

# By the Board

By DR. ROY M. NISHIKAWA, PC Board Chairman

## 'PC WITH MEMBERSHIP' AFTER ONE YEAR

ALMOST A year has now passed since the Pacific Citizen Board and staff put into effect the mandate of the 1960 Sacramento National Convention to provide each JACL household with the Pacific Citizen. In our opinion, this was one of the most significant organizational steps ever taken by the JACL. Under this new program, 52 chapters have exceeded their 1960 memberships and 15 chapters and the National Organization have attained an all time high in membership. At the same time the Pacific Citizen has become the largest Japanese American vernacular in the continental United States.

But the true success of this program can be better judged at the end of the current (1962) membership campaign. One of the most persuasive arguments used in behalf of this program was that the Pacific Citizen was a tangible and regular reminder to the member of his affiliation with the JACL. At the same time, it would serve to keep him informed and to educate him.

If these premises are valid, and if the recent readers' poll conducted by the Pacific Citizen drew a truly representative response, then it would be safe to predict an even greater membership gain for 1962. This is based on the assumption that much of the "membership turnover" of former years can now be more easily avoided. The fact that several chapters have already started their 1962 membership drives is an encouraging sign.

WE RECALL pushing for this measure as long ago as 1952, when as National Treasurer, our chief concern was with our chronic financial difficulties. At that time when this idea was presented at one of our PSWDC meetings, it received a rather cool reception. And in subsequent years, on discussing the matter with various National, District and Local officials, the plan did not receive too much encouragement. In principle the idea was approved, but almost always there was the fear that the higher annual dues involved would result in a loss of membership.

In 1958-9 the idea gradually took on a better tone of acceptance and in 1959-60 the San Diego and Long Beach Chapters started on a "pilot program" to test whether a linkage of Pacific Citizen with membership under a single inclusive fee would result in a loss of members. Both chapters found good membership acceptance and both established new membership records.

Even so, at the Pacific Citizen Board and Staff meeting just prior to the Sacramento Convention, when the question was raised whether the P.C. Board should go all out and fight for this provision, the Board voted conservatively to simply present the facts and to let the delegates decide the issue upon its merits.

Those who attended the convention will recall it was the valiant fight spearheaded by Dr. David Miura of the Long Beach JACL, which finally resulted in the passage of this now historic and far reaching decision. The JACL owes much to Dr. Miura's courage and perseverance.

ONE OF the most valuable adjuncts of "PC with membership" is the fact that the local chapters are now directly responsible for getting their membership campaigns underway early enough to qualify their members for a full year's subscription to the Pacific Citizen.

At the beginning of last year's membership drive, some cries of anguish were heard from chapter leaders and others who said they could not possibly start a membership drive during the cold weather, or that people simply would not sign up before the Holiday Season.

As a result of these protests, our Board requested National President Frank Chuman to plead with the chapters for an early start on their membership drives in order that the bulk of memberships and finances would be accounted for at the beginning of the year, thus enabling the chapters and the National JACL to concentrate more fully on other programs and activities during the balance of the year.

As the records will show, our JACL chapters came through magnificently. More members were signed up earlier than ever before—with most of them in by the March 31st deadline. And since finances are directly tied to membership, the bulk of the finances were also in by this date.

All of these advantages now seem abundantly clear in retrospect, but only a decade ago when hours were spent at National Conventions arguing the merits of a fifty-cent raise in dues, the eventual linkage of PC with membership looked dismal indeed.

All of this illustrates the fact that changes do not come about easily in the JACL. We are not a profit making business organization in which an appropriate chain of command efficiently puts into effect any given change in policy. Instead we must rely upon the understanding and cooperation of all our members.

## LONG RANGE VIEW FOR JACL

IN RECENT years we have made great forward strides in other fields: The JACL Endowment Fund, the JACL Youth Program, and the Story of the Japanese in America. But great potentials in these areas have barely been exploited. Fortunately, these programs now seem to have sufficient incentives and support to be pushed on to new highs.

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At one time in our history there was a period in which people said, "JACL has worked itself out of business." They cast doubts about its future need. This point of view may prevail once again unless the JACL takes vigorous action to implement some of the programs outlined above.

If we can but lift our eyes from the mundane present and look to the long range future, the growth, progress and development of the JACL seem unlimited. In the humble opinion of this writer, the Nisei leaders in JACL should

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## CANADA LEADER DEFENDS WARTIME NISEI EVACUATION

TORONTO. — Former Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent defended the wartime government policy of rounding up Japanese Canadians on the west coast and shipping them to relocation camps in the interior of British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Northern and Western Ontario towns when interviewed on the CBC television program "Inquiry" earlier this past week.

"Blood is thicker than water" he answered when asked if there was reason to doubt the loyalty of the Japanese in British Columbia.

In explaining his defense of the moves by the government against the Japanese Canadians, he said here was reason to fear at the time that the Japanese might try to land on the B.C. coast and here was fear for the loyalty of persons of Japanese descent there. "The people of B.C. were naturally even more worried than we in the east," he declared.

When pressed by the interviewer, Jeanne Sauve, he stated: "many of the Japanese Canadians would remain loyal to Canada as long as there would be a Canada." He said he did not know what the attitude of the Japanese Canadians would have been otherwise.

When asked about the loss of aluable property, which was sold at cut rates, suffered by the Japanese Canadians, St. Laurent admitted mistakes were made in handling their possessions. "But," he said, "they couldn't take their ancestral possessions with them when they were moved." He said that adequate compensation was given.

With regards to St. Laurent's remarks on "Inquiry" Toronto Star columnist Jeremy Brown had this to say about the interview. "I imagine the Liberals must have squirmed a bit when the former prime minister in describing the treatment accorded Japanese and Japanese Canadians during World War Two said 'blood is thicker than water.'"

St. Laurent used this statement when he suggested the restrictive (and in my opinion inhuman) measures were taken against the Japanese on the west coast because in case of invasion they might join the other side.

The view might just possibly have been tenable at the beginning of the war—but to repeat it without apology 21 years later in the face of the intense devotion to Canada shown by the Japanese then is shocking.

## Winnipeg Free Press to eliminate use of 'Jap'

WINNEPEG.—The Winnipeg Free Press has assured the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens Assn. that further usage of "Jap" on its pages would be avoided.

Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

## Freedom in Employment

Washington, D.C. — Two weeks ago, we reported on the (Oct. 13) realistic and far-reaching recommendations of the United States Civil Rights Commission in the field of housing. This week, we shall report on the (Oct. 13) equally realistic and far-reaching recommendations of this congressionally-authorized, presidentially-appointed, six-member, bipartisan Commission in the field of employment.

It is not difficult for the older Nisei to recall the prewar pattern of job discrimination against those of Japanese ancestry, for university degrees and honors meant little and personal desires and qualifications often even less.

As a matter of fact, the first presidential commission that the JACL ever appeared before was in October 1941 when the then Fair Employment Practices Committee held public hearings in Los Angeles. The JACL testified to the lack of opportunity for qualified Nisei to secure employment in the so-called defense industries, especially in aircraft, and in the civil service.

Since that time, however, happily, most employment opportunities are open to qualified Nisei, though there still remain many problems in connection with promotions and upgrading, especially to the policy and management levels. Indeed, in certain fields, such as stenographic and secretarial for the girls and general research for the men, Nisei are in great demand, being supposedly more conscientious and responsible than are most other workers.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS Commission urged the Congress to enact legislation creating a new agency to combat racial discrimination in all employment, recruitment, and job training supported by Federal funds and to outlaw racial prejudice by all labor unions.

In addition, it urged the President to use his powers to prohibit racial bias in the armed forces reserves and in the National Guard of the several States. In the Federal grant programs to "state and local governments for highway, airport, housing, urban renewal, child welfare, "federally impacted" public school, and other such projects involving the use of Federal monies, and in the state employment offices.

The Commission also suggested that local Federally aided vocational schools be required to give Negroes and other minority students equal training with whites for all jobs, and not just training for menial tasks.

The Commission urged the Congress, in this sphere, to provide

funds for nondiscriminatory programs for expanded vocational and apprenticeship training, re-training of the unemployed, and special programs for youth, as well as job placement and information or counselling services for teenager

THE STATUTORY employment agency, which would replace the executive order-established President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, should not be confused with the so-called FEPC (fair employment practices commission) type of legislation so long advocated locally, in the States, and nationally by the JACL and other civil rights, nationality, and minority organizations.

The new agency would bar racial and religious discrimination in all employment supported by Federal funds. The FEPC bills in the Congress would bar racial discrimination in all employment engaged in interstate commerce.

The new agency would not only have increased enforcement powers and financial resources than the President's Committee but would also extend its scope beyond mere Federal agencies or Federal contractors; it would extend to cover all projects and programs financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

"THE EFFORTS of the Federal Government to achieve equality of opportunity in employment have been limited and sporadic," according to the Berl I. Bernhard, the Commission's staff director.

Similarly, he contended that "the efforts of the AFL-CIO have proved to be largely ineffective" in curbing discrimination against Negroes by local unions, especially in some of the building trades. Especially in the construction field, union membership is a prerequisite to a job for all practical purposes, yet Negroes and Nisei, among others, have been denied access to union locals, and particularly to apprenticeship training programs that pave the way to better-paying jobs, the Commission found.

While the number of non-white workers in the construction trades have increased 50 per cent in the past ten years, the Commission found that the Negroes, among others, are still largely confined to semi-skilled and unskilled labor and trowel trades — plastering, bricklaying and cement work.

To date, according to the Commission, neither the courts nor the National Labor Relations Board have regarded the refusal of a union to admit Negroes as failure to provide "fair representation".

Not only in the building and in the construction trades but in all union discrimination, the Commission found that one result of this

union and management as well as prejudice has been to discourage Negroes and others from even applying for skilled jobs or for training to qualify for higher paid occupations, despite the country's shortage of technical manpower.

ALTHOUGH then President Truman in 1948 banned segregation in the armed forces, this order did not extend to the reserves or to the various National Guard units.

The Commission refused to accept estimates that the desegregation of the reserves, including the ROTC program in colleges and universities, and of the National Guard units in 16 States would cause a deterioration of military efficiency or combat effectiveness.

Noting that in the fiscal year (1961) ending last July 1, seven and a half billion dollars were distributed in Federal grants to state and local governments for various programs, the Commission declared that the same nondiscrimination policy that supposedly governs Federal contractors should control these grants-in-aid and "matching funds" projects to other political subdivisions since the funds are from all of the taxpayers all across the nation.

And, the President was asked to direct the Secretary of Labor to provide administrative funds only to those state employment offices that "offer their services to all on a nonsegregated basis, and which refuse to accept or process discriminatory job orders".

THE ILLUSTRATIONS cited by the Commission in labor-management collusion to prevent the Negro from securing certain employment, especially when union membership too was involved, remind us too vividly of the same kind of vicious practices that used to be directed against the Nisei, especially on the Pacific Coast, in pre-World War II days and during the relocation era after evacuation from the west and east.

We have but a single criticism to add to the Commission's excellent recommendations. That is, why not extend this non-discriminatory principle and practice beyond the initial hiring stage, on to promotions and upgrading; otherwise, like slaves trained for a certain job in the pre-Civil War culture, minority workers could be, in effect, "chained" to their employment, no matter how well they produce and operate, the rest of their lives, without hope of advancement?

Such "involuntary servitude" would constitute another kind of racial discrimination in employment too.



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## Issei disburses own savings, sensing approach of death

MONTEREY. — Critically ill and sensing the coming of death, the Rev. Ryuzan Hayase, 34, of the Monterey Hokkaido Nichiren Buddhist Church has disbursed all of his monetary savings to various organizations this past week.

"I wish to thank the world which has given me life and the people who have been good to me," the aged priest explained. He contributed sums not in the excess of \$25 to Buddhist and Christian churches as well as the Monterey Peninsula JACL. A sum was also contributed to Chohai Kondo of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California for his social work among lepers.

## California expect 8,000 aliens for state pensions

BERKELEY. —California has now eliminated citizenship requirements for recipients of old age and disability benefits.

Some 8,000 applications from alien residents are expected during the first six months of 1962 when the action takes effect according to the State Social Welfare Board. It was estimated it would cost at \$5,361,900 for the 8,000.

The program will be jointly financed with federal, state and county funds.

## ST. LOUIS NISEI GRANTED \$48,000 GRANT FROM AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

ST. LOUIS. — Dr. Joseph H. Ogura, professor of otolaryngology at the Washington University School of Medicine, has been granted \$48,398 by the Missouri Division of the American Cancer Society, the St. Louis JACL reported this past week.

He is working on synthetic processes for replacement of the larynx and is presently experimenting with dogs.

Dr. Ogura and his wife, Ruth, attended a medical meeting in Paris this summer.

## National Park status for Rohwer asked

(Special to Pacific Citizen) ROHWER. — The Japanese American Citizens League wants the federal government to take over the Rohwer Relocation Center Cemetery and maintain it as a national shrine. Joseph K. Sagami, chairman of the Chicago chapter, declared at the special ceremonies here Oct. 15.

Sagami said that inclusion of the cemetery within the National Park system was sought.

The Pine Bluff Commercial, in its lead editorial Oct. 17, agreed, declaring:

"We would like to see the Rohwer Cemetery become a national responsibility—not because Arkansians lack the resources to care for the cemetery but—

"Because its designation as a national shrine or monument would be a meaningful act of apology by the whole nation, and

"Because its continued maintenance by the federal government would be a continuing expression of acknowledgement and regret."

## Rohwer Logical Place

The editorial further noted that "there is nowhere a public facility devoted to the Relocation." It suggested Rohwer was a logical place for such a facility, because it is the "last remaining consequential physical reminder of the greatest injustice inflicted by Americans upon Americans since at least the Trail of Tears."

The Pine Bluff Commercial envisioned an information center and exhibit of impressive handicraft and fine art "created by a strong people in a time of heavy burdens." The story of Japanese American art in the relocation centers is one too little known, it added.

Rohwer in its hey-day looked like a cross between a concentration camp and a museum garden; seldom has so much to gratify the senses been created out of so little," the editorial said.

## Local Maintenance

Meantime, steps have been taken apparently to keep the cemetery from ever reverting to jungle again.

A Rohwer Cemetery Association was organized with T. Shigetome of Chicago as president, Sam Yada of Little Rock, v.p.;



TWO MONUMENTS AT ROHWER

Two monuments at the Rohwer Relocation Center cemetery—the left one for the memory of the Issei buried on the acre plot and the right one dedicated to the Nisei GIs whose kin were in Rohwer—stand clear of the undergrowth, eliminated by local area residents prior to the dedication of the cemetery as an Arkansas historical site. Each grave was honored by a six-inch layer of new earth, contoured and patted in rectangular form.

and Mickey Nakamura of North Little Rock, sec. Other Arkansians members include J.L. Erwin, Desha County judge; D.A. Clark, commander, McGehee American Legion post; Robert Adcock, McGehee businessman; Buford Condon, Desha County Central School district superintendent; E.V. Whitaker and Dr. Nat Griswold, Little Rock.

The Desha Central FFA chapter, which reclaimed the cemetery from weeds and undergrowth, will continue to maintain the grounds for \$300 a year, it was announced. Dr. Joseph Hunter, now of Jackson, Miss., a member of the association, said great effort has been made to secure the federal government to care for the cemetery, which is on federal land. The 10,000 acres of the center have all been sold except for the cemetery.

The Chicago Nisei Post of the American Legion is also in favor of having the site declared a federal shrine of some kind.

There had been efforts for moving the Rohwer to a national cemetery, but Sagami and Tak Hirai, senior vice-commander of the Nisei Post, said they were strongly opposed. Sagami said a memorial to the relocation centers was needed as

their sons and brothers volunteer into the army under such circumstances? Would they have continued to cherish their past and also live for the future?

"We owe a debt of gratitude to these citizens because they are the ones who proved that a people intitled in liberty and want of freedom can come back and prove that if these desires are strong enough, no obstacle can block their way," the judge continued. "We know that apologies are of no value today. However, it is our duty to see that incidents such as these never occur as long as we live."

## Japanese Speech Understood

T. Shigetome's address, while mainly in Japanese, was interspersed with such English words as American, volunteer, 100th Bn., 442nd, so that the message was understood. Mickey Nakamura, co-chairman of the services, also tersely interpreted for the Chicago Issei hotelman who headed the Rohwer Co-operative.

Sagami read the telegram from Frank Chuman, National JACL President (sent Oct. 13 PC), and then commented: "Here we are proving democracy in action can rectify its wrongs." He also spoke on the feelings of the Nisei in camp who volunteered for military service. "America was in danger... America was our country, the only country we knew, the only country we had. The only action we could take, despite the wrong committed, was to serve our country!"

## Skin divers search for drowned Seattle fisherman

SEATTLE. — Police skin divers were searching this past weekend for the body of Harry Ikebuchi, 61, of 2005 1/2 Second Ave., drowned off West Point last Friday when his rented boat apparently struck a submerged log and threw him into the frigid waters of Puget Sound.

The boat that Ikebuchi had rented spun around in crazy circles for more than an hour before it ran out of gas.

## Seattle Sansei named Nat'l Merit semi-finalist

SEATTLE. — Kathleen M. Hagihara, a senior at Franklin High School, was among 51 Seattle high school pupils who were named semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program.

The semi-finalists will take another test on Dec. 2 and the winners will be announced on Apr. 26 next year. Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hagihara. She was Girls State representative in 1960.

## Bob Mukai to coach Utah Univ. debate team

SALT LAKE CITY. — Robert Mukai will serve as assistant coach for the Univ. of Utah debate squad, announced coach George A. Adamson. Mukai is a Univ. of Utah graduate in law and was active in debate. He is president of the Mt. Olympus JACL.

## Wakawa's wife dies of peritonitis

TOKYO. — Wife of Sessue Hayakawa, former screen actress Tsuyu Aoki, died of peritonitis on Oct. 18 at the age of 68. She was the first Japanese woman to become a screen actress during the days of silent films in Hollywood.

## Tokyo population

TOKYO. — Approaching the 10 million mark, the population of Tokyo for Sept. 30 was 9,924,415 according to the Japan Statistics Bureau.

## STRICT PC DEADLINE ADHERENCE REQUESTED

Because the press deadline for the Pacific Citizen has been advanced from Wednesday midnight to Wednesday, 4 p.m., all columnists and chapter correspondents are advised that a strict Monday deadline will be effective starting with the next issue.

News reaching us Wednesday will not be considered—unless of major importance. Cooperation of everyone concerned is urged.

—Editor.

## Chapter Index

Chapters, which have submitted articles in this week's issue, are as follows:

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- Detroit JACL
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## Director's Report

### TV STATIONS COOPERATE

A number of television stations have been good enough to express their cooperation regarding the war films we find objectionable. Where replies are from stations located in chapter areas, copies will be sent to the particular Chapter.

WXYZ, Detroit: "We endorse your concern for the showing of any film which impugns the loyalty of Japanese-Americans."

WXEN, Richmond, Va.: "...two are under contract to us. We do not consider these pictures of enough significance to warrant our showing them, especially in view of the concern you have expressed."

KMJ, Fresno: "I am certainly sympathetic with your point of view and I am pleased to advise you that none of these is included in our library, and should any of them be acquired, we shall not schedule them."

KIRO, Seattle: "It has been a policy of this station to preview all program material arriving at the station in order to cull out undesirable and objectionable products."

KOGO, San Diego: "Let me just reassure you that KOGO-TV takes every precaution to avoid the airing of material that might be critical of any race."

WJZ, Baltimore: "We are pleased to tell you that the two objectionable films in our library have been retired."

KWTV, Oklahoma City: "I am pleased that none of the movies listed are on license to KWTV for broadcasting."

KONO, San Antonio: "We certainly do appreciate your feelings about the films which you sent us. You may rest assured that you have our complete cooperation."

WSIX, Nashville: "Because we do not wish to in any way contribute to any misunderstanding between segments of our American population, we are happy to strike these two films from our list of feature material, and assure you they will not be telecast by this station."

WLWC, Columbus, Ohio: "I can assure you that none of these films are in our film library, have not and will not be shown by

our station. We appreciate your concern in this matter and assure you we will extend you and your association every cooperation."

WOW, Omaha: "When you approached us several years ago on this matter we advised you that we did own the rights to one of the films. At that time we stated we were withdrawing it from our library of films without showing it. Our position is still the same."

WOI, Ames, Iowa: "Our film room has strict orders to see that they are not displayed on the air. I am in complete sympathy with your communication."

WFBM, Indianapolis: "We are pleased to be able to tell you that we not only agree with and have outlined them, but have very carefully avoided the purchase and/or scheduling of the objectionable films."

### CONVENTION EXHIBIT

This is advance notice to Chapters that there will be an exhibit of chapter programs and activities material at the 1962 Seattle National Convention in keeping with a recommendation from the 1960-1970 National Planning Commission. George Tanagi has been named by the Seattle Convention Board in charge of special exhibits. Together with Chairman Joe Kadowaki of our National Program and Activities Committee we have discussed some of the regulations to govern.

Chapters will be advised of the space available for displays. To relieve the Convention Board of setting up displays and keeping track of material the Chapters may send. Chapters will be expected to bring their display material with them and be responsible for putting these up and taking them down afterward. It will be up to the chapters whether they wish a spread of their year's activities or feature a single major project.

Since PC is sponsoring awards for chapter newsletters and will have copies of these, the chapter newsletters will be grouped together with PC responsible.

A memo with the details will be sent out, but this preliminary notice is given so chapters can begin to plan for their displays now by recording their ongoing activities in print and pictures.

## BY THE BOARD —

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rest only after they have successfully turned over the National Organization and its chapters to the Sansei. This will form part of our legacy to them and this will be part of their rightful heritage.

Significant changes such as PC with Membership come about slowly and there is always built-in inertia in any voluntary organization such as the JACL. But this can be overcome by vision, by education, by patience, by perseverance and by courage.

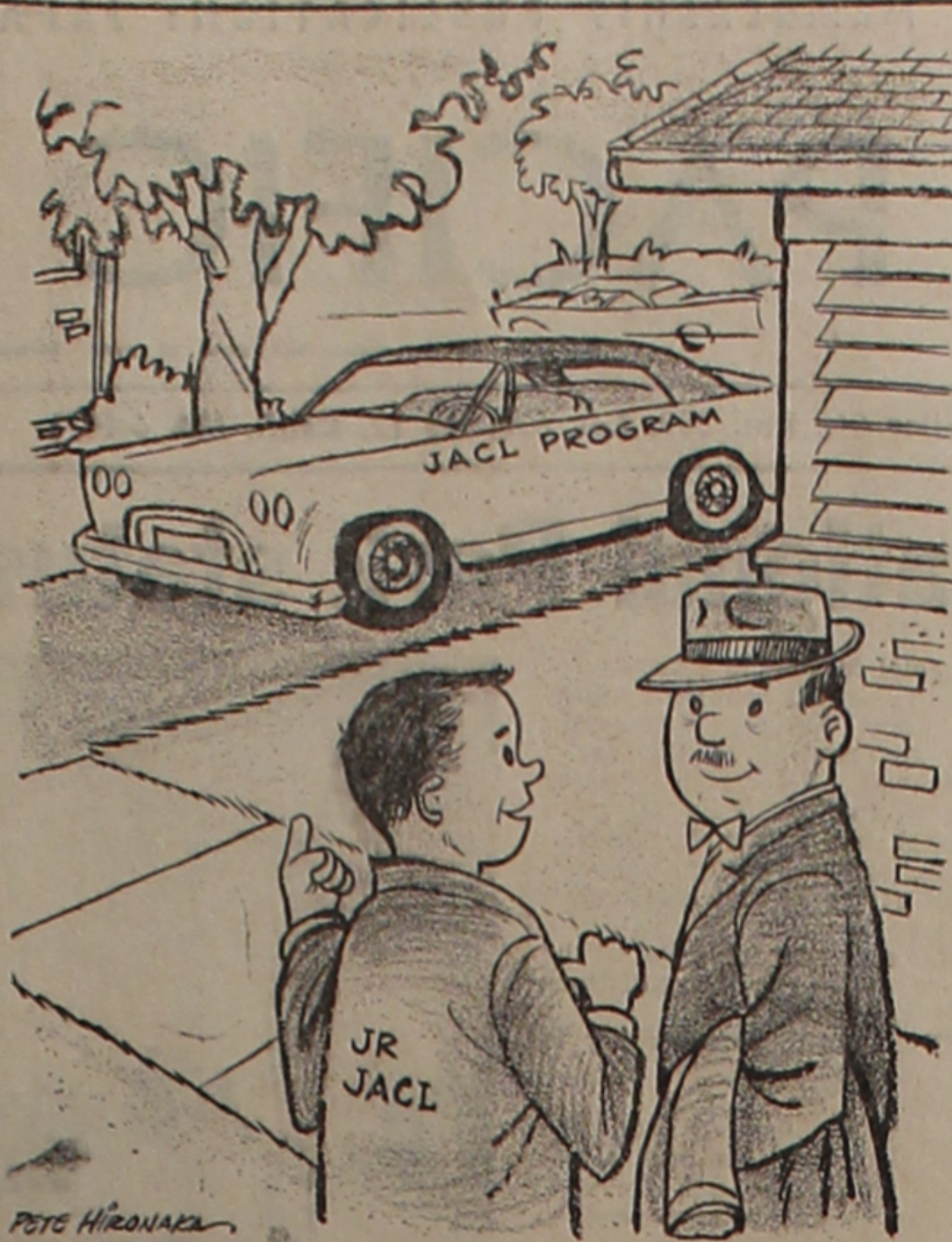
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Hey, Dad, can I help you drive on this trip?

## U.S.-Japan Centennial publication with press clippings of 1860 in 7-volume set

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

A seven-volume publication concerning the activities of the Japanese Grand Embassy to the United States to ratify the treaty has been published by the Commemorative Publication Committee for the U.S.-Japan Centennial Celebration.

One volume, "Selected Press Accounts of the First Japanese Embassy to the United States," is devoted to news items appearing in the magazines and newspapers of 1860. This particular volume is in English, while the other six containing hitherto unpublished diaries and documents are in Japanese.

To secure the historic account of Japanese in America for this publication, the Committee detailed a professor from Tokyo University to microfilm newspapers and magazines in America. He visited New York, Washington, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Honolulu and other cities to record material for the book.

Included are some portions telling of the arrival of the Kanrin Maru in San Francisco as uncovered from the pages of the Daily Alta California, Evening Bulletin, San Francisco Herald and a few others. These were a part of this writer's personal research during the past 30 years.

Of Nisei Interest  
This particular volume is No. 6 of the set and belongs on the library reference shelf of any Nisei interested in U.S.-Japan history.

The publication committee was headed by Taizo Ishizaka, president of the Federation of Economic Organizations. Historians and professors from Keio and Tokyo universities labored for more than two years to publish the series.

It must be confessed that this writer has long dreamed of publishing the important news accounts of U.S.-Japan history.

counts of U.S.-Japan history as found in the American press. You can, thus, imagine my joy on reporting this important publication. This effort culminates a five-year appeal to have U.S. and Japan co-celebrate the centennial of the first Japanese Embassy. Longtime PC readers are aware of the indifference toward the project by Japanese officials, as reported in this column.

Entourage Descendant  
There must be one proud Japanese family in the U.S. in connection with the Centennial celebration. Dr. Homer Izumi, formerly of San Francisco, is a direct descendant of the interpreter accompanying the Grand Embassy. His mother related to this reporter in Honolulu last year that she had donated the diaries of her grandfather, Gohachiro Namura, to the Kanazawa Library.

Attempts to locate the hand written documents at the library with cooperation of the Publication Committee proved to be in vain. We later found the diaries had been published and they are now in the hands of Tokyo and Keio universities.

### PTA council chairman

LOS ANGELES. — Presiding over 18 PTA units comprising the Wilshire Council here is Mrs. Henry Murayama, onetime Hobart Blvd. School PTA president.

### SWALLEY'S TO CELEBRATE ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

LOS ANGELES. — Longtime PC advertiser, Swalley's Restaurant, 1331 S. Boyle Ave., will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an "open house" on Friday, Nov. 3, 9 p.m. Party will be open to all 21 years of age and up without charge with the Riverina Band playing the dance music.

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## Christmas Cheer drive proceeding ahead of '60 pace

The 14th annual Christmas Cheer Drive is proceeding at a very satisfactory pace. It was reported today by the Cheer Committee, with \$236 received during the past week. Donations now total \$640.23 or 21 per cent of the projected \$3,000 goal. This is approximately 6 per cent ahead of 1960.

The Hiroshima Fujinkai and Yosh Shimano of New York headed the list of donors with their generous contribution of \$25.

Southwest Los Angeles JACL Chapter announced that the fifth annual Christmas Cheer Benefit Dance has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2. During the past eight years, the Southwest Los Angeles JACL has raised over \$1,700 for Christmas Cheer through box lunch auctions and benefit dances.

The Chancels, a Samsel girls club in the Selman area, will be responsible for the wrapping and tagging of boys and other special gift items, according to chairman Fred Tamaue.

The Christmas Cheer Drive, to aid the needy persons of Japanese ancestry during the holiday season, will continue to Saturday, Dec. 17, when preparations for distribution of food packages and monetary gifts will be started.

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## Chico Taira of Fresno spends busy day in Tokyo

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO. — Many Nisei girls are gathering in Tokyo for socials, studies and soirees. The other afternoon, Mrs. Kikuo (Chico) Taira of Fresno spent an ambitious day covering the tea ceremonies, flower arrangements and the Kabuki Theater.

She and Mrs. Shitaro Fukushima, Nisei wife of the Japan Times president, visited the Ikebana International House in the afternoon. They were interested in the Sogetsu style—the ultramodern mood in arranging flowers amid rocks, trees, bricks and even dirt—which has become a postwar success.

Mrs. Fukushima is a former Los Angeles girl, whose romance with the now famous Japanese representative to the United Nations was so cute and charming. She was married in Chicago and George Togauchi was a go-between. Her husband's rise in government and politics was rapid.

And Mrs. Taira, Mrs. Fukushima and Mrs. Mary Matsumoto of Portland finally got together and what a gathering that turned out to be.

### Judy Gotan engaged

SACRAMENTO. — The engagement of Judy Gotan of Florin to Jim Ariyasu of Los Angeles was announced at the dinner last Sunday. Miss Gotan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ginchi Gotan, a graduate of Elk Grove High School and student at Sacramento City College. An active 1000 Club member of Florin JACL, she is presently a candidate for NC-WNDC Executive Board Member. She is affiliated with U.S. Army Signal Corps as a digital computer programmer.

Ariyasu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kichigoro Ariyasu of Los Angeles, attended Univ. of Southern California and presently with Aerojet in Sacramento as a chemist. No definite wedding date has been set. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kitade and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kashiwagi are bishakunin for the couple.

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The occasion was the introduction of the new Cherry Blossom restaurant at the La Brea Togo Theatre where movie goers can take in the swank Oriental dinner.

We sat across Jim Higashi, our So. Calif. JACL regional director, on the brand new tatami zashiki room where the waitresses and host Kanako Katoh, the manager, served us royally with the best of the Nipponese dinners.

There were five entertaining and gracious ladies who sat around with the guests, chatting the evening away most informally. One was a former Tokyo movie star, Mayuri Mokusho, a name written out for us by Fred Tamaue of Saburo Kido's Shin Nishi Bei.

Just like in old Japan, we took off our shoes and shed our coats. Then the ladies gave us a light, but gaudy-looking apparel which Katoh explained as a replica of an expensive "happy-coat" worn by the Tonosama (feudal lords of Japan) centuries ago.

Another hostess, Haruko Kanemasa, owns an ultra-modern beauty shoppe near Shimbashi in Tokyo. She said she was here to study American techniques in beauty makeup and plans to introduce her new-found knowledge to patrons when her U.S. tenure is over.

After \$88 and nine dollars in driver's license fee, the wife finally got her permit to operate a car through the hectic and brutal traffic of Los Angeles.

The \$88 belongs to the professional instructor who taught her the ropes in driving after Yours Truly lost his patience with the wife.

The \$9 covers the driving learner's permit, which had to be renewed twice after getting it the first time. The permits are good for only a period of six months. Fact that Connie came into our household explains the many renews. Then that \$8 an hour for lessons, which is something we never see in our paycheck, can corrupt the morale of the Mori Mission.

We are indebted to Mmes. Ken Onodera, Tee Saisho and Mas Saisho for free instructions out of the goodness of their own heart. They traded places, too, in baby-sitting Connie while the old man was hard at work trying to match the tuition. Yeh, yeh! Nevah, again, sirrah!

We might say here that the driving tests the Dept. of Motor Vehicle have drawn up certainly aren't practical. They are technical, too much so, in that an average driver would almost fall even though he may have been behind the wheel for years.

I wonder how an examiner grades a first-time nervous driver who may just tip the steering wheel too far to the right or visa versa? And those points (from a perfect 100) come tumbling down. When we got our license in our 20s—thanks to brother Mas—the job was much easier.

The examiner would be most understanding and he gave you room for your slight errors. He would say, "Now, Henry, drive carefully, won't you?" and give you the permit. No harsh point system which means very little later.

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## FEAR OF FALLOUT

THERE WASN'T a day in October that the papers omitted mention of the status of America's civil defense. Radio, television and conversation in general kept the same pace. And it was not difficult to perceive this reign of restlessness, in view of questions like these.

Should we build fallout shelters?

If the H-Bomb starts to fall and unsheltered citizens begin to scurry for shelter, at what point does a moral man slam the hatch of his own family fallout shelter?

Looking at the other side of this haunting issue, are we "better Red than dead?"

If we survive after the attack, then what?

And one more question, of immediate interest, should JACL be prepared?

WHAT MAKES civil defense complicated in California, where the bulk of JACLers reside and where National Headquarters is situated, is the continual increases in population.

The state has a coordinated plan, combining all local, state and federal agencies and know-how through a California State Disaster Council with the governor at the top. The plan is not new; it's about 10 years old. Nor is it designed solely to deal with nuclear attack. It has acted when forest fire, flood or earthquake occurs.

Instead of relying upon voluntary efforts, the California plan employs people in public service who can be carefully trained for emergency action.

The highway patrol, fish and game, industrial safety, forestry and highway maintenance agencies of state government have been given the job of monitoring and reporting radioactive fallout. Other agencies like social welfare, agriculture, water resources, finance, public health, etc., all have particular know-how to contribute.

When the California plan was first conceived in the early 1950s, it was thought that in event of attack, the people should be moved to radiation-free areas and various highways and roads were designated as "evacuation routes." In recent years, however, the thinking has shifted and it is now generally recognized that evacuation of cities would not be feasible.

This is easy to understand. California traffic jams are bad enough without the imminence of attack. Any attempted mass evacuation from Los Angeles or San Francisco would simply become a vast immovable object.

So, the emphasis in the California plan is now on building fallout shelters. Civil defense officials now feel this is the practical way to keep communities intact. This year, the State Legislature passed a law which enables people in any community — a whole city or just the people in the block to form a shelter district. Like a school, water or street light district, it would be a unit of government with power to float bonds. The people could build a community shelter, put the cost on their tax bills and amortize the cost over 30 years.

The California Disaster Office reckons that a community could get a shelter center for \$100 a person or less.

FEDERAL CIVIL defense has come a long way since it was first discussed shortly after the end of World War II. Its goals and concepts have been frequently rewritten. It has been organized, reorganized and reshuffled—now lodging with the Dept. of Defense.

In 1948, it became clear to Washington that the wartime allies of Soviet Russia were enemies of the American way of life. In March, 1949, President Truman placed the responsibility of civil defense in the National Security Resources Board. In 1950, Congress passed a Federal Civil Defense Act.

When it was obvious in the mid-1950s that the Soviets possessed nuclear weapons and missiles, President Eisenhower called for a drastic change of plans. So, in 1958 Congress junked the Federal Civil Defense Administration and the Office of Defense Mobilization and combined them as the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization (OCDM) with headquarters at Battle Creek, Mich., at the height of the drive to disperse agencies and have all but essential government operations out of Washington.

Last July, President Kennedy wiped out OCDM and put all civil defense operations in the Dept. of Defense and set up an Office of Emergency Planning. Congress has handed \$207,600,000 to the President to step up civil defense. Up to this point, Congress averaged about \$50,000,000 a year for civil defense appropriations. And talk now is that the White House next session will ask for at least 20 billion dollars for civil defense.

IF THE fallout shelter program is difficult to plan, think of the more complex problem of recovery and rehabilitation.

Civil defense is seriously studying whether basic political, economic and social institutions would survive. Would federal and state governments be able to function? How badly would the banking system be disrupted? What would happen to electric power, water supplies and the transportation system? Would society emerge and recover from a nuclear war to the point where it would be worth living?

Nobody knows just what the picture will be after an attack. If previous experience teaches anything, it is our conviction that the survivors would rise to the occasion. The appetite for survival or the instinct of self-preservation is imbedded in the human frame.

IN ASKING whether JACL should be prepared, it would involve microfilming essential records and even the Pacific Citizen and storing them in a safe place; moving Headquarters to a building with shelter facilities and designating a succession of trustees for the JACL Endowment Fund.

Maybe we're thinking about the unthinkable, but civil defense is that kind of a question—however much many of us would prefer not to. So much of before and after an attack is speculative that even the best made plans may go awry.

## 'BRIDGE TO SUN' FILM HAILED BY JACL, SHIGETA CITED

BEVERLY HILLS. — For his effective and convincing role of a peace-loving Japanese patriot in "Bridge to the Sun," James Shigeta received public accolade last week during the premiere showing of the MGM film at the Beverly Theatre.

Among the motion picture celebrities attending the gala opening were Shigeta, James Yagi and Carroll Baker who plays the part of Gwendolyn Terasaki, an American girl married to a Japanese diplomat.

A certificate of appreciation to Shigeta was presented by national JACL president, Frank F. Chuman, in behalf of the organization.

Text of Scroll

The scroll read: "The Japanese American Citizens League hereby honors James Shigeta, talented Nisei motion picture actor, who, with the beautiful and sensitive actress Carroll Baker, vividly portrayed the earnest efforts, based on strong convictions, to maintain peace and friendship between the two great countries of the United States and Japan in the remarkably moving Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film production, 'Bridge to the Sun.'"

"This true life story of a young American girl married to a Japanese diplomat whose courageous struggle to avert the tragic consequences of war shall serve as an inspiration to each of us, in these days of international tension, to strengthen and build our own bridges to the end that through our efforts, both individually and collectively, we may also further the cause of permanent peace and true friendship, not only between these two countries but throughout the world."

Chuman said he "enjoyed the picture very much" and "was moved by Shigeta's performance in a very difficult role." He credited Miss Baker for the part she played with such gentleness and sympathetic approach.

Many community dignitaries, including the various officers of the JACL, were guests at the premiere which featured many of them attired in colorful kimono to lend the atmosphere of the Orient.

The JACL scroll will be given national recognition by the studio to further promote the picture, a film spokesman disclosed.

## UC Japanese alumni reunion dinner Nov. 24

BERKELEY. — Progress is being made on the forthcoming Japanese Alumni Assn. Big-Game Reunion during Homecoming Week here climaxing with the Nov. 24 dinner starting from 6 p.m. at the Haas Recreation Center in Strawberry Canyon.

The master of ceremonies will be Dave M. Tatsuno, owner of the N.B. Dept. Stores of San Francisco and San Jose. Dave, class of '36, will stir up the old blues with his versatile, extemporaneous quips.

Alumni in the Bay Area may send in reservations to Tad Fujita, sec., at \$5 per plate. Friends are invited.

## Girl scouts sponsored

SALT LAKE CITY. — Under sponsorship of the Salt Lake JACL, Girl Scout Troop 551 has been organized with Mrs. Clara Miyazaki and other Nisei mothers as leaders.

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CHICAGO JR. JACL CHARM SCHOOL

Second in the series of "Teen Time for Beauty" classes sponsored by the Chicago JACL Youth Commission will be held at the Olivet Community Center this Sunday, Oct. 29, starting at 2 P.M. Miss Joanne Nakayama (center), teen age daughter of 1000 Clubber Dr. and Mrs. Joe Nakayama, receives a touch up from volunteer instructor Mrs. Dorothea Harris of the Patricia Vance Modeling School, while Mrs. Kay Kuwahara, director of the charm school, looks on to supervise the lesson.

## Nisei geneticist given \$250,000 grant to research chromosome irregularities

WINNIPEG. — A five-year grant totalling more than a \$250,000 has been awarded to Dr. Irene Uchida, director of the Dept. of Genetics in Children's Hospital here by the United States National Institute of Health.

Delighted hospital officials said this past week the grant was high recognition of the value and importance of the research work now being done at the hospital.

A stipulation accompanying the grant states that the money may be used for direct costs and the purchase of necessary equipment. It may not be used for building construction, payment to federal employees, consultant fees to employees of the institution or for charges for entertainment, meals or refreshment.

Hospital authorities said the institution would incur additional expenses to provide suitable housing to cover the proposed expanding research activities.

## To Head Special Program

Dr. Uchida, who will head a special program on Fundamental and Clinical Studies in Human Genetics, told a press conference that she was at present working with fruit flies.

She said the fly has shown scientists how the genes, tiny units of heredity, are passed from one generation to another and how they affect the individuals who carry them. Basic work of the harmful effects of radiation have been carried out on the fruit fly.

"Man does not breed rapidly, nor can he be used as an experimental animal so we must turn to lower forms of life to get answers to fundamental problems," she said.

Dr. Uchida said research had revealed that the average person had 23 pairs of chromosomes in the blood cell and that if there were more or less in a human being congenital anomalies were usually present.

**Irregularities Noted**  
The doctor said tests had revealed that children with chromosome anomalies were usually born to older women but that the father's age didn't appear to have any bearing.

Dr. Uchida said it was hoped that research into this matter would help science prevent genetic accidents from occurring in the future.

The Vancouver-born Dr. Uchida is a graduate of the Univ. of Toronto.

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## ALL-THOUSANDER STAFF TO OPERATE CHICAGO NISEI INVESTMENT GROUP

CHICAGO. — An all-1000 Clubber staff took over the operations of the local Cooperative Investors, Inc. for the 1961-62 year at a 10th anniversary dinner and installation of officers at the Mangam's Chateau on Oct. 14.

Hiro Mayeda, twice president of the Chicago JACL and immediate past commander of Chicago Nisei Post 1183, was handed the gavel of office by outgoing president Taka Tanaka, another 1000 Clubber of the JACL.

The other officers, all 1000 Clubbers, are: Mae Kawamura, v.p.; Kenji Tani, treas.; Art Misaki, asst. treas.; Taka Tanaka, cor. sec.; Hiro Tanaka, hist.; and George Narioku, sgt. at arms. Dr. Frank Sakamoto, current MDC chairman, acted as general chairman and master of ceremonies. The Cooperative Investors, Inc. was organized ten years ago by approximately 15 local Nisei for the purpose of pooling their resources for making financial investments.

## Lindsay pioneer celebrates 85th

LINDSAY. — A half century of pioneering in Tulare County agriculture was recalled during the 85th birthday celebration of Yachihiro Imoto here on Oct. 8.

Coming to America in 1905 at San Francisco, Imoto first worked in Sacramento and Seattle before settling here in 1910 as a fruit worker. The citrus industry looked so good to him that he purchased 20 acres of land and planted orange and olive trees.

Gradually expanding operations with the help of his sons, the family enterprise today includes 180 acres—45 in citrus, 45 in olives and the rest in truck crops, principally tomatoes and strawberries.

His wife came in 1914 as a "picture bride" and their five sons and five daughters are all married and the Imoto couple have 29 grandchildren.

Four sons living here, Yosh. Mike, Akira and Sam, presided at the party and their wives prepared the birthday dinner.

## Tulare County Nisei to organize farm group

VISALIA. — Articles of incorporation were filed with the county clerk for the Cutler Growers, formed to process and sell agricultural products and authorized to issue 2,000 shares of stocks at \$100 a share.

The five directors listed are Kenji Tashiro, Sam Hyama and John Yamamoto, all of Oroqui; Kay Watanabe of Dinuba; and John Hatedaka of Yettem. Tashiro is a former national 1000 Club chairman.

## Century golf club

SAN FRANCISCO. — Sam Sato was elected president of the Century Golf Club of San Francisco at its meeting held at Key's Beauty Salon, operated by Jim Nishikawa, outgoing president of the club.

## Miyano leads Whittier to sixth straight grid victory, among nation's undefeated

LOS ANGELES. — Whittier disposed of Occidental, 28-8, Saturday, and only Redlands now appears to have any chance of halting the Poets' march to an unbeaten season and the SCIAA title.

Redlands, a 38-21 winner over Pomona, and Whittier, ranked No. 5 in the country, clash Nov. 18. Whittier's hard-charging line and tight pass defense all but stopped cold Oxy's Jan Lloyd, leading small college passer in the country. Lloyd completed 9 of 20 passes for 86-yd., far below his 219.5 average. Three of Lloyd's passes were intercepted.

## Versatile Attack

Meanwhile, Poet quarterback Sel Miyano did somewhat better, completing 6 of 11 for 117 yd. and two touchdowns, and picking apart the Oxy defense with a versatile attack. John Sherman, Dick Skinner and Rich Harrison, supplied the ground power with Miyano.

## Ron Minamide cavorting for Sacramento State

SACRAMENTO. — Ron Minamide, former Vacaville High great and one of the top contenders in the Northern California scoring race last fall, appears to be on his way to his winning form, recovering from an leg injury suffered in an all-star game held in mid-August.

Minamide, who now plays for the Sacramento City College as a halfback, was the leading ground gainer in the Oct. 13 game which saw the Panthers defeat their hosts, the Stockton College Mustangs, 26 to 6.

He carried the ball only twice, racking up 41 yards for an average of 22.1 yards per carry.

Teammate Howard Nishio carried the ball three times for a net gain of seven yards.

## YAMATO AND SASAKI LETTERING AT BERKELEY

BERKELEY. — The Univ. of California Golden Bears may have sophomore guard-tackle Victor Yamamoto of Pasadena as another three-year letterman on its football varsity eleven.

Another Nisei cavorting for the Blue & Gold this season is Kenji Sasaki of Los Angeles, senior fullback and linebacker.

Pete Domoto of Berkeley was the first Nisei to win a varsity football letter for three years at Cal, playing on the line at guard and elected co-captain during his senior year in 1959.

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# Regional Review

## MDC—Detroit Chapter's Capsule Report

BY WALLACE KAGAWA

This is the first year in which the Detroit JACL has functioned under the board of governors system. Peter Fujioka, the chapter's first president (1947) was elected as the first board chairman.

The Installation Banquet was held on Jan. 28 at the Statler Hotel. Judge George Edwards, prominent judge was the main speaker.

A general meeting was held on March 26. The program consisted of a panel discussion on "Re-evaluating chapter activities." Minoru Togasaki, Sud Kimoto, Toshi Shimura, and Dick Kadoshima were the speakers, with Wallace Kagawa as the moderator. An interesting discussion on chapter activities, public relations, etc. took place.

A highly successful Spring Dance was held at the Veterans Memorial Building on April 22. Kim Malecki was general chairman.

### Mothers Honored

On May 6, the chapter honored all members who are mothers and mothers of members at a Mothers' Day Banquet held at the International Institute. A scrumptious dinner was prepared by a committee headed by Mrs. Laura Miyoshi. The Teen Club girls acted as hostesses, while the men members worked as waiters and assistant cooks. The Teen Club also put on a Hawaiian dance program, while Mrs. Toshiko Milliken demonstrated and spoke on the art of Japanese flower arrangement.

On July 23, JACL took a leading part in sponsoring the annual Detroit Japanese community picnic. George Doi was in charge. Japanese movies were shown monthly except during the summer. This project under Dick Kadoshima is for the purpose of providing entertainment for the Issei and for fund raising.

A Fall Dance was held on Oct. 21 at the Serbian American Hall. Dick Kadoshima and Stan Malecki were in charge.

### Coming Events

JACL will participate in the annual Old World Market sponsored by the International Institute. George Otsuji and Am Omura will be in charge.

In December the Detroit chapter will sponsor a social for the Issei. The election meeting will be held on Dec. 2. An interesting program will be planned to attract the members.

Plans are being made for a series of meetings on Japanese culture sometime next year. Also a Japanese dinner will be held to raise money for the coming national convention to be held in Detroit in 1964.

The chapter published a bi-monthly newsletter edited by Betsy Tagami. A flower arrangement

class was also sponsored by the JACL with Toshi Shimura in charge.

The chapter took over the sponsorship of the Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Club for children in the nine to thirteen age bracket when the Mr. and Mrs. Club became defunct. The Teen Club and Jr. JACL groups are also sponsored by the JACL under the direction of Youth Activities Chairman Sud Kimoto.



MARY ANN FURUICHI  
Model for Auxiliary Event

Fashions of Benioff's were featured at the recent San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary at the Fairmont Hotel. Sumi Fujita, auxiliary chairman, was in charge of the eighth annual benefit.

## Sacramento Aux'y elects Sally Taketa

SACRAMENTO. — Sally Taketa was elected president of the Sacramento JACL Women's Auxiliary at a luncheon held at the Red Rose restaurant.

She will be assisted for the coming year by Midori Hiyama, 1st v.p.; Emma Miyamoto, 2nd v.p.; Alice Hayashi, rec. sec.; Jane Seto, cor. sec.; Toshie Tambara, trass.; Dolly Dixon, pub.; Yukie Miyao and Agnes Miyakawa, program.

The floral centerpiece for the affair and orchid corsages for those attending the luncheon were donated by owner, Wes Davis.

### Contra Costa Jr. JACL to sponsor Oct. 28 dance

RICHMOND. — The Contra Costa Jr. JACL will sponsor a public dance on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Columbus Auditorium, 7th and Addison St., Berkeley.

The sports dress dance with the theme "The Way You Look Tonight" will start at 8 p.m.

### St. Louis Clers set for inaugural, Yule events

ST. LOUIS. — Two events in December scheduled by the St. Louis JACL are the inaugural dinner Dec. 2 and Christmas party for children Dec. 17, it was announced this past week.

Lee Durham and Harry Hayashi, working on the inaugural dinner, announced the Carpenter Hall has been secured. Rose Ogino and Mrs. Jean Eto are in charge of the Christmas party.

### Geraldine Ouchi heads Detroit Teen Club

DETROIT. — Geraldine Ouchi was elected president of the Detroit Teen Club, a club for girls and boys between 13 and 16 years of age, it was announced by the Detroit JACL Newsletter.

Other officers are Alyse Satoh, v.p.; Kathy Shimamura, rec. sec.; Joanne Shimamura, cor. sec.; Gary Otsuji, treas.; and Marilyn Nazano, hist.

With Detroit preparing to host the JACL National Convention in 1964, the Newsletter felt this group would be of age to organize itself as a Jr. JACL and contribute to the support of the convention program.



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# Issei Story Project Who, what, why, how?

## WHO are the Japanese in America? WHO is recording their story?

In 1854 Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry of the United States Navy knocked on the doors of Japan and ended that country's imposed seclusion. The first commercial treaty between the two countries was negotiated in 1858 by U.S. Consul-General Townsend Harris.

In the ensuing quarter-century a tiny handful of Japanese came to the United States, largely to look and learn.

They were followed by a different breed—young men, and later, their wives—motivated by the same search for work and yearning for opportunity that drew other immigrants westward across the Atlantic.

Today these immigrants from Japan (Issei) and their American-born descendants (Nisei) number perhaps a quarter million in the Continental United States. These

are the Japanese in America.

Their contribution to this nation has been great out of all proportion to their number. Unfortunately their story—the story of a small but significant American minority group—has never been adequately told.

Now, the Japanese American Citizens League is sponsoring a national project to research, compile, record and publish for posterity the history of the Japanese in America.

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is the only national organization for Americans of Japanese descent. It was organized in 1930 to foster good citizenship among Japanese Americans, promote the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States and to acquaint Americans with their fellow Americans of Japanese ancestry.

National headquarters are at 1034 Post St., San Francisco 15, Calif.

## WHAT is a definitive history?

The JACL's story of the Japanese in America will be a thorough, scholarly, objective, documented study of a people. It will be a valuable addition to the literature of immigrant groups which helped make America.

While the emphasis will be on the scholarly approach, this will be, above all, a human document. It will explore and analyze the hopes and dreams of the Japanese in America, their triumphs and failures, their strength and weaknesses, their joys and sorrows, their wisdom and their errors, their attributes and their shortcomings.

It will probe into the record

of "anti-Japanese" movements, name names, seek out and analyze motives from the objective viewpoint of history. It will tell only the good and bad that happened to the Japanese in America, but why.

In its final form the history is expected to be distilled from literally millions of words into several volumes which will serve as a permanent and authoritative reference for future students, social historians and others. At least one volume of the study is expected to be a popularized (but entirely accurate) account of general public interest.

## WHY must this Project be undertaken?

There are many good and urgent reasons for the history project. Here are some of the more cogent ones:

1. The story of the Japanese in the United States is rich and unrecorded Americana. Without it, there is a significant gap in the history of this nation. No one can record this history as well or as carefully as the Japanese Americans themselves.

2. The sources of authentic historical detail are, unfortunately, perishable. The men and women who can tell the story with the richness of personal experience are of advanced age. Their diaries, personal papers, albums, old newspaper files, public records and other pertinent documents will become progressively more scarce and difficult to locate. The work must be done without further delay.

3. A detailed study will provide

a valuable insight into the nature of American democracy. In one generation Japanese immigrants were able to overcome bitter prejudices and assimilate American ways to the extent that their native-born children are fully integrated members of the American community. This record should help the United States to prove to uncommitted African and Asian nations that the American form of democracy does indeed work.

4. A permanent record is necessary so that all Americans may appreciate the contributions which Japanese immigrants made to the United States. Such a history is projected would be an enduring tribute to Japanese pioneers who sacrificed so much for their American-born children. At the same time, it would help future generations of Japanese Americans to understand their background and take pride in their racial heritage.

## HOW will the Project be carried out? HOW will it be financed?

Details of the project are under the direction of a National Executive Committee. Shigeo Wakamatsu of Chicago, past national JACL president, is chairman.

Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa, associate professor of sociology at Boston University Boston, Mass., is chief consultant to the Executive Committee. Dr. Miyakawa has made a preliminary study of the project and outlined its scope. He will direct a professional staff in undertaking research, conducting interviews, analyzing and evaluating

information, and writing the final report.

The entire project, with an adequate staff, is expected to take from four to five years and cost approximately \$400,000. The JACL is committed to raise minimum of \$100,000.

Financial assistance up to the sum of \$300,000 is being sought in the form of a grant from national foundations interested in scholarly work of this nature. The actual amount raised will determine the scope of the project.



BAKERSFIELD JACL GIVES TO AID  
The Bakersfield Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League presented a check to AID-United Givers to be distributed to the 17 local charities who are receiving their support through AID. The check was presented to AID Area Director Davis P. Chandler (left) by chapter president Joe M. Ono (right) and AID chairman Mrs. Mike Torii (middle). Chandler then presented the AID membership certificate to Mrs. Torii and Ono.

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# SEATTLE CHAPTER PREPARES FOR BUSY NOVEMBER

SEATTLE. — Movies of the recent Seafair celebration in which the JACL float won a bevy of trophies were shown at the Seattle JACL general meeting this week at St. Peter's Church. Kay Toda was meeting chairman.

Frank Fidler, former coach of the Buchanan Bakers, was guest speaker of the evening, talking informally of his experiences in sports.

Nominations for the 1962 chapter board were also announced. The installation dinner dance has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Hyatt House near the Sea-Tac airport.

### Sen. Magnuson's Testimonial

Other events on the Seattle calendar include the JACL testimonial for Sen. Warren G. Magnuson on his 25 years as a congressman and senator on Nov. 8 at the Chamber of Commerce, 215 Columbia St.

The appreciation dinner, starting at 7:30 p.m., is being supported by the local Japanese community.

Sen. Magnuson is still active trying to stop the showing of anti-Nisei films on television. He is also remembered for his leadership in obtaining endorsements from all senators and congressmen from the State of Washington to eliminate the anti-alien land law still on the books and for leading the fight on the Senate floor to restore \$12,000,000 taken out of the evacuation claims bill.

Fred Takagi, vice-president, is currently guiding the advertising solicitation campaigns for both the PC Holiday Issue and the 1962 JACL Convention souvenir booklet.

Phil Hayasaka, president, is handling local reservations for those planning to attend the PNWDC Convention Dec. 2-3 at Hood River, Ore. Hotel or motel reservations may also be made directly with the Mid-Columbia JACL, convention hosts, through Mas Takasumi, Rt. 3, Box 1125, Hood River, it was added.

The PNW convention will feature Oregon Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton as the principal speaker.

## Orange County CL lakes lead to build community center

SANTA ANA. — Because of the wide concern for a Japanese community center in Orange County, the Orange County JACL has undertaken to sponsor a campaign for funds, starting with an outstanding talent show Nov. 18 at the Westminster School auditorium.

The chapter board realized the need for a community center after discussing the project with representatives of various local organizations, particularly in view of the increasing number of Japanese American youths in the county.

Mrs. Karie Aihara, who has toured the States with the Mills Brothers, sang with Harry James band and recorded with Lionel Hampton, is chairing the talent show program.

Spots on the two-hour show may be filled by calling Mrs. Aihara, LB 9-5210.

## NEW TALENT, ACTS FOR WEST LOS ANGELES JACL FAMILY PROGRAM NOV. 18

WEST LOS ANGELES. New acts and talent are scheduled for the West Los Angeles JACL talent and family night to be held Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m., at the local Sawtelle Japanese Institute, it was revealed by co-chairmen Mmes. Ayako Yabuta and Mary Akashi.

Highlight will be the drama written and directed by Masaru Sakaki, "Shanghai no Cafe no Mae" (In Front of a Cafe in Shanghai), with a cast of Isamu Hada, Mas Hayashi, Ted Kaisaki, Haru Nakata, Mrs. Masayo Maruyama and Mrs. Toyo Kanegai.

Last year, the talent show was successful as 500 persons attended.

## Duplicate bridge tourney at San Jose set Nov. 11

SAN JOSE. — In conjunction with the forthcoming NC-WNDC meeting here, the San Jose JACL will sponsor a duplicate bridge tournament on Saturday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., at the Hotel DeAnza Ballroom.

Dr. Tokio Ishikawa and Shig Masunaga, co-chairmen, said the event is open to the public. Mrs. MacKaye will be tournament director. Trophies are to be awarded.

Those planning to enter are expected to advise the co-chairmen at 535 N. Fifth St.

The NC-WNDC meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12.

## Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

# 1936 Seattle Convention

### Part VIII: Continued

Out of the files suddenly appeared a few photos of the 1936 convention. However, since they are practically ancient history, I am having difficulty in remembering all the names. Such being the case, Editor Honda has suggested that some information be obtained before they are shown. This means that some of them will have to be flown up to Seattle. For that matter, they may be useful for the booklet of the forthcoming convention if the chapter people have not kept them.

As far as my memory goes back to those days, one of the biggest issues revolved around the candidate for national president. Northern California was all powerful those days because the district council controlled the largest number of chapters. The North and South were not too friendly. The rivalry was fairly intense. Internal politics was being played those days.

Before the opening of the convention, a movement was started to draft Lyle Kurisaki of Brawley, who had been elected the Southern California District Council chairman to run for the presidency with the support of Northern California. The Pacific Northwest and

Northern California worked closely so it was believed that they would agree.

Kurisaki was believed to be the most acceptable and would be helpful to bring about a closer cooperation. He would not agree. Therefore, Northern California decided to shift towards the man who deserved the office on the basis of his contributions. The choice was James Sakamoto of Seattle, Washington, the publisher of the weekly, all English Japanese American Courier. His publication had been the staunchest supporter of the JACL movement.

Although we felt we were extending a well-deserved recognition, we were severely taken to task by Mrs. James Sakamoto, Jimmy was blind and she thought it was an imposition upon him even though she conceded that we were paying him our respects.

Since Dr. Tom Yatabe of Fresno was a Northern California man, there was no intention of putting up another man. There was no Central California District Council. There was some comment from time to time to organize another district council because of the inconvenience of the distance. However, those who were at the helm of the Northern California District

Council argued that it was better to have one strong district council than to divide into two.

The next convention city was to be Los Angeles. Our present national director, Masao Satow, went to the Seattle convention as one of the delegates from Los Angeles.

During the next few years, he became the center of the matter plan which became known as the Second Generation Development program. Blueprint of this ambitious undertaking was outlined. However, the time was too early for the Nisei to do any effective work on such an academic survey and study.

Nevertheless, it was something which the Nisei themselves were trying to develop for their own future. Consequently, there was no question that it did a lot of good by arousing interest.

Northern California sent two orators to the contest: George Kyow of San Francisco and Satsui Oka (Iwahashi) of Oakland. Fred Nomura served as the chaperone for the young Oakland speaker, who represented the Oakland chapter.

The history of the oratorical contests had its ups and downs. There was the period when it flourished and then it died down. There seems to be a revival again in the post-evacuation era. The attendance is good and the standard of speakers has been such that they have been impressive. The fact that speakers from the various parts of the nation may be one of the factors to create interest.

As far as Seattle is concerned, it has earned a reputation for being a most hospitable city. The young ladies especially were cordial to the visitors. The "blind date" bureau, which we had first learned about back in 1930, seemed to function more smoothly than in other convention cities.

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## August 1, 1962—Summer Nisei Fun Tour

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