

# Simple rites mark farewell to Aki Hayashi, cancer victim at 48

BY TOORU KANAZAWA  
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

NEW YORK — National and community leaders and many friends paid their last respects to Akira Hayashi here Saturday. More than 200 mourners attended the simple rites held in the flower decked chapel of Frank E. Campbell's funeral home.

The past national treasurer of the Japanese American Citizens League died Aug. 16, 6:15 a.m., at the South Nassau Community Hospital after a long illness.

Although the services took place only three days later, dozens of telegrams of condolence were received from relatives and friends from Nagoya, Japan, and from all national officers of the organization.

Frank F. Chuman, national president, wired from Los Angeles: "Deeply regret untimely death of your husband Aki. In addition to his long and faithful service to the Japanese American Citizens League serving as our national treasurer, Aki was the sparkplug of the New York Chapter and of the entire Eastern District Council. I shall greatly miss Aki's cheerful personality as will his many friends. On behalf of the JACL I extend to you the condolences of our officers and members."

**Eulogy by Masaoka**

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, came up from the capital to attend. In his eulogy he said, "In the death of Aki Hayashi the world lost the type of leader it sadly needs in this age of crass materialism."

From Salt Lake City Masao Sawano, national director, wired, "deepest condolences on your treat bereavement. As a national officer of the JACL, Aki made permanent contributions to its strength and effectiveness through his enthusiastic interest and concentrated efforts. We are all richer for our association with him."

From the wires and the four eulogies that were delivered at the services emerged the portrait of a man with a warm cheery smile, loyal and hard-working, with the willingness without hesitation to serve the common good. Representative telegrams were read by Sam Ishikawa.

Masaoka in his eulogy, noted the characteristic action taken by Aki at the time of the evacuation.

**Aided Evacuees**

Aki was born here in the East and did not know of the prejudice and discrimination experienced by Japanese Americans on the West Coast, he said. But in their time of trouble he offered his friendship and services, and did what he could for them. Since then he was active in JACL work.

To Midori, Aki's widow, and to his daughter, Dori Lynn, Masaoka pledged the dedication of the JACL in carrying on his work.

We are in a great cold war, he said, with liberty at stake. But we can look forward to the time when, through the dedicated efforts of those willing to serve, men like Aki, all of us can live in peace and friendship.

Short eulogies were also given by Tokichi Matsuo, president of the Japanese American Association of New York, Inc. and by close friends, Kyuichi Sugihara and Leo Matsushima.

**Friends Unaware**

Aki Hayashi had undergone two operations in the past year and a half, the first in May 1960, the second last June. Most of his friends, unaware of the critical nature of his illness, were shocked to hear of his sudden death.

He had served two terms as president of the New York Chapter, chairman of the Eastern District Council, and served one term as national treasurer of the JACL.

At the time of his death he was a sales representative for the New York office of the Norkite Company of Nagoya, Japan, known for its fine chinaware. Several cables were received from staff members there.

Organization-wise he was chairman of the Issei Project committee of the New York Chapter, and chairman of the Nisei committee of the Japanese American Association of New York, Inc.

In the latter capacity he put on a family-style entertainment program and was in charge of arrangements for the annual New York's Eve Dance Party.

The annual informals, which usually were attended by 500 to 600 persons, were the first and only name-band dances in the community ever to break even or wind up in the black.

**Simple Rites**

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Alfred S. Akamatsu, pastor of the United Church of Christ, Japanese American. He drew comfort from Psalm 90 and 23 of the Old Testament and parts of John 14 and Romans 8 of the New Testament for his eulogy.

Former national JACL first vice president Thomas Hayashi, as representative of the family, conducted the services.

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BY RICHARD AKAGI

New York

Akira Hayashi died of cancer Wednesday, August 16, at 6 a.m. He was forty-eight years old.

Aki was that rarity, a truly good man. In him largeness of spirit and common sense were leavened by a merry disposition. He was a person of great warmth and fervent enthusiasms.

He was also, before his affliction, what I would consider a happy man. He loved his wife and children.

**EAST OF THE RIVER**

Midori and he was proud of his daughter Dori Lynn. He had, of course, his plans for the future but he was already a fulfilled man.

For a Nisei, Aki was big physically, standing nearly six feet tall and weighing around 150. An Easterner by birth he had little of the prickly defensiveness that characterized many Nisei who came to New York from the West Coast after evacuation. Open-hearted, infectious cheerfulness quickly made many a lonely Nisei feel as though he "belonged."

He was the best introduction to this vast and impersonal metropolis that anyone could have.

**Mountain of Goodwill**

Loyal and tireless, Aki inspired the New York JACL, not only with his energy but his good-humored tolerance. As with large-hearted individuals he was always vulnerable in the small skirmishes of a committee meeting. He had none of the little verbal weapons with which lesser souls guard themselves. And it was this very vulnerability which in the end quieted the dissenters. How can you attack a mountain of goodwill without, finally, becoming abashed at your own mean-spirited tactics?

Aki's death is a great loss to the New York community. Specific talents are replaceable but the quality of character as Aki possessed is not.

I had of knowing him. I hope the knowledge of the affection and respect Aki inspired in all of us will help to sustain his widow and daughter in the days ahead.

**Loss is more tragic because . . .**

BY ROY KURAHARA  
N.Y. JACL Board Chairman

Aki Hayashi's untimely passing is greatly mourned. His was a life of love for his fellow man, in which he spent most of his energies on projects of betterment for the community.

He was an outstanding leader with the JACL and the Nikkei Kai. Even after illness curtailed his activities, he still managed to lend his enthusiasm and encouragement to others. His loss is more tragic because he was a sincere, conscientious and gracious man.

**Destined to be national president . . .**

BY KUMEO YOSHINARI  
National Treasurer

The untimely passing of Aki Hayashi is a great loss to the JACL for he was not only a dedicated servant to the organization's purposes but he was also a dynamic and innovative leader.

Had fate decreed otherwise, I'm sure, he was destined someday to have become our national president. It is now ironic to say of what might have been.

To those of us who had the privilege of associating with him, we will always be inspired by the remembrance of his effervescent brilliance, magnetic charm; but above all, he possessed a lot of "horse sense."

His boisterous laughter bespoke of his innate good naturedness and tolerance for frivolity and clean fun. His warm and friendly smile was infectious in disarming even the self-consciously shy person. His fluent articulation coupled with the intuitive knack to say the right thing at the right time made him an outstanding figure in any environment.

Of the varied virtues he possessed, the foremost attributes were his simple and genuine sincerity to be a real friend to all whom he encountered. His sensitive heart always was concerned for the well-being of his fellow men; especially to those of Japanese extraction. This is the reason for the JACL to have meant so much to him.

We will sorely miss his presence but we will be ever grateful that he has uplifted our ideals by his fine examples of the good life.

**CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR AWARDS PRIZES TO NISEI IN ART COMPETITION**

SACRAMENTO. — Mary S. Shigetomi of Los Angeles has won one of the top prizes at the annual California State Fair and Exposition art competition.

She was awarded two cash prizes in the hand-blocked textile division, another in the jewelry competition and a print submitted by the State Fair show.

She received the \$100 purchase award for a cotton drape in the hand-blocked textile division and a \$35 award for a dress fabric.

She entered a silver ring in the jewelry competition and was given one of the six \$10 honorable mentions.

Miss Shigetomi's print was titled "Pomegranates."

Noted Nisei silversmith Harry



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**AKI HAYASHI'S LAST PICTURE IN PC**

Last Nov. 11, the Pacific Citizen ran this picture taken of Akira Hayashi (left), being presented the JACL Certificate of Appreciation for faithfully serving two terms as National Treasurer, 1956-60, from George Kyotow, then New York JACL chapter president. Presentation was at the Oct. 20 installation dinner.

## RUPERT HACHIYA TO HEAD IDC, YOUTH CONTRIBUTE TO PARLEY SUCCESS

IDAHO FALLS.—The 11th biennial Intermountain District Council convention at the beautiful Idaho State College Student Union building is now history.

Hosted by the Pocatello JACL on Aug. 11-12, it was without a doubt the most unique in attendance since guests and delegates marking three generations assembled as one big family on a district council level, Joe Nishioka of Idaho Falls, retiring IDC chairman, noted.

Pocatello hosted the first IDC convention held twenty years ago. The two-day program just concluded was well-planned, filled with enjoyment and everything went off smoothly, Nishioka added.

**Most Outstanding**

He commended George Shiozawa, Pocatello JACL president, convention chairman Ronnie Yokota and members of the chapter. "This was the most outstanding convention ever staged in the IDC," and he congratulated Pocatello for winning the IDC Chapter of the Biennial award.

The remarks of Dr. A. Roy Olpin, who delivered the keynote address in tribute to the Issei, at the Friday dinner, brought tears to the eyes of the Issei.

National President Frank Chuman and Washington Representative Mike Masaoka also extended their tribute to the Issei. Chuman commented on the importance of the Issei Story Project, saying it was to inform the American public of the Issei contributions to the American way of life.

Nishioka also congratulated the Jr. JACL for their outstanding performance in their first biennial IDC youth convention. "The youths contributed immeasurably toward the success of the convention by their attendance," Nishioka explained.

**Over 100 Youth**

"More than a third of the 400 delegates registered were IDC youths. Much credit for this enthusiasm goes to Sue Kaneko, IDC youth chairman. They completed the IDC youth constitution and it was ratified."

The constitution calls for 50 cent membership dues to the IDC, the same as for JACL members.

Nishioka was slated to see the participation of the youth at the Pocatello convention. "It was most inspiring and refreshing. They certainly added a lot of enthusiasm; the young ladies, much charm and beauty."

"The National Board and Staff members were equally impressed by their participation. With the kind of leadership exhibited, the future of JACL is in good hands," he said.

**Youth District Officers**

Personal praise was also paid to Anne Kanomata, chairman of the youth convention, and other district youth officers elected as follows: Dean Hayashida (Boise Valley), treasurer; Kris Inouye (Boise Valley), reporter; and Marilyn Kawakami (Mt. Olympus), sec. (Ben Kawakami of Mt. Olympus was elected IDVC chairman early this year).

Harold Sasaki, 17, of Weiser and Sharon Kato, 17, of Pocatello, were selected Mr. and Miss Jr. IDC.

Carolyn Inouye, 19, of American Fork, Utah, won the oratorical contest on the topic: "Struggle for First Class Citizenship." Norman Watanabe of Snake River was second.

Winners in the talent show contest were Mary Yoda, 17, of Blackfoot and Iris Ogawa, 15, of Caldwell in the senior division; John Ochi, 13, of Idaho Falls and Jeanne Yasuda, 14, of Wilder, Juniors.

**IDC Agenda**

Three main items on the IDC agenda were the Issei Story Project, repeal of Art. 3, Sec. 2 of the Idaho State Constitution and election of IDC officers.

Committees for both the Issei Story and repeal of the Idaho state denying naturalized Issei voting privileges have been appointed under leadership of George Sugai, national second v.p., and Osaki of Pasadena was a \$10 prize.

And yet, over the years, certain of these Newsletter have become rather famous and gain a certain reputation and prestige for their writers.

One such Newsletter is that sent out by Democratic Congressman Sidney R. Yates of Chicago, Illinois. Because he carefully selects appropriate anecdotes with which to introduce the central themes of his personal report to his constituency, parts of his Newsletters are probably quoted more often by newspapermen, columnists and commentators than any other similar report.

On the other hand, there is the Newsletter sent out by another Chicago Democrat, Barratt O'Hara. It is reputed that more Congressmen, attorneys, and organizational representatives try to secure copies of his Newsletters because they are made up of brief yet accurate analyses of all the major bills passed by the Congress in understandable-to-laymen, non-technical, and non-legal language.

## Twin Cities expects 300 for EDC-MDC convention

MINNEAPOLIS. — The biggest convention this side of a biennial National JACL parley looms here over the Labor Day holidays with over 300 delegates and boosters expected at the joint EDC-MDC convention.

Adding to the color of the convention will be nearly a 100 youth delegates, meeting for the first time at a JACL district level east of the Mississippi.

The four-day affair centered at the Hotel Radisson starts on Friday night, Sept. 1, and ends with an informal National Board meeting on Monday morning, Sept. 4.

Tomo Kosobayashi is general chairman of the Convention.

**Judd Main Speaker**

Convention headlines addressing the delegates will be Congressman Judd, remembered for his dynamic keynote address at the 1960 National Republican Convention and well known among persons of Japanese ancestry for his knowledge of the Far East and support of immigration and naturalization privileges for the Issei; national JACL president Frank Chuman, who will make the keynote address at the Saturday luncheon; and Mike Masaoka, who will be the main speaker at the youth's banquet.

(Chuman told the Pacific Citizen he would base his talk on the convention theme, "Action on Decisions." He also plans to comment on his observations of JACL after

being national president for one year.)

Several national officers will be present during the convention. They include K. Patrick Okura of Omaha, nat'l 1st v.p., and his wife Lily, who is the past nat'l sec. to the board; Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, imm. past pres. and nat'l chmn. of the Issei Story Project; Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, nat'l treasurer; Frank Hatori of Seattle, nat'l 1000 Club chmn.; and Abe Hagiwara of Chicago, 1960-70 Planning Commission.

National Director Mas Satow of San Francisco will also participate in the convention.

There will be separate and joint district council business sessions, chaired by Joe Kadowaki of Cleveland, MDC chmn., and Bill Marutani of Philadelphia, EDC chmn.

Workshop sessions are planned for Saturday and Sunday on public relations, programming and organization. Frank Sakamoto and Henry Tanaka are in charge.

On the lighter side, the convention program includes a fashion show, bowling and golf tournaments, mixer, 1000 Club whing ding, the Sayonara Ball and sightseeing.

Package deal for convention delegates will cost \$14, which covers registration and five events: mixer, fashion show, luncheon, banquet, Sayonara Ball.

The golf tournament will be held at Gally's Country Club.

## Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka Congressional Questionnaires

Washington, D. C.

WE ARE often asked how congressmen keep their constituents informed of their particular activities on a more-or-less personal basis, and also how they are able to determine the majority sentiments of those they represent in voting on major issues of a controversial nature.

To keep at least a hard-core of personal and party supporters informed on a more intimate basis than through newspaper articles or features and radio and television broadcasts, most Representatives and Senators mail periodic Newsletters or Washington Reports to a selected list of their constituents.

To ascertain a sampling of constituent sentiment on a specific issue or a number of controversial subjects, many Representatives and Senators send out postcards or even questionnaires to a select list of constituents. Of course, explaining the background and the alternatives in just a few simple words on a complicated, technical topic is a most difficult assignment.

And, in addition, every member of Congress has official and personal representatives and friends who keep them advised of district and state sentiment generally and on specific issues of great moment.

Every district and chapter legislative committee chairman, as well as interested JACL members and readers of the Pacific Citizen, should write to their United States Senators and United States Representative requesting that they be placed on the mailing list for these periodic reports or newsletters. Most are well worth reading and crammed full of interesting facts and observations on the passing political scene.

**TYPICAL** of the questionnaires sent out to responsible, selected constituents is one we recently received from Democratic Congressman Dan Inouye of Hawaii which, in addition to providing check pages to indicate preferences, invites additional comments or explanations.

Noting that President Kennedy recently issued a "call to sacrifice" in the face of the Berlin crisis, Congressman Inouye explains:

"Khrushchev recently remarked that . . . West Berlin is a bone in our throat. Located more than 100 miles behind the Iron curtain, free West Berlin is more than a symbol of hope to millions of enslaved people. It has been a haven for over two million East Germans who have fled to the West since 1949. Premier Khrushchev has threatened to sign a separate peace treaty with the Communist East German government. Communist East Germany would then control all Western supply routes (four highways, four rail lines, two waterways, and three air corridors) to free West Berlin. It could slowly strangle West Berlin by imposing a total blockade. The question is 'What price Berlin?'"

"For: The freedom of the whole western world hinges on the successful maintenance of a free Berlin and a free Germany."

"Against: To defend West Berlin against communist aggression would be a military nightmare (and might well spark World War III)."

"In the event the Soviet Union signs a peace treaty with East Germany, and East Germany closes all the Western access routes to free West Berlin, should the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO):"

(Check One)

"a. Join the Soviet Union in signing a peace treaty with East Germany."

"b. Continue negotiations with the Soviet Union and be prepared to make concessions."

"c. Consider Berlin lost and withdraw to lines that can more readily be defended against Communist aggression."

"d. Use military force, if necessary, to keep Western access routes open to free West Berlin."

"e. Turn the issue of Berlin over to the United Nations."

"f. Undecided."

"THE UNITED Nations General Assembly may vote to seal Communist China this fall."

"For: Communist China represents 600 mainland Chinese and one fifth of the world's population. Communist China outside the UN may be more of a disruption than Communist China in the UN."

"Against: Communist China practices aggression, preaches violence, and is openly contemptuous

of the principles of the UN Charter as evidenced by activities in Korea, Tibet, and Indochina. The rules of Peking do not represent the Chinese people having imposed their regime by military force."

"a. Considering these conflicting views, how do you think the United States should vote on the seating of Communist China in the UN General Assembly? Yes. No. Absent. Undecided."

"b. Do you think the United States should establish diplomatic relations with Red China? Yes. No. Undecided."

"TO RAISE educational standards throughout the United States, the Senate passed, and the House may soon debate, a bill to grant federal funds to States and local school boards. The State and local school boards will decide the proportion of federal funds for classroom construction and for improving teachers' salaries."

"For: Federal aid to our school system has existed since 1875. States cannot meet the problems of a bulging school-age population and maintain, at the same time, a high level of education."

"Against: Federal aid will bring federal control. Federal funds will gradually be used as a substitute, rather than an addition, to State and local support."

"a. Are you in favor of federal aid to education? Yes. No. Undecided."

"b. Are you in favor of federal aid to private schools? Yes. No. Undecided."

"THERE ARE almost 16 million Americans 65 years old and over. They have twice as many illnesses and yet the majority have no health insurance. Legislation has been proposed to insure adequate medical care for the aged by increasing the social security tax."

"For: This plan is self-supporting. People will contribute during their working years for adequate medical care when they are 65 years old."

"Against: This plan is unnecessary. Furthermore, it would constitute 'socialized medicine for the aged.'"

"Are you in favor of financing health care for the aged through the Social Security system? Yes. No. Undecided."

"THE President stated: 'I believe we should go to the moon. But I think every citizen of this country . . . should consider the matter carefully . . . because it is a heavy burden.' The cost of a crash program to send a man to the moon is estimated to be between \$7.9 billion for the next five years."

"For: Conquest of the moon, not only represents a tremendous breakthrough in science but will give great prestige to the nation that accomplishes this. The solar system is an area of exploration presenting many with one of the greatest challenges in human history."

"Against: Seven to nine billion dollars will go a long way to conquer disease or raise the standard of living in undeveloped countries. It is questionable whether or not man can do more than an instrument."

"Are you in favor of a crash program to land a man on the moon? Yes. No. Undecided."

## COLUMN LEFT

### Horse and Buggy

One of the lesser-known talents of our National President is his love for music — the choral works, especially. Frank Chuman has been singing with glee clubs and choruses from high school through college and is today a member of his church choir. He has great delight with the songs of the Gay '90s — those tunes of the horse and buggy era.

But that's how far Frank goes for "horse and buggy!" His last column, the President's Corner in the Aug. 11 issue, disapproves of a horse and buggy system when it comes to administering an organization, like the JACL with its chapters scattered across the country, trying to be of service to its membership and community.

"We can no longer operate our administrative procedures under the old horse and buggy system," he said. "In the interest of expediting the administrative processes, we must consider the advances in modern day devices and equipment."

This ought to be welcome news to many JACLers who have, at one time or another, served as officers and committeemen at the chapter, district or national level.

Maybe Frank's idea for teletype machines in the offices or homes of our key board members can wait until such equipment becomes more generally operated by the average businessman, but his proposal to reorganize JACL from top to bottom along more uniform and functional lines deserves wide study.

Because the proposal would affect the traditions and governing procedures of chapters, we trust every JACL chapter official will re-read that column of Aug. 11 and give it serious thought.

How soon the changes are to be effective depends on the preponderance of opinion in agreement with Frank's main thesis as expressed in the closing paragraph of his column.

"By more efficient use of manpower and energies with the assistance of advanced equipment, machines and electronic devices, and a uniform body of officers and committees, the vast energies of our members can be harnessed toward the main objectives of our organization rather than to be harassed, frustrated, discouraged and overwhelmed by the confusing mass of details and laborious handwork of today."

Indeed, this is in line with the 1960-70 Planning Commission recommendation. And any system which would improve the working relationship of the Pacific Citizen with the chapters and district councils is welcome — as we feel the merits of the overall changes in the organization will trickle down to assist us.

—H.H.

## . . . a dedication to serving others

BY WILLIAM MARUTANI  
EDC Chairman

When one from our midst passes away, the most natural thing to stress and dwell upon is of the great loss. And there is certainly no greater loss to New York, to the EDC and to the Nisei community than the passing of Akira Hayashi. Needless to say, the loss of his family is ineffable and cannot be measured.

Aki was one who had every reason to continue life in his time, successful, extremely capable, an infectious enthusiasm and well-liked by all. But there is no point in exploring the "why" of his passing. That must be left to a Higher Judgment particularly so where it is so difficult to fathom as in this case.

Rather than dwelling on the loss, treat as it is, there is much that can be said for what Aki invested as his legacy to all: he has touched the lives of many with his gusto, humility, warmth and dedication to serving others. These are not forgotten; these are never lost. They will continue to remain with us and grow, to be passed on to others when we who remain, also join Aki.

And in this very real sense, Aki does continue to live. And this is the true measure of a man's life.

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San Francisco  
Sonoma County  
Southwest L.A.  
Stockton  
Twin Cities  
Washington, D.C.

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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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Director's Report By Masao Satow, National JACL Director

WE LOSE A GOOD MAN

Our first impression of Aki Hayashi back in the summer of 1930, when we were running one of his father's game concessions at West View Amusement Park in Pittsburg, was a gangling youth who did everything with great enthusiasm, and this characterized all of Aki's efforts in behalf of JACL.

Born and bred in Atlantic City, it took a little time to sell him on JACL after he had come to New York and completed the College of the City of New York. But once he understood JACL, he moved into high gear for 15 years until the illness from which he never completely recovered sapped his physical strength.

Aki was the driving force behind the New York Chapter JACL-ADC drive, he served two terms as Chapter President, 1949 and 1950, and then pushed the Chapter's 1000 Club membership to one of the highest percentages of any chapter. He led the Eastern District Council during the 1951-1953 biennium, became National Treasurer in 1956, and was reelected for a second biennium.

During his stint as National Treasurer he drafted our present National personnel policy which includes health and accident insurance benefits and a retirement program for staff members. Despite the fact he was on the road a great deal as Merchandise and Sales Manager for Noritake Company, Inc., he was one of the most faithful and the promptest in replying to National Board correspondence. Even in his illness this year, he thoughtfully sent us a note commenting on the March National Board meeting, indicating his continuing concern and interest.

Aki was especially concerned with proper recognition to the Issei who settled early in New York City. He rubbed elbows with them as an active member of the Japanese American Association of New York, so it was natural he should have their confidence and enlist their support for JACL. Those who attended the EDC-MDC joint Convention in Chicago in 1957 will never forget his "fantabulous" performance as luncheon toastmaster. He took on the Chairmanship of the 1959 joint EDC-MDC meeting in New York. The many publicity stories he wrote for PC set a standard for convention publicity.

They said it couldn't be done—an IDC Convention in midsummer!

Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama Issue of 'Privacy' in Japan

The speedy introduction of democracy into Japan after the war has sprouted some curious issues. Some of them are very interesting.

Hachiro Arita, former foreign minister and a Socialist member of the House and a Socialist Communist candidate for the governorship of Tokyo, is fighting for his "honor" in a Tokyo court. A novel, written by Mikio Mishima, is said to expose the private life of Arita with his concubine-geisha.

The issue of "privacy" never discussed in public in the Japanese courts. It appears Socialist Arita will bring this question into the legal limelight for the first time, contending he is entitled to keep his private life concealed.

Japan's famous politicians, financiers and scholars have had concubines, generally speaking. They are called "mekake" or "nigo" (wife is first, the concubine second). Men in Japan who can afford them are allowed to have concubines—sometimes, a man might have two or three beside his wife.

In Memory of Akira Hayashi

He gave his best at all times . . .

BY BILL MATSUMOTO NACL Third Vice-President Sacramento

Word that Akira Hayashi had passed on Wednesday, August 16th was a terrific shock to me, as well as our entire organization. Perhaps JACL will never be able to replace this fine man, for he gave his best at all times for the good of all concerned, never did he say that any job could not be done but let us do our best.

Serving as National JACL Treasurer from 1956 to 1960, Aki as we all knew him, did a real fine job, however because of his health could not attend the 14th Biennial Convention in Sacramento. All of us in Sacramento were looking forward to seeing him in Seattle in '62.

JACL as well as his friends will miss him, for we all realize that we have lost a dedicated man, a man we all could depend on to do a job for all of us.

JACL was part of his bloodstream . . .

BY GEORGE KYOTOW Immediate Past President New York JACL

Aki Hayashi's sudden and unbelievable passing has left many of us saddened and stunned to fully appreciate the extent of the leadership gap he has created in the national and local JACL picture. Few gave as much of his time, effort and talent in as quiet and unassuming way as Aki did.

In 1959 Aki was busy with his day-to-day work and as National Treasurer of the JACL. In spite of this, he was asked to take command of the EDC-MDC convention of that year in New York. This happened many months after preparations had been underway. The original chairman and his family had moved away from New York. It would be superfluous to recount the fabulous success of that Convention. Who has forgotten it to this day? In 1960 Aki resigned as National Treasurer. Perhaps it was due to his health. He may have felt his family deserved more of his time.

But the JACL was a part of Aki's bloodstream. He could not remain away from its activities. And he continued to advise the New York Chapter Board.

Back to Aki In June this year, over half a year since the Issei Story Project was launched, the New York committee. Appointments were made and declined. In characteristic fashion we went right back to Aki for help. A few weeks before he entered the hospital for the second time he accepted the chairmanship without qualification.

Substituting for others at difficult tasks became a specialty with Aki. "I'll do it. That's all right. Just let me all the information as soon as you can so I can study it." Those were the last words.

PC Letter Box

JACL as a Defender

San Mateo It is incredible that at this once distant future there yet exists 'unky thinking in supposedly responsible leaders of our country to declare armed resistance to Californians who might flee to a neighbor. "Nevadans, "Pee p'uls Friends" in the event of a Kremlin count-down on the "atomic botton."

Not without logic that if our white brethren meet such a fate what might ours be? For all too often from our well meaning friends we now hear the solicitous words of hollow familiarity: "You know, I like the Japanese, but I don't trust the Chinese." And I, the once favorite whipping boy of the short-memoried past, and the American Chinese our brothers, now so shy in favor?

Herein lies a lesson for all Americans of Japanese descent. For man, whose mystical bearing may in times of providence wear the mantle of prophecy, in times of peril tender itself in human form, far bestial than its animal kind. Thus, a people who forget his lesson however rich in wealth or generous in aid all too often comes to pass the classic destiny of man's inhumanity to man; where we cannot buy—by however great a bribe or by however great and noble the deed—inevitable pain as experienced following Pearl Harbor.

Man kind has long been weary of the hollow words that kingdoms utter when they speak of "truth and justice, but where in the barbaric filigree of man's behavior could be possible debate the brotherhood of man and yet manifest the poorest excuse for breathing, or to propagate his own miserable kind? Let all Nisei be reminded that his only insurance lies in his vigilant voice through a united organization; to emphasize that awareness, to stay the hand of calamity, and their misdeeds the public may construe to itself as "righteous."

Should not our judgment or duty be less the heart than the head? Let not in requiem our epitaph read: "That those who forget the past are condemned to relive it."

WILLIAM NOSAKA

STOCKTON CHAPTER AWARDS JACL CHECK TO RODNEY OMACHI

STOCKTON—Rodney Seichi Omachi of Stockton, winner of the 1961 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship was conferred his \$300 award check on Aug. 12 at the Stockton YBA Building.

The presentation was made by Stockton Chapter JACL President Ed Yoshikawa, acting in behalf of Jerry Enomoto, Secretary to the National JACL board, who was unable to be in attendance due to a previous commitment.

A group, estimated at between 150 and 175, witnessed the presentation made during the intermission of the local chapter's annual benefit movies.

President Yoshikawa spoke with enthusiasm on the fact that he was the first Stockton student to receive this award, and young Omachi graciously responded.

Rodney, an outstanding student during all of his high school years, plans to study medicine at Stanford University.

Chuman congrats scholarship winners

On behalf of the national JACL officers and members, National President Frank F. Chuman this week extended congratulations in a letter to recently-selected winners of the JACL scholarship: Rodney S. Omachi of Stockton, Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial; Alan Miyamoto of Southwest Los Angeles, Kenneth Murata of Sacramento, Linda Kobata of Long Beach, and Dennis Fujita of Petaluma, JACL scholarships.

"Your outstanding scholastic achievements during your high school career, your leadership of the student body and your other qualifications and abilities have deeply impressed all of us," Chuman wrote.

"As you proceed on to the college or university of your choice, we hope that you will continue your work in preparation for a promising career in your chosen profession and an exciting and rich life ahead."

Morgan Hill student wins \$2,000 scholarship award

MORGAN HILL. — Lynn Elko Hatakeyama, valedictorian of her senior graduating class at Lave Oak Union High School, was announced as a \$2,000 National Foundation scholarship winner this year—the only one in Santa Clara County. She plans to study occupational therapy at San Jose State College in the fall.

The scholarship is supported by the March of Dimes for study in medicine, medical social work, nursing, physical and occupational therapy.

San Mateo baton twirler wins national honors

SAN MATEO. — Maxine Furuie of San Mateo was named "Miss Congeniality" at the queen pageant held at the United States Twirling Assn. national convention at Galveston, Texas, Aug. 11.

She was one of 12 finalists from the United States and Canada for the "Miss Baton Twirling Queen of 1961," patterned after the Miss America contest.

Maxine did an authentic Japanese dance for the talent part of the contest.

With over 400 contestants in the national twirling contest, Maxine won the title of "USTA National Champion, age 17 and over" in solo one baton. She also received the second place in the 13 years and over two baton division.

Hayashi—

Continued from Front Page cluded the services by expressing his appreciation on behalf of the family.

The casket was escorted to the hearse by six honorary pallbearers, the four friends who gave eulogies, Tom Hayashi and Toshio Hirata.

Cremation services were held at Ferncliff Chapel, Hartsdale, N.Y. with interment in the cemetery Mrs. Hayashi's mother, Kame Muraoka, and her aunt, Masu Okamoto, are buried there.

Born on Dec. 10, 1912 in Atlantic City, Aki was a graduate of City College of New York. He was a member of the prewar Tozai Club, and his brothers, Mitsuru and Yasu served with the 42nd RCT.

Surviving are: Midori Baatrice, widow; Dori Lynn, daughter, brothers Prof. Teru Hayashi, Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., Mitsuru in Seattle, Osamu of Charleston, West Va., and Mrs. Makoto Hayashi Hill of Long Island.

Mrs. Sally Hayashi, wife of Prof. Hayashi, Mrs. Mazy Louise Hayashi, wife of Osamu, and Leemar Hill, husband of Makoto, also attended the services.

Six Nisei teaching for Salt Lake public schools

SALT LAKE CITY. — The new school semester begins in Utah on Aug. 31 with six Nisei teachers on the various faculties throughout the city. One teacher, Michiko Nakahara, who taught at Grant School, has transferred to Itazuki Air Base in Fukuoka, Japan. Other teachers are:



Labor Day Doubleheader

Research on bilingualism bogs as Japanese-English speaking women shy

BERKELEY. — Research on the use of two languages (Japanese and some English) is bogging down, according to Dr. Susan Ervin in charge of the study at the Univ. of California at Berkeley, because not enough Japan-born women or Nisei women who went to school in Japan have agreed to cooperate.

Dr. Ervin, who is assistant professor of speech started the project on bilingualism last August and has found it difficult to obtain a series of three interviews required for this study.

"They are much more shy than any group I know," says Dr. Ervin, who has studied languages spoken by French-American and Italian-Americans.

"We are hoping to persuade about 50 more women to cooperate," she added.

Dr. Ervin is being assisted by Yaeko Nishijima, Kyoto-born graduate student in linguistics.

English for foreign-born

Dorsey Adult School will present an English class for foreign-born at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2230 W. Jefferson Blvd., starting Sept. 12. Classes meet for three hours from 9 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

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Azuma, Nisuke, 74: Portland, Aug. 11. Hiramatsu, Mrs. Tsune: Oakland, Aug. 15. Endo, Mitsuo, 75: Los Angeles, Aug. 15. Ishida, George M., 67: Portland, July 29. Ishida, Mine, 84: Los Angeles, Aug. 13. Ito, Mrs. Haru, 81: Los Angeles, Aug. 21. Koyanagi, Henry T.: Los Angeles, Aug. 12. Miyoshi, Jack H., 26: Gardena, Aug. 13. (p) Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. (b) Bobby K. (s) May Kuriyama. Nakano, Mrs. Haru, 86: Redwood City, Aug. 16. Ninomiya, Tom T., 58: Salt Lake City, Aug. 14. Nishimura, Goro, 78: Long Beach, Aug. 14. Otsuki, Mrs. Mitsuo: Oakland, Aug. 14. Takahashi Mrs. Dorothy, 30: Stockton, Aug. 16. (b) Junichi, (d) Carol, Cathy, Carol Ann, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Chusaku Sakurai. Takimoto, Ichizo, 88: Live Oak, Aug. 14.

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# Michener explains last April's row



By Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo. — COVERED-DISH SUKIYAKI — Amy Vanderbilt, expert on entertaining and authority on etiquette, has sent along the latest word on cooking, an 800-page volume called "Amy Vanderbilt's Complete Cook Book".

Exponents of the first system contend that the meat flavor must be allowed to permeate the other ingredients, and this can be done only when the beef is cooked with them. "No," argue the others. "Beef is best when it is rare. It is an insult to the palate to toughen such fine pieces of premium meat by overcooking it like so much stew beef."

AMERICANIZATION OF JAPAN — Girl-punching has become such a problem in Tokyo that the police have made a thorough statistical study, according to intelligence from that city. The pinchers, called "chikan" like to work in crowded trains and elevators. Their victims usually are too embarrassed to make a scene, so the girl-pinchers are rarely apprehended.

Northwest Picture: by Elmer Ogawa First Matsutake Report — A FORMER Seattleite who has forsaken the old home town after a domicile in excess of 39 years writes to say that he is waiting to read the "annual report" from this corner on the matsutake situation.

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Honolulu — Author James Michener, in a recent letter to Clarice B. Taylor of the Star-Bulletin, says the critical remarks attributed to him on the subject of Hawaii were the truth, but not the whole truth. Michener wrote that the occurrence of the controversy "was something of an accident" and concludes with a hope that he will be able to visit with Mrs. Taylor in her home in Honolulu "before too many months elapse."

Complete text of Michener letter: From Honolulu Star-Bulletin (This is the text of the letter James Michener wrote Clarice B. Taylor of the Star-Bulletin.) Dear Kahuna-nui,

I hope you weren't irritated with me for advising the young sociologist who was investigating life in Hawaii that you were our foremost expert on the subject. Thanks a million for helping him, and I could just see him wondering how you had gained your knowledge.

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Select popular musical group for fashion show — SAN FRANCISCO — Bob Wellman's orchestra from the Hotel Mark Hopkins' posh Lochinvar Room will again provide the music for the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary luncheon-fashion show to be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Fairmont Hotel.

Apato, Inc., enlarges Gilman St. quarters — BERKELEY — Recent developments by Apato, Inc., at El Cerrito and Burlingame have made it necessary to enlarge the 1329 Gilman St. office of the Nakamura Realty Co. to house both the Apato, Inc., and Apato Construction, Inc.

JAL reorganizes — SAN FRANCISCO — Japan Air Lines will reorganize its operational staff in September. Shigeo Kameda, a Hawaiian Nisei, will be in charge of North and South America region as general sales manager.

HOUSING STUDY — BERKELEY — An 18-member citizens committee to study housing discrimination was approved by the City Council here last week. Included among the appointments was Frank T. Yamasaki, real estate broker.

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By Jerry Enomoto, Secretary to the Board

## BEYOND THE HILLS OF IDAHO

Back in the "good old days(?)" of camp, I remember part of a song that went something like—"away beyond the hills in Idaho..."

This past weekend I enjoyed my most pleasant assignment as a member of our National Board, when I had the privilege of seeing what those Idaho hills looked like.

The occasion was the Intermountain District Council Convention, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the IDC. It was a classic convention in every respect, truly reflecting the hard work and planning of the IDC Chapter President, George Shozawa, Convention Chairman Ronnie Yokota, and IDC Chairman Joe Nishioka, and all of the IDC JACLers deserve credit for a job well done.

**"Prelude"**  
As an indicator of things to come, National Director Mas, Chiz, and I enjoyed a fine dinner the evening preceding the Convention at the Pagoda in Salt Lake City. Our hosts were the Salt Lake Chapter, with youthful Henry Kasai in charge of the festivities.

The evening was set up as a reception for the "grand-daddy" of the IDC, Mike Masuoka, whose influence apparently couldn't fail to be "conspired" by United Air Lines to keep him from getting to Salt Lake City.

Fortunately, Mike arrived later at the meeting place, hungry, angry, but still in shape to give the group some inspiration.

National President Frank Chuman also joined us there. I'm sure that none of us missed noting the splendid turnout, including a handful of youthful JACLers. My personal thanks go to President George Yoshimoto, and the Salt Lake JACLers, for their wonderful hospitality.

It also seems appropriate to acknowledge, with thanks, the "red carpet" treatment accorded us by Jerry Tsuyuki, who opened up his restaurant in the wee hours to feed us some excellent tempura and sukiyaki.

The following morning at a seemingly ungodly hour, Mas and Chiz drove us all to Pocatello, and the Idaho State College campus, site of the Convention. Incidentally, a more attractive setting or better facilities, couldn't have been asked for.

**"The Beginning"**  
An excellent program was launched with a luncheon and opening ceremonies at which Governor Smiley of Idaho greeted the delegates, as did Mayor Johnson of the host city. President Frank gave the principal address. A most impressive welcome was also extended by charming and attractive Miss Anne Kanomata, IDC Jr. JACL Convention Chairman.

The real beginning for me, in a sense, came that afternoon when I sat in on a meeting of the executive officers of the Jr. JACL. For several hours, this group stuck diligently to the singularly arduous task of assembling the final draft of their Constitution, in a business-like and sincere manner.

Contributing moral and vocal support were the adult advisers from the member chapters, with able legal consultation offered by Mr. Olympus Chapter President Bob Mukai—an enthusiastic supporter of the Jr. JACL and one of many JACLers whom I had the pleasure of getting to know for the first time.

The "beginning" tapered off that evening with a very impressive Issei Testimonial Banquet, that was extremely well attended. The program was spiced with a wholly unexpected bit of display of Japanese linguistic ability by President Frank.

The usual comfortably relaxed "budahead" of past National President George Inagaki, preceded the main address (in Japanese) by Dr. Ray Olin, president of the Univ. of Utah. The entire evening was a most fitting tribute to our Issei pioneers in the IDC.

Following dinner, I had the pleasure of crowning the winners of the youth "popularity contest", and one could not help but be impressed by the calibre of young people present.

The "beginning" was climaxed by the 1000 Club Whirling at the Green Triangle. Emcee George Issei (seems to rhyme with "misery") kept the festivities going despite the distraction of Mike's plaintive cries of "I'm hungry!"

**"The Middle"**  
Bright and early the next morning we all gathered for breakfast, and I subsequently had the privilege of addressing the youth delegates. Perhaps it was a "captive audience", but I could not help but be impressed by the large turnout, and the evident sincerity and interest of these young people.

During this session their Constitution was ratified and the official name of "Intermountain District Youth Council" (IDYC) was adopted.

Following the oratorical contest, I enjoyed a combination luncheon and fashion show, while getting in some valuable "shop talk" with the Jr. JACL adult advisers, and IDC Youth Chairman Sue Kaneko. Any commentary on this youth convention cannot be meaningfully made without due testimony to the dedicated work of Sue, who has really sparked this movement. No person better deserved the Sapphire Pin.

As talented as they are enthusiastic, the youth completed the afternoon with a talent show.

**"The End"**  
More than 500 JACLers and their friends attended the Convention Banquet, at which our incomparable Mike was paid well-deserved homage. It was a homecoming for him in a real sense. As the principal speaker, he delivered a stirring and eloquent message.

A memorable part of this evening for me was the impact that my dinner companion, Tommy Miyasaki of Rexburg, made upon me. Tommy is a blinded veteran whose composure, ability to express himself, and his adjustment to his disability could truly be called an inspiring thing.

The evening was climaxed by the ball, where some of the amazingly energetic, as well as lovely, ladies among our hosts were good enough to take their chances on the floor with me.

**"In Retrospect"**  
I come away from this Convention with the strong conviction that the future of our national organization will be as bright as its past, as long as the kind of spirit generated in the IDC exists.

I have not been able to recall all of the memorable events and, more regretably, all of the names of the many JACLers who went out of their way to make us feel at home. I hope that this all-inclusive word of thanks will do the job.

As National Youth Chairman, I was most gratified by the tremendous enthusiasm of the IDC youth. I hope that the leadership that they have displayed will be a spark to other areas, and that a meaningful and interesting youth program may be developed for our national convention in Seattle.

To the IDC youth I would like to conclude this message, by commending them for their spirit, and congratulating them upon the momentous occasion of the birth of the Intermountain District Youth Council.



**INTERMOUNTAIN YOUTH OFFICERS**  
Scene of the IDYC installation at the recent Pocatello convention shows National President Frank Chuman (at left) swearing in the youth district officers: Anne Kanomata, 1st v.c.; Harold Sasaki, 2nd v.c.; Dean Hayashida, treas.; and Kris Inouye, pub. Ben Kawakami, chmn., was unable to attend due to a commitment in Hawaii. Seated at Chuman's left is Archie Service, toastmaster.



**INTERMOUNTAIN ORATORS**  
Competing at the IDYC oratorical contest on the theme: "Struggle for First Class Citizenship", Carolyn Inouye (left) of Mt. Olympus Jr. JACL was the winner. Norman Watanabe (middle) of Snake River Jr. JACL was second. At right is National President Frank Chuman, who presented the awards.

## Urashimataro theme of new Japanese garden at Sacramento's Fairytale Town

SACRAMENTO.—This Sunday, a miniature Japanese garden based on the well-known fable of Urashimataro—the Japanese Rip Van Winkle—will be dedicated at Fairytale Town at William Land Park as part of the city's observance of the Fairytale Town's second anniversary.

Idea for a Japanese tale to be represented at the park came when a local furniture store, Breuner's, donated its Japanese garden display consisting of rocks, bridge, torii, etc.

An area of 300 sq. ft. was made available for construction of a miniature Japanese garden based on a Japanese children's story theme. The city presented the plans to Japanese community through the Nisei VFW Post, JACL and Japanese Gardener's Assn. and a hastily-formed committee selected the story of Urashimataro. Other Japanese community groups including church and service clubs were also called in and the project was unanimously approved at a community meeting.

Nagao Sakurai, well-known Japanese landscape artist now residing in Berkeley, has agreed to do the landscaping. The city is providing additional shrubbery, material and part of the labor. Other costs are to be met by a public campaign, to be headed by Willie Sakai, Frank Yoshimura, Tak Tsujita and Toko Fujii. The Sumitomo Bank volunteered its services as the collection agency.

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Our latest information revealed that Frank, his wife Ruth and their two children have been released from the hospital and are staying with Frank's sister, Mrs. Mary Matsuoka of Tracy. Frank, Ruth and daughter Susan are still undergoing treatment.

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## COOKING CLASS FOR SOUTHWEST SLATED

The long-awaited Japanese cooking class, sponsored by the Southwest L.A. JACL, will commence on Friday, Sept. 15, 7:30-9 p.m., at the Daylite Market, second floor.

Instructor Frank Kamimura will demonstrate the finer points of Japanese and Chinese cuisine. The six-week class is limited to the first 50 who register by calling the JACL Office or RE 4-1895 in the evenings. A \$5 class fee is being charged.

## Pocatello editorial lauds Chuman announcement WISE COURSE

**Editorial**  
Pocatello  
Persons concerned with furthering the course of equality in this country would do well to take notice of the change in emphasis by the Japanese American Citizens League.

Frank Chuman, president of the national JACL, outlined the new policy at the Intermountain District Council convention here Friday.

In his keynote speech Chuman said the people of Japanese descent still face problems, but the willingness to put these problems aside to further the cause of the entire country is admirable.

The Japanese people have found the quickest way to break down barriers is not by making a lot of noise and headlines, but by persistent work. The contributions made by these people to this nation have been considerable.

While preserving their heritage they have learned to face outward and to lend their abilities to this nation in making it a better place to live.

—Idaho Journal  
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## Living with JACL: by Saburo Kidō

# First Nisei Lobbyist

Part VII: Continued

Since he had no organization behind him, it was a one-man campaign that T.N. Slocum waged to have the naturalization bill for Oriental veterans of World War I passed by Congress.

It was his prolific letter writing that laid the foundation for his drive. He was writing to all his wartime buddies and people in high position to solicit their sympathy and support.

His targets were the veterans' groups, such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and others. To get to the top meant to have resolutions passed at the national convention or encampment. It was a hard campaign because he started with individuals, then separate posts and to the state gathering. After they had acted, the matter was presented to the national gatherings.

### Disabled American Veterans

One of the first resolutions to be passed was that by the Disabled American Veterans of Arizona. Slocum had made contacts while he was in that state.

Part of the resolution read as follows: "Whereas; Following the World War, all honorably discharged members of Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guards of Foreign birth, were by special act of Congress, granted the right to become citizens, but by a decision of the United States Supreme Court (in which the Chief Justice Taft dissented) those veterans of Oriental birth were denied the right of citizenship. And

"Whereas: There were approximately seven hundred veterans of Oriental birth who served in the armed forces of the United States

during the war, and many serving overseas, and have honorable discharge in evidence thereof, who because of the present interpretation of the Act, are unable to enjoy the right to become citizens. And

"Whereas: This petition does not raise any issue of immigration as it applies only to those American World War veterans of Oriental birth who served honorably during the war and who are now residents of the United States or its territories. And

"Whereas: The courts in denying naturalization to Oriental veterans of the American forces, under the Acts of 1918 and 1919, have stated that 'the services rendered by the petitioner should be appropriately rewarded but the privilege of citizenship resting with Congress, and with Congress alone, the courts have no power to alter and extend the provisions of law to that end.' and

"Whereas: Since the World War, the right to become citizens has been granted to Puerto Ricans and Filipinos by virtue of their military or naval services to the United States; and even to conscientious objectors. And

"Whereas: We, as comrades, honestly and sincerely believe that these Oriental Veterans of the American forces, who waived their right to alien exemption from military service and chose to serve and defend the United States of America, their adopted country, in the time of war, are entitled to the right to become citizens. . . ."

The petition was to be presented to the 1934 national convention.

I did not realize the part I had played until I ran across a correspondence from Edward J. Neron, Commander of the Department of California and Nevada, to Slocum, which stated:

"I wish to inform you that the Department of California and Nevada Council of Administration met at Fresno on Sunday, May 13th, and the matter of endorsing the movement to ask certain Japanese and Chinese full fledged citizens of the United States who have served the armed forces during the world war, was brought up for discussion.

"Incidentally, your friend from San Francisco, a young Japanese attorney, gave a very nice little talk in the form of a plea to the movement.

"The Council instructed me to inform you that they were in sympathy with your cause and that I shall refer the matter to our National Legislative Committee of which Comrade George Brobeck is chairman, at Washington, D.C. feeling that there is where the matter rightfully be referred to and handled. . . ."

The reason why Slocum concentrated his efforts on the veterans groups was that if a resolution was passed by the national body, it would become a mandate upon the lobbyists in Washington, D.C. In other words, the representatives who were supposed to look after the legislative program of the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars would feel it to be their duty to help the enactment of what the resolution desired to accomplish.

It was believed to be the most practical way. It would mean that the powerful support of these two organizations would be supporting and pushing the bill towards enactment. Then Slocum could be a consultant without being forced to do the actual contacting and lobbying.

The groundwork was carefully laid. I had forgotten that I played some little part in appealing for the support of the naturalization bill.

40 et 8 Interested

Another interesting sidelight appears in the resolution that was passed by the American Legion Post 30 of Sarasota, Florida. It had wanted Slocum to join the 40 and 8 but could not do so because he was not an American citizen. Such being the case, the members had unanimously agreed to present "the facts and qualifications of this prospective member to the Grand Voture of the Department of Florida with the request that the matter be presented by the Grand Voture at the coming Paris convention of the National organization, to the end that a special dispensation will be made and Tokutaro Slocum declared eligible for membership in the 40 and 8.

This happened on April 29, 1927.

## Berkeley talent benefit on Sept. 30

BERKELEY.—The Berkeley JACL chapter will sponsor a scholarship benefit variety show, "Talent Vision", on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Burbank Junior High School auditorium, at Bonar and University, it was announced by Frank T. Yamasaki, chapter president.

Proceeds from the entertainment program, which will feature talented Bay Area juvenile Nisei performers, will help initiate the local chapter's scholarship fund and also add to the Berkeley Boy Scouts, Troop 26, scholarship account.

General chairman for the talent revue will be Tad Hirota. He will be assisted by:

Mrs. Ruby Ouye, Mrs. Michiko Kubota, Mrs. Tokiko Yamasaki, Hiro Nakaso, Dane Kato, Masuji Fujii, George Yasukochi.

Any person desiring to participate in the show should contact Hirota at LAndscape 6-8026 before Wednesday, Aug. 30.

## 2 big events for Sac'to Clers set

SACRAMENTO.—Two major social events winding up the year are the annual "Your Stars of Tomorrow" talent show and the New Year's Eve dance, both sponsored by the Sacramento JACL.

The finest array of talent of the valley will be on hand Saturday, New Year's Eve, at the show with Dr. James Kubo in charge of the 1961 edition. As in the past, guest stars are being approached to appear. At the same, the first call for persons wishing to appear on the show was issued by Dr. Kubo, who may be reached by telephone: HI 6-0885.

The New Year's Eve dance will be held at the Masonic Hall, 12th and J Sts., again, according to Joe Osga and Tad Miyahara, in charge of the Dec. 31 affair. An eight-piece orchestra will be engaged for the evening festivities.

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## Calendar

- Aug. 26 (Saturday) — Benefit scholarship dance, Valley Community Center, Idaho Falls — JAYs fashion show-dance.
- Aug. 27 (Sunday) — Pasadena — 1000 Club luau, Southwest 1 A.—Beach party, Playa del Rey, 2 p.m.
- Aug. 28 (Monday) — Sonoma County — Skating party.
- Sept. 1 (Friday) — Stockton — Bowling night.
- Twin Cities — Joint EDC-MDC Convention, Hotel Radisson, Minneapolis.
- Sept. 7 (Thursday) — Puyallup Valley — General meeting, Tacoma Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.
- Sept. 8 (Friday) — Mt. Olympus — Mixed Bowling League, State Bowling, Murray, 9 p.m.
- Philadelphia — Board meeting, Dr. S.K. Nagahashi residence, 8 p.m.
- Sept. 9 (Saturday) — New York — Installation dinner, Mas Satow, spr.
- Sept. 10 (Sunday) — Hollywood — Beach bake, Griffith Park Area 4 3 p.m.
- Dayton — Board meeting, Yosh Yoshida residence, 8 p.m.
- Sept. 12 (Tuesday) — East Los Angeles — General meeting, social, International Institute.
- Sept. 15 (Friday) — Southwest L.A. — Cooking class, Daylite Mt., 3000 W. Santa Barbara, 7:30 p.m.; Frank Kamimura, inst.
- Sept. 16 (Saturday) — Long Beach — General meeting, San Diego — Family bowling tournament, Pacific Recreation, 7 p.m.
- Pasadena — Sassaar booth, Presbyterian Church.
- Sept. 17 (Sunday) — West Los Angeles — Auxiliary fashion show-luncheon, Imperial Gardens.
- Sept. 21 (Thursday) — Pasadena — General meeting, Presbyterian Church.
- San Francisco — Auxiliary fashion show-luncheon, Fairmount Hotel, 12:30 p.m.
- Sept. 24 (Sunday) — Cincinnati — "Trip to Japan" program, YWCA.
- Sept. 25-30 — Sonoma County — Benefit movies, Sept. 26 (Saturday) — East Los Angeles — Appreciation Night International Institute.
- Berkeley — Talent-Vision benefit, Burbank Jr. High.