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## East of the River

By Richard Akagi

### “ODDBALL”

New York

This morning's "New York Times" carried a brief item which reported the jailing of a pacifist for boarding a nuclear submarine without permission.

This pacifist is undoubtedly a nut. Or a saint. In any event, an oddball.

But thank God there are in this country oddballs like him, men cut from the same individualistic cloth: A. J. Muste, Shorty Collins, John Thomas, Charlie Bell, L. B. Moseley, Allan Hunter, Norman Thomas, to name a few. Some of us owe to these men the faith we now have in the processes of a free society. The support they gave the Nisei during the period of evacuation and relocation helped to dissipate the skepticism we felt about the possibility of justice in "a white man's democracy."

White provincialism put the Nisei behind the barbed wires of America's first concentration camps. White provincialism established the "National Origins Principle" in our immigration and nationality laws. White provincialism still serves to enforce discriminatory practices in all sectors of the country.

Particularly during the war years when espousing the cause of the Nisei was an act fraught with economic and social hazards, these oddballs demonstrated that their belief in "equal justice under law" was not qualified by considerations of race or ancestry. When the Nisei had few friends, the oddballs, who cared more for principle than social standing, supported our struggle to be recognized as full-fledged American citizens with all the rights and privileges attending thereto.

But in times of plenty oddballs are not too acceptable. Their beliefs are too thorny, their actions embarrassing.

Rather, the Nisei seem to prefer the shallow and sentimental "liberalism" of the so-called "social service" organizations, which permit the Nisei to join their ranks. These organizations are almost exclusively white and predominantly Protestant; for a minority which is hell-bent on securing status as the Nisei are, membership in these groups is incontrovertible evidence, in their own minds, that they have become "assimilated" into the white community.

I suspect that much of the blame for the recent defeat suffered by the Nisei in the state of Washington on the alien land law referendum can be attributed to the Nisei's smug assumption of "acceptance," based on their having participated in parades wearing some silly headgear, and their unwillingness to jeopardize that acceptance by getting into an all-out fight, which would serve to set apart the Nisei as racially distinct from other citizens.

Remember now thy ancient benefactors in the days of your conservative middle years. The time may yet come when the single voice of an oddball will be more comforting than all the adolescent mumbo-jumbo of your fraternal brothers.

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## Calif. FEPC rules on first formal hearing announced

SACRAMENTO. — The first formal public hearing of the California Fair Employment Practices Commission, held last Jan. 9-13 in Los Angeles, has resulted in the order for the Santa Fe Railroad to reinstate Negro coach cleaner Leslie Andrews at its Barstow yard, pay him 10-months back pay and promote him at the first opportunity, it was announced here this week.

The commission found Santa Fe guilty of two violations: refusal to promote and subsequent firing because of filing a complaint with FEPC.

While this was the first formal hearing, virtually all complaints of racial or religious job discrimination investigated by FEPC during its first 17-months have been resolved short of public hearing. There were 695 cases on file and 427 have been closed.

## Phone Cover Girl

Draws Winning Design for Lodi Directory

LODI. — Judy Michiko Kosaka, 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Florence Kosaka of 1018 W. Lockeford, was saluted recently by the City Council for designing the cover for the new Lodi telephone directory.

She had competed with other art students at Lodi Union High School for a suitable design. Judy's winning design was based on the Lodi-Kofu "Sister city" theme, showing an American woman and a Japanese woman, each with a telephone supposedly talking to each other.

George Creighton, local manager for Pacific Telephone, said that as far as he can determine this was the only time a cover contest was held. Miss Kosaka was presented three shares of telephone company stock as part of the prize.

## HARRY MATSUKANE'S SON ELECTED STUDENT MAYOR

PLACENTIA. — Melvin Matsukane, eldest son of active Orange County JACLers Harry and Bernice Matsukane, was elected mayor of Placentia during Student Government Day observances here Feb. 7.

Ronnie Muraoka, eldest son of Shig and Mitsie Muraoka, was elected councilman for the day.

Both are Valencia High School students.

## Idaho area Sansei directory compiled

IDAHO FALLS. — A 20-page directory of Sansei living in Idaho Falls, Blackfoot, Rexburg and Pocatello has been published by the Idaho Falls JACL Newsletter. Takeo Haga, Mrs. Fumi Tanaka and Newsletter Editor Mrs. Aki Tokita compiled the information.

Listings include the name and address of the parents, mother's maiden name, name and birthdate of each Sansei child in the family. The directory is being sold at \$1 with proceeds going toward equipment and supplies needed by the Newsletter.

The directory may be obtained from Mrs. Tokita, 350 E. St., Idaho Falls; Bud Sakachi, Rt. 5 Box 130, Idaho Falls; or Mrs. Fumi Tanaka, Rt. 1, Shelley, Idaho.

## JACL REPRESENTED ON CITY YOUTH AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISCO. — Two new board members were appointed this week to the Adult Advisory Council of the San Francisco Youth Association, a city-wide youth organization for high school students. Appointed were Albie Hicks of the Univ. of San Francisco and Marie Kurihara, San Francisco JACL board member and Jr. JACL adviser.

The adult council is chaired by Stephan Zellerbach; Thomas E. Rowe, executive director. Jr. JACL delegates to the SFYA are Paul Fujii, David Hara, Sandy Ina and Margaret Kai.

## Chicago Nisei wins \$1,500 newspaper contest prize

CHICAGO. — Dr. Sam Sasamoto, a Chicago Board of Health dentist, hit the jackpot this past week when it was announced that he won \$1,500 in "Find the Right Job" contest sponsored by the Sun Times. He correctly matched faces with jobs in all 10 puzzles which appeared in the newspaper for three weeks.

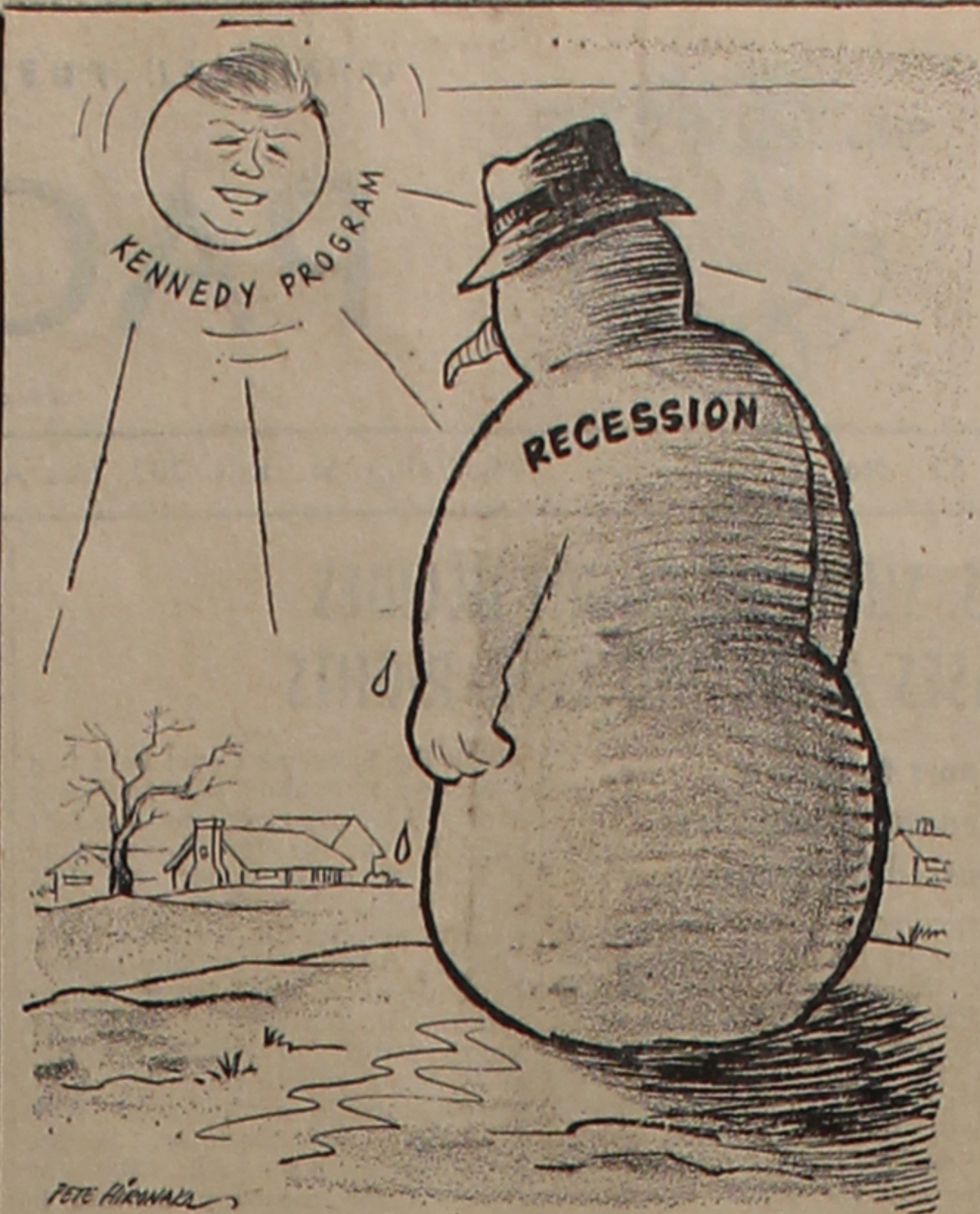
Dr. Sasamoto said that the prize money will be used for medical bills, baby clothes, furniture and other expenses. The Sasamotos expect their first baby next September.

## Veterans charter flight

CHICAGO. — Nisei veterans and families planning to attend the Nisei Veteran Reunion in Hawaii, June 10-17, may join the Chicago Nisei Post 1183 chartered flight by writing for details from Joe Sagami, 4138 N. Clarendon, Chicago 13.

## Ancestral Society

PORTLAND. — A new group, the Japanese Ancestral Society, was organized last month with Tom S. Tamayasu elected president.



## The Indomitable Snowman?

### PC LETTERBOX:

### Thoughts from Hawaii

I have lived in Hawaii for the majority of my life where the JACL is non-existent. During my stay on the continental United States for business and education, I have discovered the establishment of the Japanese American Citizens League, an organization primarily for Japanese affairs, in every principal city where there is a concentration of Japanese.

No doubt there are deeds performed by the JACL that is deserving of high praise. However, I would question the present need to publicize such mottoes as "Security through Unity". Perhaps, unity was required during the period of World War II and shortly thereafter but all will agree that the situation has greatly improved. I have not observed here in Hawaii or on the mainland any condition so grave that the security of oriental peoples were jeopardized. There are isolated minor differences in all locations but time and demonstrated righteous American living by Japanese is steadily winning the confidence of even the most prejudiced being. Furthermore, it is impossible to convince ignorant people that all have certain inalienable rights by demanding that they recognize the Constitution or any written law. It is a privilege to be an American and as minority peoples, we Japanese must earn the privilege of acceptance by merit.

I am certain that the JACL does not intend to incite sit-out programs such as those fostered by the NAACP but the recent action against Dr. John Lechner has me troubled.

I am sure that the degradation of Dr. Lechner, however "bigoted, racist, and rabble-rousing" his action, has gained the Japanese nothing but the satisfaction of revenge. Moreover, I suspect that the JACL intervention has reopened old wounds. In ventures such as the Lechner case, a few true allies are gained but the enemy becomes a more bitter and vigorous monster.

You may think that I, residing in Hawaii, should not be concerned about a case in California but the JACL represents to approximately 170,000 people their closest contact to Japanese behavior. The majority of us in Hawaii are proud to be born of Japanese parentage and will continue to crusade for wider recognition of our Constitutional Rights through unorganized, individual deeds that are indicative of Americanism.

The transmission of Japanese Community news through the media of the press, particularly the

Pacific Citizen, is an acceptable American custom. However, bold prints of "Security through unity" gives foreigners and unacquainted people the impression that there still exists wholesale inequities in the United States against Japanese. This is not true. Look to Congressman Dan Inouye.

Please promote Americanism and the Japanese through the freedom of the press. There are enough publications in the United States to the contrary.

RICHARD Y. OKITA  
Honolulu, Hawaii

### Idaho Falls JAY parents

... the question came up as to whether the parents of Idaho Falls JAYs should be JACL members or not. I feel that at least one parent should be a JACL member in order for their son or daughter to be eligible for membership with the JAYs here.

My reason for this is plain. First, are there any parents who are not JACL members who will take over the responsibilities for maintaining the youth group? I don't think so. Secondly, the IDC and the National is going all-out to support the youth group organization to combat juvenile delinquency. The time and finances should be expended for the benefit of JACL member families first and the residue, if any, can be used on others.

My feeling is that as long as the responsibility of action, behavior and the conduct of the youth organization here is in the hands of JACL, then the Idaho Falls chapter has the right to insist on membership if they so desire.

At this time, I should like to commend the Idaho Falls JACL membership for approving admission of youths from Rexburg to the Idaho Falls JAYs. We welcome the Rexburg youths to Idaho Falls and look forward to the sharing of mutual fellowship and acquaintances.

Idaho Falls JACL.  
(Foregoing comments were published in the chapter newsletter.)

### Japanese population in Utah decreases

SALT LAKE CITY. — The United States Census Bureau reports the 1960 Utah population was 890,627, of which 4,371 were Japanese. There were 4,452 Japanese at the 1950 counting.

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By Henry Mori

## Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

### Lechner Undeserving

Because the JACL was on the alert when Assemblyman proposed a citation for Dr. John Lechner of Los Angeles for his long and distinguished career educating our citizens and fighting the communist menace," that resolution was voted down 3-2 by the Assembly Rules Committee recently.

Dr. Lechner is the executive director of the Americanism Education League.

Strangely enough since the abandonment of the resolution there has been an undercurrent of scattered remarks that persons of Japanese ancestry should let "by-gones be by-gones" and let Lechner have his resolution.

The fact that the JACL objected to the resolution has no bearing on such stupid thinking.

Would the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals give a citation to a man who once had gone around kicking a down-trodden dog but suddenly "changed his attitude" and went on to pick on another animal?

Only an opportunist would do that. And when given another opportunity or a situation whereby persons of Japanese ancestry again becomes unpopular, Dr. Lechner would, no doubt, be the type to go witch-hunting promptly.

We just can't see a man being recognized for what he actually is even though time has changed and his chances to race-bait Issei and Nisei citizens are no longer there.

Yes, we believe it was worth every bit of trouble to stop a man from getting something he doesn't deserve. And, Dr. Lechner, in our estimation, hasn't lived up to what the Assembly resolution suggests or implies. Future citations of any sort would be worthless if the recipient's value of human dignity and understanding is not all there.

We firmly feel that even if Frank F. Chuman, our national JACL president, fails to accomplish anything else during his second year of office, his convincing stint before an Assembly hearing will mark him as one of the more "successful national presidents" in the years to come.

For certainly no one could be happy—JACL or not—to even think that wartime racists could be forgotten all so that easily just because we live in 1961 today and not in 1941, 20 years ago.

We are all prone to remember the bad as much as the good and we just can't label Dr. Lechner

a champion of any sort. People just don't change that quickly.

### NIHONGO GAKKO

Our sons, Bennett and Dana, are hepped in learning a smattering of the Japanese language. Like in other families, we tend to call them by their English names—until we get mad or upset. Then, it's Takao and Kenji!

Bennett has been attending a Japanese school to "recall" some of the words and expressions he used to rattle off when he was three years old. Dana was never a linguist (only five) but he's trying with some glee and laughter "konban wa" before going to bed. He said he wanted a "samui mizu" (cold water).

All this for \$6.50 tuition a month, attending every Saturday from nine to three.

His literal translation is really stumping us. "Mata kore kara anata miru ma de" (until we meet again). That's we!

### Jim Higashi to head Li'l Tokio Jaycees

Active JACLer Jim Higashi was named president of the Japanese American Jr. Chamber of Commerce for 1961, succeeding charter president Tamio Katayama, at the board of directors' election meeting this week.

Higashi, who works for a wholesale drug firm, has been director of Christmas Cheer. He will be assisted on the JCC board by: Kenji Nakamura, Jun Mori, Bob Tamae, v.p.; Dave Yokozeki, state director; Sam Niede, treas.; George Fujita, asst. treas.; Iwao Koizumi, Mike Yamano, cont.; Mike Yamane, G. Fujita, Goki Kineya, Fred Tamae, Tamio Katayama, Akiyoshi Yamada, bd. memb.

Mrs. Jean White was named head of the women's Auxiliary.

### Ex-L.A. Nisei promoted in gov't foreign service

WASHINGTON. —Toshio Tsukahira, formerly of Los Angeles, has been elevated to the rank of consul and secretary in the U.S. foreign service, the D.C. News Notes reported this past week.

### Pioneer druggist dies

Tamio Kino, 88, who opened Li'l Tokio's first drug store in 1905, died Sunday, Feb. 26, after a prolonged illness. He was recognized as the "mayor" of Japanese town in the early days.

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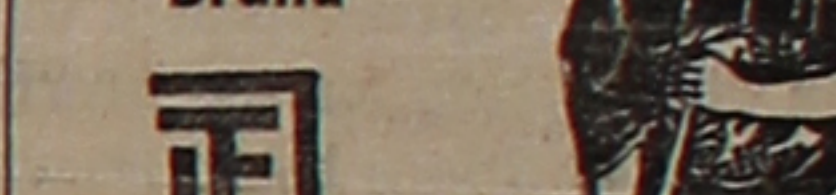
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## Vagaries

FROM VAUDEVILLE TO KABUKI

By Larry Tajiri

AMERICAN show business has had a Japanese angle for 60 years and more. When vaudeville was in its heyday no bill on the Orpheum and other circuits seemed complete without a team of Japanese acrobats to open musical gram. Then came the Japanese comedies which presented Japan as a cherry blossom never-never land, inspired no doubt by the success internationally of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado." One of these was the Shubert's production of "The Geisha" which starred James T. Powers in 1913. Powers later starred in another Broadway revival of the show in 1932 and the production was revived again along the summer theater circuit only a few years ago.

Perhaps the hardest of all Japanese perennials in the American theater has been "Madame Butterfly." David Belasco initially dramatized it from a short story by John Luther Long more than 50 years ago. The show came to the attention of Giacomo Puccini who made it into one of the most popular of operatic properties.

"Madame Butterfly" has been performed in nearly every city in America, and throughout the world. A succession of Japanese sopranos have sung the role of the tragic Nagasaki maiden who preferred death to a loveless future without her Lieutenant Pinkerton. Tamaki Miura and Hizi Koyama toured with it for many years with the San Carlo Opera, while the opera has been on the Metropolitan Opera's repertoire for 50 years. I have seen it performed in opera houses in San Francisco and Mexico City, and last January, at the Metropolitan Opera in New York in the new and tasteful production designed by Japan's Y. Aoyama with Renata Tebaldi as Cho-Cho-San. Several film versions of "Madame Butterfly" have been made, including two by the Italians. Hollywood made a dramatic version—not the opera—back in 1932 with Sylvia Sydney and an up-and-coming actor named Cary Grant.

WHEN the movies came to the then-sleepy suburb called Hollywood back before World War I, among the first stars developed by the new flickers—those shadows on a screen—were Sessue Hayakawa and Tsuru Aoki. It is a remarkable fact that both are still in films. Hayakawa, after his tremendous comeback as the Japanese commandant in "The Bridge on the River Kwai," has been busy in Hollywood. One of his latest roles was that of the pirate chief in "Swiss Family Robinson." He and Miss Aoki (Mrs. Hayakawa these many years) were in "Hell to Eternity," which was made last year.

Hollywood has had its Japanese colony these many years, with the exception of the evacuation period during World War II. Now, most of these actors are in TV, particularly because of television's current emphasis on Polygasia and the Far East with such shows as "Hong Kong," "Hawaiian Eye," "Adventures in the South Pacific," and "The Islanders."

BROADWAY had an Oriental season two years back with such shows as "Flower Drum Song," "The World of Suzie Wong," "A

Majority of One" and "Rashomon," as well as the enormously successful "Teahouse of the August Moon" several years earlier. These shows, on Broadway and in principal roles, among them Pat Suzuki, Miyoshi Umeki, Jeri Miyaoka, Mariko Niki, Michi Kobi, Kana Ishii, Tsuruko Kobayashi, Jack Soo (Goro Suzuki) and Reiko Sato.

A MORE recent development has been the importing of Japanese revue performers for TV and night-club "spectaculars." It started when Steve Parker brought over a number of Japanese performers for one of Dinah Shore's Chevy shows on NBC. The reaction was good and Parker assembled a revue in Tokyo and brought it to Las Vegas. "Holiday in Japan" was an immediate success in Nevada and at least two other Japanese troupes sought to cash in on the success of the first show. "Holiday in Japan" played the Latin Quarter in New York and then played the theatrical circuit as a revue through the east and Midwest. Currently, the show is at Harrah's on Lake Tahoe. Another such revue, "Japanese Spectacular," is playing the Americana in Miami Beach this week.

The more serious aspects of Japan's theatrical culture also have found a receptive audience in the United States in recent years. Several Kabuki troupes have played New York and other major cities with success. The latest was a company from the Kabuki-za in Tokyo which concluded a successful three weeks' engagement at the City Center in New York. Whereas, these Japanese-language presentations might have played in the past to limited audiences, modern science is helping make the theater a universal art.

At City Center members of the audience were provided with translators and earphones. While the spoken language was not Japanese, an immediate translation in English was provided. The experiment was an instant success and has set a pattern for other foreign-language presentations destined for the New York theater. An off-Broadway theater, in New York's Greenwich Village, is presenting a program billed as "Three Japanese Plays." Unlike the Kabuki which represents the traditional Japanese theater, these plays represent the modern Japanese stage. Two are by the novelist and playwright, Yukio Mishima, and are modernizations, in English, of 15th century Noh dramas. "Sotoba Komachi" and "The Damask Drum." The other is "Han's Crime" by Shiga Naoya. The New York critics gave high praise to the program. The actors, incidentally, were non-Japanese with the exception of Teiji Ito who appeared in each of the plays and also supplied the incidental music.

IN PROSPECT is a plan to bring Noh drama to the U.S., along with such specialized attractions as the famous Bunraku puppets of Osaka. It's a long way from the acrobats to the stylized drama, music and dance of Kabuki, but the American theater can accommodate them all.

## Long Beach JACL in firm bid to invite Naito JACL bowling tournament in 1963

LONG BEACH.—Many Southern California bowlers are heading north to San Jose this coming week to participate in the 15th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament.

Many are also supporting the Long Beach-Harbor District and the So. Calif. Nisei Bowling Association bid for the national tournament of 1963. (Sacramento is actively bidding for the same.) Southlanders have designated Premiere Lanes, just recently opened at Santa Fe Springs. Housing will be provided at the Disneyland Hotel with hourly bus shuttle service to the bowling establishment.

Other attractions, if the bid is accepted, include the mixer at the Candlewood Country Club, near Premiere Lanes, and the award banquet at Disneyland Hotel. Joint committee pitching for the '63 tournament in Southern California is being headed by Arthur Noda, chapter president, and Tom Miyawaki, SCNBA president. Other committee members include:

Easy Fujimoto, Sumi Fujimoto, Cabby Iwasaki, Terry Kobata, Shio Ichikawa, Dr. John Kashiwazaki, Frank Sugiyama, Shig Kadota, George Iseri, John Ishii, Ty Kajimoto, Dick Iseri, Pauline Iseri, Hiro Morita, Kiyo Anne Fujimoto and Frances Ishii.

(The 1962 bowling tournament will be hosted by Salt Lake JACL at the 42-lane El Rancho Bowl.)

## Sonoma County board of supervisors appoint Nisei to building committee

COTATI.—The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors have appointed George Miyano and John Hirooka to the seven-member advisory committee of the Cotati Veterans Memorial Building, now under construction.

Both Nisei appointees are active with the local American Legion post and its county-wide organization. These appointments mark the first time that Nisei have been recognized for their active leadership in community affairs. Both are also active with the Sonoma County JACL.

## Bowling award fele outstanding event of year for San Jose

SAN JOSE.—The Awards Dinner-Dance banquet, which will climax the week-long National JACL bowling tournament at the 40-lane Mel's Palm Bowl in San Jose during the week of March 6-11, is shaping up to be an outstanding event of the year with Congressman Dan Inouye of Hawaii featured as the guest speaker.

The banquet, expected to draw over 1,000 people, will be held at the brand new and huge Exhibition Building at the Santa Clara County fairgrounds on Saturday, March 11, with Peter Nakahara, current executive board member of NC-WN District Council, serving as master of ceremonies.

According to Norman Mineta, banquet chairman, the program for the evening will be as follows: 6:00—No-host cocktail hour; 7:00—Dinner; 7:45—Award presentations and introduction of guests; 8:45—Main speaker: Rep. Daniel Inouye; 9:30 p.m.—2 a.m.—Dance.

The dinner cost of \$6 per person will include dancing to Orin Blatter's 12-piece orchestra in another portion of the building. For those planning to attend the dance only, it will be \$3.50 couples or stag. Reservations can be made with Norman Mineta CY 5-3960, Phil Matsumura CI 8-4400 and Wayne Kanemoto CY 7-3707.

Tickets have been distributed to other areas in Northern California and can be purchased from the following: Tak Tsutita, Sacramento; Sam Kitabayashi, Contra Costa; Louis Ito, Florin; John Yasumoto, San Francisco; National Headquarters, George Baba, Stockton; Kenji Fujii, Eden Township; Dennis Nishita, San Benito County; Harry Yagi, Watsonville; Paul Ichijima, Monterey; Edwin Oishi, Sonoma County; Frank Yamasaki, Berkeley; Hi Akagi, Alameda; Kiyo Hirano, Salinas; Kiku, San Mateo; and Roy Endo, Oakland.

Tournament co-chairmen Joe Tenma and Asa Yonemura are being assisted by: George Matsui, Jim Yagi, Larry Hirooka, Masu Shimada, Treas.; Hiro Nakagawa, men's div.; Sachii Ikeda, Sayo Tozumi, women's div.; May Kurakaki, res.; Clark Nakata, pub.; Tak Abo, mixer; Fumy Inouye, Doris Ito, June Otsuji, sec.; Roland Santo, housing; Helen Hinaga, hostesses and fashion show; Asa Yonemura, Joe Tenma, tickets; John Hotta, booklet; Dick Inouye, trophies; Norman Mineta, Grace Hane, Lucille Nagashima, Shie Masunaga, Wayne Kanemoto, Phil Matsumura, Yoneo Bepp, awards dinner.

The schedule of events and those in charge of these events are:

Sunday, March 5  
Reception for Hawaiian delegation at Hotel Claire, Tournament headquarters.  
Monday, March 6  
Ragtime doubles—Tom Gyotoku, chmn; Ruby Seto, Satoko Mune.  
6 p.m.—Pre-tournament mixer, Empire Room, Hotel St. Claire, Tak Abo, chmn.  
Tuesday, March 7  
7 p.m.—Mixed doubles—Mike Murotune, Yoyo Hayashi and Agnes Okamoto.  
Wednesday, March 8  
8 a.m.—Men's Sweepers—Saku Taketa.  
12 noon—Luncheon-fashion show, Hawaiian Gardens.  
6 p.m.—Women's Sweepers—Lucy Minamishim, Peggy Okashima.  
9:30 p.m.—Women's Team—Lil Hinaga and May Kurasaki.  
Thursday, March 9  
9 a.m.—Men's Team.  
12:30 p.m.—Women's Team.  
10 p.m.—Men's Doubles—Mas Ono.  
10 p.m.—Women's Doubles—Tula Ochitani and Sachii Inouye.  
Friday, March 10  
12:30 a.m.—3rd squad Men's Doubles.  
8:30 a.m.—4th squad Men's Doubles.  
8:30 a.m.—Men's Doubles.  
7:45 p.m.—Men's Singles—Frank Sakamoto.  
7:45 p.m.—Women's Singles—Kay Sakamoto, Kumi Satio, and Kay Tahibana.  
Saturday, March 11  
8:15 a.m.—Men's and Women's Singles.  
6:30 p.m.—Award banquet.  
9:30-2:30 a.m.—Dance.

## Four AJAs on board of PCL entry from Hawaii

HONOLULU.—Four Japanese Americans have been named to the board of directors of the Hawaii Islanders in the Pacific Coast Baseball League. They were:

State Sen. Lawrence Kunihisa, co-owner and manager of the Hawaii Red Sox of the Hawaii League; Dr. Katsumi Komechi, former Hawaii League franchise owner; Honolulu-Tokyo businessman Yetsuo Higa who has been associated with major league clubs on their barnstorming tours of the Far East; and Richard Chinen, coordinator of Neighbor Island activities.

The Islanders, formerly the Sacramento Solons, will hold their spring training at Ontario, Calif., starting Mar. 17.

## State judo meet

SAN JOSE.—The 11th annual California state judo championships will be held tomorrow from 7 p.m. at the men's gym of San Jose State College. Seinan Dojo of Los Angeles are defending champions.

## JAPANESE STYLE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT BEING BUILT BY SAC TO NISEI

SACRAMENTO.—An ambitious Nisei development for construction of a Japanese restaurant and a Japanese style hotel, with tatami and a sunken bath in each room, is being pushed to completion within this year. It will be known as Fuji Gardens located at 2291 Fair Oaks Blvd., outside of the eastern city limits.

A drawing by George Muraki, local Nisei architect, of the proposed Fuji Gardens was featured in the Sacramento Bee last month.

The \$500,000 development will include a garden hotel containing about 15 rooms and a fine arts shop. It will be owned by Fuji Gardens, Inc., composed of local businessmen.

Harry Makino, manager, said the restaurant will feature Japanese, Chinese, East Indian and American food.

Most of the restaurant will be devoted to Japanese style dining facilities. The hotel, too, will be operated in authentic Japanese fashion. It will have no conventional beds but instead will be equipped with folding mattresses placed on the floor. Each room will have a sunken bath.

Makino said initial construction will start about March 1. Plans call for the arts shop to open about three months later and the restaurant to open in the fall. The entire development is expected to be completed by winter. All of the wood frame buildings, which will feature an extensive use of glass, will be air conditioned. Most of the fixtures in the structures will be imported from Japan. The buildings will occupy a three acre site between Howe and Fulton Avenues. The property has been leased from Karl Oettie.

## D.C. ISSEI STORY GROUP GATHERING INFORMATION OF 1900-20 ERA ISSEI

WASHINGTON.—Frank Baba, chairman of the Washington, D.C., JACL Issei Story Project committee, will be assisted by the Rev. Andrew Kuroda, Thomas Takeshita, Dr. Takehiko Yoshihashi and Harold Horiuchi, it was announced this past week.

Working under a set of preliminary guidelines established by the national committee, the local group is engaged in gathering source information among Japanese residents here.

Interesting stories have been found of Japanese who have lived in the District during the first two decades of this century (some are still residents here).

## Blue Cross applications

MONTEREY.—New members may be enrolled in Monterey Peninsula JACL's Blue Cross program, not later than April 1, 1961, according to Kaz Oka and Harry Menda, chairmen.

Parents were reminded that children reaching their 19th birthday this year must be re-enrolled at the full rate as anyone 18 and under are only included in the chapter's family plan. Rates are \$10.38 for male, single; \$13.71 for female, single.

SALT LAKE CITY.—New applications for membership in the Salt Lake JACL Blue Cross-Blue Shield Hospital plan are being accepted through Mar. 10 (instead of the 15th), Mrs. Doris Matsuura, chairman, has announced.

## Issei Appreciation Night

IDAHO FALLS.—The annual Idaho Falls JACL Issei Appreciation Night will be held Mar. 17 at Hotel Bonneville. It was announced by chapter president Leo Hosoda.



CITY COUNCILMAN JOINS WEST L.A. JACL

Los Angeles City Councilman Karl Rundberg (seated) receives his membership card in the West Los Angeles JACL from chapter president Akira Ohno while Eddie Okuda, public relations chairman, looks on. The councilman is the chapter's first Caucasian member this year. Ohno expressed pleasure that Mr. Rundberg has joined and stated that he looks forward to a year of many accomplishments.

—Norman B. Samuels Photo.

## West L.A. Auxiliary schedules program for coming year, to aid in Cancer drive

White elephants were exchanged at the Feb. 20 meeting of the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary. Formulating the activity calendar for the year was the primary item of business. The group met at President Taya Isono's home in Santa Monica.

Mmes. Aki Nishizawa and Bud Ohara were welcomed into the group as new members.

It was reported to the club that a donation of \$10 was made in January to Girl Scout Troop 923, which the Auxiliary sponsors. The money was used to purchase printing equipment for the troop's monthly paper, the "G S Gazette."

On Feb. 18 Dr. and Mrs. Milton Inouye represented the members at the International House Party held at the Beverly Hills Hotel. The event was presented by the International Student Center, which was the recipient of the funds raised by the Auxiliary's benefit dance last fall.

Preparing for their fourth year

of participation in the annual April Cancer Crusade, the club will be directed in this activity by co-chairmen Mmes. Harold Harada and Shig Takeshita. They will cover a portion of Los Angeles 25 in their door-to-door march.

The Auxiliary currently acts as hostess for the human relations discussion group held at Westwood Community Methodist Church. Sponsored by the Coordinating Council, this six-week series features speakers from the Los Angeles County Human Relations Committee. The discussion group meets on Wednesday evenings and has three more sessions.

A carry-over project from 1960 is that of making rag dolls. The ladies are planning to donate the dolls to hospitalized children at a late date.

Plans for the March 20 meeting are for a favorite recipe night. The Auxiliary will meet at the residence of Miss Suki Uyeno with their recipes and samples.

## Wives of West L.A. JACL past presidents earn life membership honors in PTA

It was only recently that National JACL President Frank Chuchan had mentioned that the Nisei were "invisible Americans." Yes, they may be invisible but they are there pitching in the background. Two active West Los Angeles mothers received Life Membership in the PTA: Mrs. Elmer Ichida and Mrs. Frank Kishi. Another very amazing fact is that their husbands have been both presidents of the West Los Angeles JACL at one time.

Mrs. Uchida received her Life Membership from the Webster Jr. High School where she has been very active. Setzu was also active at Brockton Elementary School, in the Methodist Circle IV and helping the Girls Scouts. It was a breathtaking moment when her

daughter Joan pinned the pin, and just then her sisters Mrs. Edith Yamamoto and Mrs. Mary Ishizuka walked in with their mother Mrs. K. Nishi.

Another mother that has been helping out at the Nora Sterry Elementary School for about 12 years is Mrs. Frank Kishi, who received her Life Membership from Nora Sterry PTA. Stella was leader of the Girl Scouts, and is now assistant leader with Mrs. Strong of the Girl Scouts. She has taken part in many offices of the Nora Sterry PTA, participating for their three daughters Joan, Betty Ann and Evelyn.

Mrs. Robert Fujimoto, who is a Life member herself and the Life membership chairman of the Nora Sterry PTA, pinned the heart-shape badge on Mrs. Kishi at the Founder's Day meeting.

## Pasadena Sansei earns Eagle Scout honors

PASADENA.—Albert Yamasaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshimasa Yamasaki, of local Scout Troop 41, was installed as an Eagle Scout at the troop's court of honor held Feb. 9 at Marshall Jr. High School.

Active with the troop as leaders are Pasadena JACL president Mack Yamaguchi, past chapter president Harris Ozawa, Minoru Takagaki and Ken Ogawa, also active JACLers here. The troop has a group of 50 boys.

Other JACLers active with the troop are Sei Dyo, Dr. Joe Abe and Harvard Yuki.

## Ex-JACL queen in Japan

June Kawai of Pasadena completely fooled Japan Air Lines officials, who wanted a girl speaking with an accent as a hostess on a travelogue it plans to film in Japan. The 1948 JACL Convention queen, after some study, handled the script like a recent arrival from Japan. A fashion model today, she is now in Japan on a 7 to 10-day film assignment.

## Attorney Yasaki fated

More than 60 friends honored (state) deputy attorney general Joe Yasaki and his wife Jessie at a farewell dinner last week at Raffle's Restaurant. Yasaki, active Southwest L.A. JACLer, is planning to resign his post on Mar. 15, and enter into private practice with Oakland attorney Mas' Yonemura, another active JACLer in the Bay Area.

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## Anti-bias bill in Maryland legislature

WASHINGTON.—An anti-public discrimination bill has been introduced again in both chambers of the Maryland General Assembly, the D.C. JACL was informed this past week by the Maryland Committee for Human Rights.

The bill (HB 33) is aimed at eliminating discriminatory practices in hotels, restaurants, theaters and Chesapeake Bay beaches. "For many years, Nisei have suffered humiliation when they have been discriminated against by the operators of Chesapeake Bay beach resorts," commented D.C. JACL president John Yoshino. He urged JACLers in Maryland to support the measure.

## West L.A. JACL to present talk on narcotics and juvenile delinquency

In conjunction with Police Sgt. Stanley Uno's talk on Juvenile Delinquency next Friday, Mar. 10, at the West Los Angeles JACL public meeting at the WLA Buddhist Church, a film and speaker on narcotics will be presented. Alpha Iota Phi, Nisei campus group at the Univ. of Southern California School of Pharmacy, will present the film, "Assassin of Youth," a speaker from the Narcotics Foundation is also scheduled. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

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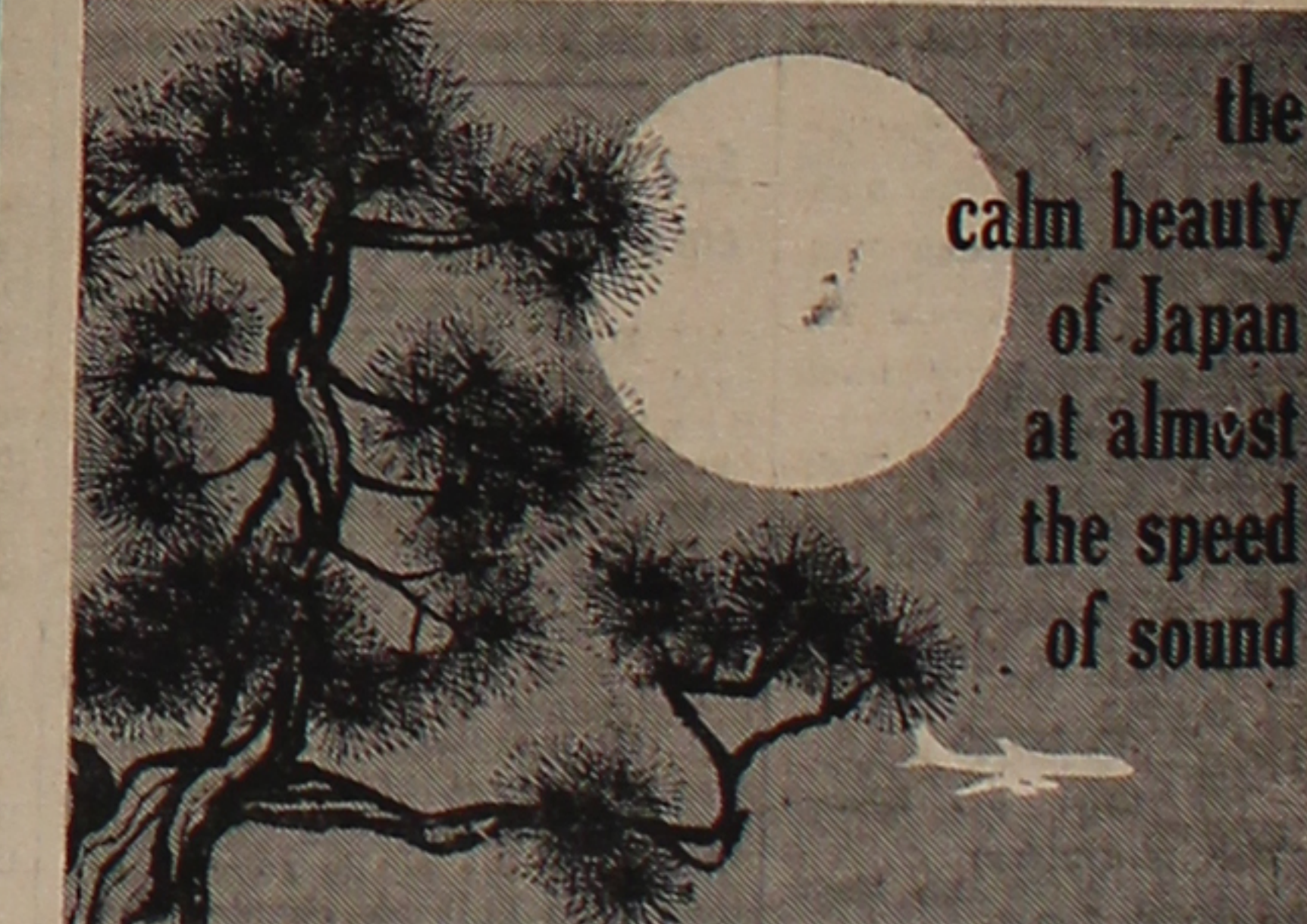
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## Discrimination Goes Underground

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Nothing is more pleasing to the ear than the resulting harmony of a difficult musical composition. The Central California District Council meeting in Bakersfield was just that. The District Council met at its first quarterly meeting on Feb. 5 with the past year's officers joining the newly installed to discuss and decide this year's JACL programs and objectives. The advice and counsel of the old with the vim, vigor and vitality of the new promise another bonanza year for Central California JACL.

The injustices, prejudices, and the wrongs that now have been corrected were glaring, academic and flagrant wrongs committed upon the Americans of Japanese ancestry and were wrongs which affected our very livelihood and existence. The prejudices and wrongs which we are now striving to correct are less patent, more secretive, and less notorious, but no less unjust and discriminatory, than that which have been now corrected.

The new objectives and the goals in confronting and combating these injustices and discrimination will require greater determination and sense of righteousness in that they do not necessarily attack our very livelihood and existence.

The programs and the decisions reached by the chapter delegates and representatives clearly indicate that we all agree that the work of JACL is far from done. Having acquired the correction for the more flagrant injustices practiced upon us, we now find ourselves in company of other Americans who are also striving to attain a greater America for better Americans. We are being called to fight and strive with other Americans to abolish the prejudice and injustices against other Americans as well as ourselves. Our great driving force heretofore was selfishness because we were the injured but now we are fighting and striving with our sense of righteousness as a motivating force. Hence, as we stand on this threshold of newer goals to be attained, an examination of our force, (our thinking) is necessary so that we can strive steadily forward without faltering with the wisdom which we have acquired and the vigor and vitality we are gaining.



STOCKTON'S 1960 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Recently installed were Stockton JACL's 1961 chapter officers. Pictured are: (from left) in the front row—Ted Ishihara, hist.; Dorothy Baba, social; Ed Yoshikawa, pres.; Louise Baba, sec.; Yukie Shinoda, pub.; back row—Al Umino, v.p.; Art Nakashima, treas.; and George Baba, social.

—Yoshikawa Studio Photo.

## Calendar

- Mar. 4 (Saturday)
  - San Francisco—Get Acquainted Mixer, Park Presidio Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.
  - St. Louis—Roundup Time, Webster Groves Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.
  - San Mateo—Installation dinner, Belmont Casino.
  - Hollywood—Installation dinner, Michael's, Los Feliz and Hillhurst, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 4-5
  - Southern County—Japanese movies, Memorial Hall, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 4-6
  - Chicago—Jr. JACL Weekend, Camp Minneap, 12-2 p.m.
- Mar. 5 (Sunday)
  - Fowler—Benefit movies, Fowler Hall, 2 p.m.
  - Southwest L.A.—Afternoon at Crenshaw A.C., 2501 W. Vernon, 1 p.m.
  - 15th Annual Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament, March 4-11
  - Mel's Palm Bowl, 12-2 p.m. San Carlos, San Jose.
  - Mar. 6—Mixer, Lou's Village
  - Mar. 7—Mixed Doubles, 7 p.m.
  - Mar. 8—Luncheon, fashion show, Hawaiian Gardens, Terrace Room, 5 p.m., 5 p.m., 5 p.m.
  - Mar. 9—Team events
  - Mar. 10—Doubles event
  - Mar. 11—Singles event, awards dinner, 6 p.m., Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Exhibition Hall, Rep. Daniel Inouye, speaker.
  - Mar. 9 (Thursday)
    - Idaho Falls—Auxiliary meeting, JACL hall, 8 p.m.
    - West Los Angeles—Public meeting, Buddhist Church, 7 p.m.; Juvenile Delinquency and Narcotics, Sgt. Stanley Uno, speaker.
    - Contra Costa—General meeting, Pullman School, 33rd and Florida, Richmond, 7-9 p.m.; "Income Tax and Social Security."
    - Philadelphia—Executive board meeting, home of Nobu Miyoshi.
    - Mar. 11 (Saturday)
      - San Francisco—Dance class, Park Presidio Y.M.C.A., 8:30 p.m.
      - Los Angeles—Coordinating Council's Nisei Relays benefit dance, Old Dixie, 9:30 p.m.
      - Mar. 14 (Tuesday)
        - Southwest L.A.—Meeting, Crenshaw A.C., 8 p.m.; "Income Tax," Atty. Art Katayama, speaker.
        - Mar. 16 (Thursday)
          - Padena—General meeting, Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Kiyoshi Ogawa, speaker.
          - Mar. 17 (Friday)
            - Idaho Falls—Association Night, Hotel Bonanza, 7 p.m.
            - Los Angeles—Nat'l JACL Board meeting, 8 p.m.
            - Mar. 18 (Saturday)
              - San Francisco—Dancing class, Park Presidio Y.M.C.A., 8:30 p.m.
              - Seattle—Purballing—Joint installation, Olympic Hotel.
              - Philadelphia—Installation dinner, Michael's, Los Feliz and Hillhurst, 6 p.m.
              - Mar. 20 (Monday)
                - Private—Quarterly meeting, Seattle JACL, 8 p.m.
                - Padena—Invitational basketball tournament, Muir High, 7 p.m.
                - Delano—Community Picnic, Apr. 9 (rain date).
                - Portland—Dinner meeting, Frank Chum, 7 p.m.
                - April 1 (Saturday)
                  - Chicago—Easter Egg hunt.
                  - San Francisco—Auxiliary dance.

## SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER SIGNS 884 MEMBERS

1961 membership campaign through March to continue

SAN FRANCISCO. — The latest count of San Francisco JACL's membership was announced at 884 by campaign co-chairmen Chibi Yamamoto and Hank Ouyashi. The campaign is still on and teams are still hard at work soliciting new and old members. Last year, the chapter led the nation with 1,227 members—an all-time high for an individual chapter.

Chapter activities get underway tomorrow evening with a big Get Acquainted mixer at Park Presidio Y.M.C.A. with Mrs. Ya Hironaka, program chairman, in charge.

All members, new and old, and prospective members are invited and everyone attending will have a chance to win one of the many door prizes. Steve Doi is in charge of games. Betty Sasaki is in charge of refreshments. Other committees include: Michi Fukuda, Chibi Yamamoto, Sat Iwamoto, and Akira Watanabe. Bill and Eleanor Anjo, Arthur Murray instructors, will demonstrate the latest steps as a preview of what is in store for the six-week class being sponsored by the chapter.

The series begins Mar. 11 at the Park Presidio Y.M.C.A. Chapter members will be charged \$1 per lesson, non-members \$1.50. The advance payment of \$5 for the entire series was also announced for members, \$8 for non-members. Koji Ozawa and Marie Kurihara are co-chairmen of the class.

## Sheraton-West locale of PSWDC convention May 6-7

Mark Kiguchi, Southwest Los Angeles JACL president, today announced the appointment of past president Sam Hirasawa as the general convention chairman for the annual convention of the Pacific Southwest District Council.

A full two-day schedule of events has been arranged, according to chairman Hirasawa, with the entire convention facilities of the Sheraton-West Hotel being turned over to the Southwest Los Angeles JACL Convention Committee. The annual confab will be held over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7.

Officially scheduled events for the opening day are: 10 a.m., registration and coffee; business sessions to be held in the Terrace Room; 12 noon, informal luncheon and resumption of business sessions at 1:30 p.m.

The official convention banquet will begin at 6 p.m. in the Regency Room, with the convention dance slated to follow at 9 p.m.

A convention bowling tournament is being held at the Holiday Bowl, roll off time of 10 a.m. Sunday, May 7. District Council officers and official delegates will continue their deliberations at the Terrace Room. The two-day convention will be topped by the official Convention Luncheon and Fashion Show in the Regency Room. Installation of new District Council officers, presentation of bowling trophies and awards, and drawing for convention prizes will take place during the luncheon program.

All business sessions of this convention will be chaired by PSWDC chairman Kay Nakagiri of San Fernando. The entire affair is being hosted by the Southwest Los Angeles JACL.

## Chapter scholarship applications mailed

SEBASTOPOL. — Applications for the third annual Sonoma County JACL Pioneer Memorial Scholarship from high school students of this county are now being accepted.

Dr. Roy Okamoto, chapter president, announced that forms have been mailed to all high schools. Deadline for applications has been set for Saturday, April 22.

The award is open to all high school seniors and is not limited to those of Japanese ancestry. Frank Oda is scholarship chairman, assisted by Ed Ohki, secretary. Previous winners were: 1959—William Akutagawa of Anahy High, now attending Santa Rosa Jr. College.

1960—William Hayashi of Santa Rosa High, now attending Stanford University.

## ALAMEDA JACL PASSES LAST YEAR MEMBERSHIP

ALAMEDA. — Surpassing last year's mark of 147, the Alameda JACL has signed up 155 members for 1961 in a current membership campaign, according to George Ushijima, chairman of the chapter membership committee. Of this number 27 are Issei naturalized citizens.

Applications for membership in the local organization will be accepted through March, Ushijima announced. Ushijima was assisted in the drive by a committee consisting of Mrs. Betty Akagi, Hi Akagi, Miyoko Furuno, Mrs. Kay Hattori, Haruo Imura, Taizo Imura, Dr. Roland Kadowaga, Joan Nakahara, Mrs. Nellie Takeda, Mits Umene, Yas Yamashita and Min Yonekura.

## 1000 CLUB NOTES

National Headquarters acknowledged a total of 105 members for the second half of February, making a monthly total of 173. The boost came from Sacramento which reported 66 new and renewal 1000ers.

The current standing of 1,390 members in good standing is the second highest monthly total to date. The all-time monthly high of 1,401 was established last June during the National Convention at Sacramento.

**TWELFTH YEAR**  
Sacramento—George Y. Kodama, Jr.  
**FIFTH YEAR**  
Sacramento—Ginji Mizutani.  
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Oakland—Katsumi Fujii.  
Hollywood—Charles K. Kamayatsu.  
San Jose—George Y. Kodama, Jr.  
Sacramento—William Matsumoto, Wataru Dubby Tsugawa.

**SIXTH YEAR**  
Sacramento—Dr. Yoshizo Harada, Dr. Akio Hayashi, Coffee H. Oshima, Peter Ouga, Ar. Akio Sato, Noboru Shirai, George Takahashi, George Tambara.  
Idaho Falls—Masayuki Honda.  
Stockton—Henri T. Kusama.  
Chicago—Ruth F. Nakaya.  
Ben Lomond—Tomio Yamada.  
Placer County—Kenji Yogo, Jr.

**SIXTH YEAR**  
Sacramento—Harry Fujii, Dean Itano, Dr. James J. Kubo, Akio Masaki, Percy T. Masaki, Frank Yoshimura, Long Beach—George Y. Shiroishi.  
San Francisco—Akira Utsunomiya, Oakland—Dr. Russell H. Wehara.

**FIFTH YEAR**  
Sacramento—Masato Fujii, Harry N. Haru, Edward Hayashi, Roy Higashino, Kiyoshi Imai, Sam Ishimoto, Masao Itano, Roy Kitade, Ardevan K. Kosono, Haruo Kuroki, Arthur Miyai, Martin Miyao, Toshiko Nishimi, Masao Nishimi, Ping Oda, Tim Sasabuchi, Takeo Takeuchi, Charley Yamamoto.  
Hollywood—Ginchi Takata.

**FOURTH YEAR**  
Downtown L.A.—Kenji Hashimoto, Tadamasa Maehara, Tokijiro Nakashima, Masaru James Watanuma.  
Sacramento—Dr. George Kubo, Masao Maeda, Dr. George Muramoto, David Noguehi, Kaname Sami, Tom Sato, Taduo Tanaka.  
Detroit—Arthur A. Matsumura.  
Long Beach—Masaji Morita.  
New York—Alice Suzuki.  
Cresham-Trotter—Akira Tanura.  
Southwest L.A.—Henry K. Yoshimura.

**THIRD YEAR**  
Sacramento—Frank K. Raymond, Dixon, Nobuchika Hanada, Dr. Edward Ishii, Jun Miyakawa, Harry Morimoto, Frank Yokoi.  
Downtown L.A.—Kenji Nishimoto.

**SECOND YEAR**  
Sacramento—Dr. George Akamatsu, Frank K. Raymond, Raymond Dixon, Nobuchika Hanada, Dr. Edward Ishii, Jun Miyakawa, Harry Morimoto, Frank Yokoi.  
Downtown L.A.—Kenji Nishimoto.

**FIRST YEAR**  
Boise Valley—Masa Nishihara.  
Idaho Falls—Leo H. Hosoda.  
Sacramento—Roy Himoto, Donald Ishii, Louis Saito, George Otani, Dr. Kiyoshi Arthur Sato.  
Downtown L.A.—Kenji Hatanaka, Seizo Kimura, Hideo Muraoka, Steve Okayama.

## SALT LAKE MEMBERSHIP APPROACHING 500 MARK

SALT LAKE CITY. — A busy corps of members under the direction of Ben Oshita, Elina Miya and Al Jue approached the 500 mark as the Salt Lake JACL members stretch this week.

The campaign began in January, employing some 40 members including cabinet officers, who reported "very little or no opposition" to the increase of dues from \$3.50 to \$5 for single and the \$9 per couple membership.

Solicitors who sign up 25 members or more are to be honored with a JACL pin.

## Sacramento potluck supper tonight to honor Issei

SACRAMENTO. — The family potluck dinner tonight at the Nisei War Memorial Hall to honor all Issei parents is being sponsored by the Sacramento JACL and Women's Auxiliary.

Movies of the 1960 national convention, April 9 "rain date" was also Hamatani, who covered the event with his camera. Door prizes and games are also planned, according to Gladys Masaki, Auxiliary president.

Sally Taketa, event chairman, will be assisted by: Yoshi Takahashi, food; Gladys Masaki, Y. Takahashi, May Shirai, Enny Oshima, Emma Miyamoto, Midori Hiyama, Li Fukutome, Jean Seto, Helen Iemura, Grace Mitsuomi, S. Fujii, telephone.

## DELANO JACL MEETS PICNIC SET MARCH 26

DELANO. — Committeemen for the annual Delano JACL community picnic, to be held on Sunday, Mar. 26, were appointed this past week. An April 9 "rain date" was also announced.

Saburo Okino, general chairman, will be assisted by: Jeff Fukawa, program & purchase; Masako Nakayama, tickets; Bill Nakagawa, Mas Takaki, donations; George Nagata, Tom Kawasaki, emcee; Joe Katano, locale; Joe Yonaki, p.a.; Tom Watanabe, sanitation.

The chapter last Feb. 19 conducted an invitational judo tournament with the Delano Spartans. Mrs. Dressen and her group put on demonstration. Participants and guests were served a buffet supper by the chapter.

Last Sunday, the local chapter joined with other civic groups in soliciting for the Heart Fund.

## Detroit cabinet positions filled

DETROIT. — The designation of cabinet posts for Detroit JACL officers was announced by Peter Fukuoka, president, as follows: Wally Kagawa, v.p.; Kenneth Miyoshi, pub. rel.; Ed Shinno, treas.; Toshi Shimoura, cor. sec.; Yoshiko Inouye, rec. sec.; Setai Fukuoka, hist.; Sud Kimoto, youth; Roy Kanoko, 1000 club; and Mary Kamidoi, pub.

## Southwest L.A. CL installs Kiguchi, teles PTA leader

Mrs. Ken Kozasa, active Parent Teacher Association worker, was honored by the Southwest Los Angeles JACL last week as the "Outstanding Community Worker of 1960" during the banquet at the New Ginza to install the 1961 chapter officers led by attorney Mark Kiguchi, president.

Known as Betty to her friends, Mrs. Kozasa has served as PTA president while her two sons, William and Richard, went through primary and secondary schools at Madison, Wis., and Los Angeles. The boys are now in college. Mrs. Kozasa has also served as president of the Olympic PTA Council, composed of 20 units representing 27,000 parents, and as chairman of the 10th District Presidents' Council, composed of all PTA presidents in the district.

Currently, she is serving her second term as president of the Exposition Community Coordinating Council. She is also past area chairman for the local Community Chest drive, a member of the Los Angeles County Conference of Community Relations, American Red Cross and American Cancer Society. She has also been cited for community services by the Los Angeles Commission on Human Relations and the Southside Chamber of Commerce.

About 60 persons attended the banquet, emceed by Mac Hamaguchi. Dr. Roy Nishikawa installed the officers. National JACL President Frank Chuman gave a brief talk. Tom Shimazu was presented the past president's pin, while his wife Michi was given a dinnerware set from the chapter.

Three chapter events are on tap for March, noted Kiguchi. The Crenshaw A.C., 2501 W. Vernon, will be the site for all of them. There will be the "Afternoon at Crenshaw A.C." this Sunday, general meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 14, with tax attorney Art Katayama as speaker on "Income Tax", and an investment discussion group meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 28, with Yukio Matsumoto, investment counselor, as speaker.

## Seattle chapter out to secure all-time membership high

SEATTLE. — Response to the mail and telephone campaign to secure membership in Seattle JACL has already brought the 1961 enrollment to last year's number of 224. It was announced this past week by Eddie Shimomura, chapter membership chairman.

Solicitation teams have been organized to complete the canvass for a record high. Team captains and members are as follows: Dr. Kelly Yamada, Mak Kaneko, Rev. E. Andrews and Charles Toshi. Mary Fujita and Juro Yoshikawa, Ichikawa and Yoshiko Fujii. Min Yamaguchi, H. Hikida, M. No. J. Agata, and Juro Yoshikawa. Phil Hayasaka, Elmer Ogawa, Tak Kubota, Yukio Kuniyuki and Bill Kawata.

Nish Kuniyuki, John Aoki, Paul Tomita and Mrs. Ruth Matsuo. Fred Nakagaki, Tom Iwata, T. Kamo and Fred Humei. George Kawachi, Mr. Ozawa, Eddie Otsuka and Jack Hori. Mary Fujita and Juro Yoshikawa, Frank Hattori, T. Yamaguchi and Eddie Shimomura.

Chapter dues here are \$5 and includes subscription to the Pacific Citizen. Chapter dues for 1000ers are \$27, reported Tom Iwata, chapter 1000 Club chairman.

Importance of a strong chapter was stressed by Shimomura who said help will be needed with the National JACL Convention in 1962 and the legislative program, especially the anti-alien law committee work.

## Yosh Sakahara head Snake River Valley

BY VIRGINIA HIRAI  
ONTARIO, Ore. — The part played by members of the Japanese American Citizens League in combating discrimination and in helping other minority groups with their problems was stressed by Mas Satow, National Director, at the installation banquet of the Snake River Valley JACL held at the East Side Cafe here Feb. 18.

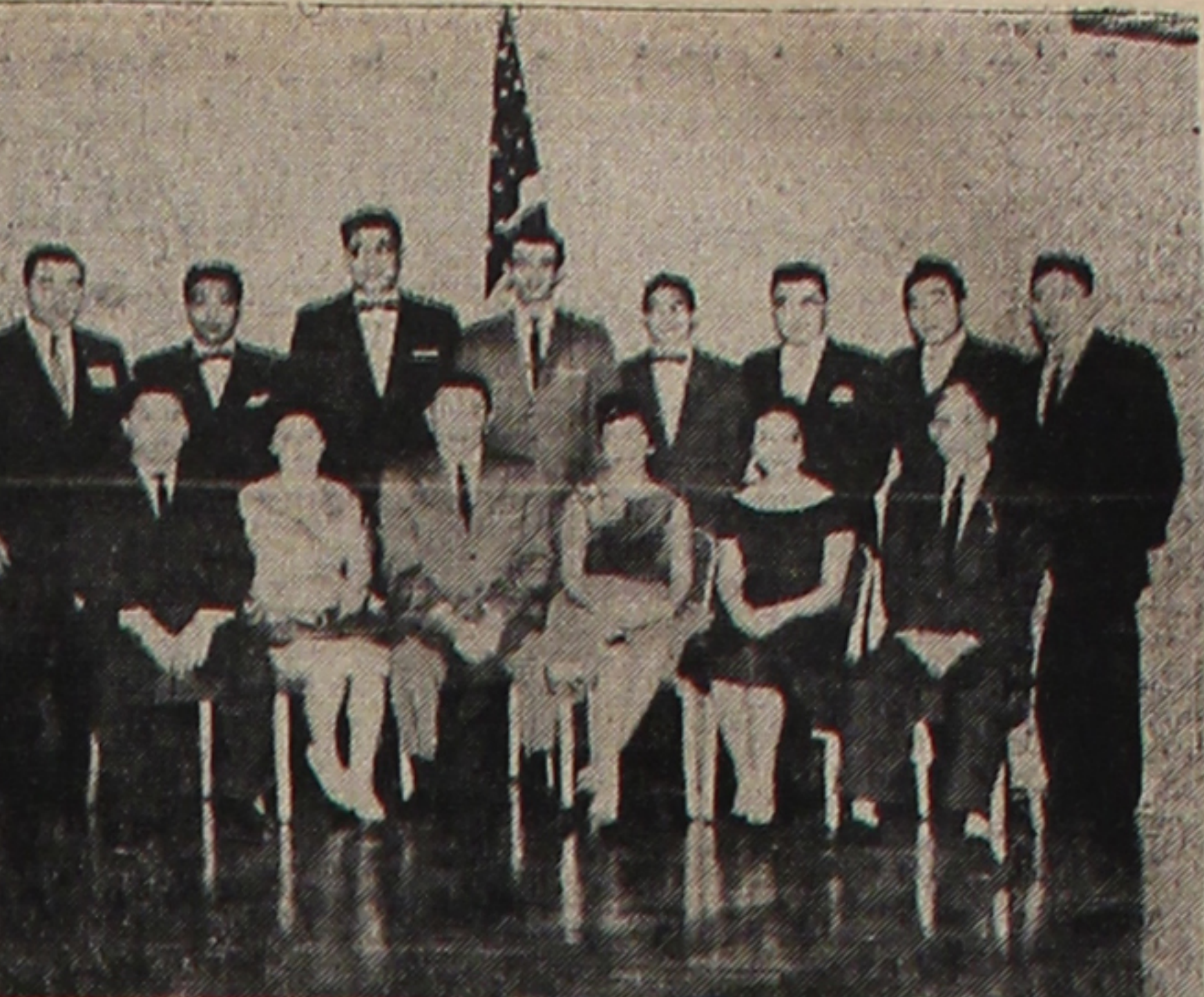
New officers installed were: Yosh Sakahara, pres.; Jim Fujito, 1st v.p.; Akira Wakasugi, 2nd v.p.; Tom Nakano, 3rd v.p.; George Matsura, treas.; Reiko Shirashiri, rec. sec.; Charles Watanabe, social; Sanami Nakano, hist.; George Mita, 1000 club; Abe Saito, del.; Tom Hashimoto, Harold Huga, Frank Ogami, Harry Morikawa, Harry Namba, George Nishimura, directors.

A check for \$200 was presented the Presbyterian Nursing Home by Abe Saito, outgoing president, during the evening's program.

Also on the program, for which Joe Saito, was toastmaster, was the invocation by the Rev. George Uyemura, minister of the Community Methodist Church; the welcome by Abe Saito as president of the Snake River Valley chapter; musical numbers by Mary Ann Wakasugi and Alice Nishitani, and a Japanese dance by Mary Jean Kuga.

## How to make sembei

IDAHO FALLS. — The Idaho Falls JACL Auxiliary will meet next Thursday, Mar. 9, 8 p.m. at the JACL Hall to learn how to make sembei (rice cakes) from Kazuko Honda. Hostesses for the evening will be May Ogawa, Irene Sato and Ida Ogawa.



DETROIT'S 1961 CHAPTER BOARD

Members of the Detroit JACL Board of Governors system for the year 1961 installed at the 15th Annual Installation Dinner Dance held Jan. 28, 1961, are seated (from left) Wally Kagawa, vice chairman; Yoshiko Inouye, sec.; Peter Fujioke, chairman; Mary Kamidoi; Setai Fukuoka; and Ken Miyoshi. Standing (from left) Frank Watanabe, past pres.; Sud Kimoto; George Otsuji; Stanley Malecki; Edward Shinno, treas.; Karl Nomura; Dick Kadoshima and George Nagano. Missing from the picture are Louis Furukawa; Walter Miyao and Am Omura.

—Photo by Tom Hashimoto.

## Traditional events, special projects for Sequoia chapter slated for year

REDWOOD CITY. — The Sequoia JACL this week announced its program of activities for the remainder of the year. These are in addition to specialized events, such as entering a chapter float in the Redwood City Fourth of July parade, participating in the local Women's Garden Club flower show, welcoming ships from Japan that dock at the port of Redwood City and sponsoring a baseball team for youth.

The calendar follows: March 18—Bridge Tournament. April 2—Easter Egg hunt. June 17—Graduation dance. July 23—Community picnic. Oct. 27—Hallowe'en party. Nov. 18—Potluck dinner. Dec. 31—New Year's Eve dance. Jan. 13—Installation dinner.

**Bridge Tournament**  
The second annual chapter duplicate bridge tournament scheduled Mar. 18, 8 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Hall here is open to beginners and advanced players. First-place trophies will be awarded.

## Inagaki named chapter Issei Story chairman

VENICE. — The Venice-Culver JACL board, meeting at the home of Betty Yumori recently, announced the appointment of George Inagaki as its chapter Issei Story Project chairman.

A program for the year was also discussed and it will be announced from time to time.

The membership drive is in full swing as over 100 members have responded by mail, saving many hours of house calling by the membership committee. Chapter dues are \$4.50 single, \$7.50 couple, and includes subscription to the Pacific Citizen.

## Benefit Japanese movies scheduled this weekend

SEBASTOPOL. — The Sonoma County JACL benefit Japanese movies, originally scheduled for Mar. 18-19, has been switched to Mar. 4-5 at the local Memorial Hall.

Proceeds are used for many of the chapter activities and projects, movie chairman Tak Kameoka pointed out. Free refreshments will be served during intermission.

## Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

# For the Nisei Women

The PC editor and I were talking about locating the former Miss she had some material about her trip to Washington, D.C., in 1931 to lobby for the Cable Act amendment. We finally located her and when I phoned her, I said: "Pardon me if I am mistaken, but do you happen to be the former Miss Suma Sugi?" I felt I had the right party from the voice which answered the phone and it turned out my intuition had not betrayed me.

The former Miss Sugi is now Mrs. Harry Yokotake, working for the Los Angeles Board of Education.

Since the information requested happened 30 years ago, I promised to refresh her memory by sending recent installments of "Living With JACL". I am going to do the same thing with Tokutomi Shimura Slocum. He may not be too busy and may be in a mood to recall some of his personal experiences in Washington, D.C., as a one-man lobbyist in 1933.

No doubt, during those days of the 1930s, the job of influencing legislators was most difficult, not only because of the anti-Japanese atmosphere but few had any sympathy for an Oriental or understanding of the younger Issei who wanted to be a part of America and not wanting to return to Japan. It was difficult to believe that there were persons of Japanese ancestry willing to give up their mother country and become naturalized U.S. citizens.

## Part III: Continued

When the legislative process for the Cable Act amendment began to move, it went along at a rapid pace.

From the newspaper accounts, Suma Sugi reported from Washington that the Senate has passed an amendment providing American-born women need not lose

awarded. A perpetual trophy will be presented to the chapter with the most winners representing the chapter. Last year, San Jose JACL won the perpetual.

Nancy Sakuda will be in charge of the refreshments committee.

## Chapter Archives

### D.C. JACL Chapter Seeking Documents of Early Years

WASHINGTON. — Although starting its 16th year, the Washington, D.C., JACL is found without any historical documents of its past activities and the chapter board at its January meeting decided to establish an archive in the form of a Chapter Scrapbook under guidance of Emily Higuchi.

Past issues of the D.C. News Notes, now in its 11th year of publication, will provide part of the records. So that a complete record may be compiled, the chapter has appealed to members for clippings and photos of past chapter activities for the Scrapbook.

The first D.C. News Notes was published in April, 1951, under the editorship of Akira Nose and guidance of chapter president Don Komai. Subsequent editors were Ed Mitoma 1952, Kathleen Iseri 1953, Ruth Kuroishi 1954, Ken Kuwabara 1955, Gladys Takemori and Irene Iwata 1956, Mitsuo Yasuda 1957, Akira Nose 1958, Hisako Sakata 1959 and Chisato Ohara 1960. Harold Horuchi is 1961 editor.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

# For the Nisei Women

their citizenship, regardless of when they marry or when they marry or where they reside. She reported that the House was ready to take favorable action.

The San Francisco JACL had contacts with Congresswoman Florence Kahn on the same amendment. I believe Suma met her while in Washington. The League of Women Voters and the YWCA were also active in this campaign, both at the national and local levels.

Frankly speaking, we were "babes in the woods" then as far as legislative movements were concerned. JACL was not able to be included in the council of groups pushing the amendment to bring equality to native citizens.

The appeal for this amendment was based upon "equal rights for women". The fact that the chief beneficiaries of this amendment would be of Japanese ancestry was injected by JACL to present one facet of the picture.

According to the Mar. 9, 1931, Rafu Shimpō, President Hoover signed the amendment on Mar. 3 and it was to go into effect as soon as the executive order was issued.

Subsequent reports indicated that the House and Senate had gone into conference on the amendment. One of the conferees was the late Sen. Frank Johnson of California. Since he helped to have unanimous approval of the joint committee, Suma concluded that the Californian was not as anti-Japanese as many believed.

## Reception in New York

On her return to Los Angeles, Suma visited New York City where she was given a tremendous welcome. I presume it was the first time that a Nisei woman, let alone a man, had come to lobby at the Nation's Capitol.

## Chapter Chat-Chat

Items for this column were gleaned from the various JACL chapter newsletters received within the past two weeks.

### Salt Lake JACL

Our 1958 JACL Convention queen, Margaret Hami, is in faraway Hawaii attending the Univ. of Hawaii this year. She finds the weather very enjoyable and likes it very much there.

Two former candidates in the 1958 convention queen contest, Ruth Okawa of Salt Lake and Kiyu Miya of Ogden, are still "bowling them over"—in the bowling alleys. Both of them are on the same women's team entered in the JACL bowling tournament at San Jose this coming week.

Jerry Tsuyuki has opened a beautiful and colorful sukiyaki house, "The Mikado".

Nick and Grace Tasaka are lending their talents to the local Senekai by instructing the group in dancing.

### Idaho Falls JACL

Eke Inouye's daughter Candice accompanied her dance instructor Betty Anderson to a dance instructor's convention at Salt Lake City recently where she was a model. Candice is an acrobatic dancer and baton twirler.

George Kobayashi was elected to a three-year term on the Idaho Falls YMCA board of directors.

Leo Hosoda was chosen lion tamer of the newly formed Lions Club of Anmon.

Mrs. Fred Ochi participated in a panel discussion at First Christian Church when local churches observed Race Relations Sunday.

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