

EDC-MDC Confab Comments

Washington, D.C.
THERE will be no nuclear holocaust, no major war, between the United States and the Soviet Union. If this nation remains uncompromising and steadfast in the face of communist threats, blackmail, and bluff, Congressman Walter H. Judd predicted at the Banquet of the 41st Biennial Joint EDC-MDC Convention, which was held in Minneapolis over this past Labor Day weekend.

The Minnesota Republican, recognized as a foreign affairs expert in the Congress, summarized the successes in the past three decades since he first witnessed its machinations as a meddlesome missionary in China in the mid-thirties. He blamed much of its recent successes on the unwillingness of the free peoples to risk war and devastation, on appeasement and the failure to recognize the facts of communist policy and practice.

He explained the current tensions over Berlin and the threats regarding Russia's super bomb as calculated efforts to terrorize and intimidate the peoples of the West to give in to the communists as the lesser of the alternatives, as too often we have done in the past.

There are too many in America and elsewhere who believe that "it is better to be Red than dead", Congressman Judd warned, and, since the communists believe that this attitude is prevalent, they are continuing to increase the pressure of their demands.

COLUMN LEFT

Integration Day

For more than a year, "Integration Day" (Aug. 30) in Atlanta was anxiously anticipated by those who remember what happened at Little Rock and New Orleans.

The significant (and welcome to us) aspect of Integration Day was the quiet manner Atlanta integrated nine teenagers at four previously all-white high schools this past week.

That evening, in front of reporters, one of the Negro girls who had enrolled in one of the four schools said that "it was a very normal day." Her reaction was that of the Atlanta city and school officials and well as thousands of its citizens who must have expressed keen pride in the fact that Atlanta had lived up to their expectations.

There had been a letter-writing campaign by "hate" groups trying to persuade parents to boycott integrated schools, but that fell flat to the satisfaction of school officials.

Enrollment at the four integrated high schools was equal or exceeding estimates.

"Atlanta is proud to demonstrate to the world that we believe in upholding the law," Mayor Hartsfield said that evening. President Kennedy also complimented Atlanta at his press conference on the peaceful integration of schools.

Atlanta stands out as a cosmopolitan city with a Southern way of life. The example set in Georgia may eventually be followed throughout the South. Racial extremists who sought to inflame the situation found they were dealing with a well-prepared law-enforcement officials as well as a well-prepared public, who saw the futility of New Orleans and Little Rock and the progress of Nashville.

"It was a very normal day." And news of this kind is one we cannot ignore in this publication. The people of Atlanta, its mayor, police chief and school officials should feel proud of Integration Day, 1961.

If the young nations of Africa and Asia wonder about Little Rock and New Orleans, Atlanta and Nashville are there to counterbalance the scales of how Americans want to abide by the United States Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954.—H.H.

Only unequivocal and unyielding resistance will save the free world, for concessions only result in the demand for more concessions, the 1960 Republican National Convention keynote told the more than 300 JACLers in attendance in one of the frankest and most eloquent addresses ever given to such a gathering.

He urged the JACL and other American nationality organizations to try to explain to the uncommitted one-third of the world that holds the ultimate balance between the free and slave thirds the real and significant advantages of the democratic way over the communist method, the most vital of which is the freedom of choice. He explained that the JACL, because of its unique experiences in World War II and thereafter and its solid record of accomplishment, could be most helpful to the nation and the cause of freedom by extending its activities into this field of advertising the "good" in America to all the world, and not the "bad".

THE Judd speech was the climax to a most eventful three-day convention at which delegates from the East and the Midwest evaluated the JACL program in terms of the 1960-1970 planning adopted at the National Convention in Sacramento last summer and urged more "Action on Decisions", though National President Frank Chuman presented an effective summary of the progress made on the ten-fold decade objectives to the delegates at the Saturday Convention Luncheon.

Among the more appropriate "touches" of the well-planned and executed Convention was the singing of the National Anthem and the JACL Hymn to open and close the Sunday Convention Banquet by Gloria Florenz, a Negro singer.

Another highlight was the presentation of the JACL silver pin for distinguished JACL service on a chapter level to Howard Nomura, who was the president of the Portland JACL Chapter when it hosted the Fifth Biennial National Convention in 1940 and who served on the program and activities committee in this conference.

Cleveland's amazingly well organized JACL chapter, which spends a third of its local budget on public relations, earned the coveted Chapter of the Biennial Award, succeeding Seabrook, in a close battle with three other outstanding chapters. The host of the 5th Biennial Joint EDC-MDC JACL Convention to be held in 1963 was the deserving winner with an active, well-rounded program of activity and organization that could well serve as both a model and as an inspiration to others in the JACL.

Detroit, host to the 1964 National

JACL Convention, was also well represented by delegates who are expected to play a leading role in making the Motor City's affair three years hence a most memorable one.

Philadelphia's JACL chapter won the privilege of hosting the 1965 Joint EDC-MDC Convention, when the "Brotherly Love" city won over an unexpected bid from the "Windy City", Chicago, which hosted the never-to-be forgotten National Convention in 1950 which set the pattern for succeeding postwar conventions, is considering a bid to host the National Convention again in 1968, so rumor has it, since the National Conventions Continued on Page 4

Chicago JACL's youth Commission plans revealed

CHICAGO — Chairman Lincoln Shimidzu has announced the Chicago JACL Youth Commission's plans for the forthcoming season.

Among the activities will be a repeat of last year's most successful basketball clinic for boys 10 to 15 years of age. The clinic, under the leadership of Tom Hayashi and Shig Murao, will be held at the Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland Ave., with the starting date to be announced. The boys will have instructions from star performers of Chicago Nisei basketball.

A mixed bowling league for teenagers, high school age to 20 years, is being initiated this year at Marigold Bowling Alleys under the guidance of Hiro Uchi. It is tentatively, Sunday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m., has been set as the starting date and time for an alternate Sunday schedule. Prizes will be given and bowling shirts will be furnished. Instructions prior to the start of the league will be given by topnotch Nisei bowlers.

Due to demands for some activity for the girls on the off Sundays of the bowling league, a charm school for teenage girls will be offered under the direction of Mrs. Kay Kuwahara. Courses will include make-up, hair styling, and fashions, with professionals in each field as instructors. Information on age, date and time for registration will be announced as definite plans have been made.

Shimidzu points out that these activities are being offered through the courtesy of the Chicago JACL Youth Commission, free of charge except for bowling fees, and hopes that parents will encourage their children to participate.

A Sansei Speaks Up

BY ARTHUR A. ENDO

Practicing Minister
Wintersburg Presbyterian Church

Young Endo is the 25-year-old eldest son of Arthur Endo, past president of the Hollywood JACL.

Has the Sansei generation failed? Why don't they have the same concerns as the Nisei? These and many similar questions are confronting the Japanese-American community today. These are vital questions which need to be answered, if we are to have any idea concerning the future of the Japanese-Americans in the United States today. It is for this reason that I have decided to use this opportunity, not to bring a Christian challenge, but to articulate a general concern that is of interest to all. This concern, I believe, does not eventually affect the future religious life within the American-Japanese community, for it is concerned with the problem of existence itself, a problem which is basically religious.

Being myself one of a growing number of Sansei-Americans, I find myself confronted with many situations which I had no part in creating. Let's put it this way: Take a look at the recent list of college graduates and try to discover how many made Phi Beta Kappa or some other similar honor. Not too many was there? Furthermore, the few were girls. Yet in June of 1953 from U.C. L.A. alone there were 4 "Phi Betas", all of whom were Nisei fellows. Where is the Sansei? Many have come through high school in recent years and achieved great honors, but while in college nothing of great importance seem to occur. I was and am a part of this group which failed to live up to high school achievements.

What's the problem? Speaking personally, I feel it is partly due to the fact that our goals are not great enough to overcome the handicap of being raised in a Japanese-American subculture and competing in an upper-middle class Caucasian society. One of the great

Four underwriters at sales training

SAN FRANCISCO — Four Nisei underwriters with West Coast Life Insurance Co. are in Victoria, B.C., this week participating in the company's sales training conference. They are Haruo Ishimaru of San Francisco, William Matsumoto of Sacramento, Ted Yamanaoka of Santa Monica, and George Mukai of Tacoma.

visions of the Nisei of the last 30 years has been the desire to show the American public that they are just as good as anyone else. Fortunately, this vision has enabled the Nisei to overcome all handicaps in order to fulfill his vision. The fight has been waged and won, so we Sanseis are no longer a part of the struggle. It is no longer a vital concern, for we have the advantage of being accepted and of having our abilities recognized. It is no longer a question of being a representative of the Japanese-American heritage, but it is a question of proving our individual worth. It is here that our cultural background becomes a handicap. For in this age of skepticism, half-truths, and partial truths we have not been trained to be doubters. In the lecture halls while our Caucasian classmates are questioning the professor at the end of the lecture, we have no questions for we have learned to respect authority. Disrespect of authority may be one of the great problems of American society, but in this day and age when things are described in terms of probabilities and relativities, there is very little place for certainty and dogmatic truth. The Sansei-American finds himself in an American culture which has lost its sense of ethical standards and he is unprepared to cope with it, for within the Japanese he has been shielded from this ethical uncertainty—"such things are not done!" When a so-called scandal occurs within the Japanese-American society, it is hushed up so that the rest of the family wouldn't "lose face." As words get out, restrictions upon teenage youth are tightened. So they are unexposed, except through the grapevine which exaggerates and sensationalizes the facts, until they leave home.

In other words we Sanseis have not been exposed to the life of American society with its good and bad points; we have not learned to cope with its problems until it is often too late. Yet, this is the society in which we must live. Many of us will not return to the Japanese-American society in which we were raised either because we realize there is no future within the Japanese-American community. This last statement, I confess is an overstatement, but it points out I hope that that Nisei-Sansei community must take a long look at itself and its traditions and heritages in order to make adjustments which will better prepare them and their children for life within a complex American society, which has its many evils, but which is the place of our existential involvement.

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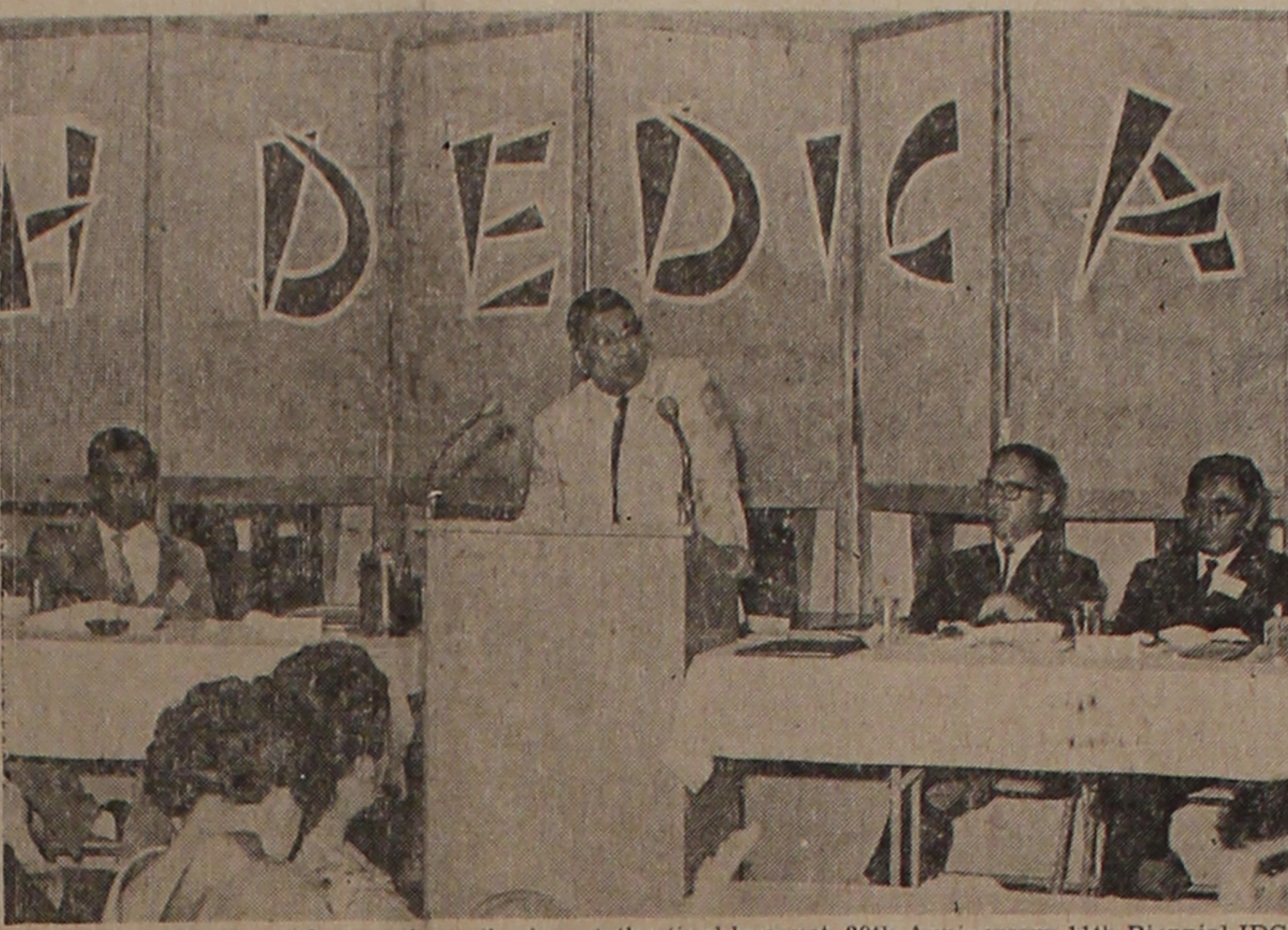
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Congressional Record inks IDC confab



Mr. Mike Masaoka addresses the gathering at the final banquet, 20th Anniversary 11th Biennial IDC convention, at which he was especially honored.

Solemn high mass celebrates 50th Maryknoll birthday

In commemoration of the Maryknoll Foreign Mission Society's fiftieth anniversary, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated on Sept. 7 with Father Michael J. McKillop as the celebrant, Father Felix Migliazzo as the deacon, and Father Howard C. Geselbracht as the subdeacon. The guest speaker was Bishop Harry Clinch from the Monterey-Fresno diocese with Bishop Manning presiding.

Following the mass, a luncheon was served by the Maryknoll Jr. Ladies Society. Master of ceremonies for the luncheon was Father Arthur Lirette of St. Alphonso's Parish, who introduced speakers Bishop Timothy Manning, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, Father Michael McKillop, Pastor of the Maryknoll Mission on Hewitt St., Father Francis J. Caifrey, and Father Harold V. Laubaeker, assistant director of the Propagation of the Faith Society.

Entertainment was provided by the Maryknoll Boy's Choir, Girl's Glee Club, and their famed Drum and Bugle Corps.

Omaha JACL seeks end to Nebraska miscegenation law

OMAHA — The Omaha JACL is currently engaged in a drive to sign up names to petition the elimination of the state statute which prohibits miscegenation.

A letter signed by Mike Watanabe, president of the chapter, has been sent to every Japanese family in the state asking for names of those who are sympathetic to the drive and for details of cases affected by the statute.

The statute reads as follows: "Marriages are void (1) when one party is a white person and the other is possessed of one-eighth or more Negro, Japanese or Chinese blood."

The chapter members also intend to contact their Caucasian friends in the move to repeal the statute.

San Francisco youth association conference held

SAN FRANCISCO — The annual leadership conference of the San Francisco Youth Assn. was held in La Honda Aug. 28-31. Ronnie Katsuyama was the Japanese American high school student sponsored by the San Francisco JACL.

Marie Kurihara, San Francisco JACL adviser and member of the SFYA adult advisory board, attended as a conference leader.

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East-West Center savants report Asian nations keenly interested in program

HONOLULU.—Two East-West Center representatives who returned from Asia this month agreed there is a great deal of interest there in the Center and both said offers of cooperation were tendered in all 12 countries they visited.

Dr. M.F. Heiser, acting EWC director of student programs, toured India, Pakistan, Burma, Nepal and Ceylon. Former acting EWC deputy director Norman Meller's schedule included the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaya, Indonesia, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Dr. Meller said his five-week trip revealed valuable documentary and library resources which are promised to augment materially the Univ. of Hawaii's research collection for Center students and scholars.

Dr. Meller said he also found much interest in various Asian universities in establishing exchange relationships with faculty members of the university.

The U.H. professor of government arranged for preliminary student screening to be conducted by the U.S. Educational Foundation (USEF-Fulbright) for all 1962 applicants in the Philippines.

In the other areas Dr. Meller toured, scholarship competitions were set up solely for EWC grants. Initial selections will be made by bi-national committees with the governments in some countries undertaking preliminary screening.

Dr. Meller made arrangements in a number of countries to continue furnishing the Center with information relative to their ongoing manpower needs so they can be considered as the university expands to facilitate the growing Center scholarship program.

In the countries Dr. Heiser toured, he said he met with much the same interest in the Center's program and objectives.

He said also that every university head he consulted was extremely interested in exploring the possibility of exchanging books, manuscripts and documents to augment joint holdings in areas of science, culture and languages.

"For example," Dr. Heiser said, "there's an immediate need for a microfilm camera for use in filming precious manuscripts in Southern India thereby insuring their preservation. In turn, this camera would enable the Center to build up its own collections of Indian material."

He said that the recent flood in the Poona district in Southern India destroyed many precious manuscripts and documents which had never been copied and therefore can never be replaced.

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According to Dr. Meller, one of the most gratifying parts of his trip was during a flight to Singapore when his seatmate, a businessman from Thailand, knew all about the Center and its goals for mutual understanding through interchange.

"He assured me," Dr. Meller said, "that his interest was shared by many Thais of his acquaintance."

Applicants should be preferably male, bilingual with an M.A. in social work or allied field, and have at least five years of full time professional employment including demonstrated ability as administrator and supervisor or the equivalent.

The salary range is from \$7,000 to \$9,000.

Applications should be sent to Daniel Kuzuhara, chairman of the board, or Mrs. Mary Koga, chairman, personnel committee, Japanese American Service Committee, 1110 LaSalle St., Chicago 10, Ill.

Redwood City—Mrs. John Enomoto, 1201 Redwood Ave., EM 6-2216; Sacramento—Mrs. Frances Matsunami, 5101 Sinton Way, GA 1-3944; San Jose—Mrs. Clark, Norman Mineta Ins. Agency, 505 N. Fifth, CY 5-3990; San Leandro—Mrs. Teruko Bunol, 509 Jones Ave., NE 2-4660; San Mateo—Mrs. Fred Inouye, 2 S. Grant, DI 3-1285; Walnut Creek—Mrs. Hana Yasuda, 1840 San Luis Rd., YE 4-2610.

Alameda—Betty Akagi, 1824 Walnut, LA 3-7245; Berkeley—Mary Ann Takagi, 2600 Ellsworth, TH 1-3957; Hayward—Alyce Fujii, 2500 Pleasant Way, LU 2-8859; Monterey—Mrs. Alice Okamoto, 504 W. Franklin, FR 2-1886; Oakland—Molly Kitajima, 5617 Sooville, KE 2-7692.

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Not many JACL district conventions have the good fortune of being recorded in the Congressional Record. The recent Intermountain District Council 20th anniversary convention at Pocatello was duly noted in the extension of remarks of Rep. Ralph R. Harding (D., Idaho) of Blackfoot in the Aug. 23 Record.

In the opening remarks of Congressman Harding, mention is made of the Leo who is Idaho Falls JACL president and newly elected IDC treasurer.

Because we feel the remarks and the editorial by Drury Brown of the Blackfoot News should give our membership something to be proud of and illustration how some non-Nisei feel about JACL, it is presented in full in this week's Pacific Citizen.

Mr. HARDING. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the privilege of reading an outstanding newspaper editorial that was inspired when the editor attended a district conference of the Japanese American Citizens League. This editorial caused me to remember some of the wonderful experiences that I have had with Japanese American citizens.

I remember some 20 years ago when my father was the high school football coach in the beautiful little town of St. Anthony, Idaho, and the friendship that we had with the Harry K. Hosoda family. Harry's son, Leo, was an outstanding high school fullback, even though he wasn't as big as most waterboys. What he lacked in size Leo certainly made up for in courage and enthusiasm.

Then there was Paul, another son, who followed in the footsteps of his brother Leo as an athlete. Paul was also very active in the swimming and recreational programs in the community and was a friend to all.

Just a year ahead of me in school was a daughter, Mabel. I will always remember Mabel as a very pretty little girl who always looked exceptionally clean and neat and was very friendly and kind—something that a grade school student didn't always expect from members of the class immediately ahead of him.

During the eight years our family lived in St. Anthony, it was an annual ritual for Harry Hosoda to bring around a big, beautiful bunch of crisp celery each Thanksgiving. I am sure that there has never been a family living in America to whom Thanksgiving meant any more than it did to the Hosodas. They were the type of family that made the Japanese American Citizens League what it is today.

We in Idaho are extremely proud to have thousands of Japanese American farmers, businessmen, and laborers. They are some of the finest citizens in our State.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to include this thought-provoking editorial by Drury Brown, editor of the Blackfoot News, with my remarks today.

JAPANESE-AMERICAN CITIZENS KNOW WHY (By Drury Brown)

Saturday evening it was my privilege to be a guest at the concluding session of the Intermountain District Conference of the Japanese American Citizens League in Pocatello.

Included among the sparkling, well-dressed, cultured people who very obviously were having a grand time were a number of friends and neighbors of Blackfoot. The people attending appeared to be another cross section of America, the sort that you might see at a district conference of Kiwanis or Rotary International.

In the youth section you were able to recognize some of the youngsters who excel in scholarship, in music, art, and student activities in the Blackfoot, Snake River, Pocatello and Idaho Falls High Schools.

It was a self-assured, proud and happy group whose only concern was that their guest might enjoy themselves to the same degree they were.

The Japanese American Citizens League must be an unusual organization to inspire such enthusiasm among people who live as busy lives as I know they do, I thought.

Some of the young men who survived the 307-percent casualties suffered by the combat team are now among the businessmen and farmers of our community. (Others rest in Arlington National Cemetery.)

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Then we were ushered into the banquet hall of the Student Union Building and the banquet began. A master of ceremonies who perhaps might be described as an Anglo-Saxon took over the microphone to welcome the members and guests.

A moment later one of the speakers he had introduced in an aside to the audience said: "You may wonder about the reason for a person not of Japanese ancestry presiding at a JACL banquet. The answer is that we as JACL members do not believe in discrimination."

Awards were made to those members who in the junior and senior divisions of the organization had performed distinguished service.

As one speaker after another told how the JACL has served its people in the time of their travail you began to understand the devotion of its membership.

Stirring moments came with the awards by Hero Shosaki of plaques to three non-Japanese men who unflinchingly stood by the Japanese people when it was not popular to do so.

One so recognized was a courageous bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ, LDS, Sam A. Dunn, Tybee, who in a community where a number of Japanese lived and where, because of it, anti-Japanese feeling ran high, endured persecution and threats while championing the Japanese people and permitting them the use of the church over which he presided.

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SF 1000 Clubbers plan barbecue in Napa Valley

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Freewheeling on the Freeway: EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

National JACL President Frank Chuman and yours truly were guests at a very enlightening luncheon meeting hosted by D.R. Zook, director of personnel services at North American Aviation. The Aug. 22 luncheon was held at the Terrace Room of the Stabler Hilton Hotel with W.L. Barnes, staff assistant of personnel services and W.H. Nance, administrator of professional employment sitting in as observers.

Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama Where Great San Franciscans Come From

TOKYO. — George Togasaki called me to say that he was honored as a great and outstanding San Franciscan by receiving a citation signed by Mayor Christopher and the members of the Board of Supervisors. The citation praised his humanitarian accomplishments in Japan and proudly pointed him out as a San Franciscan.

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Are you an active member. The kind that would be missed, Or are you just contented that Your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetings. And mingle with the flock. Or do you stay at home And criticize and kvetch?

Japanese food may account for high tooth decay

HONOLULU. — Japanese foods probably account for the higher tooth decay rate among Nisei in Hawaii, says a dental health specialist. Manuel C.W. Kau, of the Hawaii Health Department's Dental Health Division, told delegates to the 10th Pacific Science Congress that Japanese children have 36.8 per cent more cavities than Caucasian children.

Cherry Tsutsumida reaches top rung in Glendale, Ariz. health department

GLENDALE, ARIZONA — Cherry Tsutsumida brings an Oriental beauty and a crisply efficient administrative talent to her job as Director of the Health Education division, a post she's held the past month. But in her travels into the wilds of Arizona, or in daily dealings with the male business world, she asks no concession for femininity and gives none.

CCDC—Selma JACL places first road sign

The Selma JACL Chapter had its beginning in April, 1950 when we realized our need for the concerted effort the National JACL had offered its members. With the strong conviction that we would strengthen that organization through our membership by participating in the National Program, the first organizational meeting was held on April 27, 1950, resulting in a charter membership of 61 which included 8 special members.

Regional director named to L.A.—Nagoya committee

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Tulare county Nisei wins nursing award

VISALIA. — Joyce Ichinaga of Pixley has been awarded four year \$500 National Foundation scholarship in nursing and occupational therapy. The presentation was made by Robert Moore, chairman of the Tulare County unit of the Foundation. Two other girls also won similar awards.

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Smoke Signals

World's rice supply could be doubled in 15 years on existing knowledge

HONOLULU. — Experts on rice growing said last week the supply of most popular cereal food in the world could be doubled within 15 years "with existing knowledge." Dr. Navalpakkam Parthasarathy, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations representative at the 10th Pacific Congress, said large scale mechanization as known in the United States was not necessary to achieve this goal.

Chuman and family invited to Hollywood JACL steak outing

National JACL president Frank Chuman and his family have been invited to the Hollywood JACL steak bake this Sunday at 4 p.m. which will honor the chapter's baseball players and coaches at Griffith Park area 4, just south of the Greek Theater. Also invited to the event is Jim Higashi, regional office director and George Fujita, coordinating council chairman.

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

THE ANCESTRAL HOMETLAND—If you're old enough to remember the hungry 'thirties—it's distressing how many people aren't—you probably had two, three or a half dozen Nisei friends who packed a spare shirt and bought third class passage for Yokohama. They were searching for something, and it wasn't always fame and fortune.

Some were looking for an education. Some wanted no more than a job. Some went at the insistence of parents who felt that opportunity awaited in the ancestral homeland—opportunity that was denied in the United States to Americans with Oriental faces. And of course some just went to visit relatives and give the old country the once-over.

Whatever the individual reasons, I think it can be said with honesty that most of the travelers were looking in part for a society in which they would be accepted without social or economic prejudice, where racial characteristics would not be a handicap, where they would not stand out in the crowd.

A number of the Nisei found what they were looking for. Others discovered that racial kinship was not enough—that their American education, tastes and outlook made them forever strangers in the ancestral land. And so they hurried home to America if they could, or stayed reluctantly if for one reason or another they could not.

For most Nisei the problem of whether to seek their future in Japan ceased to exist on Pearl Harbor Day. Since then the decline of discrimination against them and the opening of the doors of opportunity is a matter of history.

BLACK AMERICANS—All the above came to mind again the other day when I picked up an old New Yorker magazine in a waiting room. (Where else does one find old magazines?) It was the May 13, 1961, issue, and in it was a lengthy report about American Negroes in the young nations of West Africa.

So far only a relative handful of them have gone back to their ancestral homeland. Practically all, says the author, Harold R. Isaacs, "had come looking for freedom from racism and prejudice, or at least for a racial situation that counted them in instead of out—that provided solace and a sense of identity in a world where anyone was black. They had also looked for a chance to share in the new pride of achievement stemming from the black man's reassertion of himself and his 'African personality'.

"In West Africa, in a small way and for a short time, the Negro pilgrim can find some of this. But it does not last long—hardly past the first flush of the sensation of being in a place where the white man is not master. Almost invariably, the Negro pilgrim in Africa soon finds himself not free at all, more than ever without solace and a sense of identity, fighting new patterns of prejudice, and suffering the pangs of a new kind of outsidership.

"He had thought that he was alien in America, but he discovers that he is much more alien in Africa. Whether he likes it or not, he is American, and in Africa he becomes an American-in-exile."

One young man went to Africa to see if there was any relief from the anger he carried in his heart against America and the whole world of white men. This is what he found: "I came to Africa feeling like a brother, but there I was, I was not a brother. I was not Senegalese or Nigerian or Ghanaian. I was American, an American Negro from an Anglo-Saxon culture, or as much of it as filtered down to me, determining what I am, what I think, what I feel. I could come back, and color might not be a problem, but I would always be an outsider coming in."

Soon the American Negro finds himself resenting loss of identity as an American.

FULFILMENT—There are as many dissimilarities as parallels between the plight of the American Negro seeking his identity in Africa and the Nisei in Japan. But the experience of the Negro is something the Nisei can understand with depth and sympathy. Soon the American Negro must find fulfillment in his native land, even as the Nisei have.

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Venice-Culver City Japanese American Community overcomes great odds to be re-established, early history recalled

Venice-Culver City residents of Japanese ancestry were pleased recently to find a half-page devoted to the local Japanese American community in the Culver City Star News. Its writer Dennis Joplin had contacted the JACL chapter for assistance on the feature published June 15.

BY DENNIS JOPLIN Star-News-Vanguard Writer

Culver City On Centinela Boulevard, just below Venice Boulevard, there is a group of stores, offices and nurseries with signs printed in English and Japanese script. These buildings form the nucleus of the Japanese American community in the Venice-Culver City area.

The community is bounded roughly by the ocean and Sepulveda Boulevard and by Venice and Jefferson Boulevards. The people who make up the Japanese community range from the old generation, which has kept close ties with its Japanese culture, to the youngsters who dress, act and think "American."

Among the early settlers of the La Ballona Valley were the Issei who came as sugar beet farmers and then turned to celery farming as the land was discovered to be good for that crop. Later, fungus disease and competition from Florida hurt the farming industry. Then land value went up and subdivisions encroached on the farm land. Some of the farmers moved to Oxnard or to Ventura, but most of them stayed on and went into some other occupation.

Before World War II there were about 100 Nisei families in this area, but since then the number has increased to about 500 families.

One reason for the increase is that persons from Southern California who were in World War II relocation camps spread word of the merits of this region to other Japanese families in the camps. Many from Seattle and Northern California who had lost their farms during the war heard of the opportunities for work here and decided to settle in Southern California because it doesn't require capital, and, of course, the climate is ideal for that occupation.

Nearly 400,000,000 in land was lost by Japanese Americans at the time of their evacuation to relocation camps. The farms were put up for sale and in many cases opportunists bought them for a fraction of their real value. This was partly remedied after the war when the government returned \$125,000,000 to those who had suffered losses.

The compensation from the government and the passage of a naturalization law for Japanese immigrants were largely due to the efforts of the JACL (Japanese American Citizens League), an organization which works for civil rights for U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry. Primary purpose of JACL is to make its members aware of their responsibilities as citizens of the community and the nation.

According to George Inagaki, vice-president of JACL, the organization lobbied in Washington, D.C. to get the War Department to open the draft to the Nisei. This was accomplished in 1942. An all-Nisei combat team, the 442nd, was established and it distinguished itself in fighting in Italy and southern France. A considerable number of men in this area are among the 10,000 Nisei veterans of combat in Europe and the Pacific where they were used in intelligence and interpreting.

For example, Ito Masaoka of Culver City and four of his five brothers volunteered for military service. Four of them fought with the 442nd; one was killed, one received the Silver Star, one the Legion of Merit and all received the Purple Heart.

Still a certain amount of prejudice toward the Japanese Americans lingered after the war. To counter this, an effort was made to get away from things Japanese and to emphasize their American way of life. "As a result," says Inagaki, "the average Nisei does not know as much about Japanese culture as people expect him to know. More than 80 per cent cannot read or write Japanese."

One of the reasons for the operation of the Japanese Language School is to give the younger generation some knowledge of their cultural heritage and language. The school, on Braddock Drive, holds classes every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for 170 students.

It is one of the operations of the Japanese Community Center which also sponsors the Judo Club and a flower arrangement class.

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Helen Kita, president of the Mothers Club of the Japanese Language School says the flower arrangement class and school have Caucasian as well as Japanese members.

In addition to these, the community has a Fishing Club, a Gardening Club, and the Community Youth Council which organizes athletic programs for children and teenagers. The Youth Council uses Marina del Rey Junior High School's playground where one can see as many as six baseball games in progress at one time.

The emphasis on youth programs in the Japanese community reflects the concern of the adults for the new generation. Shigeoyoshi Miyoshi, president of the Venice Japanese Community Center, says a main purpose of his organization's functions is to build good citizens among the Japanese American youth.

The Japanese Americans here have not yet been troubled much with juvenile delinquency. But as Inagaki says, "The community is greatly interested in the teenager. We want to avoid ever having that problem. That's why we have so many programs for the young people."

A quick glimpse of the Japanese American children in local elementary schools would seem to indicate that the older generation has little to fear in regard to future delinquency. A good many children of Japanese ancestry go to the Short Avenue Elementary School.

Mrs. Caroline Blackman, principal, says the deeply-rooted respect for authority at home is reflected in the respect these children show for school.

"They are most cooperative," she observed. "They have a high sense of academic values, and the inner drive for academic achievement doesn't have to be motivated by the school; it is gained in their home training and their basic philosophy of life.

"I do not think of the Japanese pupils as separate but as a part of the whole group," she added. "They do not form separate groups among themselves. They are well accepted and they accept everyone else."

Inagaki says he thinks Japanese residents of this region have met less prejudice in their efforts to find work than most other minority groups. Aside from those who are in gardening or other businesses, quite a few are engineers, architects, dentists and doctors. Many Nisei, especially women, have found good jobs in the civil service and as private secretaries or receptionists.

Chicago linksters await big tourney CHICAGO. — Chicago Nisei golfers are now anxiously waiting for the Sept. 10 teoff time for the All-City Chicago Golf Council tournament at beautiful St. Andrews Country Club.

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Rey Maeno to study for foreign service on U.S. scholarship

Rey Maeno leaves this week for Honolulu where he will study at the University of Hawaii for two years under a scholarship grant from the U.S. State Department.

Maeno, 23, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maeno. He completed one year at USC law school, but chose to enter the field of international law and diplomacy instead of joining his father in the legal profession.

The grant includes all travel and living expenses for two years and study tour of Japan and Asiatic countries before his return.

This advanced graduate work is assigned in University of Hawaii's International College and its recently established East-West Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange.

A graduate of Occidental College, he has a master's degree in international relations from Claremont graduate school.

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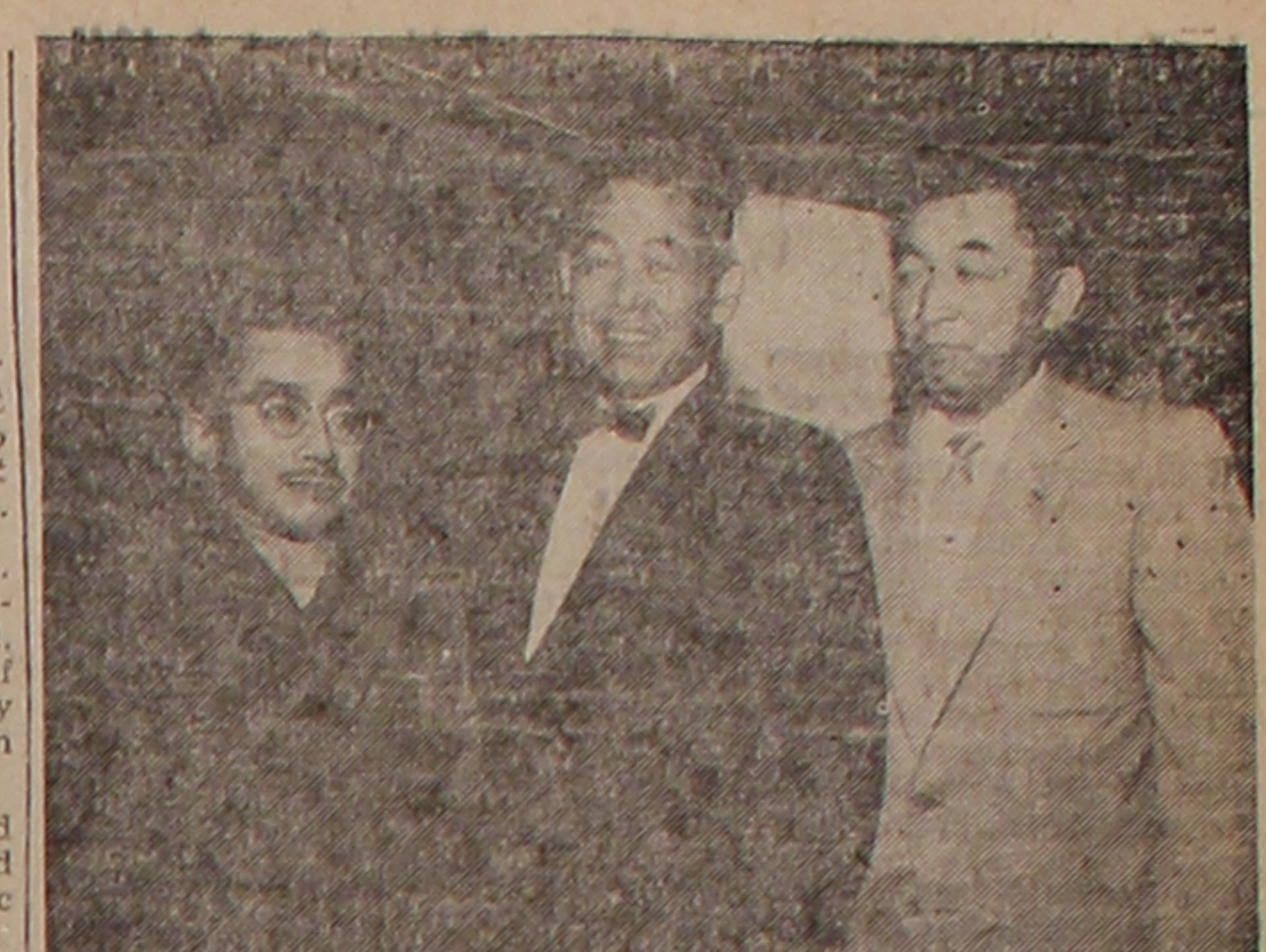
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ED YAMAMOTO, "one man chapter" from Moses Lake, Wash., who pledged for himself and his Issei parents (all life 1000 clubbers) the sum of \$1,000 towards the Issei Story, at the Oregon meeting of the PNWDCC meeting last Sunday, is shown with Frank Hattori, National 1000 Club chairman; and Jim Matsuoka, '62 Convention general chairman at the Windsor Hotel's Hawaiian banquet room at the PNWDCC meeting last Sunday.

Northwest Picture: by Elmer Ogawa Seattle

Once again had the pleasure to attend a PNDC meeting at Gresham, Oregon, last Sunday. By now have attended several in Seattle, one in Tacoma, and the Moses Lake confab last winter. Each one, especially those to which we had to travel, has left us with the feeling that the time and effort were well spent; with an inward feeling of exhilaration and a boost to the morale.

The June 30, original date of the meeting, had been postponed because of the howl that Seattleites could not attend on the opening dates of Seafair, two miles of hon odori to officiate, etc. Then late last Saturday evening when Tak Kubota called and said that the Seattle delegation was still short because of vacations, we checked other plans and joined Tak on the Sunday morning plane to Portland. The busy guy had to catch a 4:30 returning flight to attend a Mayor's Conference banquet; the speaker, guest Governor Rockefeller.

The availability of Mas Satow to attend these district councils is something that we all can be thankful for. He explained the significance and the problems connected with gathering the Issei Story to the 27 delegates present. His eloquence was convincing. "Nowhere is there such a documented history—the public should know of the Issei contribution to America—we owe a tribute to our parents—and to show to all Americans, our appreciation for our parents."

In attendance with the group was a dedicated CLer whom we first met in Seattle about a year ago when he came to help us in several phases connected with the Anti-Alien Land Law Initiative—one our man chapter from Moses Lake, Ed Yamamoto. After bearing the story of how the two banks and several nationally prominent JACLers each put up a grand to the Issei Story, he pledged the same.

Later, Ed reminded me that anything he does is a family project, not just the doings of the "one man chapter." Readers are reminded that Ed and his Issei parents have been Life 1000 Club members for several years. The stay-at-home family consists of Edward M. and his mother and father, Mrs. Matsu, and Mr. Tom Shoji. One brother Floyd was a member of the Boeing Bombers, the Nisei Bowling team which first drew national attention in 1949, to the ABC "whiter only" discrimination clause. Another brother, I believe, was the one that discovered and brought to the attention of the JACL the fact that the State of Idaho has a law which prohibits persons of "Mongolian ancestry" the right to vote, run for office or to serve as jurors. The referendum for repeal will appear on the Idaho 1962 ballot.

Ed is the bachelor of the family who stays at home with his parents in Moses Lake and operates the El Rancho Motel. Moses Lake is about 190 miles east of Seattle—a good lining for motoring JACLers to remember when they are Seattle-bound in July 1962.

One incident in connection with the meeting that we all remember, and he came in for a lot of kidding later—PNDC chairman George Azumano is a fire buff. We were all proceeding in several cars to the very scrumptious steak dinner for lunch set up by the host Gresham-Trousdale chapter, and on Jack Okuda's sudden, a good lining of smoke mushroomed above the sky on the outskirts of Gresham. When the car I was riding passed the scene I debated to myself whether to ask the driver to stop for the benefit of my Speed Graphic. The fire was spectacular from a pictorial standpoint, but unimportant in regard to monetary loss. Decided not to shoot because it was still 14 miles to the nearest dairy. The FD hadn't arrived and there were only 5 or 6 persons watching the fire when we passed. What I didn't notice and soon heard about from the others was the fact that George was ahead of us in the early group—right up close, mouth open, and almost eating the smoke. Only thing I know is that George must have waited until the volunteers put it out, because he was the last to arrive at the restaurant for lunch.

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Fowler JACL slates Issei testimonial on 10th anniversary

FRESNO. — The American Loyalty League, Fresno chapter of the JACL, has decided that the recognition dinner for the pioneer Issei of this area would be held, subject to the approval of the church board, at the new Fresno Buddhist Hall. Hugo Kazato will be chairman.

This magnificent new building will be completed in October at an estimated cost of \$200,000. This event will take place at 5:30 p.m. Sunday evening, Nov. 12.

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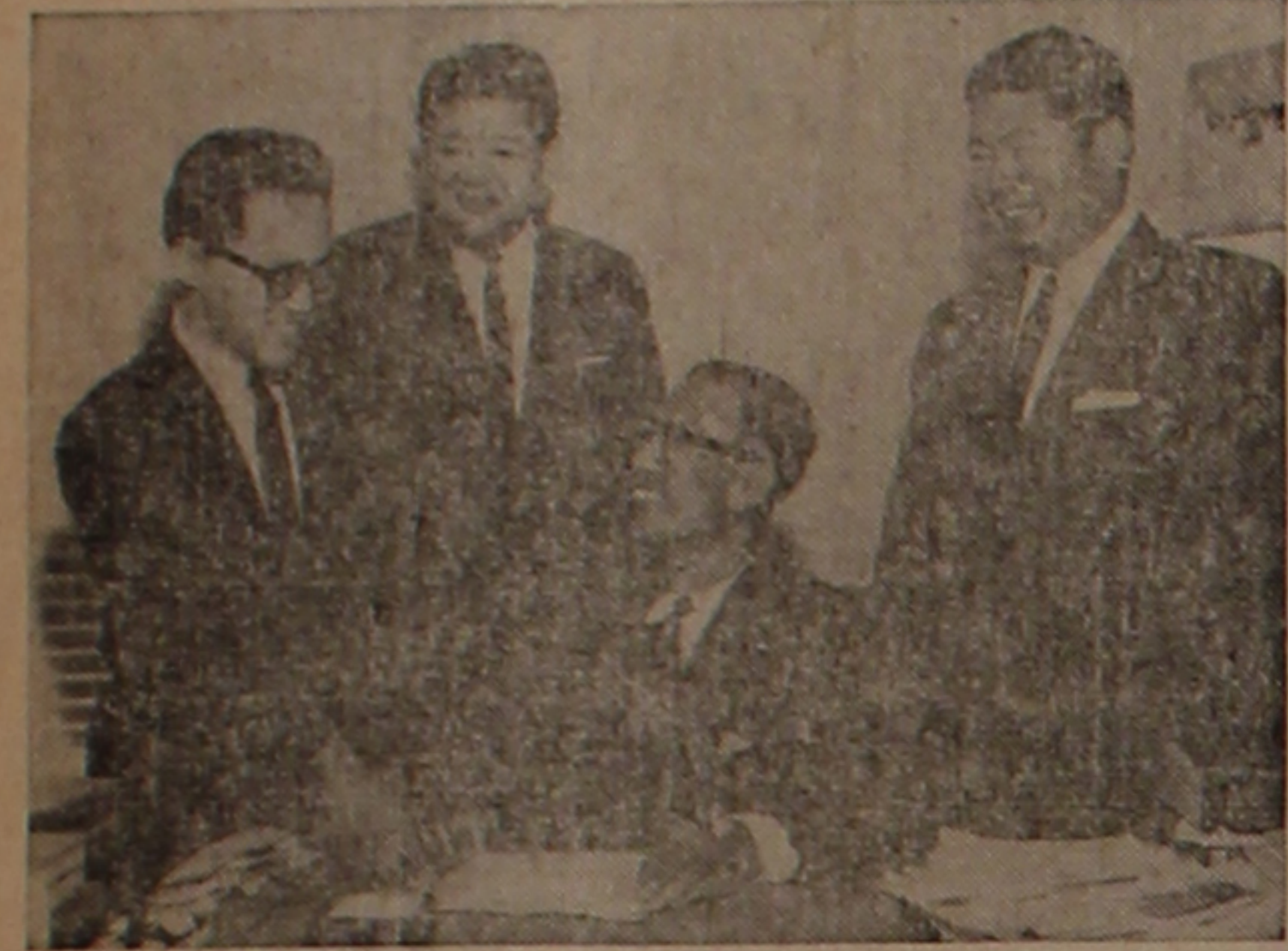
BY BILL MATSUMOTO
National Third Vice-President

There has been some discussion about winding up the membership campaign as close as possible to the first of the year. It would assist our whole National program to know where we stand financially early in the year, thereby making it possible to give the membership more for their money.

It seems to me that our 1961 membership drive proved to many of us that it really doesn't matter too much when the solicitations are made. What counts is the determination to sign up members in your own way.

I am for an earlier campaign, to wind up the membership solicitation, not only because of PC being involved, but we can accomplish our goal in a shorter time, if we keep our minds to it, and eliminate that dragging-out process which seems so unnecessary.

If anyone has any thoughts about earlier JACL membership drives, we would appreciate hearing from our members for we are open to suggestions. (Matsumoto resides at 7084 Wilshire Circle, Sacramento 22, Calif.)



CONSUL GENERAL YUKIO HASUMI CONFERS WITH JACS LEADERS — Consul General of Japan (seated) confers with representatives of the Japanese American Community Services (JACS) including Kango Kunitzugu (left), President; Mike Suzuki, Acting Director; and Kiyu Yamato, Advance Membership Chairman. (Photo by Toyo Miyatake)

Consul General Hasumi donates \$100 to Japanese American Community Serv.

Honorable Yukio Hasumi, Consul General of Japan, has made a personal contribution of \$100 to the advance membership drive of the Japanese American Community Services of So. Calif. (JACS), it was announced today.

Kango Kunitzugu, president of JACS and active JACler, and Kiyu Yamato, chairman of the advance membership drive, reported that the Consul General had forwarded the contribution to express his support and interest in the total program of the new social welfare organization and urged Issei and Nisei alike to support the drive.

In a conference with JACS leaders, the Consul General declared, "It is reassuring to know that an organization such as JACS has been established with objectives which will serve to meet the increasing problems of a growing community."

"I would like to particularly urge our Issei to support the membership drive of JACS since this organization is presently developing a program to meet the welfare and health needs of our aged in cooperation with the Chamber

Engle to preside at aged confab in Los Angeles

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Clair Engle (D-Calif.) will preside at field hearings of a Subcommittee of the Senate Special Committee on Aging to be held in Los Angeles on Oct. 24.

The California Senator said the hearing will cover federal and state activities in the field of aging and that state officials, organizational representatives, and senior citizens themselves will be invited to testify.

Senator Engle said the morning hours will include testimony from California officials in charge of programs affecting older citizens and from spokesmen for organized groups of seniors.

In the afternoon, acting on behalf of the full Senate Committee of which Senator Pat McNamara (D-Mich.) is chairman, Senator Engle will hear testimony of individual citizens themselves.

"I want to hear what our senior citizens themselves have to say about what they think is the proper role of government in dealing with the multitude of problems that confront our older people," he said.

"Of course we value the testimony of expert witnesses working in the field," Senator Engle said, "But, we also want to talk to senior citizens themselves."

Senator Engle is California's representative on the Senate Special Committee on Aging which was established earlier this year.

Japan Regrets United States' Decision To Resume Tests Of Nuclear Weapons

TOKYO — The Japanese government Wednesday said it "regrets very much" the United States' decision to resume laboratory and underground tests of nuclear weapons.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Masayoshi Ohira said the government hopes the United States would "reconsider."

Ohira's statement to newsmen was the first official Japanese reaction to the decision by U.S. President John F. Kennedy to resume the nuclear tests in the face of the Soviet Union's resumption. Foreign Minister Zenkaro Kosaka met with U.S. Ambassador Edwin O. Reischauer for about an hour, presumably to discuss the American move.

It was reported that the foreign ministry was preparing a protest that would be delivered to American officials in Washington. The protest note was expected to say, in essence, that Japan was opposed to nuclear tests in any form and to plead that the tests be halted for "humanity's sake."

The protest would express Japan's "extreme regrets" over the American move.

The statement generally reflected the reaction of the entire nation—mild shock and deep regret. The move had been anticipated in most quarters but it was so early for widespread reaction.



National JACL Headquarters this week acknowledged 38 new and renewal memberships in the 1000 Club for the second half of August. Active membership for Aug. 31 was 1,407—a drop of 11 from July 31.

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Twin Cities — Mrs. Kay Kushino.
Southwest L.A. — David S. Miyamoto.
THIRD YEAR
St. Louis — James Hisashi.
Marysville — Dr. Yutaka Toyoda.
Sierra Leone — E. A. Johnson.
Puallup Valley — Ted Masumoto.
Detroit — Y. Alan Shimazaki.
FIRST YEAR
Seattle — Jick M. Mayevia.
Berkeley — Satoru Nishita.

Mike Masaoka...

appear set for Seattle in 1962. Detroit in 1964, and San Diego in 1966.

SIM TOGASAKI, esteemed organizational elder statesman who was one of the founders of the JACL movement in the late twenties and who is referred as the "Alexander Hamilton" of the organization because of his contributions to developing the financial resources in the early days of national development, was a welcome surprise guest from San Francisco in his capacity as finance chairman of the History of the Japanese in America project.

Frank Hattori, National 1000 Club Chairman, championed the Whing Ding participants with his commentary, especially those in his "fractured Nisei-ese." He did much to generate an "On to Seattle" spirit for the National Convention to be held there next summer, with the annual Seafair and the Century 21st WorldFair as side attractions.

And, the intensional entertainer at the Sayonara Ball, a native Minnesotan of Japanese and Finnish ancestry, brought down the house with his wizardry on the accordion and his accomplished, professional artistry as comedian and musician.

AS AT the recent IDC Convention in Pocatello, Idaho, the youth dominated over the Labor Day weekend, with more than a hundred registered for the Jr. JACL program of activities. They added the sparkle and the enthusiasm that served to inspire the older delegates.

Though not organized into a Jr. JACL district council, the Convention served to emphasize the need for such an affiliation. Out-of-towners were domiciled in dormitories at the University of Minnesota campus. The host youth club, the Minneapolis Community Youth Council, has as its vice chairman, a Chinese American, Richard Luke.

Great credit is due to co-chairmen Tomo Kosabayashi and Dr. Simpey Kuramoto and the members of the Convention Board, as well as to Twin Cities United Citizens League president Ted Matsuyama and his chapter members, for sponsoring the well planned, organized, and executed convention that was relaxed, friendly, and heart-warming in atmosphere, though clock-work in its operations.

This Minneapolis Convention will go down in JACL annals as among the best of those held on the district council level.

AFTER the Convention proper was over, on Labor Day morning, National JACL President Frank Chuman of Los Angeles convened a special, unofficial National Board meeting to consider matters of concern to the National Organization. Attending that session were Pat Okura, first national vice president from Omaha, Nebraska, Kumio Yoshinari, national treasurer from Chicago, Hattori, National 1000 Club Chairman, Shig Wakamatsu, Immediate past National President also from Chicago, Frank Sakamoto of Chicago and John Yoshino of Washington, D.C., newly elected chairmen of the Midwest and Eastern district councils, respectively, and Joe Kodawaki and Bill Marutani of Cleveland and Philadelphia, respectively, chairmen for these two district councils during the past biennium. National Director Mas Sato from San Francisco and Washington Representative Mike Masaoka were also present.

Because of the great interest in the History of the Japanese in America project, Er. T. Scott Miyakawa of Boston, project director, Dr. Gladys Ishida from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and Tozasaki, finance committee chairman, also participated.

Architect Learns Apt. Trade Secrets

BY TOORU KANAZAWA

New York From the drawing board of George Gontoku Shimamoto come blueprints for the realization of dreams. No split level dreams but dreams costing millions. The latest will cost a quarter of a billion dollars to put into steel and concrete. All will be distinctive features of the tremendous city-undefling that New York City is undergoing.

Mr. Shimamoto, a former resident of San Francisco, is an associate of Kelly & Gruzen in charge of Urban Renewal and Housing. The firm's latest major undertaking will be the construction of Litho Central City to be built above the New York Central railroad tracks on the West Side. The project is under Mr. Shimamoto's supervision.

Litho Central is being sponsored by the Amalgamated Lithographers of America, Local 1, Edward Swayback, president. It is proposed as an economically integrated, self-sufficient community providing housing for 25,000 people. It will have full community, educational, welfare and commercial facilities on a 35-acre site created by the leasing of air rights over the tracks of the New York Central Railroad's 60th Street freight yard tracks.

Located west of Lincoln Center, it will extend from 60th to 70th Street, parallel to the West Side Highway. The cost is estimated at \$250,000,000.

It is the hope of the union, according to Mr. Swayback, to complement the cultural oasis of Lincoln Center. The project is to include schools, houses of worship, a graphic arts center and artists' studios.

"Our goal," Mr. Swayback said, "are homes for 25,000 people with a range of carrying charges from \$25 to \$80 per room per month. This would permit working men, retired pensioners and other middle income groups to realize ideal housing within their income range."

Mr. Shimamoto, who was born in Japan but brought up in this country, is a naturalized citizen. He lives in West New York on the New Jersey bank of the Hudson because he got tired of looking at black asphalt and wanted to give his children breathing space.

However, he does not live in a private house but in an apartment because he wants to learn of apartment dwellers' problems at first hand. This helps him incorporate practical living designs into apartment projects which he is asked to blueprint.

His philosophy is contained in an article by Helen Stix which we reprint from the Aug. 16 issue of the Herald Tribune.

BY HARRIET STIX
George Shimamoto is an architect who, from the ivory tower of an apartment in New Jersey, looks across the river at Manhattan and wonders "why?"

He appreciates this man-made island—and he has made part of it himself. But at the same time he recognizes that it is hideously congested, that for blocks the only spot of green will be fake ivy trailing from a window box.

He moved his family out of Manhattan, he says, because he got sick and tired of looking at black pavement. He wanted his two daughters to have a chance to at least glimpse something green and growing and to have some place besides the street to play.

He chooses to continue living in an apartment for what he calls "the obvious reason—to know how people live there. Otherwise how can I cure the ailments?"

Mr. Shimamoto is presently working on three middle-income cooperative housing developments, which are going up under the auspices of the Fund for Urban Improvement, a non-profit outfit.

The basic feeling he wants to create in all of them is one of neighborliness.

This he has done in various ways. In Luna Park, near Coney Island, he has designed five windmill-shaped buildings each with four wings twenty stories high. There are only four apartments on each floor, so everyone has a corner and no one can get that rabbit-warren feeling.

The central core of each building is a hundred-foot-long terrace, or "sidewalk in the sky" on each floor. At the back of the terrace are the elevators, stairways and incinerator chutes. The front looks out over the ocean. Mr. Shimamoto hopes that the tenants will bring out their deck chairs here on fine days, use it for airing the babies. He points out that when women have to go ten stories down to do this, all too often they just don't bother.

Older children will play there, too, so a fine curtain of stainless steel mesh reaches from floor to ceiling.

Mr. Shimamoto says: "Unfortunately in this country we have failed to educate our children to behave. In Europe, where there is no fence people recognize danger and act accordingly."

At the back of the "sidewalk" concrete precast grilles will also reach floor to ceiling. These are both decorative and functional in that they will break the strong sea breezes. Wind tunnel tests were made to establish how large the openings should be—and there was another factor involved in determining this.

Mr. Shimamoto says: "It is surprising how small a space a child can stick his head into. We wanted

to discourage this and also climbing."

There is space in the building for community rooms, laundries, for a co-operative nursery or day care center. But Mr. Shimamoto is counting on the sidewalks in the sky to be auxiliary community centers on a human scale.

Luna Park is surrounded by green. And in another project, Mr. Shimamoto has designed a garden at second floor level. Underneath will be parking space.

He is very fond of balconies, which he feels ideally should be no smaller than seven by ten feet—big enough to have a sandbox in the corner. In one of the projects he is working on, Chatham Towers in Division Street, he has designed "indoor balconies." All this means really is that there is no partition between the living room and balcony. Sliding glass doors are set by the railings to keep the outdoors outside when necessary.

Mr. Shimamoto says that his own apartment living has given him a number of pet hates he believes can be eliminated no matter how budget-minded the builders are. Some of them—inadequate closet space; lack of insulation between apartments; inadequate work space in the kitchen; poor design which makes the living room a corridor to bedrooms. One problem for which he has not yet come up with a solution: how to design an elevator so that children will not deface it.

But he does believe that young people will respect something that is good and fresh and mentally stimulating. He points out that some of our new schools, which are beautiful, do not have the usual problems of vandalism. Presumably when a really beautiful elevator is designed, it will stop there, too.

Mr. Shimamoto is recognized on both sides of the Pacific. Educated at California Technical College, where he received his Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree in 1927, he is special consultant to the Architectural Institute of Japan. He is also licensed to practice architecture in that country.

In the U.S. he is a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a member of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Before the war, from 1939-40 he served as Technical Consultant to the Golden Gate International Exposition Authority in San Francisco. During World War II he was Assistant Project Engineer for the War Relocation Authority, Department of the Interior, Utah, in charge of design, construction and maintenance.

These included low rent, middle income and privately sponsored housing. He directed the first Redevelopment Project to be undertaken in the East under the 1949 Housing Act.

He also represented the firm in the design and construction of the \$30,000,000 Family Housing (Capehart) project at the Pittsburgh AFB, N.Y., one of the largest Air Force Housing Projects in the U.S.

In 1959 he traveled extensively as a member of a special housing tour visiting and inspecting the renewal and housing problems of eleven European countries.

He has written several articles relating to collective living.

Last spring he made an extended tour of Japan at the invitation of Japanese architects and urban renewal officials. The trip was also made in connection with the planning of a proposed Japanese tourist center to be erected in upstate New York.

A registered architect and licensed professional engineer in the state of N.J., he is a member of the:

- New Jersey Society of Architects; National Assn. of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; Urban Land Institute; American Concrete Institute; the Society of American Military Engineers; and the Architectural League of New York.

Orange County JACL plans talent show in mid-November

ORANGE COUNTY—The Orange County JACL Chapter, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Karie Aihara, will plan, manage and produce a professional type talent show in mid-November.

All who have abilities of entertainment value, are asked to contact Mrs. Karie Aihara at LE 9-5210 for appearances on the show. Mrs. Karie Aihara, as Karie Shindo toured the United States and Hawaii with the Mills Brothers, and sang with Harry James band, and recorded with Lionel Hampton.

She has also made several motion pictures and recorded many well known platters with her brother, Tak Shindo, of Capitol Records.

Fowler JACL names scholarship winner

FOWLER — Michiye Taniguchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sunato Taniguchi, became the winner of the 1961 Fowler JACL scholarship at the local high school graduation exercise. She received \$100 from her chapter.

Rei Tsuchiguchi, daughter of Mrs. Y. Tsuchiguchi, was the recipient of Central California District Council \$125 scholarship and \$250 Fowler Lions Club Scholarship.

Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

First Nisei Lobbyist

Part VIII: Continued

An article which appeared in the magazine published by the Masonic order of New York called "The Vigilant" gives a review of the entire Slocum story in relation to the fight in Congress to grant naturalization privileges under the title of "A Broken Promise." Excerpts are as follows:

"A very good friend of ours, Tokutaro N. Slocum, a Japanese, came to this country at the age of ten. He was raised by an American family and he adopted their name. He had the greatest respect and admiration for his foster parents and for America. He longed to become an American citizen, but our laws prevented that. To our mind, as we have come to know him, he was and still is a far better citizen than many who enjoy the franchise. Along came our entry into the war in 1917. The draft act went into operation, but all aliens were exempt from service under it. Our friend, however, did not hesitate to join the colors and served in the Eighty Second Division, in

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Then it was time for the speaker of the evening, "Mr. JACL," otherwise, Mike Masaoka, JACL representative in Washington.

For sheer presentation of what patriotism involves and how citizenship is earned, few have better understanding or ability of expression than he.

He congratulated the hearers with having won acceptance as citizens and for having proven their patriotism. "But now that you have arrived how do you feel about other minorities," he said.

"What about the struggle of the Negro for citizenship?"

"Are you willing to stand up and be counted?" he asked.

He recounted how during war-time he knew the inside of a Louisiana jail and knew how it was to have a howling mob on the outside clamoring for his blood.

"How do the Negroes feel? What is happening to the freedom riders once happened to us. How many of us in their time of travail or in the time of travail of any other minority group are willing to make our voices heard?"

"Let us never forget that there were Americans who in our hour of darkness lighted the path for us."

"Are you willing to extend to every other American the rights of citizenship that you now demand? Are you willing to fight to extend it to all other Americans?"

He recounted how during the late war Japanese American and Negro American troops were denied the right to eat with other American troops while the enemy, German prisoners-of-war sat at the table.

He recited how discrimination remains in America; the discrimination in Colorado employment laws, the miscegenation law in Utah; the alien land law in Washington; the anti-Mongolian law prohibiting the right of non-Caucasians to vote or serve on juries in Idaho, the repeal of which will be voted on in the next general election.

"Regardless of what others may say, do the right thing. There was only one Buddha; there was only one Christ; there are in the Nation only 25,000 Quakers, but all have had an influence out of all proportion to their numbers," he concluded.

To at least one observer who always has taken his citizenship for granted along with the circumstance of having been born with a light skin, the conference was an enlightening experience.

Here were people who knew what it meant to be hated, who had proven themselves to be citizens of the highest order. They combined pride in ancestry with pride in their accomplishments. They knew how their citizenship had been bought.

How many of the rest of us do?

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the same regiment as the famous Sergeant York of Tennessee. He was the only Oriental sergeant major in the A.E.F.

"In 1918 Congress passed an act providing that any alien who served honorably with the colors should, subject to certain limitations, be entitled to naturalization. Quite a number of certificates of naturalization were granted under this act to aliens, who were otherwise ineligible to citizenship, being Chinese or Japanese mostly. Finally the matter came before the U.S. Supreme Court, whereby a decision was rendered to the effect that, 'It was not the intention of this act to grant citizenship to those ineligible under our laws.'"

Therefore those certificates which had been granted, including that of our friend Slocum, were invalidated. Our friend 'Tokie,' as we call him, had gloriously and unselfishly earned his most cherished desire, promised him by the great nation of America, only to have it taken away from him.

"The only way now open for 'Tokie' to obtain his American citizenship lay through Congress, by acting another law or special act, that would grant these Orientals who served with the colors and who still reside here, the privilege of being naturalized."

"Our friend was crestfallen; beaten, but unbowed. Recall he had been a good soldier. He could not fathom so great a country as ours running out on a promise to a few aliens, who had lived up to their part of the bargain. There must be a way to rectify this mistake. He realized the only way toward a remedy lay in orderly action, reason and appeal. He did not sit by the wayside and cry. He started out himself and has spent seven years going all over the country at a sacrifice of time and position, to enlist the aid of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other bodies to have his suggestions approved, and a bill introduced into Congress. Perhaps few will know the privations and setbacks he has put up with in accomplishing this."

"Finally Congressman Clarence F. Lea of California introduced a bill known as HR 7170, and U.S. Senator Gerald Nye of North Dakota a similar bill known as S 2508. These bills were referred to the Committee on Immigration

Calendar

- Sept. 8 (Friday) Mt. Olympus — Mixed Bowling League, State Bowling, Murray, Jr. Philadelphia — Board meeting, Dr. S.K. Nagahashi residence, 6 p.m. New York — Installation dinner, Mas Satow, speaker.
- Sept. 9 (Saturday) Orange County — Carnival, Japanese Presbyterian Church, Wintersburg, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 10 (Sunday) Hollywood — Steak bake, Griffith Park Area 4 3 p.m.
- Sept. 15 (Friday) Dayton — Board meeting, Yosh Yoshi-da residence, 8 p.m.
- Sept. 16 (Saturday) East Los Angeles — General meeting social; International Institute.
- Sept. 16 (Saturday) Southwest L.A. — Cooking class, Day-Lite Mkt., 3800 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.
- Sept. 17 (Sunday) Pasadena — Bazaar booth, Presbyterian Church.
- Sept. 17 (Sunday) West Los Angeles — Auxiliary fashion show-luncheon, Imperial Gardens.
- Sept. 17 (Sunday) Pasadena — General meeting, Presbyterian Church.
- Sept. 23 (Saturday) San Francisco — Auxiliary fashion show-luncheon, Fairmount Hotel, 12:30 p.m.
- Sept. 24 (Sunday) Cincinnati — "Trip to Japan" program, YWCA.
- Sept. 29-30 Sonoma County — Benefit movies.
- Sept. 30 (Saturday) East Los Angeles — Issei Appreciation Night, International Institute.
- Berkeley — Talent-Vison benefit, Burbank Jr. High.

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