

By the Board

By Joe Kadowaki, Midwest District Chairman

Which Is Easier?

We kept company over the weekend with road maps, a tiny adding machine you operate with a stylus and a set of census figures. The outcome can be noted inside page 2.

Statistics generally leave people cold. But they can be the basis for some very hot discussion. You look at the 77,000 Japanese who live in Los Angeles County and wonder why JACL membership isn't any higher than it has been.

Getting membership involves organization. We have 10 chapters in Los Angeles County with prospect of reactivating one in San Gabriel Valley. In the past decade, San Fernando Valley was the only new chapter activated. These ten chapters have been able to boost JACL membership in Los Angeles County from 1,000 in 1951 to 3,000 through 1959. Last year, it dropped to 2,000.

JACL chapters being a voluntary-type of organization, since none of them in Los Angeles County have any paid personnel, we feel the machinery is handling all it can manage. In fact, it shows signs of wear if you consider the decrease last year.

Should we bolster the present machinery (as motivated by 10 chapters) to secure greater strength or spend this extra energy to create more chapters for added strength?

Activating a chapter is difficult if what was accomplished in the past decade is indicative. But this chapter was in a new area. There is this alternative of splitting current chapters and we can name a few: East Los Angeles, Gardena Valley, Long Beach, San Fernando Valley, Southwest Los Angeles, Venice-Culver, and West Los Angeles.

By splitting these seven chapters, the burdens of chapter administration will be shared by more officers and the goals, being lighter, should appear more likely to achieve. It would not be too much to have 20 chapters in Los Angeles County instead of 10.

In splitting a chapter, current board members may adopt a fairly simple procedure of dividing the chapter fund in the same proportion as the chapter quota. If a chapter has \$500 in its treasury and a \$5,000 quota, and it is decided that half would go to the "sister" chapter, the latter can start with \$250 in its kitty and \$2,500 as its quota. The knotty problem, of course, is to determine the proportion. The 1960 census figures may offer some help.

The classic case of a JACL chapter being split successfully is Eastbay JACL in 1952 with 233 members. The following year the newly created Berkeley, Contra Costa and Oakland chapters had 470 members. Last year these three had a combined total of 686.

Another vital ingredient to splitting chapters is tested leadership in all nuclei. A new chapter needs an experienced hand at the launching.

We await the day when JACL welcomes its 100th chapter in this period of the New Frontier. —H.H.

Cleveland The two weeks, June 10 through 24, during which time I had the privilege of attending the Third Nisei Veteran's Reunion in Hawaii, where without a doubt the most enjoyable and complete of any vacation the Mrs. and I have ever spent. The usual well known Hawaiian hospitality, famous throughout the world, was far exceeded. Words cannot describe adequately how much our buddies and friends of Hawaii entertained and attended our comforts.

An opportunity of a lifetime was missed by those not attending. The program was as complete as humanly possible. Wives and children were considered in every detail. All of us Malahinis came home feeling like Kamaainas because of the thoroughness of the tours and historical orientations of Islands as well as living and being with our friends.

Luau's, tea houses, barbecues, night clubbing all were included. I assure you that though much was spent on this Reunion, the visitors from the mainland didn't contribute very much to the economy of the Islands.

It is difficult to describe the closeness one continues to feel toward each other. As we visited the other Islands, Maui, Hawaii, Kauai, experiencing the same reception as on Oahu, the spirit of togetherness arose greater than ever.

The Nisei Veterans group have a uniqueness that is to be envied by others. Because of the purposes, the circumstances and the now considered good fortune of being segregated in a single combat team as was the case of the 442nd and 100th and to a large degree, the MIS, we have carried on the "esprit de corps" to this day.

We have tied a bond of friendship which will not stop with us alone but will be passed on to our children, and I hope to our children's children.

I pray that these reunions can be carried on with continued enthusiasm. However we must take into serious consideration, what Michael Miyake, Hawaii State Comptroller and former 100th Battalion member challenged the Reunion attendance: "What do we hope to accomplish at these reunions? What can we hope to attain by a convention? What are the objectives of the various member organizations? Do we as individuals and members of the larger organization have a distinctive role to make our community, our nation, and the world a better place in which to live?"

General James F. Collins in addressing the veterans spoke in the same vein when he stated: "You may wonder why I bring

up the subject of moral strength in speaking to a group that has demonstrated beyond all doubt that it possesses that strength in the highest degree. I do so because you are not only a dedicated but an influential group, and by your example, you can carry the message to other segments of our population, particularly to our youth."

It is important that objectives and purposes for this group of Nisei Veterans be designed. Reunions will become more difficult to hold unless we utilize this vast intellectual and energetic reservoir of men.

As I viewed the approximately 1,000 in attendance, thoughts flashed through my mind of what tremendous strides the JACL and the Nisei Veterans group such as this, could make in their common purpose. Both have complemented each other in the past. Both could accomplish far greater objectives. Both organizations need each other.

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Ray Yasui, a life member of the 100th Club and PNWDC convention chairman, announced at a cabinet meeting last week that Robert Y. Thornton, Attorney General of Oregon, has accepted a bid to be the keynote speaker of the PNWDC Convention to be held here later this year.

Yasui also announced that invitations to the convention banquet would be extended to the mayors, legislators and other important officials in the surrounding area. The convention booklet and campaign committee, headed by chapter president Mits Tsumumi, is now well organized and plans to start soliciting acts immediately.

The convention banquet will be held in the Wy-East High School Cafeteria and the 100th Club Wsng Ding will take place at the home of the Yasuis.

A bowling tournament in conjunction with the convention, is being discussed and Min Asai and George Nakamura have been named to head the committee.

LONG BEACH — Maryknoll's all-girl drum and bugle corps, employing precision marching combined with perfect timing, won an unprecedented fourth consecutive championship in the statewide American Legion-sponsored contest held at Stephens Field here June 30.

The competition between the top corps in California was held in conjunction with the 3rd annual convention of the American Legion Department of California.

There were eight corps represented in the junior class, which saw the L.A. Maryknoll group permanently retire the contest trophy.

'Command Decision': Evacuation, Part 7

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER By Mike Masaoka

This is the seventh and last in a series, summarizing, together with occasional comments of our own, the chapter entitled "The Decision to Evacuate: The Japanese from the Pacific Coast", recently published by the Office of the Chief of Military History of the Department of the Army in a volume called "Command Decisions".

Washington, D. C. THE FINAL steps toward a decision on mass evacuation of the West Coast Japanese began on February 17, 1942, with a final conference on the subject between President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Stimson.

That afternoon, Secretary Stimson met with Assistant Secretary of War McClroy, General Clark of General Headquarters, General Gullion of the Provost Marshal General's Office, and Colonel Bendetsen, liaison officer with General DeWitt.

Secretary Stimson again stated his dislike of mass evacuation and General Clark protested that such a movement would involve use of too many troops.

It was finally decided, however, that DeWitt would be instructed to commence an evacuation immediately and to the extent he deemed necessary for the protection of vital installations, but that he would not be allotted any additional troops for evacuation purposes.

That same evening, McClroy, Gullion, and Bendetsen met with Justice Department officials at the home of Attorney General Biddle. The Attorney General accepted the proposed draft of the presidential executive order authorizing mass evacuation without comment or argument, since the President had already indicated to him that the evacuation was a matter of military necessity that was his responsibility as the Commander-in-Chief.

After several meetings between representatives of the War and Justice Departments to discuss the language of the presidential directive, it was presented to the President and signed by him on February 19.

Commander may determine, from which any or all persons may be excluded, and with respect to which the right of any person to enter, remain in, or leave shall be subject to whatever restrictions the Secretary of War or the appropriate Military Commander may impose in his discretion."

War Department directives and a copy of Executive Order No. 9066 were received by DeWitt on February 23. Only two days earlier Stimson wrote to the West Coast Congressional Delegation informing that plans for the partial or complete evacuation of the Japanese from the Pacific Coast were being formulated.

REPRESENTATIVES and Senators from the three Pacific Coast States were jubilant, for they considered the Army decision the result of their own efforts. One newspaper correspondent noted that western congressmen "were generally jumping overboard in attempts to handle the second generation Japanese."

Democratic Congressman Harry R. Sheppard from Yucaipa, California (who is still in the House, incidentally) declared: "This is no time to apply civil liberties on questionable citizenship such as the Japs present. . . . No one with the knowledge of Jap psychology can apply civil liberties in this case, because it constitutes a national hazard."

Republican Congressman Bertrand W. Gearhart of Fresno, California, asserted that it was "time to stop talking of the rights of individuals."

Even Democratic Congressman Jerry Voorhis, considered a "liberal" generally and a moderate on this particular issue, thought that the Executive Order was "a wise and proper move."

The unofficial but powerful committees of the West Coast Congressional Delegation telegraphed DeWitt to "commend most highly" his efforts to evacuate the Japanese from "military controlled areas."

appointed to "protect, conserve, and administer" the property of the evacuated people.

SINCE NO statute existed to cover so wide an extension of executive authority and since Congress had not been asked to enact enabling legislation before the issuance of the Executive Order, War Department lawyers drafted proposed legislation which would in effect provide Congressional validation of the presidential action by prescribing criminal penalties for any persons violating the regulations of either the Secretary of War or his appropriate Military Commander.

Inasmuch as this series is limited to the "Command Decision" of the President as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, we are precluded in commenting in detail on congressional consideration, in committees and on the floor of both the House and the Senate, of this "emergency" legislation that was rushed through the Congress under "unanimous consent" agreements and passed without any objection by any of the 535 members in either House.

Suffice it to recall that the discussions were almost irrelevant, since the general impression was that only "enemy aliens" and "dual citizens" were involved in the mass evacuation. Moreover, lies regarding espionage and sabotage in Hawaii were repeated to justify this arbitrary treatment and the charge was made again that the failure of any overt action on the West Coast by the Japanese was proof of their organized discipline and loyalty to the Japanese enemy.

The draft bill was passed by voice vote in both Houses on March 19 and signed into Public Law 503 by the President on March 21.

Three days later, the Western Defense Command issued its first compulsory exclusion order. There were a number of differences between the original DeWitt recommendations and those finally adopted by the War Department, and those of the War Department were, in most instances, more severe and com-

prehensive than those of the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command.

NEARLY THREE years later, in December 1944, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the constitutionality of the mass evacuation. The decision was made when our country was still in the midst of war and without access to many pertinent documents now available. It was also coupled with another decision (Endo vs. United States) in which the Court held unanimously that a loyal American citizen even of Japanese ancestry could not lawfully be kept in detention after evacuation.

The Court, in a divided opinion (six to three), concluded: "Korematsu was not excluded from the Military Area because of hostility to him or his race. He was excluded because we are at war with the Japanese Empire, because the properly constituted military authorities feared an invasion of our West Coast and felt constrained to take proper security measures, because they decided that the military urgency of the situation demanded that all citizens of Japanese ancestry be segregated from the West Coast temporarily, and finally, because Congress, reposing its confidence in this time of war in our military leaders—as inevitably it must—determined that they should have the power to do just this. There was evidence of disloyalty on the part of some, the military authorities considered that the need for action was great, and the time was short. We cannot—by availing ourselves of the calm perspective of hindsight—now say these actions were unjustified."

HISTORIAN Stetson Conn ends his chapter in these words: "Would the Court's conclusion have been the same in the light of present knowledge? Considering the evidence now available, the reasonable deductions seem to be that General DeWitt's recommendations of 13 February 1942 was not used in drafting the War Department's directives of 20 February for a mass evacuation of the Japanese people, and that the only responsible commander who backed the War Department's plan as a measure required by military necessity was the President himself, as Commander-in-Chief."



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'MISS SEATTLE NISEI — 1961'

Five charming girls of Seattle were chosen as finalists from a group of 21 nominees and Ellen Kimura, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimura, in the center, was picked 1961 "Miss Seattle Nisei" for the August Seafair queen of the seas contest. As princesses representing the Japanese community are (from

left) Patricia Baba, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Baba; Penny Beppu, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taft Beppu; Bertha Tatsumi, 19, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Henry Tatsumi; and Janet Hoshide, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Hoshide. —Elmer Ogawa Photo.

Proposed regulations on nondiscriminatory policy in federal civil service reviewed by special JACL committee

WASHINGTON. —The Japanese American Citizens League was again invited to submit suggestions by the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity with reference to the proposed regulations on nondiscrimination policy in Federal employment.

This week, the President's Committee was informed that the proposed regulations were "an improvement over the existing regulations". This suggestion was based upon studies and experience of a special committee composed of Japanese Americans who were employed in the Civil Service, in the belief that they, of all JACL members, were best qualified to comment on the proposed regulations.

The President's Committee had asked JACL to comment on racial discrimination in private industry handling government contracts. —June 16, 1961, P.C.

Specific Recommendation The special committee, however,

believed that the proposed rules might be strengthened considerably by specifying some of the discriminatory practices that should be guarded against, such as the failure to upgrade and promote employees without regard to race, color, religion or national origin and the segregation or restriction in the use of facilities for arbitrary reasons.

The recommendation was in reference to the purpose and scope of the proposed regulation, Part 401—Nondiscrimination in Government Employment, subpart A.

"The purpose of the regulations in this part is to implement (the executive order establishing the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity), which reaffirms the policy expressed in 1955 when the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy was created, with respect to the exclusion and prohibition of discrimination against any employee or applicant for em-

ployment in the Federal Government because of race, color, religion or national origin.

"The regulations apply to all executive departments and agencies of the Government of the United States wherever located and to all positions in such departments and agencies whether or not in competitive service, except where international agreements require otherwise."

To Guide Officials It was the special JACL committee's recommendation that the language making clear the intent of Executive Order 10925 (establishing Equal Employment Opportunity) "should be included where ever appropriate in order that the various officials involved may be advised as to what may constitute discriminatory employment practices and to provide accordingly.

Members of the special committee felt that from their own experience—at least insofar as Americans of Japanese ancestry are concerned—the elimination of discrimination in upgrading and promotion is far more important than eliminating discrimination in the initial hiring.

"For those on the permanent Civil Service rolls, this analysis is understandable because it is so obvious," the President's Committee was informed. Nevertheless, the "fact remains that discrimination should be eliminated all along the line—in hiring, upgrading and promotion, in reassignment, etc."

The special committee also emphasized that the "real test of nondiscrimination is not in the printed regulations on the subject but in the actual administration of not only the language of the Executive Order but more the spirit of enunciated policy.

"At best, employees who belong to racial, religious and national minorities are fearful of complaining against their superiors.

"To begin with, their jobs might be the best that they have ever had and they do not want to jeopardize them.

Complaints Seldom Made "They know that prejudice and bigotry are difficult traits to measure, let alone prove," JACL pointed out. "They are afraid that complaints might invite reprisals, such as being discharged for security or other reasons, being blacklisted for upgrading and promotion, being reassigned to less desirable responsibilities or tasks, or being relieved of employment because of job reclassification or reduction in forces."

It also warned that even if a complaint were successfully resolved for the employee, he or she may be marked as a "trouble maker" and when discretionary authority is involved, he or she would be "passed over" for better assignments.

JACL hoped that every governmental agency would implement at every level when the regulations are finalized in the spirit of dignity and humanity in which the President proclaimed his executive order against discrimination in employment opportunity.

The new President's Committee combines the former President's Committee on Government Contracts and the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy.

Distinguished Angelenos Selected Nat'l JACL Scholarship Judges

Five distinguished citizens of the Los Angeles area will comprise the Panel of Judges to determine the winners of the 1961 Pvt. Ben Masooka Memorial Scholarship and the four Supplemental National JACL Scholarships, according to Tats Kushida of Gardena, chairman of the 1961 National JACL Scholarship Judging Committee.

Kushida, former JACL national staff member and now a successful insurance agent, was appointed by PSWDC Chairman Kay Nakagiri, who volunteered in behalf of the Pacific Southwest District Council to judge over the JACL Scholarship judging this year.

The scholarship judges include Superior Court Judge John F. Aiso, The New Japanese American News' Publisher Saburo Kido,

(Downtown Los Angeles). He is currently a member of the National JACL Executive Committee for the Issei Story project.

Dr. H. Carroll Parish is a lecturer in Asiatic Studies at the Univ. of Southern California, and an instructor in International Relations, Naval Reserve Officers' School.

He has taught at UCLA, his alma mater, and served as Assistant Dean of Students, a Fulbright Research Fellowship in 1958-59 took him to studies and seminars at Waseda University, Tokyo University, Aoyama Gakuin, and Doshisha.

He was fully at home in Japan, having served in the Far East with the U.S. Far East Naval Forces in various capacities: as Senior Naval Representative at Peking, China, in 1945 and Liaison with the Imperial ROK Navies in 1951-52. He is a Commandant in the USNR. He is President of the American Siam Society, a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and a member of the College Entrance Examinations Board, Western Region.

Mrs. Mary Tinglof of Pacific Palisades is a prominent member of the Los Angeles City Board of Education. She has served as president of the American Scandinavian Foundation, University Friends of Music—UCLA, Santa Monica Hospital Auxiliary, and the Santa Monica Women's Breakfast Club.

She has served on the Governor's Commission on Libraries, Commission on the Aging, and California-Mexico Good Neighbor Conference.

Mrs. Tinglof is also a member of Boards of Los Angeles County School Trustees Association, Welfare Planning Council of the Los Angeles region, Japan America Society, Los Angeles World Affairs Council, and the American Association for United Nations, Los Angeles.

"We are extremely fortunate in having the services of these outstanding citizens, all of whom have expressed an intense interest in the National JACL Scholarship Program," stated Tats Kushida. "To review the records of the outstanding Japanese American high school graduates who are annually nominated by their respective Chapters for the Pvt. Ben Masooka Memorial Scholarship, we are grateful for the services of these judges with such eminent and varied backgrounds."

Kido Hospitalized

Saburo Kido suffered a slight stroke last Wednesday afternoon and is under the care of doctors at the White Memorial Hospital. He expects to resume his "Living With JACL" series in the Pacific Citizen when the doctors allow.

It may be necessary to have a replacement for him on the National JACL scholarship judging committee.

Counselor at Law Gongoro Nakamura, lecturer Dr. M. Carroll Parish, and Mrs. Mary Tinglof, member of the Los Angeles City Board of Education.

Judge John Aiso, honor graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School, has been Los Angeles Superior Court Judge the past four years. Prior to this he was Judge of the Municipal Court of the Los Angeles Judicial District for five years by appointment of then California Governor Earl Warren.

In addition to his duties on the Bench, he serves as lecturer on law at the Univ. of Southern California, serves on the Board of Elders of the Hollywood Beverly Christian Church, on the Board of the Harvard Law School Association of Southern California, and is a distinguished member of numerous legal, professional and veterans organizations.

Aiso has also served on the boards of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Southern California, the Church Federation of Los Angeles, has been president of the Hollywood High School Alumni Association, and vice president of the Brown University Club of Southern California. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Chapman College and an honorary Master of Arts from Brown University.

He was given the 1960 Distinguished Achievement Award by the Hollywood High School Alumni Association—the National JACL Distinguished Community Leadership Award in 1954, and a Citation of Achievement in Law by the Los Angeles Urban League in 1947.

Judge Aiso is a Colonel, USAR. He served as Director of Training for the U.S. Army Military Intelligence School, first at the Presidio of Monterey, then at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling in Minnesota. He was executive assistant to General W.C. Willoughby, who was G-2 Assistant Chief of Staff for General Douglas MacArthur.

Saburo Kido Attorney Saburo Kido is better known as the publisher of the Los Angeles New Japanese American News, one of the founders of the National JACL movement, and JACL's wartime president, 1940-1941.

He is a member of the California Advisory Board for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, senior vice president of the Japan America Society of Southern California, and past vice president of the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Minority Advisory Committee of the California State Department of Employment, on the JACL Pacific Citizen's Board, on the advisory board of Sumitomo Bank, and is president of the JACL Pacific Southwest District Credit Union.

Gongoro Nakamura Gongoro Nakamura has long been one of the most respected and outstanding Issei in Southern California.

Mr. Nakamura attended grade school and high school in this country and graduated from USC Law School with honors, but could not take the bar examination as a non-citizen.

Upon the passage of the 1952 Federal Naturalization Law, he was one of the first to become a naturalized citizen, and was one of the first naturalized Issei to be President of a JACL Chapter.

a special military review was staged at Ft. Mason here, where he is operations officer of the military passenger terminal.

He entered the service in May, 1941, as a private and was stationed in Belgium, Germany, France, Korea and Japan.

Orange County Cler Harry Matsukane hurt in collision

ANAHEIM. — Just three blocks from home, Harry Matsukane was injured while riding on his motorcycle July 5 when he was struck from behind by a sports car. He was homebound bound from work.

He was hospitalized at Martin Luther Hospital here with three broken ribs, broken shoulder blade and a punctured lung.

Matsukane works for the Post Office, having given up his poultry-farm several years ago.

He is still at the hospital and is able to have visitors between the hours of 2 to 4 and from 7-8 p.m.

Harry has been a member of the PSWDC executive board for several terms, is a past president of the Orange County JACL, and active with other civic groups.

One of his hobbies is shooting motion pictures and his scenes of national JACL conventions in recent years have been enjoyed by many in Southern California.

Dave Tatsuno's son hurt in Pacheco Pass mishap GILROY. — Rodney Tatsuno, 13, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tatsuno of 920 N. 2nd St., San Jose, was reported in "fair" condition at Wheeler Hospital last week with two broken ribs following an auto accident in Pacheco Pass July 3.

He was returning home from a YMCA camp in Southern California where he served as lifeguard for several weeks. He lost control of his car at a dangerous curve on the mountain road and thrown out of the car.

Chapter Index The Pacific Citizen thanks the following chapters for having submitted articles for this week's issue by Monday, the new deadline for chapter news. It helps us to meet the press deadline which has been advanced to accommodate the extended run of 14,000 copies.—Editor.

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Ye Editor's Desk Japanese in 6 Western States

OUR SECOND study of the Japanese population in the United States necessarily suffers because of our not having an intimate knowledge of the six western states which we shall review today. They are Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Colorado, whose total Japanese count last year was 36,640—not quite half of the 77,314 Japanese in Los Angeles County.

The State of Washington is one corner of America I've always wanted to visit. I had seen hoping Seattle would host a national convention for many years, but I'm glad it'll be in 1962 because of the Century 21 World's Fair will be an attraction many will not want to miss.

WE FOUND that Japanese reside in all but two of the 39 counties in the State of Washington, the two being Garfield in the southeast portion and in San Juan, a cluster of islands between Victoria, B.C., and Bellingham.

IN LIEU of a listing by the standard metropolitan areas to indicate where the Japanese live, we grouped counties together to create JACL chapter areas.

WASHINGTON Japanese Seattle 11,395 Tacoma-Olympia 2,478 Spokane-Coeur d'Alene 1,612 Yakima-Elensburg 289 Walla Walla 294 Bellingham 97

OREGON Portland 2,792 Ontario-Payette 1,521 Hood River 412 Astoria-Corvallis 363 Salem 130 Medford-Grants Pass 62 Klamath Falls 52

IDAHO Boise Valley 654 Pocatello 464 Idaho Falls 312 San Luis Valley-Burley 169 Rexburg 169

UTAH Salt Lake City 2,483 Ogden 1,414 Brigham City 414 Provo 103

ARIZONA Phoenix 988 Tucson 431 Yuma 31

COLORADO Denver 4,713 Park-Larson 802 Pueblo-Colo. Spgs. 585 Arkansas Valley 242 San Luis Valley 183 Sterling 197 Grand Junction 123

THIS WEEK'S study closes in the same manner as our first study by indicating the percentages of Japanese signed up as JACL members last year. Again it shows that the higher the number of Japanese living within the chapter area, the lower the membership percentage.

WASHINGTON The five chapters of the Pacific Northwest District Council for the States of Washington and Oregon have about 4,300 as an average for a 2 pct. sign-up in 1960.

OREGON The nine chapters of the Intermountain District Council, mainly Idaho and Utah, have about 700 as an average for a high 26 pct. membership enrollment. (This is ten points higher than Central California District, which led the three California district councils with a 16 pct. enrollment last year.)

UTAH Four chapters in Colorado served some 6,800 Japanese for an average of 1.70%. They had close to 1,000 members last year from this group for a good 13 pct. sign up.

IDAHO The membership percentages for the Midwest and Eastern district councils are 9 and 4 pct., respectively. The eight chapters in the six Midwest states serve 25,000 for an average of 3.10%. The four chapters in the Eastern District serve close to 20,000 for a 5.00% average.

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BEFORE THE FINALISTS WERE NAMED These are the young ladies who appeared before the judges selecting Miss Seattle Nisei 1961 at Bush Garden July 1. In the front row (from left) are Judy Miyata, Bertha Tatsumi, Janet Hoshide, Wendy Yamasaki, Diane Okada and Roberto Hisayashu. Second row: Judy Kawaguchi, Pat Baba, Joan Kimura, Judy Mukai, Amy Sanbo, Joanne Arai, Penny Beppu and Ellen Kimura (finally selected as queen).

Northwest Picture: by Elmer Ogawa Ellen Kimura choice for Seafair court from Seattle Japanese community, JACL

THE HANDS of our watch approached the hour of eleven in the grand ballroom of the Olympic Hotel, more than 300 couples waited expectantly. Master of Ceremonies Frank Hattori, introduced the five princesses, as they promenade across the ballroom floor with their escorts under the vari-colored spotlights.

Chapter Chit-Chat Washington, D.C., JACL May and June brides: Gladys Nakamoto of Cincinnati and Shin Inoue, formerly of D.C., on May 27 at Cincinnati.

Mary Takahashi of Denver has achieved recognition as one of the top five fashion designers in this region.

George Sugai and family of Payette, Idaho, were recent vacationers here, visiting with daughter, Jean, and son, George.

The Ben Yoshiokas of Chicago also stopped in Denver briefly en route to Aspen for a conference in industrial design.

Bessie Shiyomura will be superintendent of the CSMC-Simpson vacation church school July 17-21.

Pasadena JACL Past president Harris Ozawa, his wife Elizabeth and two sons Gen and Michael will Pan-Am jet Hawaii July 30 to visit daughter Patricia and family.

Fresno Nisei memorial monument site relocated FRESNO. — To make room for a new Storyland play area for children at Roeding Park, the Nisei War Memorial monument will be moved to the park's Japanese garden site.

Members of Sierra Nisei Memorial VFW Post 8499 and Hanford Nisei Liberty VFW Post 5889 will relandscape and make other improvements after the monument is relocated.

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MDC REPORT Cleveland The article of the issue before last (June 30 PC) under Cleveland Reports by Toaru Ishiyama referring to Public Relations should have been MDC Reports by Gene Takahashi, MDC Public Relations Chairman.

FINLANDIA FOUNDATION Los Angeles Last year I took out a 3-yr subscription to PC (\$9.50 for Apr. '60 to Apr. '63) before the new 'PC with membership' idea was conceived.

Now I am wondering if I can still make use of the 2-years overpaid subscription fee, by transferring it to somebody as a Gift Subscription and have them receive the Pacific Citizen? If so, I would like to have PC start going out, as soon as possible, to: Finlandia Foundation, 170 N. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena 3, Calif.

Finland is a country with a small population and consequently they have only a bare skeleton staff representing their country abroad; and in this case the confederating PC—and they send the acts for the Foundation in his capacity as a member of the foreign service of the Republic of Suomi.

There are 7,000 persons of Finnish descent in California. FF coordinates its student exchange program with the Fulbright Scholarship program and a hundred students come over here each year and study, train in jobs, and return.

Successor named for Int'l Institute retiree Mrs. Bok Lim Kim, who has a thorough knowledge of the Japanese language and culture, will be filling the vacancy left by Mrs. Tsuya Hori, social worker at International Institute of Los Angeles.

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ing Russian domination at that time. After the Russian menace subsided and the Finnish immigrants had saved some money 40 per cent of the first generation returned to the American north-west, because the Finn's ancestral tongue falls in the linguistic Siberio-Uralic category, which their American neighbors (especially those of remote Norwegian and Swedish descent) oversimplified and interpreted to mean that the Finns were cousins of Genghis Khan's Mongolians.

It was not until 1960 that the most prominent American Scandinavian societies officially extended invitations to Finlanders to participate in their activities. Friction still exists; while on the other hand the Finns are traditionally suspicious of the Slavic Russians, too; but today the U.S.S.R. buys up most of the export lumber that the Finns must sell to survive.

Reason for Interest This little resume of a hardy persevering people may throw a little light on why I, who read bulwark on the Japanese archipelago in Asia, am interested in this little racial minority too—there are only four million Finns in the world.

Sometimes one wonders just what the position of any minority should be, in relation to the majority group—to help make the world a better place for all peoples. The self-determination that Woodrow Wilson spoke so strongly for 40 years ago is today becoming a reality.

How can a majority of the many emerging new nations be won over to the U.S. side without a Laotian and Congolese style crisis each time? It would seem that the Nisei could fit in effectively somewhere, instead of always being an adjunct to goodwill with Japan only, as worthwhile as the program of Japan-American amity is.

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From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo. **PERCEPTIVE**—The editors of Life magazine may think mistakenly that "Jap" is a perfectly respectable word, but they have just published a beautiful, sensitive and perceptive volume on Japan as part of their World Library series. It is as good a single volume study of contemporary Japan as we've seen.

Approximately half text and half photographs, the book provides a penetrating insight into one of the world's most important and often misunderstood nations. While much of the photography is the product of Life photographers, the editors have gone to other sources where necessary to illustrate a point.

The text is by Edward Seidensticker, an ex-Marine officer who became fascinated by the country during a tour of occupation duty. Seidensticker returned to Tokyo for the State Department, did graduate work at the University of Tokyo, and later taught courses there in Japanese cultural history. His penetrating and perceptive report on Japan and the Japanese points up a contention long held by many—that a non-Japanese with a love for the country can do a far better job of interpreting it than any Japanese. Perhaps the reason is that Japan is much too complex and the continuing nature of the Japanese themselves to understand it.

Among the credits are several maps by Mary Suzuki, and a photograph by Toge Fujihira, the New York cinematographer.

was made possible by a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Sus Matsumoto. The Fujis got off to a racing start this past weekend after months of preparation, work, anxious planning and worry by the Matsumotos and their associates. The Fujis has a convenient location and attractive decor. (If the styling is a bit too gaudy for the purists, it was warmly acclaimed as admirably suited to Denver tastes.)

Denverites unfamiliar with Japanese cuisines quickly caught on to the Sake-tini and Sake-battani cocktails. But one woman, who mistook the wasabi (green, horse-radish) for avocado sauce, had a hot time of it before matters were set right.

The Fujien is a welcome addition to Denver's growing list of specialty restaurants. More power, much prosperity and long life to those who had the courage and initiative to get the project off the ground.

GARDENS OF STONE—Another manifestation of interest in things Japanese hereabouts is the demand for the services of Stanley K. Yoshimura, creator of rock gardens. Yoshimura has the extraordinary ability to take huge rocks, some evergreen and gray, and shape them into gardens that offer beauty, simplicity and tranquility in the Japanese tradition. Thus many a Denver housewife is tearing out lawns and flowerbeds installed at much expense to make way for a Yoshimura garden.

The Japanese rock gardens, some with reflecting pools and water falls, have practical as well as esthetic value. They require little water and little care, both of which come high these days. If Yoshimura were quintuplets, he still couldn't handle all the requests for his services. To ease the pressure, he is teaching the art to his son Mitch. It is a special kind of artistry that, so far, has found no successful imitators.

Webster, Tex., cradle of rice farms, put on map because of success of Issei

A Houston Chronicle writer, in a recent Sunday feature, tells a little more about the town of Webster, Texas, which is well known to Pacific Citizen readers because of the rice-growing success of Kiyooki Saibara, an Issei pioneer who has become a naturalized U.S. citizen.—Editor.

The town of Webster, on the prairie between Houston and Galveston, is the cradle of the Texas Gulf Coast rice farming industry. K. Saibara, 76, Webster's senior citizen, wasn't the first settler there, but he is the man who put the town on the map.

A Japanese immigrant, Saibara and his father settled in Webster in 1904 at the invitation of the Houston Chamber of Commerce. The chamber wanted Saibara to determine just how successfully rice could be grown in this area.

Webster was first settled in 1879 by James W. Webster, who brought a group of English colonists with him. By 1882, the settlement had a post office and was known as Websterville.

Artis Davis, 54, an engineer and director of transportation for the Clear Creek schools, has been mayor since the village incorporated in 1958 by a vote of 108 to 3.

"Webster is a fine place in which to live," the mayor said with pride. "I'm a typical resident, and look what I have. My house sits on a big lawn facing a paved street with a street light on the corner. I get my garbage picked up and my taxes are low. I've got a garden nearly a block long, and yet I'm minutes away from Houston by the Galveston Freeway. It's small-town living, but just outside a big city. You can't beat it."

Didn't Know He Was a Japanese Spy

HONOLULU — Charles E. Mason, who was stationed at Hickam Air Force Base on Pearl Harbor Day, says he has found out belatedly that a man whom he had known as a casual friend then was a Japanese spy on Oahu.

Mason, who is now living in St. Joseph, Missouri, said he read a story in the Star-Bulletin last December about Takeo Yoshikawa, also known as Vice-Consul Tadashi Morimura at the Japanese Consulate.

Mason said that he and Sgt. James A. Horner, who was killed on Pearl Harbor Day, and himself, met Morimura in the Airport Cafe at John Rodgers Airport during the summer of 1941.

"At that time (as Mason learned from the Star-Bulletin story) Morimura was gathering information and taking aerial photos of Hickam from a light plane based at John Rodgers," Mason says in a letter.

But Mason says he didn't realize it was Morimura until he read the recent Star-Bulletin story.

"We knew him only as a friendly private pilot," Mason says.

"Mr. Morimura, who was nameless to me then, did on one occasion tell me that he had been flying up near Hickam Field, and was rather surprised that he didn't encounter more air traffic around that field than he did."

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Sure of Identity

"Now I know he was Morimura—because he was the only pilot I met at John Rodgers Airport in 1941 of Japanese ancestry, and the only Japanese man I remember seeing there."

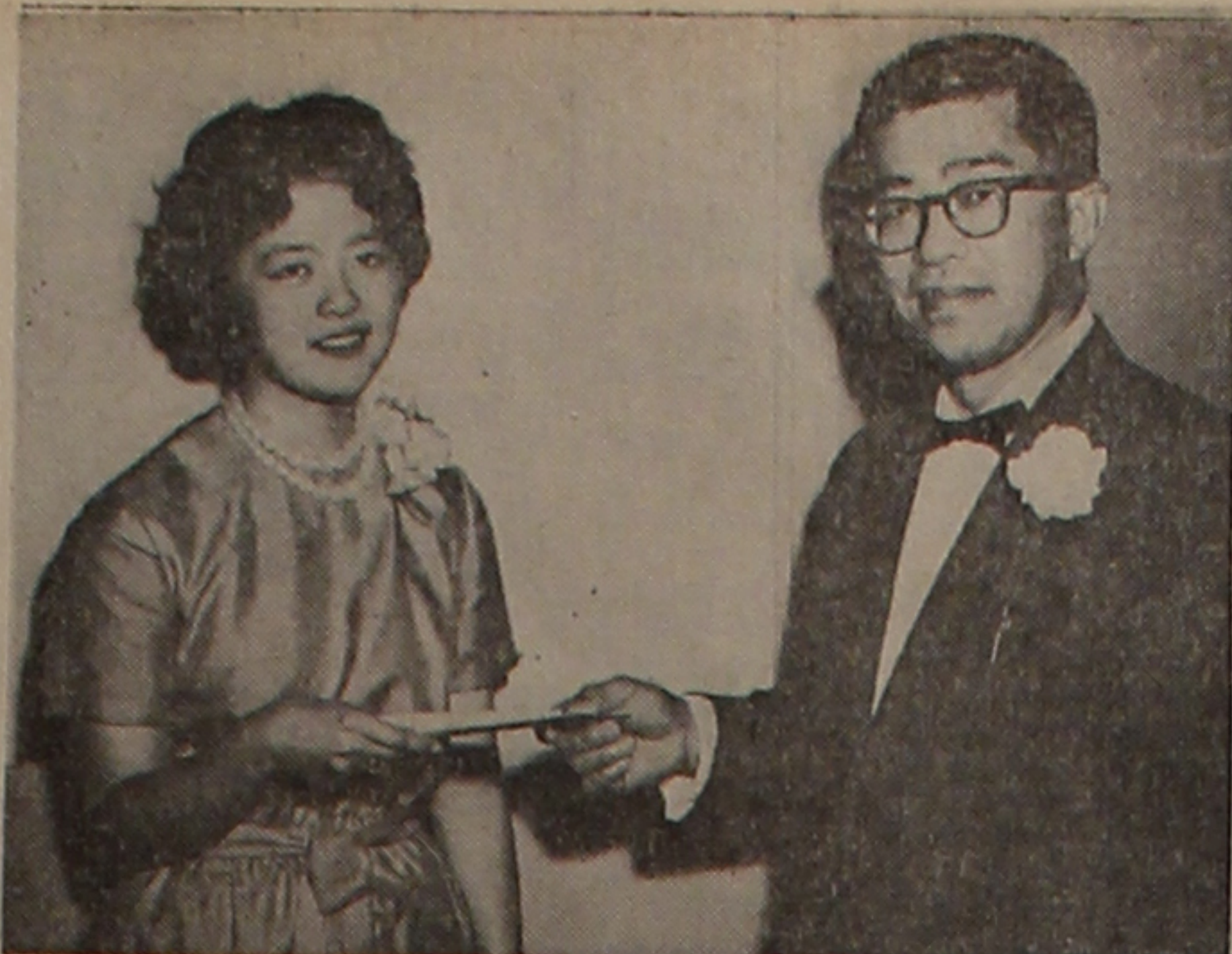
Morimura, now a native of Japan, was a former Japanese naval officer who had been forced into retirement in 1935 by ill health and subsequently was transferred to the American espionage division.

Morimura wrote in the U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings recently that he got no help in spying from the large Japanese community in Hawaii.

Vets plan picnic

Los Angeles Nisei Memorial Post 9938, VFW, has scheduled two special events this month in addition to regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Crenshaw A.C., according to George Kunitake, commander.

The annual family picnic this Sunday will be held at Baldwin Hills Park on Ridgely Dr. near Rodeo Rd. Post will furnish watermelon and soda pop. A deep-sea fishing charter for the Post is scheduled July 23 with Joe Tsunoda (MA 4-9951) as chairman. He should be called for further details.



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Joyce Shirasawa, active Cleveland Jr. JACLer and honor graduate of Collinwood High School, receives the 1961 Cleveland JACL scholarship award from Dr. Toaru Ishiyama, chapter president.

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SAN FRANCISCO. — The Nichibei Times has unearthed a story of Umekichi Takahashi of Reno, probably the first permanent Issei resident of Japanese ancestry in America.

He came to the United States as a young man of 21 in 1887 and died in Reno on Oct. 8, 1907 at the age of 61.

None of the currently available histories of Japanese in America contains any mention of Takahashi.

However, a recent Japanese visitor, former Japan education minister Takechiyo Matsuda, recalled meeting a man named Takahashi while in this country over 50 years ago. Matsuda was here enroute home from New York where he was conferred an honorary doctor of laws degree from New York University, his alma mater, last month.

Matsuda said in an interview how he came to this country in 1897 at the age of 14 and hitchhiked to New York nine years later. He was in Reno when he heard about the 1906 San Francisco fire, he recalled. Then as an afterthought, he added that he met an old Japanese man in Reno who claimed to have lived in the United States for nearly 40 years.

Matsuda still recalled that man's name he had met briefly some 55 years ago was Umekichi Takahashi and remembered some of the things Takahashi told him. The old man declared he was a samurai warrior on the losing Tokugawa Bakufu side during the Restoration Wars and had fled to Kobe.

While loitering one day near the Kobe waterfront, he was shanghaied aboard an American ship and brought to the United States. Shanghaiing men to fill out crews was a common custom a 100 years ago.

Reno Issei Confirms

That Takahashi actually lived and died in Reno was confirmed this past week by Hatsuro Chikami, Issei resident. He had read the account of the Matsuda interview in the Nichibei Times Japanese section which mentioned Takahashi and recalled that there were some graves of Japanese in the old Reno cemetery, two blocks west of the Univ. of Nevada campus.

Chikami said he found the grave with a headstone which was inscribed: "Wme Takahashi; died Oct. 8, 1907. He was the first Japanese to land in U.S.A. 1867."

Chikami said that Reno Issei had periodically visited the cemetery for clean-up before World War II but he had not heard about Takahashi's historical background.

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Deaths
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250 witness debut of West L.A. queen candidate

A gay turnout of some 250 persons attended the debut of Shirley Nishimura as Miss West Los Angeles for the Nisei Week queen contest last Saturday at LaMonica Hotel in Santa Monica. It was reported by Akira Ohno, West L.A. JACL president.

Presented with Miss Nishimura of Santa Monica were her attendants Kay Nishimoto and Margaret Ohara.

The oriental theme in the ballroom decorations was carried out tastefully by a committee headed by Mrs. Toy Kanegae. Pat Shiba of Westgate Florists designed the bouquets and Ken Kiyohara served as emcee.

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Who's Who with Tulare County

THE TULARE County Chapter of the Central California District Council is unique in the fact that it covers an entire county.

Practically all of its members are engaged in farming, mainly fruits and vegetables. It is estimated that there are approximately 150 Japanese American families in Tulare County with a total head count of about 700.

The Fresno Chapter under the leadership of Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, was instrumental in organizing the Tulare County Chapter in April of 1955. Much encouragement was given by the Tulare County Japanese Association.

Tulare County was one of the very few JACL chapters that had an active Kibei Division in 1939, 1939 and 1940.

THE TULARE County members have been very active, both as individuals and as JACL members in the affairs of their respective communities.

salia District, who has represented the Visalia District as a chapter officer for five years.

Robert Inada, the president in 1960, a vegetable and citrus grower in the Lindsay District.

Tom Shimasaki of Lindsay, formerly a farmer and now a very successful representative of the New York Life Insurance Co. He was also past chairman of the Northern California District Council, and in 1955, one of the five finalists in the Nisei of the Biennial selection.

Kenji Tashiro of Oroquieta, a citrus and vegetable grower, past National 2nd Vice President and past National "1000" Club chairman.

Hisao Yebisu, an active member from the Visalia district, and a fruit and vegetable grower.

Hiroshi Mayeda, a grape grower in the Dinuba District, and a former chairman of the CCDC.

Mike Imoto of Lindsay, a fruit, vegetable and berry grower.

Douglas Yamada of Oroquieta, a former president of the Tulare County chapter and a citrus grower.

Yeiki Tashiro of Oroquieta, a fruit and vegetable grower.

THE ABOVE are only a few of the many active members and apologies must be made to the many whose names have not been mentioned because of the lack of space.

The chapter's "1000" Club members are Kenji Tashiro, Eitel Tashiro, Tom Shimasaki, Hiroshi Mayeda, Doug Yamada, Mike Imoto, Bob Ishida, Joe Saboi, Kazuo Arima, Teo Ezaki, Ben Fujiwaga, Akio Fukushima, Sawata Hatake, Hiroyoshi Imoto, William Ishida, Tak Ishizue, Tatsuo Kirihara, William Konishi, James Matsumura, Harry Morofuji, Ed Nagata, Frank Nii, Harry Nii, Nori Ogata, George Oh, William Shiba, Gene Shimaji, Jack Sumida, Yeiki Tashiro, Sam Uyeno, Kay Watanabe, John Yamamoto, and Hisao Yebisu.

Nat'l JACL Credit Union accounts long inactive due to be escheated to state

SALT LAKE CITY. — The National JACL Credit Union, 129 W. 1st South, this week is seeking the present whereabouts of some of its members, who have failed to inform the Credit Union treasurer.

"Most of the accounts have been inactive so long that they are now subject to the escheat laws of the State of Utah," Okada said.

"Unless the members are located the money on deposit with the National JACL Credit Union will be paid over to the state."

A few of the accounts, Okada added, are current but the first quarter of 1961 statements have been returned with "party unknown" or "no forwarding address".

Present address of the following members is being sought: James Furuta, PO Box 763, Marysville, Calif.

James T. Goishi, Co. A 14th Trans Bn., Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Mrs. Mine Hayashi, 566 W. 1st North, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Richard Ichimura, 2712 W. 36th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Henry Isert, 1844 N. Orleans, Chicago, Ill.

Keitaro Kay Iwahashi, 2402 N. Charlotte Ave., San Gabriel, Calif.

Teiichi Tom Kunitada, PO Box 531, Ogden, Utah.

Frank Nishimura, 4614 W. 21st St., Los Angeles, Calif.

George K. Nishimoto, 1824 W. 41st Pl., Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. E. L. Pippenger, 1885th AACF Egl. Sq. APO 950, San Francisco, Calif.

Tsutomu Sasaki, 35 S. Hoyle, Chicago, Ill.

AKIYUKI YAMAUCHI, 3435 W. VanBuren St., Chicago 24, Ill.

GEORGE KAWANO, 916-17th St., Sacramento, Calif.

Jr. JACLers in Mt. Olympus win honors at school, one receives \$500 scholarship

SALT LAKE CITY.—Three Mt. Olympus Jr. JACL lassies have distinguished themselves with honors during the closing weeks of school.

Georgia Saibara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Saibara, West Jordan, was commencement speaker at Bingham High School as well as recipient of the Kenecott Copper \$500 scholarship for outstanding scholastic achievement.

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Donna Rae Inouye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yukus Inouye, and a senior at American Fork High School next fall, was elected cheer leader, a highly coveted position.

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Contra Costa picnic near St. Mary's

RICHMOND. — The Contra Costa JACL picnic will be held at Wildwood Acres on July 30. Situated in East Contra Costa County, behind St. Mary's College, Wildwood Acres offers a variety of activities for family enjoyment.

A special feature of the picnic will be the introduction of the winner of the Chapter scholarship award.

Races for the young, family games, swimming in a private pool, ping pong, dancing, and an organized program for teenagers, refreshments and door prizes are features for the day.

Program for Day Chairman Joe Oishi released the program for the day: 11 a.m.—lunch; 1 p.m.—races and games. The Jr. JACL will be responsible for teenage activities. The picnic is open to JACL members and friends.

Picnic committeemen are: Mas Iwahara, Joe Oishi, and Hiro Nakaji, co-chmn.; George Fujioka, m.c.; Harley and Sam Sakai, p.a.; Dr. Togasaki, first aid; Joe Oishi, ref.; Mas Iwahara and Ed Mori moto, games and races; Board members, cleanup; and Chizu Iiyama, pub.

Salinas scholarship SALINAS. — Daughters of two active Salinas Valley JACL families were recent winners of scholarships at Salinas High. They were Jean Tanda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tanda, and Ann Te

rakawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Terakawa. As everyone is invited, reservations must be made with any of the following officers: Tom Ito SY 4-7189, Harris Ozawa SY 2-4242, Mack Yamaguchi SY 7-7949 and Ken Dyo MU 1-9463.

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Jim Ito (at left), emcee of a surprise "This Is Your Life — Yukus Inouye" program, hands the longtime Mt. Olympus JACLer a sketch of a skunk to recall a long-forgotten but humorous event in Yukus's past.

Yukus Inouye Surprised

Salt Lake City Summer is by no means a time for inactivity—and Mt. Olympus JACL members have kept themselves occupied during the past months.

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Tribute to Yukus June heralded two meetings with the first finding the ladies returning the efforts of the fellows displayed at the Boys' Meeting with dinner at the Pagoda Oriental Foods Cafe.

The highlight for the evening in the estimation of chapter members, was the Jr. JACL presentation of "This Is Your Life Yukus Inouye," long-time JACLer and 1900 Club member who because of his jovial sense of humor and friendly personality is one of the most well-liked persons in the area.

Cowbobs of the past were whisked away from Yukus's life in stunts cleverly presented by the various youth. His daughter Donna Rae and Marilyn Kawakami narrated how Yukus solved the teenage employment problem during the depression by going into the "Skunk Skinning" business.

Resulting complications and general complaints left Yukus undaunted and he turned the venture into a profitable business despite the odoriferous results!

Fellow JACLers now and former Murray Taiyo cohorts Min Matsumori, Shake Ushio, Jim Ushio, Joe Kurumada and others were brought into the picture recalling the days of "baseball" history made with the Taiyos, thanks to Yukus's trusty pitching arm.

Boosting Country Club On a serious vein, his many accomplishments in the business field and civic contributions were also mentioned. Presently, Yukus is fulfilling a dream of having a Country Club in his area.

Mt. Olympus JACL says "Hats off to Yukus and the many JACLers in our midst who by diligence, imagination, initiative and hard work have accomplished so much in the community and cement friendships and goodwill wherever they go."

June ended with a Saratoga Family outing! A traditional event, it means swimming, getting acquainted with the children of friends and enjoying dinner outdoors in the patio.

There was more fun with "Lagoon Night" on July 19. Members met at the famous Utah resort. Summer business is kept to a minimum, but the Issei Story project has been a topic through this season. To prepare for the forth coming IDC Convention in Idaho, members have been recording the story of Issei in their families as a chapter project.

White elephant sale for Pasadena Clers July 23

PASADENA. — A "white elephant sale", which have been hilarious successes in the past, will be conducted again at the Pasadena JACL steak bake to be held on Sunday, July 23, at Section J of Oak Grove Park.

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DENVER. — Sojiro Yorifomo of Denver was named Issei Story project chairman for the Mountain-Plains District Council recently.

In making the announcement, MPDC Chairman Min Yasui pointed out that while the Issei in the region were relatively few the drama and importance of the impact of Japanese in this region is a significant part of the Issei story in America.

JACLers, Issei and interested persons are being invited to contribute material and stories concerning old-time Issei in their areas to Yorifomo, 208 S. Alcott St., Denver 19 (WE 6-5739).

First Issei JACL President "Yorifomo served as president of the San Luis Valley JACL in 1952 and is very familiar with purposes and policies of the JACL Moreover, as a former resident

of both Denver and San Luis Valley, he is knowledgeable concerning the history of the Issei in Colorado," Yasui added.

(The Pacific Citizen is happy to note that Yorifomo deserves the honor of being JACL's first Issei chapter president, by virtue of his election in 1952—Editor.)

An old-time Colorado resident, Yorifomo came to America in 1907 and attended the Univ. of Denver, earning his B.A. and LL.B. degrees. During World War I, he served with the U.S. Expeditionary Force in France and was wounded in the battle for Metz.

Returning to Denver, he served as editor of the Colorado Times during the 1920s and was also secretary of the Colorado Japanese Association.

In 1929, he moved to Blanca where he operated a shipping business until his retirement in 1959.

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Florin JACL to honor graduates at barbecue FLORIN. — Florin JACL will honor 1961 graduates at the chapter's annual barbecue party on Sunday, July 23, 2 p.m., at McKinley Park. Approximately 200 are expected, according to Oscar Inouye, general chairman.

Assisting on various committees are: Swede Furukawa, Bill Kashtwagi, Bill Taketa, Amy Sekaguchi, food; Paul Takehara, gift and prizes; Mary Tsukamoto, Catherine Taketa, invitations; James Abe, Tommy Kushi, games.

Mid-Columbia JACLers plan community picnic HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Chapter social chairman Min Asai and Mas Takasumi announced that the community picnic will be held on July 30. The probable location will be the Central Vale School grounds, but to date that has not been confirmed.

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200 enjoy picnic OMAHA. — Over 200 enjoyed the annual Omaha JACL picnic at Two Rivers State Park recently. Outing was chaired by Robert Nakadai and was assisted by:

Mike Oshima, Em Nakadai, Ed Iahif, Ronald Misaki, James Nakama and Jack Kaya, Yukio Ando and Manual Matsunami, transp. Gladys Hirayashi, Alice Kaya, and Mary Misaki, food; Kaz Ikebasu, games and prizes.

Orange County JACL to stress social activities ANAHEIM. — The Orange County JACL, in a bid for increased membership from among local residents—old and new, has scheduled many social activities for the remainder of the year, according to chapter president Henry Kenegae. Non-members are especially welcome.

Next one will be a progressive whist party July 15 at the Anaheim YMCA, 7:30 p.m.

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Calendar July 15 (Saturday) St. Louis—Moonlight cruise. Orange County—Card party. Anaheim YWCA, 7:30 p.m. Fortier—CCDC Meeting, Freeway Lanes. July 16 (Sunday) Milwaukee—Chapter picnic, Whitnall Park. Twin Cities—Fishing derby, Lake Minnetonka. East Los Angeles—Fishing derby. Hollywood—Beach party, Newport Dunes. July 19 (Wednesday) Monterey Peninsula—"Issei Story" meeting, JACL Hall; Mas Satow, 494r. July 23 (Sunday) Florin—Barbecue party, McKinley Park, 2 p.m. Denver—Community picnic, Berkeley Park. Long Beach—Community picnic. Chicago—1000ers Golf tournament. Bergamo—Community picnic. Detroit—Community picnic, Middle Rouge Park. Southwest L.A.—Beach party, Newport Dunes. Pasadena—Steak bake. July 23 (Saturday) Sacramento—Jr. JACL dance, CSEA Hall, 9 p.m. July 30 (Sunday) San Francisco—Auxiliary picnic. Mid-Columbia—Picnic, Central Vale School. Contra Costa—Picnic. Salt Lake City—Community picnic, Fairmont Park. Zion Township—Picnic, Tamarlane Ranch Swim Club, Pleasanton. Aug. 6 (Sunday) San Francisco—NC-WNDC 3rd quarterly meeting, Towne House. San Diego—PSWDC 3rd quarterly, El Puyallup Valley - White River-Joint picnic, Five Mile Lake. Aug. 11-12 Pocatello-IDC 29th Anniversary convention, Idaho State College Student Union Bldg. Aug. 13 (Sunday) Monterey Peninsula—Big Sur barbecue. Aug. 20 (Sunday) East Los Angeles—Beach party. Milwaukee—Luau, Estabrook Park.

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