

As yet, the volume of material from the chapters and people we have asked to contribute has not crowded our desk. However, our Thanksgiving weekend will be busy since we have reams of material to review to piece together the Evacuation Story.

Two stories of depth have come in the past week. One is from the Beckmans of Honolulu, Take and Allan, who have been gracious contributors to the Holiday Issues for many years. Their 1961 piece is a charmingly-told story of twins, Taro and Yoshiko, on the day the planes with Hinomaru insignias raised havoc at Pearl Harbor. What the Beckmans have written, however, is not a charming subject as many who remember that day know. They have added an interesting Christmas angle—something we haven't found in short stories contributed to the Holiday Issue for quite a spell.

The other is from Merry Masunaga of Phoenix, Arizona, in the form of a booklet published by the Arizona Public Service Co. this year in celebrating its 75th anniversary. The story tells of Hutchison Ohnicks (Hachiro Onuki, the man who started the first public utility in Phoenix in 1886) in a most heartwarming way. Having assisted in this project, we know that the saga of this pioneer Issei in Arizona was written by Henry Unger—though his name is not mentioned. The booklet was distributed at the Arizona State Fair and throughout the schools and libraries in the state.

Larry Tajiri, who has known of the Ohnicks saga since his west coast newspapering days, and Tats Kuschida, who interviewed Ohnicks' daughter Helen for a special story in a previous Holiday Issue, will be especially happy to read this story as we were.

Ohnicks ranks with Americans who helped develop the Great West at the turn of the 20th Century. That his name was Anglicized obscures his Japanese ancestry, but in territorial Arizona he was known as the small, wiry Japanese man who had organizational genius — yet was not able to farm the desert wastes north of Phoenix where Issei farmers several decades later were to succeed. Ohnicks tried farming after retiring from the utility business.

Another fabulous Issei pioneer of the same period is briefly treated in a report from Frank Oda, Sonoma County JACL's chief writer. The Issei Story Project will undoubtedly tell more of this gentleman, "Prince" Kanaye Nagasawa, who came to America by way of Europe in 1867. As the legally adopted son of American poet-philosopher and spiritualist Thomas Lake Harris, Nagasawa eventually owned the flourishing ranch near Santa Rosa known as Fountain Grove.

We hope more accounts of the great Issei from the chapters appear—brief as they might be at this time. They will breed a healthy curiosity of the heritage of the Nisei-Sansei and hasten the day when JACL's great task of compiling the story of the Japanese in America will be finished.

Who knows, these brief accounts may bloom into a worthy sketch for a future Holiday Issue. Some Sansei student may delve into old papers and records to portray an Issei pioneer to enrich Nisei literature and Americana in general.

HOLIDAY ISSUE YOUTH SECTION

Response to individual requests of chapters with youth groups to submit a complete roster of youth group presidents several weeks ago is not 100 per cent. If your chapter is not listed below, you have until Dec. 4 to let us know.

Chapters which have submitted their complete roster are as follows: Portland—Deltas (1961), Oakland—Jr. JACL (1958 to 1961), Placer County—Jr. JACL (1955-1961), San Francisco—Jr. JACL (1960-61), Orange County—JAYs (1954-61), Boise Valley—Jr. JACL (1958-61), Pocatello—Footello Teens (1960-61), Chicago—Jr. JACL (1958-61), Cincinnati—Jr. JACL (in process), Detroit—Jr. JACL (in process), Teen Club (1957-61), Sub-Teen Club (1956-61), Milwaukee—Jr. JACL (1961).

We also want to make good a suggestion from IDC youth chairman Sue Kaneko to indicate current youth advisers. The just-published EDC-MDC youth prgram report has a complete list and the IDC chapters' list have been received. We would like to hear from the others.

Your help in this matter will help make the roster more meaningful. An incomplete roster would hurt some feelings needlessly—especially since this will be our first and can present a picture of JACL youth activities across country.

DEADLINES DURING DECEMBER

Because we have had to lock up this week's pages by Tuesday afternoon so that readers would receive their PC on time, news reaching our desk after Monday will be in next week's issue. A national holiday falling on Thursday has always inflicted this situation on us.

For the first three issues in December, the deadlines will be as usual. The fourth week will be our Holiday Issue with deadline of Nov. 30 for advertising and chapter reports. A telegram or letter informing us to reserve space in the Holiday Issue will be honored, provided we are told by Nov. 30 that copy would reach us by Dec. 4.

And we shall not publish the last week in December. However, material for the first week in January must reach us by Dec. 30.

Sword polisher coming from Japan to practice ancient art for U.S. collectors

BERKELEY. — The first fully-qualified Japanese sword polisher to practice his ancient art in any Western country will come to the United States early next year. He is Muneyoshi Nakashima, 39, who was selected especially for the trip by Dr. Junji Honma, outstanding Japanese sword authority and honorary president of the Japanese Sword Society of the United States, which is sponsoring the visit. According to John M. Yumoto of San Mateo, author of a book on Japanese swords and honorary vice-president of the U.S. sword society, Nakashima studied under Koho Honnami and Tokutaro Inuzuka, noted polishers. He is also one of the few polishers adept also in making scabbards and wrapping hilts, making him especially valuable to collectors of swords in the U.S. Reginald Bretner is chairman of a hundred members in the U.S., Canada, England, Sweden and Australia, dedicated to preserving the many Japanese swords in the West and making information about the arts of the sword more generally available.

400 PRESENT AT JUDGE KANEMOTO TESTIMONIAL

SAN JOSE. — About 400 persons in the area and many from San Francisco Bay area were present at the testimonial dinner given Nov. 15 at Lou's Village restaurant to honor Judge Wayne M. Kanemoto, appointed recently to the San Jose-Alviso district municipal bench. Norman Y. Mineta was toastmaster.

Judge Kanemoto, in his response, paid tribute to Issei pioneers. He expressed his "grateful appreciation" to Issei for "giving us education and teaching us self-respect" which was instrumental in producing such "a happy occasion as we are enjoying tonight."

A modest man, Kanemoto spoke little about himself. Instead, he thanked the community, his parents and his teachers.

Teacher Present

One of his teachers at the testimonial was Judge Edwin J. Owens, who expressed his pleasure in seeing one of his students coming up in this world. Owens was the dean of the law school at Santa Clara University when Kanemoto was a student there before the 1942 evacuation.

Tributes were also paid by Peter M. Nakahara, Kanemoto's law partner; Paul Moore, mayor of San Jose; and Kozo Ishimatsu of Cupertino.

Presentations were made by Y. Ando, representing the San Jose Buddhist Church; Tom Furuchi, Mt. View Buddhist Church; Haruo Ishimaru, chairman of the No. Calif.-Western Nevada JACL District Council; and K. Kogura, San Jose community leader.

Ishimaru, adviser of the Sumitomo Bank of California, read a congratulatory message from Shozo Hotta, president of the Sumitomo Bank of Japan. Kanemoto is also on the advisory board bank. Congratulatory telegrams were received from Consul General Toshio Yamanaka, Mike Masaoka of Washington, Mas Satow of national JACL director, and Frank Chuman, national JACL president.

Two Nisei named to Utah civil rights citizens group

BY TOMOKO YANO

SALT LAKE CITY. — A comparative newcomer to JACL circles, Raymond M. Uno, and a veteran member Henry Y. Kasai were selected for important posts on the Utah Citizens Committee on Civil Rights recently.

Uno was elected president and Kasai became treasurer along with Richard Sherwood, 1st v.p., Mrs. Erma Brach, 2nd v.p. and Lee Wacker, sec.

Uno stated that the group will endeavor, through legislative action, to resolve several discriminatory measures on housing, full and equal treatment in places of public accommodation and amusement for all persons regardless of race or color, anti-miscegenation law, and a Fair Employment Practices bill.

The two JACLers hope to carry the fight throughout the State of Utah so that all citizens would be made aware of these discriminatory practices against its minority citizens. Many local prominent civic leaders including business, educational and professional members, are on the committee and a good battle is expected over these issues.

Uno is a 1958 Univ. of Utah Law School graduate. He is presently employed as a case worker for the Utah State Department of Welfare and also studying for his master's degree in social work at the university. His wife, Lilly, is secretary at the Intercultural Center, Univ. of Utah, under Dr. William Mulder. They have a son and reside at 1135-2nd Ave.

Nisei composer to pen critics column

CLEVELAND. — Composer Higo Harada, who recently studied in this country, Paris and Rome, will write the regular music column for the Sun Papers during his military service of John Ferritto, Sun Papers' music columnist.

Harada, who is 33, has written 10 pieces for solo instruments, orchestra, and ensemble groups. His "Elegy for Orchestra" won a \$1,500 prize in the 1953 Student Composers Radio Awards competition, and other works are scheduled for publication.

Harada began violin study at the age of eight, and mastered the fundamentals of many other instruments by himself. He was awarded both Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the Cleveland Institute and studied composition here with Marcel Dick. He was a resident at the American Academy in Rome and winner of the Prix de Rome in 1957.

Harada is now working as a composer. He lives with his wife, Noriko, a microbiologist with the Cleveland public health department. He resides at 10820 Carnegie Ave.

VOTED GOOD CITIZEN BY PARLIER DAUGHTERS

PARLIER. — Ann Arifuku has been chosen as "Good Citizen" of Parlier High School by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The senior girls nominate three candidates and the faculty picks one on qualifications of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.



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More than 300 attended the Fresno JACL sponsored Issei Pioneer Night banquet November 12. The huge party was held in the beautiful newly built Buddhist Church Annex, Akiji Yoshimura, Chapter

Liaison Officer delivered the keynote address and John Kubota was master of ceremonies. —Photo by Frank Kamiyama.

150 Fresno area Issei honored by JACL, hear Yoshimura report on 'Issei Story'

FRESNO. — Akiji Yoshimura, chapter liaison officer for the JACL History Project, was the guest speaker at the Fresno JACL-sponsored Issei Pioneer Night Banquet held Nov. 12 at the newly-built Betsuin Annex.

His topic was "Issei Story Project" and expressed gratitude to Issei pioneers.

More than 300 including 150 Issei were present in the spacious beautiful room.

Pledge of allegiance was led by

Nisei Post 8499, VFW, followed by invocation by Rinban Gibon Kimura.

Dr. Shiro Ego, chapter president, read a welcome message in Japanese and the pioneer address was delivered by Gunzo Miyamoto and Mrs. Toyo Kazato.

Shirley Kumano of Sanger sang the national anthems of the U.S. and Japan with Mrs. Kazuyo Iwatsubo as pianist. S.G. Sakamoto responded and Hugo Kazato, chairman for the committee, expressed thanks to all his committee.

The benediction was rendered by Rev. Norio Ozaki. John Kubota was dinner toastmaster. Entertainment followed with Kenneth Mayeda as master of ceremonies.

Participating in the program included Jack Ota, Yoshito Sunada, Kazuma Murakami, Sumiye Taniguchi, Tsugio Sugimura, Tom Yamashita, John Otsuki, Masao Honda, George Okamoto, Fukiko Mori-ta and Yoshiye Ninomiya.

All sang "Hotaru No Hikari" under the direction of Fresno Band at the conclusion of the four-hour program.

Mikio Uchiyama, CCDC chairman introduced other chapter presidents and guests of his district. They were Dale Okazaki, Selma; Thomas Toyama, Fowler; Kengo Osumi, Parlier; Toru Ikeda, Reedley; Tom Nakamura, Sanger; Kay Takahashi, Clovis and Tom Shimazaki of Tulare County.

Committee members for the banquet night were:

Hugo Kazato, Ken Mayeda and Mike Iwatsubo, chmn.; Ben Nakamura, fin.; John Kubota, guest list; Dr. George Suda, dinner-locale; Dr. Henry Kazato and Mike Iwatsubo, program; Mrs. June To-shiyuki, and Mrs. Sophie Ozaki, reception; Masao Araki and Ken Mayeda, entertainment; Fred N. Hirasuna, pub.

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kamura, Fred Hirasuna, Dr. Henry Kazato, souvenir booklet; Mrs. Nancy Suda (chmn.), Mrs. Peggy Nakamoto, Mrs. Lily Kuwamoto, Mrs. Lily Suda, Mrs. Amy Kuwamoto, banquet decor; Mrs. Kay Ego and Mrs. Mae Oji, inv.

Hiram Goya and Jack Harada, transp.; Dr. Henry Kazato and Dr. Shiro Ego, ticket sales; Dr. Robert Yabuno, James Kubota (chmn.), George H. Ikawa, Don Arata, Shig Daikoku, George Hirata, Willy Suda, Harold Masada, Sat Kusakai, Yutaka Yamamoto and Seichi Mikami, gen. arrg.; Dr. Otto Suda and George Umamoto, clean-up.

Clovis JACL to honor

Issei with dinner, movies

CLOVIS. — The Clovis JACL chapter will honor the Issei members of the community at a dinner tonight from 6 at the local Memorial Hall. Following the dinner Japanese movies will be shown.

Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

Thanksgiving Weekend, 1961

OF ALL Americans, we of Japanese ancestry have much to be thankful for, in the big and the little things of life.

Ever since the end of World War II, we of Japanese ancestry have been on the receiving end of a repentant democracy in action. The legal sanctions that tolerated and even encouraged discrimination against us, and our parents, have been eliminated. Oppressions dreamed of in the pre-World War II days have been opened up to us, and our children. Life has never been so good, and, except for the cloud of nuclear war, the future never loomed brighter.

So, in joining with our fellow Americans in giving thanksgiving for the many blessings which we enjoy today, it might also be well for us of Japanese ancestry to consider the ways in which we may show our appreciation to our country and its people for what we have received in the past 15 years and more.

We should not always be on the receiving end. We should not always expect to receive. We should also be prepared, and eager, to give to the land that has given so much to us.

NEXT YEAR—1962—marks the 20th anniversary of our mass and arbitrary evacuation from our West Coast homes and associations, an unprecedented violation of constitutional and civil rights that must never be repeated again.

It seems to us that, at a time when the struggle for human dignity is such a moving inspiration not only in certain parts of the United States but in many other places in the world, we of Japanese ancestry, who have experienced the travails of that evacuation, owe it to our country, to the free peoples of earth, and to ourselves to repeat and expound the story of that arbitrary mass military action so that Americans will know that it did happen here, and that, unless we are vigilant, it can happen again, in another time of hate and hysteria.

It may come as a surprise, but in many places in our country the people are unaware that such an evacuation was effected ever took place in these United States. As a matter of fact in the 20 years since 1942, even Americans who were aware of that military adventure have tended to forget it.

Indeed, many of the "newer" members of the Congress, in both the House and the Senate, as well as in the new Administration, have only vague ideas of what actually took place, and why. Even many of the Sansei are not certain of the tragedy that engulfed their parents in the spring two decades ago.

In fact, we often hear Nisei quoted nowadays in the newspapers and magazines, and reported in radio and television broadcasts, that evacuation "was a good thing" because it forced the Japanese American communities out of their prewar ghettos and into the mainstream of so-called American life.

ALL AMERICANS, and the peoples of the world, must ever be reminded that even a democracy such as ours, in a time of national peril or emergency, can become arbitrary, shortsighted, and abusive of some of its minorities because of unfounded fears and vicious rumors, guided by greed if not draped in the cloak of patriotism.

All of us should review the events of 1942-1945 in our memories, study again the books and documents regarding those times, and speak out to all who will hear of what happened then, so that our nation and our people may be prepared to make sure that it does not happen again.

But, individuals are limited in what they can say and do.

So, it seems to us that the National JACL might well look to 1962 as the year in which it will develop and carry on a nationwide public education program or campaign regarding the facts of the evacuation and its implications for today and tomorrow, not only here in this country but throughout the world.

This public information program must not be confined to areas in which we have district councils and chapters, though it should be intensified in these areas too. These are the few spots in our great country where there is, or should be, greater appreciation of the 1942 exodus than elsewhere.

The story of evacuation and its aftermath should be emphasized particularly in the Deep South, in the Border States, in New England, in the Southwest, and in North Central Commonwealths. Perhaps, coincidentally, these are the areas in America where racial antagonisms, economic isolationism, and political nationalism are most rampant.

These are the sections of the United States where the epoch of evacuation should be told and repeated, so that the peoples in those regions will understand that human dignity and civil rights are of concern to every single American, for as long as even a single American is denied his rights and privileges and opportunities, no other American is secure in his birthright as an American.

AND, BEYOND these United States, there are the peoples of Asia and Africa, particularly, who

need to learn of our experience as proof positive that the democratic way of government and living provides the ways and means for overcoming the greatest odds, of removing racial stigma, and bigotry, of securing undreamed of achievements and opportunities.

Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country are a living demonstration of what democracy can and has, accomplished for one very minor segment of the American population. If democracy can do this for us, what can it not do for others?

Twenty years ago next year, we Americans of Japanese ancestry were a suspect minority, feared by our own neighbors and government. We were virtually imprisoned, in what were officially described as War Relocation Centers, in the desert wastes of the country, within barbed wire enclosures and with military police as guards. Our future looked dark and forboding, for no minority in American history had been so misjudged and mistreated.

And yet, only two decades later, we enjoy a status unparalleled in our chronicles as a nationality group, with a bright and promising future ahead for ourselves and our posterity.

All this happened under the American way, through the democratic process.

AS WE Americans of Japanese ancestry give thanksgiving this weekend, should we not firmly resolve that we shall try to repay America for the bounties and the good that we now enjoy because of the capacity of the democratic method.

And for us individually, and for JACL, which represents us as a group, is there any greater contribution we can make to our country and to the world than to try to provide our nation and the peoples of earth with a better understanding of the meaning and the potentialities of the democratic process.

In retelling the story of the 1942 evacuation—factually, dramatically, and inspiringly—we may be able to promote the cause of civil liberties in our land for all Americans and to prevent a repetition of what happened to us in another tragic era of hate and hysteria to another group of Americans.

And, over and beyond this, we may be helpful in providing uncommitted and unaligned nations and peoples to give greater study and more serious consideration to the democratic way of life and government as the superior means to the earlier attainment of national and individual goals.

42 RESTAURANTS ALONG HWY. 40 ENDS RACE BIAS

BALTIMORE. — Not all the restaurants along U.S. Highway 40 have agreed to desegregate, but 35 out of 72 in Maryland have and 12 out of 15 in Delaware. Hope is now high that the remainder will go along.

Starting this week on the eve of Thanksgiving Day, these restaurants began serving Negroes.

It took a lot of doing to reach this stage and credit has been made in various editorials of east coast newspapers to the patient efforts of the State Department and the State of Maryland as well as restaurant owners themselves.

(In the Oct. 20 PC, the role of John Yoshino and Douglas Sands engaging in quiet "missionary" work among the restaurants was reported in detail.)

The State Department had entered the scene when African diplomats traveling between Washington and the United Nations in New York were refused even a cup of coffee along a roadside diner on Hwy. 40.

'Freedom Ride' Canceled

The "breakthrough" in Maryland's segregated restaurants was noted on Nov. 9 when the Congress of Racial Equality called off its scheduled "freedom ride" for Nov. 11 and accepted the offer of 47 restaurants in Maryland and Delaware to serve Negroes by Nov. 22.

James Farmer, national CORE director, however warned that other restaurants on the highway must desegregate by Dec. 15.

Maryland Governor Tawes called the cancellation a "heartwarming news" and hoped that the manner in which the Route 40 problem was solved "will serve as an inspiration to our sister states."

The CORE action followed an announcement by the State Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations that it had received the assurances of 35 restaurant owners in Baltimore, Harford and Cecil counties that they would desegregate.

Their pledge met the condition set by CORE leaders in a recent conference with the state commission, which was striving to avoid any demonstration until after the Maryland General Assembly meets next February to consider a bill forbidding discrimination by hotels, motels or restaurants.

The bill has been endorsed by Governor Tawes in principle.

CORE Statement

CORE director Farmer's statement, issued from his New York office, said:

"CORE feels that the decision of 35 Maryland and 12 Delaware restaurant operators to provide equal service for all is a Thanksgiving present for the American people.

"We know that integration of these restaurants will be accomplished smoothly and with the support of employees and customers alike. CORE offers to assist in making the change in policy successful.

"At the same time we shall continue to test the other restaurants along this major federal highway. We hope that with the successful integration of these restaurants the others will also establish a democratic serving policy.

"We are grateful to the restaurant operators who made the decision, to the United States Dept. of State, to Maryland officials, to the Middle Atlantic civic and community leaders and to hundreds of freedom riders who

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YOSHINO LEADERSHIP IN ROUTE 40 PROBLEM CITED

WASHINGTON. — The leadership and efforts exerted by John Yoshino, of the President's Committee for Equal Employment Opportunity, in ending segregation along Route 40 in Maryland was cited in a letter of appreciation from the White House received by the Nisei who had been on loan to the State Department to work with the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations.

Yoshino, who is chapter president of the Washington, D.C., JACL, and recently elected Eastern District Council chairman, worked with Douglas Sands, a Negro, of the state commission during September and October to persuade restaurant owners along U.S. Highway 40 to desegregate.

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By Frank Hattori, Nat'l 1000 Club Chairman

Seattle for their strong support of the Washington alien land law repeal campaign through the JACL movement and the Convention Double. While having fun being entertained and maybe a jackpot in your hand, you will be doing a great deed without feeling it, so if you haven't please look into this.

About 1000 Club whing-dings, the EDC-MDC affair last September at Minneapolis was one of the most inspiring. It was a pleasure to meet so many 1000ers and often wish that it were possible to attend every 1000 Club whing dings.

The PNWDC Convention whing dings Dec. 2 at Hood River. One will be well attended by member from Seattle, Puyallup, Valley White River Valley Civic League Portland, Gresham-Troutdale, Mid-Columbia chapters. We wish the Mid-Columbia hosts a successful convention next weekend. The 1000 Club chairman I understand is arranging the greatest get-together.

Those of us who unselfishly work on committees realize the tremendous task each of these projects entails and appreciate all the work involved. The feeling is even greater when a national convention is being hosted.

Hear ye! All Knights of the Order of the Tie and Garter Snap your Tie and Garter for the last call to be enrolled in the PC Holiday Issue Honor Roll. We anticipate a listing of 1,600 loyal supporters of the JACL 1000 Club, the largest honor roll in history. And with general membership increasing each year, we hope to have 2,000 Thousands in current standing by convention time in July, 1962. With 50,000 readers your old and new friends will discover who's who and who's where in the PC Holiday Issue Honor Roll.

To make this year's Honor Roll renewal or new members should join by Nov. 30 by sending \$25 to National Headquarters.

The purpose of the JACL 1000 Club is self-explanatory (to financially support the organization). Looking around us, we see that we are experiencing the greatest years of our lives. Let us preserve this and make it safe and lasting for our loved ones today and always.

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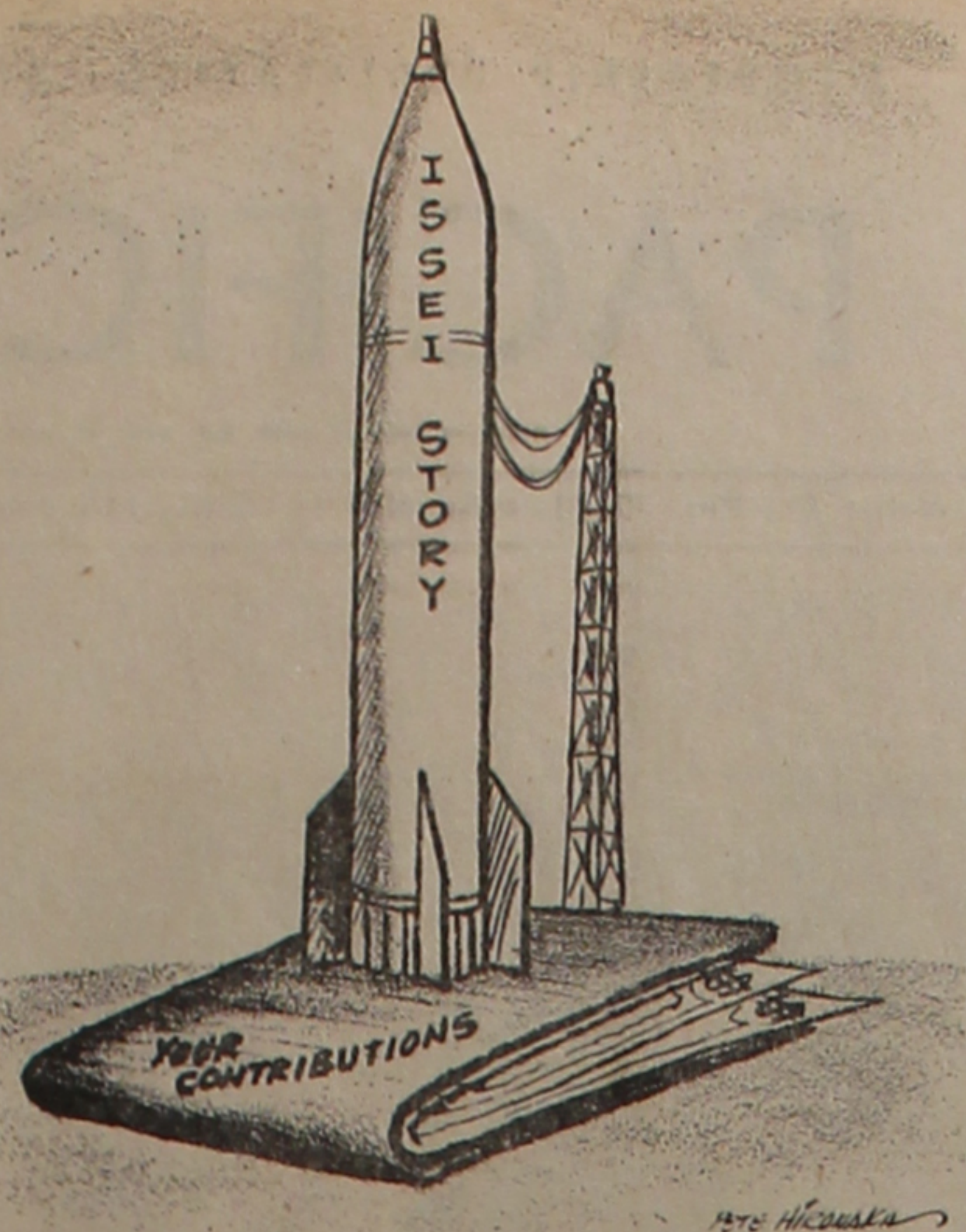
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PC LETTERBOX:

Nisei Not as Outraged as Before

In the Nov. 3 PC, an exchange of views on the use of "Jap" by two Canadian newspapermen — one a Caucasian columnist for the Vancouver Sun and the other a Nisei editor of the New Canadian — was published. This past week, a PC reader who has been active with the Chicago Jr. JACL and who is now working at Oak Ridge, Tenn. offers a Nisei viewpoint. The comments below are directed at Rick Matsumoto, the Nisei editor who expressed indignation at the manner the Caucasian writer entertains on the use of "Jap."

Needless to say, JACL's policy against the use of "Jap" is well known. Because the word was bred by racist-minded individuals and has derogatory overtones when applied to persons of Japanese ancestry in America, the JACL has been campaigning continually to eliminate its use from the written and spoken English language. —Editor.

Dear Mr. Matsumoto:

I chanced to read a reprint of our open letter to Mr. Weir of the Vancouver Sun in the Pacific Citizen and was moved to make reply. This is a painful letter to write because I know that it will bring outraged cries of "hypocrite" and also because I too, still feel a twinge at the sound of the word "Jap" used in even the most casual conversation. I have been in my younger days, challenged the one who said Jap to "take it back or be sorry."

However, I think it is time that we grew up and acted like rational adults, not cry-babies. I will challenge the man who cries "You dirty Jap," but for that matter, also the man who says "You dirty Japanese." What many of us do not realize is that because we have been conditioned to associate ugly experiences with the word Jap, we continue to assume that such connotations exist where, in fact, they no longer do.

Webster defines a bigot as one "so obstinately attached to some opinion as to be illiberal or intolerant." We are the bigots if we continue to react emotionally and irrationally (as Mr. Matsumoto did) to a word without consideration of the manner in which it was used or who used it. We are making the word derogatory and Mr. Matsumoto's reply made this obvious. The word is derogatory for him because he remembers bad associations.

While attending a Japanese dance in Toronto, I once said "Gee, there are a lot of Japs here" and encountered a violent reaction, despite the fact that I too am Japanese and was certainly not being derogatory about myself nor excluding myself from this classification.

The word Jap is a natural abbreviation, whereas Chink, Dago, Wop, etc. are not. (The word Limey is not, as was stated, derived from the limelight district, but comes from the fact that English seamen ate limes in order to obtain vitamin C while at sea.) I recognize that the use of Jap conserves space in a newspaper heading, although in an article,

News Notes encouraged

The D.C. News Notes is encouraged by the recent announcement in the Pacific Citizen of the establishment of the Jimmie Sakamoto Memorial Award for "outstanding examples in publication of chapter newsletters."

This award . . . will be based on several categories of contents but not on appearance. We will be entering the competition for the award. It will help, we believe, if our readers will support us with articles and comments.

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Issei editor honored by Japan gov't

SAN FRANCISCO. — Shichinosuke Asano, president of the Nichi Bei Times, received a Japanese decoration, the Order of the Sacred Treasure, fifth class, in Tokyo this past week, it was revealed by the Japanese consul general here.

The presentation ceremony was held at the Foreign Office Bldg. in Tokyo with Yoshimitsu Ando, director of the Foreign Office's American Affairs Bureau, presenting the medal and a citation to Asano.

He was decorated for his outstanding contribution to friendly U.S.-Japanese relations for his efforts for the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States and his work in promoting Japan relief in the immediate postwar years.

Asano, 64, has been a newspaperman for most of the 40 years he has been in the United States. A member of the editorial staff of the prewar Nichi Bei in San Francisco, he was managing editor of the paper when it ceased publication in May, 1942, due to the evacuation.

Helped JACL
Early in 1946 he helped set up the Civil Rights Defense Union which worked with the JACL to defend Issei and Nisei from prosecution under laws, since repealed or nullified, that then discriminated against Japanese Americans.

He left the CRDU with the establishment of Nichi Bei Times as the first Japanese language newspaper to resume publication on the West Coast in May, 1946.

The Japanese government approved the decoration on Nov. 7 and it was officially announced Saturday. Granting the award was a precedent-shattering move as it was an exception to a Japanese postwar rule which allows such awards only posthumously to citizens of Japan.

1000ers join Honda motor co. Japan tour for dealers

LOS ANGELES.—Thirty-four dealers, accompanied by several company officials, of American Honda Motor Co. won an all-expense paid trip to Japan and departed from here by Japan Air Lines this week. Two active 1000ers Lynn Takagaki of East Los Angeles JACL, attorney for the firm, and Ken Sato of Hollywood JACL, insurance agent, were among those in the group.

The company, which has distributors of the Honda motorcycles throughout the United States, was organized here in June, 1959, as a subsidiary of the Honda Motor Co. of Tokyo, largest motorcycle manufacturers in Japan.

UC President Kerr to greet Japanese alumni

BERKELEY. — President Clark Kerr will join newly appointed Chancellor Edward W. Strong in extending greetings at the UC Japanese Alumni "Big Game" dinner reunion tonight at Haas Recreation Center.

Dr. T.T. Hayashi, club president, has recently returned from Tokyo and will report on Cal alumni activities in Japan.



By Henry Mori

Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

KOYASAN SCOUTS CELEBRATE 30TH YEAR

WE LIKE to thank Fred Taomae, English section editor of the Shin Nichi Bei for his kind words in his column about the special booklet published in connection with the 30th anniversary of Koyasan Boy Scout Troop 379 early this month.

As a newspaperman who may have had some experience with the printing of any brochure or booklet, Taomae no doubt senses some feeling about what is actually involved in such an edition.

Taomae, who is the Hollywood JACL president, was especially pleased with the no ads booklet and thought it was a very clean cut job.

The clean cut printing must be credited to Tosh Nakajima of the Empire Printing Co. who collaborated with us on the make-up. No one can realize the many conversations we had over the phone in getting proper perspective in type, labor and cost. Editorial contribution usually ends as voluntary work in non-profit organization as scouting.

But materially and mechanically booklets cost money to print even with the least budget to spare. The cover was Tosh's idea and that's probably what made the 30th anniversary edition so attractive. Five years ago we were also privileged to serve on the committee.

ONE OF the interesting sections of the edition we thought was the 1935 Washington trip diary penned by Soichi Fukui, Downtown JACL chief, when he and the members were treated royally by many scouts leaders from coast to coast.

"We paraded up First St. to San Pedro St., then down to the station," the Aug. 35 dateline diary begins. If our memory is correct the Union Station then was located near Fifth and Alameda.

Imagine being escorted to the city hall in New York in 13 cabs but that's just what happened when the Troop 379 boys reached New York eight days hence.

For oldtime Angelenos the final writing on Sept. 4 of that year, 1935 in Fukui's diary is rather moving:

"Mohave desert — I saw it from the diner while eating breakfast. Burbank! Glendale! Soon we were flying into L.A. via Alameda St. At Turner and Alameda the first

familiar Japanese faces were seen. . . . We marched and put on a fancy drill at First and San Pedro Sts. At the Daiichi we drank soda and heard speeches. Soon I was comfortably sitting in a sofa at my own house.

"Friday, we'll be eating chop suey at San Kwo Low in our honor."

BESIDES THE JACL, Troop 379 makes claim that it was the only Nisei organization which continued to exist during World War II and almost immediately reactivated when evacuees returned to the west coast in 1946.

Men of great foresight and vision working under much handicaps kept the troop activities alive at Heart Mountain Relocation Center under Dillon S. Myer's blessings.

Troop 379 has big plans for the future. One of them will be a two-month trip to Japan via jet in 1962, something far removed from the 1935 train ride to New York.

The 30th anniversary indeed becomes a milestone.

CAPPY HARADA OPENS TRAVEL FIRM IN L.A.
LOS ANGELES.—Tsunao "Cappy" Harada, who lived in Tokyo but held his 1000 Club membership in the Washington, D.C., JACL, has recently opened his Nihon Shiman Travel Service at 650 S. Grand Ave.

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By Larry Tajiri

Vagaries

ORIENTAL KICK LEAVES BROADWAY

WE REMEMBER walking down New York's West 44th Street, just west of Broadway, three years ago, when the Broadway theater was entertaining what came to be known as the "Sino-Japanese invasion." Three of the theater's biggest hits that season involved Oriental themes. Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Flower Drum Song," the Leonard Sogelgass comedy, "A Majority of One," and "The World of Suzie Wong." All were playing on West 44th Street and among these three productions some 30 performers of Japanese ancestry, mostly Nisei, were involved. Several other productions were contemplated (most of them never were fulfilled) and it was something of a theatrical asset to have an Asian look.

But trends pass quickly. The other day we were on 44th Street, but the Oriental-themed attractions were long gone. The marquee advertised instead: "Do Re Mi," "Camelot" and "Sail Away." In all of Broadway so far this season and in the 18 attractions currently active off-Broadway, there is not a single role for a performer of Oriental ancestry. In fact, now that "Flower Drum Song" has finally ended a long tour, there is only a single show on the road which has Oriental performers. This is the durable "World of Suzie Wong."

THE ORIENTAL trend which swept Broadway three seasons ago has been transferred to some extent to the screen. "The World of Suzie Wong," in which Jeri Miyazaki played the title role on Broadway (replacing France Nuyen) and on tour, already has been made into a film, and a commercially successful one, establishing Nancy Kwan, a girl of English-Chinese ancestry from Hong Kong, as a front rank star.

This month three major films are in release with Oriental backgrounds. In addition, there are some B features, such as "Seven Women from Hell," a war drama filmed in Hawaii which seems to be a remake of "Three Came Home," which co-starred Sessue Hayakawa 15 years ago as the commandant of a Japanese prison camp. The role, in this remake, is being played by Bob O'Keefe. A number of other Nisei from Hollywood are involved.

The major releases are: "Flower Drum Song," Ross Hunter's \$5

million film version of the musical hit; "A Majority of One," which stars Alec Guinness as the tycoon from Tokyo and Rosalind Russell as the Jewish widow from Brooklyn, and "Bridge to the Sun," the movie version of Gwen Terasaki's autobiographical account of an interracial marriage. All are worthy films and all have a point to make regarding the world in which we live.

"Flower Drum Song," which was adapted from a novel by a San Francisco newspaperman, C. Y. Lee, is the story of the class of two cultures in San Francisco's Chinatown. When Richard Rodgers and the late Oscar Hammerstein II first undertook to produce "Flower Drum Song" they were determined to entrust the major roles to Oriental performers, since all of the characters in the story are of Chinese ancestry.

There were not enough trained Chinese Americans to carry the musical, but Rodgers and Hammerstein found Miyoshi Umeki, a girl from Hokkaido, Japan, who had made a career in the United States on TV and in night clubs, and Pat Suzuki, whose big voice and lively, pony-tailed personality, already had established her as a top-flight recording artist. Then there was Goro Suzuki, a comedian and m.c. in Chinese night clubs under the name Jack Soo, and a dozen other Nisei, mostly dancers. R&H also revealed on Yuriko, who had danced in their production of "The King and I" to return in the leading dancing role. "Flower Drum Song" proved one of the most successful musicals of recent seasons.

When the Universal-International producer, Ross Hunter, saw the touring company of "Flower Drum Song" in Los Angeles, he decided to make it into a film, using Oriental performers as much as possible. "I wanted Jack Soo to play Sammy Fong," Hunter told us recently, "and I was finally able to get him away from the touring company when Larry Blyden, who had played Sammy originally until Soot took over, offered to take over for Soot on tour while the film was being made."

Hunter cast James Shigeta (who once won the Ted Mack Amateur Hour national championship with his baritone singing voice) in the leading romantic role opposite Miss Umeki. He got Nancy Kwan for the part of Linda Lee, the brash stripper, which Pat Suzuki had done so well in New York. Hunter also had the role of Helen Cha rewritten so that the part of the seamstress, a singing role in the original, becomes the film's leading dance role. Reiko Sato was cast as Helen Cha and her dancing, in particular, is one of the hits of the film.

Other principals in "Flower Drum Song" are Benson Fong as the father (the part Keye Luke did on Broadway) and Juanita Hall in her original characterization as the aunt. A score or more Nisei are among the performers in the picture.

The movie version of "Flower Drum Song" approximates the stage musical. It has the latter's reliance on humor arising from racial stereotyping, but its heart is pure and the production is light and gay. The song numbers are effective, particularly Miss Kwan's "I Enjoy Being a Girl," Miss Umeki's "One Hundred Million Miracles," Jack Soo's "Sunday" and "Don't Marry Me" and several by Shigeta. It's pleasant entertainment.

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(Continued from Front Page)

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A committee of "name" restaurant owners in northeast Maryland, headed by Tony Konstant, promised his group would all desegregate by Dec. 1.

Editorial Comments

The Baltimore Evening Sun, in its Nov. 9 editorial, lauded the decisions of the restaurant owners and freedom riders. The "decision in favor of serving all patrons without regard to race or color"

"eliminated an injustice to a large bloc of Maryland citizens while at the same time improving a domestic situation that has put difficulties in the way of American foreign policy." The CORE decision to call off the freedom ride was a "victory of reason."

"And in a matter of this kind, reason is a solution by agreement much better than solutions achieved by the passage of laws or by resort to the methods of passive resistance, which have resulted in disorders in most places in which they have been used," the editorial explained.

"Much more needs to be done," the Evening Sun concluded, "to eliminate discrimination in places of public accommodation in Maryland, and it will be more enduring if accomplished with the consent of those who operate such places and the backing of enlightened opinion."

The New York Herald Tribune on Nov. 13 welcomed the news but said it was "a shame that in 1961, this should still represent progress and that the achievement of such equality for Americans should have had to be the result of efforts to guarantee courtesy to foreigners. But progress comes in diverse ways, and however achieved, it's welcome."

The Baltimore Sun said the "psychological barrier is broken." What a few do, others can safely follow.

JAPAN OFFERED 100

PEACE CORPS TEACHERS

TOKYO. — U.S. Ambassador Reischauer has offered to send 100 Peace Corps members to Japan to teach English in Japanese schools and asked Japan to send art craft teachers to the United States in return.

The offer was made last week to Foreign Minister Kosaka, who was pleased and said he would ask the schools for a reply.

Dance for UN Week

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Enchantes of the Park Presidio YMCA performed a Japanese dance at the Oct. 28 noon program commemorating United Nations Week at downtown Union Square. Those dancers were Naomi Deguchi, Gail Hoshiyama, Vivian Louison, Mikie Nakanishi, June Omura and Sandy Yasukochi.

Mile-Hi scholarship

DENVER. — Jean Sato is chairman of the Mile-Hi JACL scholarship committee, which is currently reorganizing the methods by which to make the selections.

Adopted children from Japan picking up Spanish and English at kindergarten

SEVILLE (Tulare Co.) — Susan and Bill Yebisu, newly-adopted children of Mr. and Mrs. William Yebisu, are accepting their new home in America with all the joy and excitement of which two five-year olds are capable.

Not brother and sister by birth, both were born in Japan and placed together for two months recently in the same orphanage in Yokohama. While they were becoming acquainted and the lawyers were making the adoption arrangements, their future parents in America had just completed a new home for them on their farm on Ave. 384.

Last August, the Yebisu and 11 other sets of foster parents met their children at 4 a.m. in the Los Angeles Airport.

Principal William Melton of the Stone Corral School reports Susan and Bill are progressing nicely in kindergarten.

In Kindergarten

"Making the transition from home to school is a tremendous adjustment for the average child but you can imagine the fears that these little ones who do not speak our language have to conquer," says Melton.

In describing their new relationship at school, kindergarten teachers Mrs. Patricia Schneider says the children enjoy the companionship of the other students and are very polite and gracious.

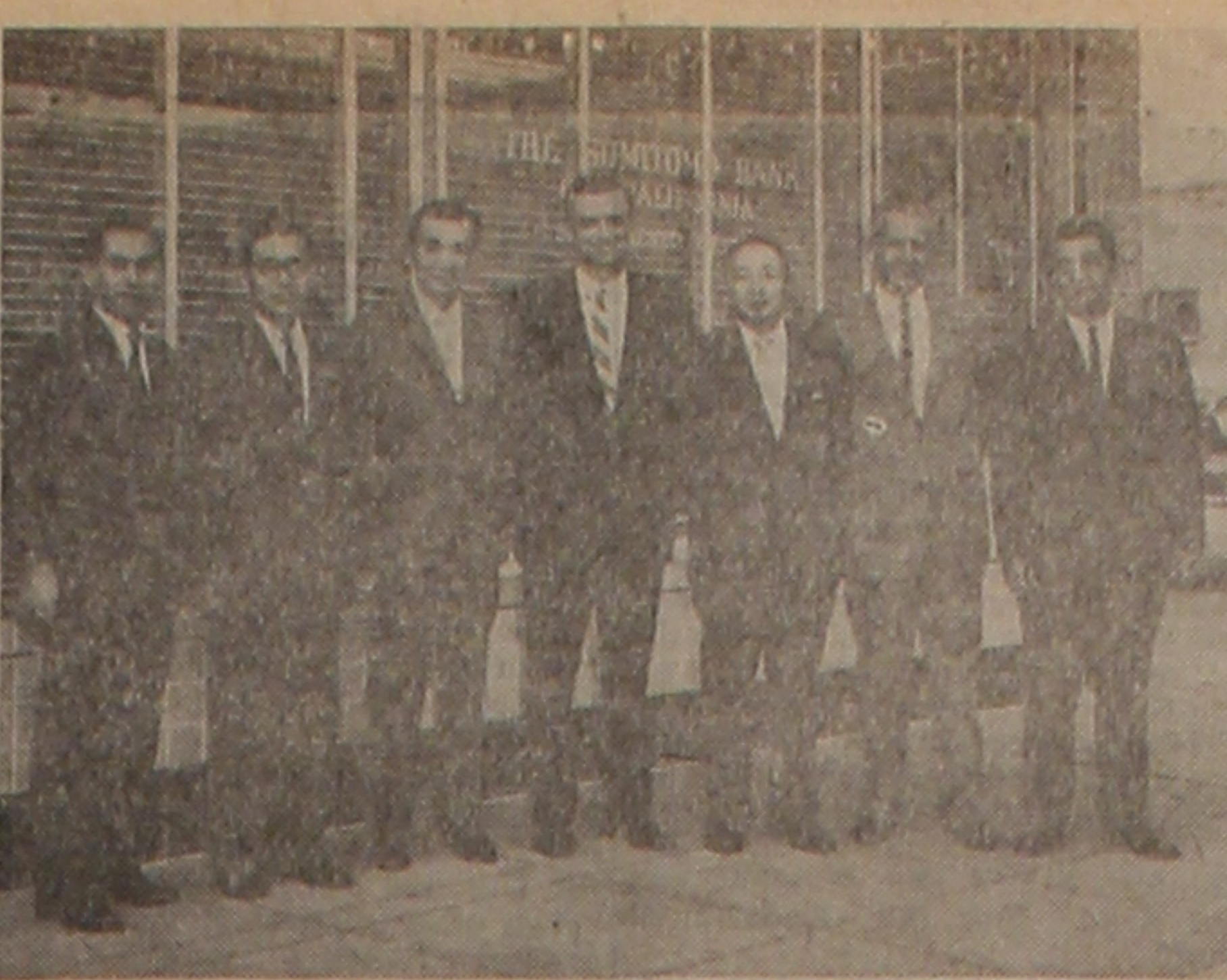
Susan loves music and has a wonderful sense of rhythm. She is full of humor and likes to clown. Bill is quiet natured and appears to have artistic talent. He is learning English rapidly because he constantly tries to repeat sounds and words.

Learning English and Spanish

"As these children learn more English," Mrs. Schneider says, "they can enrich the lives of the other children by telling of their lives in Japan. There are many Spanish-speaking children in the school who also speaks very little English. Susan and Bill are learning the language right along with them."

Mrs. Schneider was amused at Susan during the first week of school. She used the Spanish word leche (milk), as so many of the others said it. Susan finally has been convinced that in English, it's milk.

At home, Mrs. Yebisu speaks English to them and tries to explain the meaning of the words. The children speak Japanese to their father so they will not forget the language.



SIX YEARS IN SACRAMENTO

Sumitomo Bank of California in Sacramento celebrates its sixth anniversary with two state officials. Standing in front of the bank at 4th and N Sts. are (from left) Takashi Adachi, asst. v.p., San Francisco; Yuji Noguchi, asst. mgr., Sacramento; Takeshi Ashizawa, mgr., Sacramento; Bert A. Betts, state treasurer; Makoto Sasaki, pres., San Francisco; Andrew W. Barrigan, asst. to Betts; and Art Mitsutome, asst. cashier, Sacramento.

Bank branch observes 6th anniversary

SACRAMENTO.—The local branch of the Sumitomo Bank of California marked its sixth anniversary this past week with a visit from State Treasurer Bert A. Betts and his administrative assistant Andrew W. Barrigan.

Makoto Sasaki, bank president, accompanied the visitors on the tour of the branch office. He reviewed the Sumitomo Bank history, pointing out that it expanded its operations overseas for the first time in 1916 by establishing an office in San Francisco. The local branch was founded in 1924.

Business was resumed in 1953 after operations were closed during war years. The local branch was opened in 1955.

Takeshi Ashizawa, branch manager, and Art Mitsutome, lone Nisei officer here, voiced a need for trained personnel in the banking field, noting the opportunities of a banking career for Nisei and Saneis.

Sumitomo has other branches in Los Angeles, Gardena and one is being planned for San Jose.

SC graduate study on city planning choose Li'l Tokio for spring study, receive grant

LOS ANGELES. — Project Li'l Tokio gets underway with 60 students and six instructors at the Univ. of Southern California next term when research and educational studies of conditions on First and San Pedro Sts. take place.

A \$600 grant toward the USC program in city and regional planning will be made jointly by the Li'l Tokio Businessmen's Association and the Li'l Tokio Property Owners' Association. It was revealed recently by Elji Tanabe, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Arthur L. Grey, Jr., associate professor and chairman of the graduate program in city and regional planning, met with Tanabe and Kenji Ito, past Chamber president, to discuss the merits of the project.

"We hope to pursue an educational program dealing with the area during the period of Feb. 10 and Apr. 10, 1962. This is the earliest date on which it would be possible to make the study," Dr. Grey said.

Findings to be Submitted

The findings are to be submitted to Li'l Tokio merchants, professional men and leaders through the two organizations.

The activities will involve (1) research on present land uses in Li'l Tokio, sources of present patterns, and relationship of the area to other downtown space uses.

(2) Preparation of statements representing differing student interpretation of the future of the area in the light of the above research and other facts and

'How much Nipponese culture should we teach children?' revives memories of roaring '20 days of Yesler Way hall

BY TOORU KANAZAWA

New York. — When you and I were young, Maggie, the old Nippon Kan Hall on Yesler Way Hill in Seattle was the fount of Japanese culture, and some of it splashed off on us tadpoles. What Carnegie Hall is to New York, Nippon Kan was to Seattle, where as Jackson Street regulars and Main Street hustlers used to fill in our mispent youth.

Our world was bound on the east by the skidroads, to the south by Chinatown with its bakape and gaming tables (some operated by Japanese gangsters) and to the northwest by "the district," where girls tapped on windows and cooed, "Papa-san, Papa-san."

Yet out of this area we grew up to be more or less upright citizens. To change metaphors, we grew like grass among alcoholics and derelicts, some of us in bed-bug-ridden flatpans, and reached clean fresh air. How come?

Cobwebs Brushed Off

The cobwebs were brushed off these memories by announcement of the theme for the Young Matrons' panel discussion (on Nov. 10): "How much Japanese culture should we teach our children?" To what end and of what value will it be?

The role played by Japanese culture in our lives may be hard to pin down. But for something to think about we'll mention the cultural atmosphere in which we must apply today, but in our day, we must have picked up some culture, at least through osmosis.

Nippon Kan was the first floor of the Hotel Astor. It had a stage and a narrow balcony, with a seating capacity of 700. Today we would call it a community center. Anything worthwhile, and some of the things were of professional caliber, were presented at Nippon Kan. Many a sleeping Nisei baby was carried out of its crowded hall.

Located at the corner of Washington and Maynard Streets, both grass-grown thoroughfares because it didn't pay the city to pave when the earth kept sliding away down to the flatlands, it was the local landmark. On the second floor the Japanese Association had its offices.

Events held yearly at Nippon Kan were the karuta, billiard and

needs for expansion of Li'l Tokio.

"You have posed a problem of great interest and importance to the well-being of the Los Angeles central area. My strong personal impression is that to fail to conserve this area would be a very great civic loss."

sumo tournaments. Sometimes imported talent from California would take part. The community stores donated prizes. The Nisei might enjoy the sporting events, but karuta was largely lost on them. Karuta, of course, is the game where a man chafes out verses, and the players try to find cards which will complete each of the poems.

Engikai Repertoire

The Seattle Engikai or drama group was a permanent fixture over many years. Other groups were the Mimasaka, Hatsuoka, Yayoikai and Matsubakai. They offered presentations of kabuki, shimpa gekki (modern plays) nagauta and dances.

The Seattle Japanese community was fortunate in having as a teacher, Onoye Tamiji. Tura Nakamura of the Kabuki Restaurant here, no mean kabuki actor himself, considers her a genius.

When Nakamura Utaemon was here from Japan with the Kabuki Troupe, Tura mentioned her accomplishments to him. The great kabuki star said that such accom-

plishments were rare and unusual. Onoye Tamiji was also a skilled shamisen artist.

Tura's professional name was Nakamura Bikaku. His brother Kameo was the best gidayu katarai and was known as the Nisei Dayu. It was a treat to hear him chant nagauta.

During this first world war period and into the Roaring '20s we were exposed to this aspect of Japanese culture. It's hard to say how much we were affected by it, but there's no gainsaying that our lives were enriched. It will be interesting to hear what the Young Matrons will have to say on this subject.

—Hokubei Shimpou

3 SACRAMENTO TEAMS READY FOR JACL CLASSIC

SACRAMENTO. — The Sacramento Nisei Bowling Assn. will be represented by ten men and six women bowlers at the 1962 National JACL Bowling Tournament being held next March at Salt Lake City. It was reported by Dubby Tugawa in the Sacramento JACL Newsletter last week.

Each bowler selected will receive a bowling shirt, have all entry fees paid and transportation.

The Sacramento JACL team, captained by Sam Ishida, defending champions in the Alhambra Fraternal League, are currently in sixth place in the 16-team league.

Nisei lineman out for rest of Cal's football season

PASADENA. — Floyd Schneidermann, sports columnist for the Independent Star News, expressed disappointment in a recent column in not seeing Victor Yamato, Cal varsity lineman, play in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

On the traveling squad as a soph, the former Pasadena High School star sustained a broken finger in the Penn State game and won't see action for the rest of the year, Schneidermann reported. Against Penn State, Yamato got into every quarter.

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Freeheeling on the Freeway

— By JIM HIGASHI —

HOLIDAY ISSUE

As the Nov. 30 deadline for PC Holiday Issue ads, one-line name insertions and chapter reports rapidly draws near, there remains but a week to complete the push and getting them into us.

So far (as of Nov. 18, when this column is being written), the chapters have really done a wonderful job in getting an early start for the total number of inches of display advertising submitted to date show the chapters are "on the ball".

In round figures, the 1960 Holiday Issue had a total of 1,900 column inches of advertising and 1,300 one-line name insertions with 73 chapters reporting. — Editor.

HOLIDAY AD BOXSCORE

| CHAPTER STANDINGS | Col. Inches |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Downtown Los Angeles | 101 1/2 |
| 2. Chicago | 100 |
| 3. Sacramento | 39 |
| 4. East Los Angeles | 42 |
| 5. Southwest Los Angeles | 33 |
| 6. El Monte | 27 |
| 7. Mile-Hi (Denver) | 23 |
| 8. Palmdale County | 23 |
| 9. Long Beach Harbor District | 18 |
| 10. San Fernando Valley | 17 |
| 11. Berkeley | 14 |
| 12. Long Beach Harbor District | 14 |
| (Less Than 10 Inches) | |
| Coez, Detroit, Fort Lupton, Fowler | |
| Hollywood, Mid-Columbia, Milwaukee, | |
| Oakland, Omaha, St. Louis, Seattle, | |
| District Councils | |
| 1. Central California | 39 |
| One-Line Name Insertions | |
| 1. San Fernando Valley | 39 |
| 2. Mt. Olympus | 38 |
| 3. Long Beach Harbor District | 29 |
| 4. Sacramento | 29 |
| 5. Detroit | 25 |

Other Chapters:
Bakersfield, Chicago, Costa Costa,
Cortez, Delano, Mid-Columbia, Mil-
waukee, Omaha.

VISITOR FROM COACHELLA

Didn't realize how bad things were in the farming communities until we had the chance to talk with Toru Kitahara, Coachella Valley chapter president.

Grapefruit at 1 cent a pound! That's hard to figure from the price we pay at the retail level, but the picture is that the citrus growers in Coachella have been hit hard by low prices. Something is drastically wrong when there is such a disparity in prices between the grower and the consumer. JACL-wise, things have been relatively quiet but Toru says the chapter will go all-out to fulfill its obligations. We certainly wish Toru and the Coachella Valley chapter the best!

SEATTLE CONVENTION

Many have shown more than casual interest in the forthcoming National JACL Convention in Seattle next summer. "What's the latest?" on the convention, they ask.

Here's what the "To Bridge and to Build" National JACL Convention looks like as of now:

1962 Convention

Thursday, July 26—Fishing Der-

East Bay chapters form youth league

BERKELEY. — The East Bay Athletic League, jointly sponsored by the Berkeley, Contra Costa and Oakland JACL chapters, was formally organized for Sasei youth of the area.

A basketball program for both junior and senior high school students is being planned from Dec. 1. Paul Nomura of 1924 Oregon St. and Shig Morita of 2143 Park St., both Berkeley, were appointed "B" League and "C" League commissioners, respectively.

Frank Yamazaki was elected president of the EBAL board of directors, assisted by Min Sano, v.p.; Hideo Neishi, treas.; Harry Takahashi, sec.; and Shig Yoshimine, ath. dir.

The "B" league participant must be 17 as of Dec. 1 or in high school. The "C" league participants must be in junior high school.

Calendar

- Nov. 24-25
Long Beach—Basketball tournament
Long Beach City College gym.
Mid-Hi—JL Lupton-MDC convention.
- Nov. 24-26
Pocahontas—JACL convention
Pocahontas, Blackfoot.
Nov. 25 (Saturday)
D.C. — Election meeting, YWCA, 170 & K Sts., 8 p.m.
Chicago — Annual banquet-ball
Berkeley—Chicago Hotel, 8:30 p.m.
San Fernando — Benefit movie, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose — JACL dance, Oakland Buddhist Church, 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 26 (Sunday)
Portland — JACL quarterly session
Colonial Inn, Blackfoot, 12:15-1:30
Chicago — JACL Teen Chalm school
Olive Community Center, 2 p.m.
Dec. 2 (Saturday)
Eden Township — Christmas party
Eden Township, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit — Election meeting
Fresno — Pre-convention dinner,
St. Louis—Inaugural dinner, Carpenter Hall.
Nov. 24-25
Southwest L.A.—Christmas Cheer
ben. event, La. Dixie hall, 9 p.m.
Dec. 2
Mid-Columbia—PNWDC Convention,
at: Whiting Drive, HAV Cafe, 7 p.m.
Sun: Bowling, Orchard Lane, bus
new session, Hood River Hotel; ban-
quet, Wyand High School, 6 p.m.
Dec. 3 (Sunday)
Fresno—CCTC Convention Hacienda
Dec. 9 (Saturday)
Pocahontas — Foster Team rummage
sale.
Long Beach — Installation dinner
Seattle-Puyallup Valley White River
Valley — Joint installation dinner
dinner, Hunt House, Sea-Tac Airport
Chicago — Teen Chalm School, Olive
Community Center, 2 p.m.
Dec. 16 (Saturday)
Sonoma County — Christmas party,
Pasadena — Christmas party,
Long Beach — Christmas party,
Philadelphi — Christmas party, In-
ternational Institute
St. Louis — Christmas party,
D.C. — Christmas party.

JACL orientation presented to Chicago board, old and new, and Jr. officers

CHICAGO. — A select group of 30 people which included incoming and incumbent 1962 Chicago Chapter Board members along with Jr. JACLers were inspired by the stirring words set forth by a distinguished panel of JACL dignitaries who presented a graphic account of the "JACL Story" from birth to the present and future at a symposium held on Nov. 5 at the Holiday Lodge Motel on Chicago's North Side.

Dr. Thomas Yatabe, 1st JACL National President, opened the session with a dramatic account of the birth of JACL and its history up through the war years. He recalled, among many other interesting experiences, the emergency National Board meeting where the emissary from General DeWitt delivered the tragic note "move or else" which ultimately resulted in evacuation.

Noboru Honda, MDC Issel Story Chairman, continuing JACL's history from the war's end to the present told of the instrumental role of JACL and Mike Masaka in particular in the passage of the Evacuation Claims, Nationalization and the Stay of Deportation bills.

Shig Wakamatsu, immediate past National president, gave a brief outline of JACL Program with its emphasis on youth. He also stressed the importance of a sound Public Relations program and the need to educate other Americans about the Nisei.

Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon, past

National Legislative and Legal chairman, gave the audience a look into JACL machinery in action in legislative matters.

He called the Washington Office "the keystone to the organization." Dr. Frank Sakamoto, MDC chairman, outlined the organizational structure of the MDC and its vital role in relation to the nation's most vital area.

Kumeo Yoshinari, National Treasurer, reporting on JACL budget and finance explained the current budget and the quota system. And in doing so stated that "the greatest future lies in what can be done with the Endowment Fund."

The final speaker, Abe Hagihara, executive secretary of the 1960-70 Planning Commission, gave a preview of things to come and recommended that JACL continue as a strong organization, to establish Regional Offices and maintain the Washington Office.

He felt the need for the standardization of our policies and the need for a clear cut written policy to help leaders do a good job. Hiro Mayeda, immediate past Chapter Board Chairman, served as discussion chairman for this highly fruitful affair especially designed to acquaint the newly elected board members and the young set with JACL History and Rationale.

Board Chairman Joe Sagami, Program Chairman Masako Inoue and Hiro Mayeda made up the Orientation Planning Committee.

Milwaukee JACL to elect new officers, old fashioned Christmas party planned

MILWAUKEE. — New board members will be elected by Milwaukee JACLers tomorrow night at International Institute, the meeting to start at 7:30.

Special feature will be the "After Fair" sale of items which were displayed at the Holiday Folk Fair last weekend.

Shaping up for children and adults is an old fashioned Christmas party on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17, from 2:30 to 5:30 at the Mitchell Park Pavilion. Betty Iwata is program chairman and is being assisted by Min Hirai, co-

chairman; Elaine Shinozaki, Lil Kataoka and Helen Jonokuchi, draffees.

To help instill the beauty and there will be a contest drawing for painting of the Nativity. Drawings will be on exhibit at the program and prizes goes to the three best. Drawings should be submitted not later than Dec. 1 to B. Iwata, 3750 N. 39th St., Milwaukee 16.

A talent show of children, each presentation not to exceed two minutes, is being planned. Parents are being urged to encourage their youngsters to participate.

And because the little girls wear such lovely Christmas dresses, each will be introduced and asked to "twirl" her dress.

A light supper at 4:30 will conclude the program. And a Santa's JACL list is being prepared in the meantime.



Regional Review

● MDC—"The Lost Girl"

By DR. FRANK SAKAMOTO

As I now take this office as MDC Chairman, I realize the abundance of hard work all the district chairmen have had; I see that it's going to be a tall order for me to fill in our past MDC Chairman's shoes. I certainly feel that we should do our utmost to continue the work that Joe Kawadoki and his staff have started.

RIGHT now, I would like to tell you a tragic story, a story about which you read practically every day in a metropolitan paper. It goes this way: the daughter of a farmer living in the wilderness disappeared. Knowing the dangers of a person getting lost in these woods, he called upon his neighboring farmers and friends to cooperate with him in searching for his daughter.

Days passed without any avail and as everyone became weary, tired and exhausted, they returned to the farmer's home.

The farmer asked as a last desperate move that everyone join hands and once more comb the country side. With renewed energy and greater organization, they went out and sure enough, they came upon the little girl, but it was too late, she had died of overexposure. In this moment of sorrow, one of the members of the search party said, "Oh, if only we had joined hands earlier, we might have found her alive."

This gives us a good example of the necessity of joining hands without any hesitation, for there is "Strength Through Unity."

GOOD programing on the Chapter level is a valuable key; it must be stimulating and challenging to maintain good membership. When people ask, "What is JACL doing?" the program should explain itself; otherwise, we may not be able to produce a set answer on the spur of the moment.

Not only will it result in a loss of potential membership, but

HARUO ISHIMARU ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF NC-WN DISTRICT

SAN JOSE. — Haruo Ishimaru of San Mateo County JACL was elected chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council here Nov. 12, succeeding Henry Kato of San Jose.

The election was held at the fourth quarterly meeting of the district Sunday afternoon at the De Anza Hotel.

Ishimaru, one of five holdovers from 1960-61 who are serving another year, will now serve on the National JACL board with the seven other district chairman and elected national officers.

Jack Kusaba of San Francisco was chosen vice-chairman, while Norman Mineta of San Jose was elected district treasurer and Judy Golan of Florida as secretary.

The latter two were among five new directors elected by the delegates from the 25 chapters in the district. The others named for two year terms were:

James Murakami of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County chapter; Steve Doi of San Francisco, and Tad Masaka of Menlo Park, Sequoia chapter.

Elected By Board

Bill Tsuji of Marysville was elected district 1000 Club chairman and will be on the board for the coming year, along with Kato, ex-officio past chairman.

The district officers were named by the new board and installed at the evening banquet by Municipal Judge-designate Wayne Kanemoto.

Other holdover directors are: Phil Matsumura of San Jose, Fred Dobana of Stockton and Bill Kashiwagi of Florida.

Dignitaries Speak

Mayor Paul Moore of San Jose and Edward R. Levin, chairman of the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, extended greetings to the delegates at the dinner.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to out-going directors including:

Kato, Peter Nakahara, George Inouye of Marysville, Buddy Fujii of Reno, Dr. Yoshio Togasaki of Lafayette, Contra Costa; plus Paul Ichijima of Monterey, 1000 Club chairman.

Ishimaru, a life insurance agent, served as regional director for the JACL's Northern California office for several years. An ordained minister, he was assistant pastor at Los Angeles and Pasadena churches prior to joining the JACL staff.

He is also currently executive secretary for the Northern California Gardeners Assn.

Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

1938 L.A. Convention

Part IX: Continued

MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee was composed of: Sam Fujita, chairman; Masaru Abe, Albert Hirota, George Otani, Katherine Sasaki, George Horiuchi.

The committee recommended the following ways and means to increase the membership of the JACL.

A. That a national membership drive be adopted.

1. Each chapter to set aside one week during the month of February.

2. The method employed to be left up to the discretion of the individual chapters.

3. A census taken in conjunction with the drive of all eligible members.

B. Make the community JACL-conscious.

1. Poster.

2. Create greater interest among the Issel.

a. Round table discussions.

b. Appearance of capable speakers before Issel organization.

3. Entertainment.

4. Sponsorship of vocational classes.

5. With the approval of the national body, the committee recommends that chapters be allowed to sponsor athletics.

a. Only in regions where there isn't an athletic governing group.

1. To create interest indirectly.

2. Separate treasurer, and possibly secretary.

C. Give special privileges with membership cards.

1. To social affairs and other chapter functions.

2. Insurance rates.

3. Reduction on medical and dental treatment.

D. Attempt to make the meetings interesting to all concerned by adding special features to the regular business.

1. Refreshments.

2. Outside speakers.

3. Debates.

VOCATIONS

Following is a summary of the report made by the vocations committee. The committee was composed of: Chairman, Ken Utsumiya, Tom Nakamura, Harry Morioka, Byrd Kamakata, and Roy M. Kishi.

Acting on information which had been gathered from various sources, the committee decided that while it is desirable in some instances for the young to seek a college education and technical training, yet there is not now sufficient demand for such activities.

The committee, therefore, found that the young should seek to become efficient in the skilled trades, which may offer opportunities.

It was recommended that the young should continue those activities which have been developed by the parent generation, such as agriculture, and the service businesses.

The National Constitution adopted at this 1938 convention has been the basis for the governing of the JACL with few changes now and then up to date. The officers elected to serve the ensuing two years were the following:

Walter T. Tsukamoto, Sacramento attorney, national president; Ken Matsumoto, Los Angeles chapter, vice president; Ken Utsumiya, Santa Maria Valley, executive secretary; Hito Okada, Portland, treasurer. The three district council chairmen who were to be on the national board were the following: Southern California district, Henry Tsuruta, Los Angeles; Northern California district, Dr. Harry Kita, Salinas; Northwest district, Mamoru Wakasugi, Portland.

The two past presidents who were eligible to serve on the board were: James Y. Sakamoto of Seattle and Dr. T.T. Yabate of Fresno.

Seven of the outstanding actions of the convention were summarized as follows:

1. Revising the Constitution of League.

2. Placing the endowment fund project on a more definite and substantial basis, and making preparations to accelerate it.

3. Improving the machinery of the League by creating a National Board.

4. Voting to continue the Pacific Citizen as the organ of the League, and making certain changes.

5. Approving the Second Generation Development Project.

6. Approving a general program of vocational guidance.

7. Adopting a resolution to the effect that the League should keep in touch with international trends and be prepared rightly to interpret such affairs as affecting the young.

A new pin was approved, a hymn and a "pep" song adopted, the plan for a census of all young Nisei in the United States were approved, and it was agreed that a directory of the League members should be compiled.

Sakamoto Speaks

In expressing his appreciation of past officers and members, and asking for the same cooperation for the new officers, President Sakamoto said:

"Mr. Tsukamoto, who has served so ably the past two years as national executive secretary, is one of the most capable leaders among the second generation, and his deep interest and loyalty has been thoroughly demonstrated by the manner in which he has performed the duties of his important office."

"The foundation of the League has been laid on a wider and stronger basis than ever before. The new plan of the National Board will, we believe, make it possible for more effective service than in the past. We are fortunate in having such an able national staff to put this plan into

effect.

"Through the new plan of operation the Japanese American Citizens League goes more definitely and effectively on record as a citizenship organization, and had more definitely than before committed itself to the principle of Americanism."

"The recent convention saw fit to revise and readopt the resolution of the Seattle convention, placing the League on record as absolutely opposed to Communism and every other form of subversive activities."

The new president said in part about the outgoing officers:

"To the retiring national officers, we tender a sincere vote of thanks: Mr. James Sakamoto for his able leadership and untiring efforts in guiding the League through the difficult years of 1937 and 1938 to personally contact every member chapter by traveling from Seattle to the district council conventions even though these trips entailed great personal sacrifices. We will never forget his brilliant oratory and his inspiring spirit."

"Mr. Susumu Togasaki for his four years of unceasing and constant vigil to build up our national treasury to its present sound condition. No man has ever given so much of his time or worked so hard for the good of the organization; at times even at the sacrifice of personal popularity."

"Mr. Masao Satow for his genius and ability to launch one of the most difficult of League projects, the Second Generation Development and Survey. His experience as executive secretary of one of the largest religious organizations on the Pacific Coast well qualifies him for this important work. To these men we owe an unforgettable debt of gratitude."

College Graduates

A report was made by the Rev. Kojiro Unoura of Los Angeles, who has made a study of the vocational problems of the Nisei in California. He stated that a study of the 161 graduates of the University of California from 1925 to 1935 revealed that 25 per cent found places in line with their education; another 25 per cent are allied with family or relatives, and 40 per cent are in "blind alley" jobs with little future. Of nine electrical engineers, two went to Japan, and only one has an engineering job here.

In 1935 there were four graduates in the agriculture department, but not one is following that line.

He advocated a social agency to take up the problem, but thought such organizations as the JACL could do much good. The family has failed to meet the situation as a rule.

Some of the interesting points made in the report were:

"Race prejudice hampers the American-born Japanese most of all in securing a living. Regardless of qualifications, American-born Japanese college graduates find it virtually impossible to secure positions in American business concerns on the Pacific Coast, except as janitors. As a result, highly trained engineers, chemists, teachers and other professional men, simply because of their Japanese blood, are often forced to eke out a living doing the work of immigrant laborers."

"Scarcity of suitable employment is not peculiar to the Japanese during these days of depression, it may be said. But in the case of the Japanese in America, the depression has nothing to do with it. The situation existed before the depression and will continue after the depression."

"In spite of the deep interest of the Japanese parents, the family has failed to meet the needs of the present so far as the question of vocational guidance is concerned. Many Japanese parents are unwisely ambitious for their children; others are shortsighted and are too anxious to get the immediate benefit of the income that is to be derived from the first job that is offered; and still others are lamentably ignorant of the first principles that ought to govern in the choices of life work or EM 4-5594.

"In coming to the methods to be employed in giving vocational guidance, two fundamental considerations should be kept in view; the abilities and interests of the young people who are to be studied; the opportunities which are offered in the various lines of activity as they now exist and as they must develop."

"As to the first - the self of the young man, there are such methods of gaining information as the psychological tests and the question."

"In the second place - the vocational survey - there is a detailed study of the various kinds of work that are carried on in the community. Instead of attempting to find out what the prospective worker has the ability or desire to do, this method attempts to discover what employment the world offers him."

"Thus, the two methods are supplementary. They must go side by side, if vocational guidance should be successful."

Oratorical Contest

The oratorical contest had the general theme of "Solution of Nisei Problems Through Active Citizenship." Dr. M.M. Hori presided. The winner was Isamu Masuda, Santa Ana Junior College student. Second place went to Miss Gray Kaneda of Stockton, a representative of the Northern California district council. George Mukai of San Diego placed third, and Miss Masako Tsujikawa of the White River Valley chapter of the Northwest district, tied for fourth place with Kayichi Kitagawa of San Francisco.

President James Sakamoto accepted the beautiful perpetual trophy from Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins of the Japan America Society.

First place gold medal was donated by Mrs. Kathleen Smale. Masuda also received a small trophy from Dr. K. Isori, president of Stanford Japanese Alumni Association. Second place silver medal was given by Robert S. Byrne, and third place a bronze medal by Togo Shima of Stockton, who also provided bronze medals for fourth place. Second and third winners got cash prizes.

Masuda called for vigorous participation in the duties of citizenship as the basis for development. He declared that such participation should go far toward alleviating such discrimination as now prevails.

Faithful and intelligent exercises of the voting privileges was declared to be a duty of the second generation.

The Endowment Fund's \$100,000 goal was set and a board of nine was appointed to carry on the campaign. The following list of pledges exceeding for Dr. Russell Wellera of Oakland who had given \$1,050 to start the ball rolling and others whose amounts are given with the names:

CALIFORNIA
Oakland: Dr. Russell Wellera, Kelly Yano, Roy Hiroto, Norio Hirota, Hiroshi Tatsu, Joe I. Sano, Norio Yano.
San Francisco: Saburo Kido, Susumu Togasaki, Yashu Abiko, Joe I. Sano, Shigeru Saito, Teio Ishida, James T. Nishino, Harvey Wata, T. Nishino.
Los Angeles: Ichiro Fukunaga, John Ando, Kay Sugahara, George Nakamoto, Tom Takayama, Masao Igasaki, Elmer Yamamoto, Etsuo Sato, Carl Wagona.
Fresno: Irving Morishita, Dr. T. T. Yabate, Howard Hatamaya, Bill T. Ishida.
Alameda: M. Narahara, Haruo Imura, Brawley: Lyle Kurisaki, Ernest Fujimoto.
Redding: Bok Okamura.
Portland: Byrd Kamakata.
Sacramento: Walter T. Tsukamoto.
Walsworth: Sumio Miyamoto.
San Jose: Dr. H. Nakahara.
Livingston: Joseph M. Noda (\$200).
San Benito: James Sugio.
Placer County: Paul Makabe, Thomas Salinas.
Henry Tanaka.
Stockton: Albert Kawasaka, Tom Yamaguchi.
Santa Maria: Ken Utsumiya.
San Pedro: Dr. Yoshio Nakaji.

WASHINGTON
Tacoma: Ted Kamakura.
Bellingham: Yutaro Yoshio.
White River Valley: Thomas Isari, Mineral Okura.
San Jose Valley: Roy Nishimura, Henry Masato, Fred Omura, Jesse Nishi.
Seattle: Akira Kumasaka, Tura Nakamura, Tetsuo Nakamura, Thomas Yoshikawa, Shigeo Hashiguchi, Hiro Aoki, Toshiko Fukano, Nahoshi Isenaki, Tom Masuda, Robert Higashida, Saburo Nishimura, James Sakamoto, Roy Sebuda. (\$50).

OREGON
Portland: Hito Okada, George Sumida, Mamoru Wakasugi.
Mid-Columbia: Harry Morioka.

I do not know how many are living and what their economic circumstances are today. But it will be interesting if the Endowment Fund Committee will revive the thinking of the 1938 group which was to raise the money from among the JACL members.

We depended upon the evacuation claims donations to build up the \$1,000,000. Inasmuch as the people did not expect to get paid, promises up to 50 per cent were promised. There were some talk about having everyone sign a pledge to donate this amount.

To go before Congress with clean hands, there were those who did not feel that this would be appropriate for JACL to do. Of course, there was disappointment; but but that is water over the dam. We have to depend upon ourselves to raise the sum to reach the goal.

With close to 20,000 members, it may not be an impossible dream. At least, it seems to be worth trying.

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