Kenzo Sugino, Choye Kondo, Nagamine, Gen Nakamura, the Rev. and Mrs. Kojiro Unoura, the Rev. John M. Yamazaki and International Institute's inspiring leaders, Elsie Newton and Esther Bartlett.

The Frank Chumans were also cited for their contribution in maintaining operation of the Residence with other volunteers. More recently Frank gave of his legal service in drawing up a memorandum agreement between the Los Angeles YWCA and a new Japanese American Y committee so that funds derived from the sale of the two-story wooden frame structure and monies left over from previous operation can be properly facilitated when needed.

The building was sold at a reported price of \$18,000. The end to the Magnolia Residence brings somewhat of a nostalgic pang to middle-aged Nisei.

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Vagaries: by Larry Tajiri

'Bridge to the Sun' Finished

WHEN Mariko Miller visited Denver some months ago from her home in Casper, Wyo., she expressed concern on the motion picture adaptation of "Bridge to the Sun," the story of an interracial marriage which her mother, Gwen Terasaki, had written. Mrs. Miller hoped that Jacques Bar who was producing the picture in Paris, Washington, D.C., and Tokyo would approach this real-life story with fidelity. She also was concerned whether the Hawaiian Nisei actress, James Shigeta, would be able to delineate successfully the role of Hidenari Terasaki, the Japanese diplomat who married a girl from Johnson City, Tenn. Gwen Terasaki's part is played in the film by Carroll Baker, one of the ablest of the movie's young actresses who is best known for "Baby Doll" and "Giant."

The word is that "Bridge to the Sun" has turned out better than studio expectations and MGM is withholding the release of the picture until this month in order to give the film a better advance little publicity and the reason is that MGM, which originally purchased the screen rights to the Terasaki book after its publication by North Carolina University Press and subsequent condensation in Readers Digest, farmed it out to French producer Jacques Bar. The picture was made as a co-production with Bar who operates out of Paris. As a result "Bridge to the Sun," although it takes place in the U.S. and Japan, was considered a French production and MGM's publicity tom-toms didn't beat for it.

Final production work on "Bridge to the Sun" was completed in Hollywood recently with Shigeta and Miss Baker dubbing some scenes on the MGM lot.

The picture is principally a love story, beginning with the meeting of the girl from Tennessee and the Japanese official in Washington, their courtship and marriage. Terasaki's involvement in a last-minute attempt to prevent a war between the United States and Japan, hours before Pearl Harbor, by arranging direct communication between President Roosevelt and the Japanese emperor is reportedly a dramatic sequence in the film. After Pearl Harbor Gwen Terasaki decides to take her daughter, Mariko, and to accompany her husband to Japan aboard the exchange ship Gripsholm. In Tokyo Mrs. Terasaki endures the

fire-bombing by U.S. planes to remain at the side of her husband. Mrs. Terasaki returned to her native Tennessee with her daughter following her husband's death after the war. Mariko grew up in Johnson City and married a young lawyer, Mayne Miller. The latter was a law partner of Sen. Estes Kefauver and himself ran for Congress. But Miller is a Democrat and his district is the only one in Tennessee which has remained Republican since the 1880s. Two years ago the Millers moved to Casper. Both are active in local Democratic politics.

A GIRL of Japanese ancestry, presumably a Nisei, is the center of considerable excitement in the new United Artists release "The Last Time I Saw Archie." Cindy, played by Frances Nuyen in the picture, is suspected of being a Japanese spy when she befriends a group of sad-sack GIs at an air base in Denver.

"The Last Time I Saw Archie," a story which writer William Bowers claims is a true one, stars Robert Mitehum as Archie, the biggest goodie in the air force, and Jack Webb as Bowers. The comedy will be released in June.

ACTOR Marc Marno, who is of French-Japanese ancestry and played the role of Eddie, the houseboy, in the Broadway comedy "A Majority of One," is now at Warner Bros. recreating the characterization for the motion picture. In the film Rosalind Russell portrays the Jewish widow from Brooklyn who is involved in a romance with a Japanese millionaire, played by Alec Guinness. Tsuruko Kobayashi, who was in the Broadway company, is cast as Guinness' daughter in the film.

The New York company of "A Majority of One," which played Denver last week and is now in Los Angeles, has Gertrude Berg and Sir Cedric Hardwicke in their original starring roles. Kanna Ishii is Hardwicke's daughter in the stage troupe and Sahomi Tachibana, Yasuko Adachi and Yogi Matsukawa are in the cast.

Miss Ishii, daughter of one of Japan's leading dancers, Baku Ishii, has appeared in "The King and I" and other Hollywood films. Miss Tachibana, who has given dance concerts in New York, is a native of Mountain View, Calif. Miss Adachi plays a koto in one of the scenes of "A Majority of One." Matsukawa toured with the Constance Bennett company of "Auntie Mame."

Nisei psychologist granted \$62,000 to study rise of Japanese American delinquency

Though statistics show that Japanese-American crime rate is minute compared to that of other ethnic groups, its percentage of increase is high—and a UCLA assistant professor of social welfare is searching for the reasons.

Dr. Harry H.L. Kitano, a specialist in child psychology, recently received a two-year, \$62,830 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to carry out the project. He believes his findings will be of value to all groups concerned with juvenile crime.

The San Francisco-born Nisei scholar was one of the chief assistants in a minority housing survey conducted in the San Francisco Bay Area by a U.C. professor several years ago.

He headed the staff which compiled data in the San Francisco and Berkeley Japanese homes.

"Much to the surprise of the police, third-generation Japanese-Americans have been showing up among trouble-making gangs," he said. "Twenty years ago this

was unknown."

Backed by a team of researchers, the UCLA professor will investigate the relationship to juvenile crime among younger Nisei of (1) a change in attitude toward authority, (2) a change in ways of reacting to stress situations, (3) a breakdown of social integration (or group unity), (4) the sudden uprooting resulting from other factors.

"We may find," Dr. Kitano said, "that the trouble stems from the Americanization process itself. It seems that the third-generation is reacting to stress in a typically American way—by striking back."

"This is in contrast to the stereotype Japanese reaction of grimly carrying on in a prescribed manner no matter how tough the odds."

National JCCA parley scheduled Sept. 2-3

TORONTO. — Delegates from the provinces and local districts will assemble Sept. 2-3 here for the national conference of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Assn., the first one being summoned since 1957 when it disbanded its national headquarters.

JCCA chapters in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario will be represented by two delegates, whose transportation to the conference will be provided by the national organization.

Selma Lions president

SELMA. — George Okazaki, active JACL and community leader, has been elected president of the Selma Lions Club.

DEATHS

Asoo, Shunichiro, 76; Los Angeles, Apr. 27 (in Tokyo).

Chikamasa, Mrs. Naka, 94; Mountain View, May 19.

Inamoto, Glenn, 10; Newcastle, May 14 — (p) Mr. and Mrs. Susumu G. (b) William.

Kanemoto, Ojio, 86; Santa Clara, May 17.

Kawanami, Toshio, 36; Los Angeles, May 17 — (p) Mr. and Mrs. Risaku, three brothers and four sisters.

Kikkawa, Alan K., 7; West Pasadena, May 18 — (p) Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. two sisters.

Maeda, Akiko, 78; Lynwood, May 12.

Mura, Mrs. Satsu, 58; Stockton, May 17.

Nakagawa, Kiyoshi; Sacramento, May 17 — (w) Yoshie, (d) Eleanor.

Nakagawa, Mrs. Tsugi, 59; Culver City, May 22.

Nawa, Juichi, 81; Norwalk, May 18.

Negishi, Hiroo, 5; West Los Angeles, May 22 — (p) Mr. and Mrs. Koroku.

Oguchi, Seichi, 72; Los Angeles, May 18.

Omura, Shinji, 64; Salt Lake City, Apr. 20.

Otani, James H., 57; Cotati, May 14.

Saito, Sakari, 77; Los Angeles, May 21.

Sunimuro, Ryozo, 71; Hillsborough, May 17.

Suzuki, Mrs. Chise, 59; San Francisco, May 18.

Yatabe, Tamejiro, 81; San Francisco, May 15.

Yamaji, Mrs. Yaso, 84; West Los Angeles, May 25.

Yamaji, Jun, Kanichi, 81; Berkeley, May 1.

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Nisei athletes prep for JACL trackfests

Close to 250 athletes will compete in the 10th annual JACL Nisei Relays this Sunday at University High School, 11800 Texas Ave., West Los Angeles, according to George Fujita, relays chairman.

A card of 32 championship events covering all four classes of competition will get underway at 1:30 p.m. The preliminaries will be held in the morning.

For class championships, the point spread in the open and junior divisions will be 10-6-4-2 (four places) in the individual events, 10-8-4 (three places) in the relays. The point spread in the midges and cub divisions will be 10-6-4-2-1 (five places) and 10-8-4 (three places), respectively.

90 youngsters romp at WLA jr. meet

Under the able chairmanship of Y. Tsuruda, the second annual West Los Angeles JACL junior track meet met with success last Sunday afternoon at University High, where 90 youngsters from eight through 15 years of age competed.

No team championships were offered but the enthusiasm for the medals to winners in all four classes did not falter for a moment during the day, according to chapter president Akira Ohno. He also paid tribute to the local youth leaders who assisted the track committee.

Scoutmaster Takao Tanabe of Troop 39 led his detail in the opening flag-raising ceremony. Youth leaders assisting in the meet were: Sino Shimotsu, WLA Community Methodist Church; Hideo Wachi, WLA YMCA Summer camp commit.; Bob Bogawa, Vanguard Gr.-X; Assistant Scoutmaster Milton Inouye of Troop 39; Art Hada, Jr. YBA; Nobu Teuta and Carl Kurachi, Blackhawk Gr.-Y; and Hank Tomimasa of the WLA Stoner Playground Pony League; Yosh Shinazu, Jim Nomura, Roy Takeda, Roy Ono, Jim Okumura, Tom Watanabe, Tad Mikami, Jim Kitase and Tanny Sakamiwa.

NOBU ASAMI SHARES IN BPAA WOMEN'S DUO TITLE

ALBANY, N.Y. — Nobu Asami and Helen Duval, a pair of veteran California bowlers, won the eighth annual BPAA Women's National Doubles Tournament.

Mrs. Asami, of Richmond, Calif., 38, and Mrs. Duval, 48, of Berkeley, Calif., rolled a 10-game total of 6306, for \$1,000 and a trophy.

Eden Township-Fremont join in family bowling

SAN LORENZO. — Eden Township and Fremont JACL chapters will co-sponsor a family bowling night at the Grand Lanes, Hayward, on June 3, 8 p.m. League and non-league bowlers are invited. Trophies will be awarded on a handicap basis for single and doubles events, with special events for women and children.

Reduced prices for children were promised. Aki Hasegawa, Yas Ishida and Harry Kawabata are handling the arrangements.

Puget Sound golfers

SEATTLE. — Dr. T. Uchida was recently named president of the Puget Sound Golf Club for 1961. In the 1960 club competition for "Golfers of the Year," Jun Hayakawa took top honors, while Min Hashimoto was second.

East of the River: by Dick Akagi

Tree-Planting in New York

New York's tempo and density can intimidate strangers. Yet there are times when the town, or at least one part of it, slows down to a point where you get the feeling that maybe this is a pretty homey little community after all.

Several months ago a woman named Maggie, who lives across the street from me, began to work on a project to "Beautify 96th Street," specifically this meant getting trees planted on our block.

Tad Watanabe, the president of the street from me, began to work on a project to "Beautify 96th Street," specifically this meant getting trees planted on our block.

It struck me then as an impossible undertaking since it required laborers to foot a substantial portion of the costs. Landlords in New York are bloodless corporate entities and I couldn't see these legal abstractions willingly paying for anything, much less contributing toward something as aesthetic as trees.

Maggie billboarded all the buildings on the street with posters she herself had made. The posters themselves were classic; unprofessional in lay-out and lettering, they first stopped the viewer with their childlike crudity, then charmed him with the straightforward sincerity of their appeal. The very vulnerability of the posters reflected Maggie's own innocence.

And Maggie did. She got twenty trees for 96th Street. Perhaps typical of New York, the trees were planted in two days. On the first day a crew came in with pick-axes and jack-hammers and tore off the pavement in neat patches where the trees were to go. The next day twenty sycamore saplings stood in the patches.

Last week there was a little ceremony on our block to celebrate the tree-planting. The state senator made a speech and a nationally known television performer sang a song and it was a fine occasion all around.

San Francisco JACL Olympics deadline extended to May 29, meet at Kezar June 4

SAN FRANCISCO. — Indications are that a record number of entries will be submitted for the 1961 Nisei Olympics track and field meet at Kezar stadium June 4.

A last-minute addition of a new event—baseball throw—for the new Pee Wee and Junior divisions was announced by the sponsoring San Francisco JACL track committee.

"As most of the youngsters are competing in the Optimist baseball leagues, this event should be a natural," declared Mich Fukuda, co-chairman for the coming meet.

The other co-chairman Akira Watanabe said that San Jose and Stockton are again planning to send large teams while Marysville will be entering the Nisei Olympics for the first time.

Livingston is also expected to enter a number of sprinters and hurdlers for this meet.

Deadline of entries for the meet is Monday, May 29. It was announced by Fukuda and Watanabe. Entry blanks for the meet have been mailed to presidents of over 50 JACL chapters in California and to many clubs and churches in the Bay Area.

Additional blanks have been prepared and are available by writing Watanabe at 1832 Buchanan St. However, copies of the official form may be used for additional entries.

Meanwhile, sign-up for the San Francisco JACL team is continuing.

Yukio Isuye, who will coach the local squad for the open and 120 lb. exponent lightweight divisions, is currently rounding up athletes to compete in the June 4.

Los Angeles JACL Nisei Relays TRACK RECORDS

OPEN DIVISION	
100—Bob Watanabe (West L.A.)	10.0s (1952)
220—Mas Miyano (Hobos)	21.0s (1950)
440—Victor Mitsuno (Hobos)	51.8s (1958)
880—Henry Kawamoto (Lords)	2m:0.4s (1954)
1 Mile—Kikuo Moriya (Japan)	4m:37.5s (1952)
70 Highs—Dave Yamada (Hobos)	9.2s (1955)
Bill Saito (West L.A.)	9.2s (1958)
120 Lows—J. Karahara	13.3s (1950)
180 Lows—Tommy Hom (Hobos)	13.3s (1950)
Pole Vault—Dave Hoshimori	13 ft. 14 in. (1941)
Broad Jump—Will Tawa	22 ft. 7 in. (1938)
High Jump—John Kanaya (Santa Clara)	5 ft. 4 in. (1936)
Shot Put—Tom Sano (Fowler)	56 ft. 6 in. (1958)
Hop-Step-Jump—A. Tamura	44 ft. 7 in. (1941)
880 Relay—Hobos	1m:32.6s (1950)
440 Relay—Hobos	44.2s (1950)

JUNIOR DIVISION	
50—Beebe Kataoka (Const.)	5.6s (1956)
100—Dick Sakamoto (Orange County)	10.3s (1958)
Cliff Yoshida (Untouchables)	10.3s (1950)
660—Victor Mitsuno (Hobos)	1m:31s (1955)
120 Lows—Walter Shioji (Long Beach)	14.0s (1955)
Dave Sato (West L.A.)	14.0s (1956)
Pole Vault—Yamamoto (Venice)	12 ft. (1941)
Broad Jump—Melvin Matsukane (Orange County)	21 ft. 6 in. (1950)
High Jump—Art Tsutsui (NAC)	5 ft. 8 in. (1953)
Shot Put—Jerry Osumi (Hobos)	53 ft. 10 in. (1956)
440 Relay—Hobos	45.9s (1953)
660 Relay—Hobos	1m:10.7s (1958)

MIDGET DIVISION	
50—Cliff Yoshida (Tigers)	6.0s (1959)
75—Rocky Tadashira (Long Beach)	8.6s (1959)
Broad Jump—Mickey Sato (Tigers)	18 ft. 1 in. (1959)
High Jump—Denny Kanegae (Orange County)	4 ft. 8 in. (1960)
440 Relay—Hobos	50s (1959)

CUB DIVISION	
50—Billy Zaima (Tigers)	7.1s (1959)
75—A. Furukawa (Fighting Tigers)	10s (1960)
Broad Jump—Stanley Shirai (Wanji)	14 ft. 9 in. (1960)
High Jump—Gene Kawakami (Fighting Tigers)	3 ft. 10 in. (1960)
440 Relay—Tigers	1m:1.3s (1959)

San Francisco JACL Olympics TRACK RECORDS

CLASS "A" RECORDS	
100—Bob Kameoka (Downtown L.A.)	10s (1958)
220—Bob Kameoka (Downtown L.A.)	22s (1957)
440—Victor Mitsuno (East L.A.)	52s (1957)
880—Henry Kawamoto (Downtown L.A.)	2m:7.4s (1955)
1 Mile—Min Nakamura (West L.A.)	4m:49.5s (1959)
70 Highs—Howard Shintaku (Sacramento)	8.9s (1956)
180 Lows—Hideo Sakamoto (Reedley)	20.5s (1956)
Pole Vault—Neal Yoshida (Reedley)	12 ft. 9 in. (1959)
Broad Jump—Ron Fujino (West L.A.)	22 ft. 4 in. (1958)
High Jump—John Kanaya (San Jose)	6 ft. (1960)
Shot Put—Tom Sano (Fowler)	55 ft. 5 in. (1959)
Discus—Tom Sano (Fowler)	147 ft. 1 in. (1955)
880 Relay—Reedley	1m:34.9s (1957)

CLASS "B" RECORDS	
50—Dave Iwata (Long Beach)	5.5s (1959)
100—Hiroshi Fukuda (San Francisco)	10.4s (1959)
660—Harry Ito (Stockton)	1m:33.7s (1956)
120 Lows—Osami Takeda (Sacramento)	13.6s (1958)
Pole Vault—Frank Ishihara (West L.A.)	10 ft. 2 in. (1956)
Broad Jump—Ed Hayashi (Sacramento)	21 ft. 7 in. (1957)
High Jump—Nawaki Uyemura (San Francisco)	5 ft. 5 in. (1958)
Shot Put—Dennis Tanaka (San Francisco)	55 ft. (1958)
440 Relay—San Francisco JACL	46s (1958)

CLASS "C" RECORDS	
50—Hiroshi Nakai (San Francisco)	5.9s (1957)
100—Dick Hachiya (Reedley)	5.9s (1959)
100—Tom Tokubo (Reedley)	10.7s (1959)
Broad Jump—Dick Hachiya (Reedley)	20 ft. 4 in. (1959)
High Jump—Dick Hachiya (Reedley)	5 ft. 13 in. (1959)
440 Relay—San Francisco JACL	55.8s (1960)

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sachusetts legislature.

In 1788, the enemies of the Federal Constitution in Virginia tried to prevent the election of James Madison to the first Congress by this political dodge. Fortunately, it was unsuccessful — for Madison is acknowledged as the "father of the U.S. Constitution".

While a system under which each party gets its fair quota could be devised to eliminate gerrymandering, politicians seem almost unanimous in approving this practice. And voters seem to agree to this "good old American custom".

As for Gerry, the man whose name seems immortalized by the decennial practice, he later became vice-president to James Madison. Gerry died in office. Active in Massachusetts politics after graduating from Harvard in 1762, he was identified with the patriot party of Samuel Adams, served as a member of the Continental Congress, was one of the late signers of the Declaration of Independence and at one time served in the Massachusetts legislature as well as the U.S. Congress in the 1780s.

Gerry was a strong anti-Federalist in his day, opposing the creation of a strong national government. His exertions at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 were ceaseless to what he felt were wholly undemocratic influences in the Constitution and opposed its ratification. One of his reasons for opposition was that it contained no bill of rights, and we all know these were proposed in 1789 and adopted two years later.

While Gerry (pronounced with a hard "g") is remembered for Gerrymander (pronounced with a soft "g" or "j" sound), we hope this week's column will raise our respects of Elbridge Gerry to what he really was — a patriot and a statesman.

Eastern District Council Report
JACL Truly National

BY CHARLES T. NAGAO, Past EDC Chairman

Seabrook, N.J. — From the standpoint of a Japanese American Citizens League member or even of just an American citizen, it is taken for granted that the Japanese American Citizens League is a National Organization with some eighty-five chapters scattered throughout these United States; and haven't we all felt in the past sometime or another when we have been asked about what kind of an organization is the Japanese American Citizens League, etc. that with pride we have stated that each chapter is a part of the National Organization.

I believe that the Japanese American Citizens League, being a National Organization, is significant in its intent to indicate unity and strength, thereby enabling each individual American of Japanese ancestry, particularly the Japanese American Citizens League members, to realize the benefits to be derived therefrom.

During the recent Seabrook Chapter installation banquet, the Honorable Milton W. Glenn, Congressman from the Second Congressional District of New Jersey, which encompasses the southern-most counties of New Jersey—Atlantic, Cape May, Ocean, and Cumberland—was the guest speaker of the evening. His speech on the first one hundred days of the Kennedy Administration was very interesting and informative.

However, his commentary preceding his above topic is what prompted me to touch upon this seemingly "dyed-in-the-wool" acceptance that the Japanese American Citizens League as a National Organization is a paramountly accepted and believed version by the Representatives in Washington, D.C. from the western states where the majority of the Japanese American Citizens League chapters are located.

But when Congressman Milton W. Glenn had said, "Well, fellow congressmen from the West, I am going home this weekend (May 13-14) to speak at the annual installation banquet of the Seabrook Chapter Japanese American Citizens League," he received this reply from the Western congressmen: "What in the devil do you mean going home to speak at a Japanese American Citizens League Installation Banquet? Why I thought that this Organization was existing only in our part of the country!"

Needless to say the above bold lined statement indicates the necessity of an active public relations program in contacting at every chapter level, particularly those in the West in order to convince those Congressmen who represent the constituents that the Japanese American Citizens League is truly a well organized National Organization.

Undoubtedly, owing to the fact that there are only four chapters in the Eastern District Council, it makes it easier to maintain a closer contact with our Congressmen in Washington, D.C. At any rate let us all be assured that for the sake of widening the recognition of the Japanese American Citizens League in the eyes of our lawmakers in the Nation's Capitol two congressmen from both Philadelphia and Seabrook Chapter area can be very helpful.

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TWIN CITIES UCL HOSTS 1961 EDC-MDC CONVENTION

Pausing a moment for the photographer are the busy crew of Twin Cities UCL members who are preparing the joint EDC-MDC Convention at Minneapolis, Sept. 1-4. It ranks next to a full-scale national convention in point of attendance and activities. Pictured (from left) are: seated—Andrew J. Sato, Mrs. Kay Kushino, Dr. Simpey Kuramoto, convention chairman Tomo Kosabayashi, Sumi Teramoto, Tom Kanno; standing—Yoichi Ito, George Yoshino, Yuk Yamaguchi, Miko Fujita, Henry Makino and Howard Nomura.

Kathy Reyes appointed
S.F. scholarship chairman

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL's 1961 scholarship committee will be headed by Katherine Reyes, local public school teacher, it was announced by John Yasumoto, chapter president.

The chapter scholarship committee is now making plans for the third annual award of \$250 to some deserving local high school student.

All students of Japanese ancestry who are members of either January or June graduating classes at any local high school and are planning for further education are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Notices are being sent to all local high school and application forms are available by writing to the San Francisco JACL at 1739 Sutter St.

June 23-25 dates for S.F. scholarship benefit movies

SAN FRANCISCO.—The third annual benefit movie program for the San Francisco JACL scholarship fund will be held on the weekend of June 23-25 at Kinmon Hall.

The chapter will again award a \$250 scholarship to a deserving local high school graduate who intends to continue his or her education in college.

Two Daiei films, "Furai Monogatari" starring Kazuo Hasegawa, Jun Negami and Kowjiro Hongo, and "Beni Azami" have been announced for the scholarship fund benefit movie night, June 23-25, at Kinmon Hall. Show starts at 6:30 p.m.

Senator Lions elect

SACRAMENTO.—Richard Uno was elected president of the Senator Lions Club for the coming 1961-62 term. Other members of the board elected were: Eugene Okada, George Muraki, Mas Ota, v.p.; Joseph Sato, treas.; Tosh Tada, Lion tamer; Peter Takuma, tail twister; Paul Nakashima, bulletin board; Ichiro Fukutome, Buddy Kawaye, Fred Sanbongi, Thomas Nishizaki, bd.

Ft. Lupton, Colorado

FT. LUPTON, Colo.—Ronald Murata, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Murata, was named Boys State delegate from Ft. Lupton High School recently. He ranks in the upper third of his junior class and is outstanding in leadership, scholarship, service, character and in citizenship.

Masaki-Matsumoto troth

SACRAMENTO.—Mr. and Mrs. Percy T. Masaki, active Sacramento JACLers, announced the engagement of their daughter Colleen Hatsumi to Alan Masao Matsumoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Matsumoto of Berkeley, at a dinner party here recently. The bride-elect is a senior at the Univ. of California while her fiancé is a UC graduate. An August wedding is being planned.

East L.A. JACL family picnic at new site June 11

The East Los Angeles JACL family picnic will be held on Sunday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Barnes Park, 400 S. McPherson, Monterey Park. Free ice cream and soda will be provided. There will also be games and prizes for children.

The new site offers electrical outlets, barbecue pits and plenty of shade. The picnic is being arranged by members of the chapter board of governors:

San Furla, Anson Fujioke, Cy Yaguchi, Ritsuko Kawakami, Dr. Robert Ohi, Dr. George Wada, Fred Wakabayashi, Henry Onodera, Hide Katayama, Mrs. Sakae Hasegawa, George Nomi and Mary Wittwer.

Florin JACLer promoted

FLORIN.—Judy Gotan, active Florin JACL was recently promoted to Grade GS-9 as Digital Computer Programmer at the Sacramento Signal Depot. She entered government service after college in 1951 as a clerk-steno. Working herself up, in 1958 she entered this Digital Computer Field as GS-5, progressing herself to GS-7 in 1959.

She is believed to be a only Nisei woman in this area holding this grade. She served with the Florin Chapter JACL Board Member for the past six years.

1000 CLUB NOTES

65 Life Thousanders

A portion of the 1000 Club life member dues being held in reserve was withdrawn in January for the 1000 Club members and credited to the respective chapters. Life Member dues today are \$500—\$25 of which is withdrawn each year.

There were 65 Life Members in the 1000 Club for the year 1960 as follows:

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Mid Columbia—Ray Yasui.
Portland—Dr. Robert Kinoshita.
Puyallup Valley—George Ota.
Seattle—Frank Hattori, Takashi Hori, Frank Kinoshita, Henry T. Kubota, Takeshi Kubota, Ken Nogaki.
PNWDC Misc.—Edward Yamamoto, Mrs. Matsu Yamamoto, Tom Shoji Yamamoto.

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
Delano—Ernest Takaki.
Fresno—Fred Hirasawa.
Parlier—Harry Isaki, Ben Koga, Norman Miyakawa.
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Downtown L.A.—Saburo Kido.
Gardena—George Kobata, Dr. John Koyama, Ken Osaka.
Pasadena—Tom Ito.
San Fernando—Dr. C. T. Sakaguchi.
Southwest L.A.—Masami Abe, Taro Kawakami, Mrs. Chiyo Tayaama, Fred M. Tayaama, Dr. Tom Watanabe.
Venice-Culver—George Inagaki, Mrs. Yukie Inagaki, Frank K. Inagaki (in memoriam).
West L.A.—Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, Mrs. Mitsu Sonoda.

MOUNTAIN PLAINS
Idaho Falls—Deto Harada, Sadao Morishita, Joe Nishioke, George Nukaya, Frank Yamasaki.
Rexburg—Kiyoshi Sakota.
Salt Lake—J. J. Wagner.
Snake River—Thomas Iseri, Kay Teramura, James Nishizaki.
MIDWEST
Chicago—Roland Hagio, Harold Gordon, Dr. William Hura, Harry Mizuno, Shig Okuno, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yokohari.
Dayton—Dr. James Taguchi.

EASTERN
New York—Edward Ennis.
Philadelphia—Mari Michener.
Washington, D.C.—Kenko Nogaki.

Former L.A. newspaperman art director in Wisconsin

SIoux CITY.—Ex-newspaperman Joseph Ishikawa, director of the Sioux City Art Center has resigned effective August 31, to assume position as director of the Theodore Lyman Wright Art Center, Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.

Ishikawa has been director of the Sioux City Art Center since October, 1958.

The former Los Angeles Nisei, had been curator and assistant director of the Des Moines Art Center from 1951-1958; prior to that curator of the University of Nebraska Art Galleries.

Beloit's Wright Art Center was established in 1892; its present building was dedicated in 1930 and has since been remodeled. It has eight exhibition galleries and several collections totaling over 6,000 art objects.

Nisei property site of \$1-million building project

BUENA PARK.—Ground was broken this past week for a new \$1 million, 10-building, seven acre, light manufacturing plant site on Orangehorpe, west of Western Ave. here.

Concrete began flowing for two of the planned 10 buildings, each with approximately 10,000 square feet.

The seven acre project includes four buildings on the property of the Nishizu brothers and four on the former Edna Hess property.

At the ground breaking ceremony were Clarence, John, and Henry Nishizu along with Takito Yamaguchi of the Bank of Tokyo of California which partially financed the project. Police Chief Ralph Selby, Chamber of Commerce manager Ed Bernard, City Manager S.V. Erdelyi, and Fire Chief Bill Berbeck.

The scene for the opening ceremonies was to be the Polk Hall.

Gresham-Troutdale Issei honored by JACL chapter

GRESHAM, Ore.—The Issei parents were treated to a delicious Chinese dinner and a Japanese movie at the local G.T. Hall by members of the Gresham-Troutdale JACL on May 13.

Japanese Consul and Mrs. K. Urabe of Portland was honored guest. Mas Suzuki was emcee for the evening.

Detroit movies

DETROIT.—The Detroit JACL will sponsor a Japanese benefit movie on Saturday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., at the International Institute. Two very interesting movies are promised by chairman Dick Kadoshima.

Dayton CL dates

DAYTON, O.—The veranda of the Dayton Canoe Club overlooking the Miami River here will be part of the setting of the Dayton JACL Spring Dance tomorrow night.

The chapter also announced July 9 as the date of their picnic at Hills and Dales Park.

'Under Gemini'

SAN FRANCISCO.—June 10 is the date for the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary record dance, "Under Gemini", with stereophonic music provided by Reice Hamel at Park-Residio "Y". The dance starts at 9 p.m.

Marianne Otishi, chairman, will be assisted by: Mrs. Betty Ozawa, tickets; Toshi Watanabe, ref.; Alice Teranishi, Phyllis Watanabe, Evelyn Hoey, dec.

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Part V: Continued

Those years before World War II were difficult for both the Issei and Nisei when it came to understanding each other. Both groups desired very much to be understood by the other, but the principal handicap was language. These were the same years when the attitude of the Issei upon the Nisei was that the Nisei were their children.

The Manchurian incident of 1931-33 leading to the establishment of Manchukuo as a new nation under the tutelage of Japan was the main topic of discussion those days. The Japanese vernaculars had extensive coverage.

The convention committee in San Francisco had to be careful about the keynote speaker so that there would be no cause for friction in the Japanese community. The most prominent speaker who knew the position of the Issei was the San Francisco Chronicle at that time. He was a very highly respected community leader. The dangerous situation was that he had been critical of Japan's position, branding the Japanese as aggressors.

When he was approached as a speaker for the opening ceremonies, he agreed to devote about 15 minutes of his talk to the American people which was the time allotted for the broadcast by the radio station. When he was off the air, he was going to have a heart to heart talk with his audience. In other words, he wanted to let the public know about his confidence in the Japanese Americans while he was broadcasting.

The scene for the opening ceremonies was to be the Polk Hall.

FIRST NISEI WEEK QUEEN CANDIDATE OF '61 RACE TO BE INTRODUCED

During the past two months, the East Los Angeles JACL conducted a quiet search for its candidate in the 1961 Nisei Week queen contest. She will be introduced at the Emerald Ball, a scholarship benefit dance, tomorrow night at the swanky Chalon Mart ballroom at Broadway and Washington Blvd.

Matteo Uwate of Radio Lili Tokyo will emcee the introduction program, which will be highlighted by the presentation of Nisei Week's first queen candidate for the year.

Dance proceeds go toward awards made to a graduating senior at Roosevelt and Garfield High schools. Tickets may be purchased at the door at \$3.50. The dance is sports formal.

Four Sonoma County Nisei graduates win awards

SANTA ROSA.—Four Nisei were among the 54 seniors of Sonoma County high schools awarded Doyle Scholarships to Santa Rosa Junior College. This year, the scholarships totaled \$17,300 with awards individually ranging from \$200 to \$650 for next two semesters.

Nisei receiving the scholarships were: Santa Rosa High—Kent Sakato, Petaluma High—Dennis Fujita, Mary Kameoka and Jean Uyeda.

Pasadena community picnic

PASADENA.—The 11th annual Pasadena community picnic, sponsored by the Japanese Gardeners Assn., will be held June 18 at Brookside Park Sec. B. Active JACLers Ken Dyo and Harris Oza-wa will be emcees. Ben Hirano is picnic chairman.

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of the Civic Auditorium in the Civic Center. As part of an Americanization program, the school authorities agreed to release the Japanese high school students from classes in the afternoon. This was how the hall was packed.

Kramer Bill

The Hokubei Asahi carried an editorial under the title of "Citizens Have Done Something" on Feb. 21, 1934. It was in relation to the successful campaign of the JACL against passage of the Kramer Bill. The contents make it clear that it was still not smooth sailing for those who were espousing the cause of the Nisei movement. It should make interesting reading today.

The Kramer Bill provided that if the wife of an American citizen were an alien ineligible to citizenship, their children born abroad would be an alien and not a citizen as the father.)

Citizens Have Done Something

Our elders have continually questioned the value and importance of the Japanese American Citizens' League. We have fought and struggled to explain our cause and accomplishments, but our elders have been indifferent toward our achievements, and have considered the leagues as organizations which were only interested in social gatherings.

It is true that the leagues have given dances and benefit shows but they have been sponsored for two main purposes: to attract more citizens to the leagues through social means and to raise funds.

But bigger things have been accomplished already by the leagues. In 1961, the Cable Act amendment was passed through Congress by the united efforts of the league members, and restored American citizenship to many second generation wives of Japanese ineligible to citizenship. Miss Suma Sugi of Los Angeles was sent by the leagues to Washington to plead the cause. And she was successful.

Then again, the Seawall Bill, in which an alien was prohibited to possess any firearms or to fish in California, was withdrawn through the concerted efforts of the leagues.

Now, in the latest case, the leagues have been instrumental in quashing the Kramer Bill in Congress, which would have been highly detrimental to the children of citizens with alien wives.

We believe these instances are sufficient to show the power and

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