



By Frank Chuman

President's Corner

Career Conferences for Youth

I FEEL that all of our chapters throughout the United States could engage in a more meaningful, rich and fruitful program of direct interest and benefit not only to our members, but also to our wonderful young people and teenagers by planning a vocational conference or "college information night" to better direct our young people towards the best education and training possible for the world which lies ahead.

Our chapters are becoming more and more involved in the formation of Junior JACL groups as evidenced by strong support in the Intermountain District Council, in the organization of the joint EDC-MDC Junior JACL Committee, in the activation of six Junior JACL chapters in the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, and by increasing interest in such activities in the Southern California area.

There is much concern among educators, sociologists and school teachers in the alarming number of dropouts of teenagers throughout the United States. At the same time, according to the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities, of which Federal Commissioner of Labor and Industrial Training, John Yoshino, is Associate Director, more and more of our great industrial and scientific corporations are desirous of obtaining higher trained employees.

At a recent conference sponsored by Donald Douglas, Jr. of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation here in Los Angeles, representatives from corporations, such as Alcoa, Kaiser Steel, General Dynamics, Sperry Gyroscope, Bendix, Lockheed, Northrop, North American, Aerojet-General, AResearch Manufacturing and Tiokol Chemical, gathered together for a two-day conference, to which I was invited as a representative of the JACL, to discuss ways and means of obtaining better trained and better educated personnel.

In addition, the California State Apprenticeship Training Conference, to which I have appointed Kei Hori of San Francisco as the JACL representative, has also been concerned with a better apprenticeship and industrial training program for young people.

All of these activities on the national and state level call to mind how our own chapters can assist and prepare our young people and teenagers by a series of effective vocational counseling and "college information night" programs.

OUR JACL members are now engaged in a wide variety of businesses, professions and skills. Our own membership can supply a rich and valuable source of guidance, leadership and advice to our young people.

I believe it would be a most interesting and stimulating chapter activity for our teenagers and young people of high school and college age to meet in an evening of fellowship to discuss at first-hand, in small groups according to their area of interest, and on a warm and personal basis, some of the problems confronting them. In this way, not only will our members become closer to our young people, but our young people would be given an opportunity to gain an insight into their own problems to better prepare themselves for their careers of the future.

At the same time I believe such chapter activities would greatly enhance our public relations should the chapter choose to invite directors of admissions of various colleges and universities and personnel directors of representative corporations in the area to act as resource leaders at such a conference.

TO THE chapters involved in such a program, definite meaning would then be given to the greatly expanded program of scholarships and loans which I have advocated, on the chapter, district council and national levels, to allow the fullest possible opportunity for our young people to be guided along the lines of their talents, interests and capabilities.

One of the key objectives and purposes of every chapter is to develop good citizens not only among our own members, but among our precious children. This type of vocational conference and "college information night" will be a definite, significant step in that direction.

By Elmer Ogawa

Northwest Picture

CONVENTION PREPARATIONS IN HIGH GEAR

Seattle COMMITTEE chairmen are so busy with their various meetings and planning for the 17th Biennial convention that it's almost a full time job to tell about it, and this old goat, fatigued from the arduous daily toil hardly feels adequate.

Reports come in from all over, about how former Seattleites, of which there are thousands, will be flocking to this World's Fair city next summer. Between Seafair, World's Fair and the Convention, with their many events all popping off at once, the committee chairmen are in a quandary on just how many to plan for at such events as the Salmon Derby at Westport on the coast, the golf tournament, and the bridge tournament.

Speaking of this good old Northwest salmon fishing, it is strongly felt that former fishermen of the Kings and silvers will make the date of Friday, the 27th a must. Juro Yoshioka reports that he has a tentative option on nine boats with the best skippers, and that's easy to believe, as the owner of a leading tackle store will have connections. So these plans allow for about 90 fishermen on that date. Juro says that our local fishermen plan on spending \$20-\$25 for a day of fishing at Westport on the ocean (the boat fee is \$11) and it'll be no higher for this occasion.

It'll be smart to speak up about reservations, however, and remember that the clearing house for all JACL doings is the Chapter office at 318 6th Ave. So. Exception is that housing for other than this convention dates must be made via Expo-Lodging, World's Fair.

Golfers, who were salmon fishermen, will have to make a choice, however, because the Convention golf tournament at the Inglewood Golf and Country Club is also scheduled for July 27. The committee chaired by Min Yamaguchi is hard at work on the many details connected with arrangements, and here again the matter of reservations is important, though not so much as in chartering fishing boats. The golf committee will charter bus transportation if it is so indicated, and the deadline for golfer registration is July 10. We find that each member of the golf committee has a specific duty from publicity to program. Besides Min

Y. there are Art Susumi, Min Hashimoto, Dr. Frank Hori, Shang Kashiwagi, "Sparky" Kono, "Fuzzy" Fujiyama, and Nobu Suyama. The Convention bridge tournament will be played off at the Olympic Hotel on the afternoon of Saturday the 28th. Months ago, someone suggested that the practiced members of the Seattle Nisei Bridge Club handle the tournament details. An attempt was made to run two events simultaneously, since the Bridge Club had a sanctioned event at about the same date.

There were a lot of details to be ironed out, but eventually, Tak Ando, president of the Seattle Bridge Club wrote to national headquarters about our carefully planned set-up, but just this past week received a reply that the American Contract Bridge League could not sanction a bridge contest as proposed because of conflicting dates in the same city. We had entirely forgotten that the annual (sanctioned) Seafair Sectional Tournament is being played off July 27-28-29.

So now it is up to the JACL to run its own bridge tournament, but the Bridge Club which, of course has many JACLers on its roster decided to help all they could, which includes the loaning of equipment, and sending some members of the Club to help in the scoring and administrative details.

Joe Kobata elected Gardena Rotary president

GARDENA. — Joe H. Kobata, wholesale nurseryman, was elected president of the Gardena Rotary this past week.

He will be installed at a dinner-dance to be held at the Thunderbird Hotel June 15 succeeding outgoing president Ken Nagaoka.

Rotarians are looking forward to the Rotary International's 53rd annual convention which will be held in Los Angeles June 3 through 7.

L.A. mayor visiting Japan

LOS ANGELES. — Mayor Sam Yorty heads a city trade mission now in Japan and will return April 14. Accompanying him is Councilman Rundberg, a West L.A. JACL member.



THREE ACTIVE DETROIT MATRONS HONORED

Called at the recent Detroit JACL installation dinner to accept "outstanding Nisei leadership" citations were (from left) Mrs. Hifumi Sunamoto, Mrs. June Otsuji and Mrs. Toshio Shimoura. —Photo by Tom Hashimoto.

Cited for Youth and Community Work

DETROIT. — Apparently an unsoundable task for the Detroit JACL recognition committee to select the year's outstanding Nisei, it met its challenge by honoring four persons at the recent chapter installation banquet.

Cited were Mrs. Hifumi Sunamoto, Mrs. June Otsuji, Mrs. Toshio Shimoura and Wallace Kagawa.

Mrs. Sunamoto has been active in the chapter for the past 12 years, five of them as adviser for the Sub-Teen and Teen Clubs. She has organized and supervised many dinners and activities, the recent Keirokai being the most memorable. She is currently chapter corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Otsuji, also active with youth, is credited singly with rejuvenating the Sub-Teens and coordinating teenage activities. She is a Teen Club adviser.

Mrs. Shimoura, active for over a decade, spearheaded JACL-sponsored classes in flower arrangement, served as representative to the International Institute and has led in numerous committees which put on church dinners and sukiyaki benefits. Regarded as the chapter's

Chinese Hawaiian denied service in Maryland tavern

BALTIMORE. — Sen. Oren Long (D, Hawaii), charged in a letter to Governor Tawes that one of his constituents was denied service in a Maryland tavern because of race.

"When an American citizen travels through a state, things like this should not happen," Long said in commenting on the incident.

He said in the letter that Mrs. Robert W. McKee, an American of Hawaiian-Chinese descent, was refused service at a Pikeville tavern March 8—one day before the Maryland legislature turned down a public accommodations bill.

A barmaid at the tavern acknowledged the incident and said "it will probably happen again". "Had I known she was Hawaiian, I certainly would have served her," she added.

New rinban appointed

LOS ANGELES. — The Rev. Ryuei Masuoka was appointed rinban of the Los Angeles Betsumin, succeeding the Rev. Daitetsu Hayashima who has retired, the Buddhist Churches of America announced.

NC-WNDC chairman lauds Yori Wada appointment

SAN MATEO. — Haruo Ishimaru, NC-WNDC chairman, expressed his joy upon the appointment of Yori Wada last week to the California Youth Authority in a letter addressed to Governor Brown.

"I believe that it reflects your personal and official recognition of ability and leadership regardless of race, color or creed," Ishimaru said.

Wada was described in the letter as a "person of extraordinary talent and vision" and "we have the utmost confidence in his ability to assume the responsibilities of his new career."

Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka Trade with Japan - 2

LAST WEEK, we reprinted the first part of the address entitled "Trade with Japan," which was delivered by Philip H. Tresize, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, before the Japan Society of New York on January 25, 1962.

This week, we reprint the remainder of that address, which expresses the official attitude of our Government on this subject of expanding trade relations with Japan and includes information that may be of special interest to Nisei Americans.

"THE DIMENSIONS of the Japanese market are not always fully appreciated in the United States. In calendar 1961, we sold to Japan about 17 billion dollars worth of commodities, Japan was far and away our largest customer next to Canada. The data are incomplete, but it seems that after Japan our next largest foreign customer was the United Kingdom which purchased from us goods worth about 12 billion dollars.

"Within the 1.7 billion dollar figure are some notable individual items. For example, we seem to have sold Japan upwards of 250 million dollars worth of raw cotton, about 100 million dollars worth of soy beans, and 65 million dollars in wheat and other grains. Our coal mines found a market for five million tons of coking coal in the booming Japanese steel industry. Our exporters of iron and steel scrap sold to Japanese mills more than 200 million dollars worth of raw material. Machinery exports to Japan ran in excess of 150 million dollars.

"1961 was a boom year in Japan, one in which our exports to Japan exceeded our imports from Japan by some 700 million dollars. This level of export surplus was extraordinary, but we do customarily run a favorable trade balance with Japan and the long run curve for our export trade has been consistently upward. During the 1950's, our exports to Japan grew from 416 million to 1.3 billion, or almost

220 percent. For a comparison, our sales to the most rapidly growing part of Western Europe, the countries now organized in the Common Market, rose from 1.6 billion to 3.4 billion or about 110 percent.

"THE OUTLOOK, then, is that Japan will grow as a market for American goods. This will be true for raw materials, for agricultural products, and for industrial producers' goods. It will be increasingly the case, also, for a broad range of consumer manufactures and luxury items. As personal incomes rise in Japan, and as restrictions on imports are removed, opportunities for sales of such items as cameras, toys, textiles, and leather and plastic goods will increase.

"It would not be wise to exaggerate the immediate prospects, or to understate the advantages that Japanese producers will continue to enjoy in their own market, but I would observe that there is already widespread concern in Japan over the prospective influx of "cheap" American consumer goods. The point, of course, is that even in categories where Japan has in a broad sense a substantial comparative advantage, individual American products will or can be highly competitive.

"At all events, any sensible concern for our export trade and for our balance of payments means that we must attend to the Japanese market. Only a policy intended to hurt ourselves would justify measures that would serve to reduce our trade or to diminish our access to the booming and expanding economy of Japan.

"NOW, OF course, if we could go along increasing our sales of goods to Japan, while the Japanese refrained from trying to sell to us, we would have what some people would consider the best of all possible situations. But as the world happens to be constructed, Japan cannot hope to finance its imports in anything like their present volume, to say nothing of a higher

Chuman visit of Nation's Capital proves noteworthy and very hectic

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON. — While it has become traditional for National JACL presidents to visit the nation's capital during their respective administrations, incumbent Frank F. Chuman's three-day visit to Washington early last week was a particularly noteworthy and busy one.

Not only was he admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, but he was able to meet with high ranking Government and congressional officials whose activities are of special concern to JACL.

Among those with whom the National President met were the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, the Director of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and the Majority Leader of the United States Senate.

Attorney General

The high point of his visitations with Government officials was his meeting with Attorney General Robert Kennedy, the President's younger brother and political confidant. The Justice Department has jurisdiction over immigration and naturalization matters, civil rights, evacuation claims, and such other subjects of JACL interest as the anti-trust suit against the block packaging of old motion picture films for television showing that enables TV stations to show World War II movies which impugn the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Among the topics discussed with the Attorney General was his recent trip around-the-world, with special reference to his stopover in Japan. How Nisei Americans might serve their country by helping to promote a better and more realistic understanding of the American image and United States world aspirations was explored by the Attorney General and the National JACL President.

This appointment was arranged by Congressman Daniel K. Inouye, who, incidentally, is a member of the Washington, D.C. JACL Chapter and also a Thousand Clubber.

I & N Service

Since this is the tenth anniversary of the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, which repealed the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 by extending immigration privileges to the Japanese and providing naturalization opportunities for resident alien Japanese by eliminating the racial prohibition to citizenship, Chuman met with recently appointed Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Raymond F. Farrell.

They discussed the results of a decade of operation of this law, and particularly the Asian provisions sponsored by the JACL, as well as the prospects for the further elimination of racial discrimination in the statutes, such as the repeal of the Asia-Pacific Triangle and the National Origins formula.

The long-time JACL problem of dual nationality involving Nisei born prior to December 1, 1924, and whose births were not registered with the Japanese Government was also discussed, as were several other questions of concern, such as suspension of deportation for certain alien Japanese, etc.

James Hennessey, executive assistant to the Commissioner, also participated in the discussions.

On the 20th anniversary of the wartime mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast, it was appropriate that the National JACL President met with Staff Director Berl I. Bernhard of the United States Commission on Civil Rights to assess the status of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country today and to express JACL's concern for the civil rights of other Americans.

Chuman commended the Commission particularly for its unprecedented and monumental five volume Report last fall on the status of civil rights today in the United States.

The JACL executive requested the aid of the Federal Commission in the forthcoming educational campaigns in Washington and Idaho to persuade the voters in those States to repeal their respective constitutional provisions denying aliens the right to own land and the right of naturalized Mongolians "not born in the United States" to vote, serve on juries, or hold public office.

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California State Senators As a native Californian, he met with Republican Senator Thomas H. Kuchel and Democratic Senator Clair Engle. Kuchel is the Assistant Republican Leader of the Senate and its Minority Whip. He is also a member of the Appropriations and Interior and Insular Affairs Committees. Engle, long-time chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, is now a member of Armed Services and the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committees.

The right-wing smear campaign against the Assistant Republican Leader in his campaign for reelection was discussed in terms of the racist rumor mongering and character assassination against persons of Japanese ancestry just two decades ago which led to the military evacuation of 1942.

The discussions with Senator Engle had to do with the appointment of qualified Nisei for responsible Federal posts and how the problems of various organizations might better be brought to the attention of the Junior Senator from California.

California's Congressional Chairmen

Chuman paid courtesy calls on Democratic Congressmen George Miller of Alameda and Chet Holifield of Los Angeles, the only two Congressmen from the entire West Coast who are chairmen of congressional committees. Both have supported JACL objectives for almost two decades. Miller is chairman of the Science and Astronautics Committee and Holifield is chairman of the Joint (House and Senate) Committee on Atomic Energy.

Chairman Miller explained the recent orbital flights of Colonel John Glenn to the National President, demonstrating with a model capsule some of the problems overcome in that historic flight.

Chairman Holifield discussed the recent decision of this Government to resume nuclear testing in the atmosphere and stressed that the radiation fallout that might result from U.S. tests would be considerably less than that to which individuals taking chest X-rays are

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exposed. His point was that this country and the Free World could not afford to allow Red Russia to gain the balance of power in this nuclear, space age and that our nuclear strength remains as the greatest possible deterrent to nuclear holocaust.

Congressman from Hawaii

The National President met with Democratic Congressman Dan Inouye of Hawaii, who had just announced his candidacy for the United States Senate.

They discussed the contributions that the World War II hero could make to the advancement of Hawaii in the Senate and what his election would mean not only to persons of Japanese ancestry in this country but to all non-white persons throughout the world as a symbol of democracy in action.

The Congressman, who was named the Nisei of the Biennial at the National JACL Convention held in Sacramento two years ago and was cited as one of the ten outstanding young men of America by the United States Chamber of Commerce that same year, is one of the most popular and effective lawmakers in Washington. Chuman found from conversations with Senators, Congressmen, and high government officials.

The JACL leader thanked the Congressman for arranging the meeting with Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

Congressman from Chicago

Chuman also called on Congressman Sidney R. Yates of Illinois, the Chicago Democrat who has been closely identified with JACLers and JACL since he first entered the House some 12 years ago and who attended the 1950 National JACL Convention in Chicago.

He expressed his appreciation to the Congressman for arranging to have Solicitor General of the United States, Archibald Cox, move his admission to practice before the United States Supreme Court. It is a signal honor among attorneys to be sponsored for admission to the nation's highest tribunal by the chief law officer for the United States Government, the Solicitor General, who argues the main cases on behalf of the Government before this highest of Federal Courts.

By coincidence, the Monday morning he was admitted, the Supreme Court announced its historic decision that the Federal Courts could intervene in reapportionment

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High court agrees Wash. fair housing law unconstitutional

WASHINGTON. — The Supreme Court by refusing to review on Monday upheld the Washington State Supreme Court that their public housing anti-discrimination law was unconstitutional. The JACL had participated as friend of the court in this matter on the state level.

Case involved a white home owner in Seattle who refused to sell to a Negro. The ruling was appealed by the Washington State Board Against Discrimination.

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PC LETTERBOX:

PSWDC Can Be the Greatest

Now that the membership campaigns are drawing to a close across the nation, I am anxiously waiting to see the reports of vastly increased memberships in the PSWDC, especially in and around Los Angeles.

Many reasons and theories have been advanced in the past by genuinely concerned JACLers everywhere as to why Los Angeles does not have at least one third or more of our organization's total membership.

One point stressed, was that the lack of an informed membership drive due to the widely scattered Japanese American population, caused difficulty in increasing memberships. Now that the Pacific Citizen is reaching all our members, this should prove or disprove this point once and for all.

With an informed membership

and a regional director directly overseeing the individual chapter's drives, I hope the PSWDC will top all other district councils by convention time. By our next biennial, I feel the PSWDC will be twice the size of any other district council.

For the sake of our organization, it is hoped that the Southland will make this expectation a reality in Seattle.

In my limited experience in JACL activities, I have seen many JACLers spend at least 50 hours a week in membership drives for a one month period. As they are also bread winners, this meant all their spare time plus much of their sack time too. This, in my personal opinion, is what makes membership lists grow.

STEVE DOI
San Francisco JACL.

Will 'Evacuation' Happen Again?

We have it from our Attorney General Stanley Mosk that the Minutemen told the reserve troops at a National Guard Armory in Los Angeles on Feb. 6 that several hundred thousand Chinese Communists are in Mexico waiting to invade the United States.

With Taiwan in its precarious position and the Chinese Communists in its uncompromising attitude toward coexistence with the West—the state is being set for a possible Sino-American conflict,

which we hope will never occur. But should it occur, what will happen to our Chinese Americans?

How familiar are the outcries of the right wing extremists? We Japanese Americans have heard them before; other Americans have only heard about them. There is a more urgent reason than ever before to remind Americans of the Evacuation Story so that similar tragedy does not befall Americans of Chinese ancestry.

CLIFFORD I. UYEDA
San Francisco JACL.

By Dick Akagi

East of the River

THE LOWER DEPTHS

The other night I went to see Akira Kurosawa's "The Lower Depths," playing at the Bleecker Street Cinema in the Village. Kurosawa is the Japanese director whose "Rashomon," first exhibited in this country about ten years ago, catapulted him into the front ranks of the world's movie-makers.

"The Lower Depths," adapted from Maxim Gorky's play, is peopled with marvelously verminous characters who inhabit a Japanese skidrow around the late 19th century. The period of the setting is merely a guess on my part, inspired by the brief appearance of a two-sworded "police officer" late in the film.

At one point there was so much screeching in that register peculiar to Japanese actors when they want to convey mortal anguish that my throat, empathically, began to get sore. Every film Kurosawa makes seems deliberately designed to dispel the notion that Orientals are inscrutable. His characters are about as reticent and understated as an aspirin commercial, and just about as hard to fathom.

The film's next to final scene is a wildly comic dance performed by some of the drunken denizens of the slums, a bon odori gone amuck. Kurosawa invariably punctuates his works (of those I've seen, at any rate) with incidents of savage humor; he may well be the foremost satirists of our time. His "Kiku," for example, is as ferociously funny as Chaplin's "City Lights"; you leave the theater weeping.

Speaking of Kurosawa's uninhibited characters, I remember being visited by a prominent Nisei when "Rashomon" was first shown. He complained there was altogether too much screaming and crying in the film; he was afraid that it would give the "Caucasians," as he put it, a wrong impression of the Japanese. I didn't ask him what he thought the "right" impression was, but I suspect he would have preferred something like "Thunder Over Asia" (the exact title escapes me), which starred Charles Boyer as a Japanese naval officer and Merle Oberon as his wife. It was produced, I believe, by Alexander Korda. Not being Japanese, both Boyer and Oberon were admirably inscrutable.

Although the Nisei in question was perhaps oversensitive (which is definitely not the word—it would be more accurate to characterize him as devoid of all sensitivity; it seems to me that most "highly sensitive" persons, so-called or self-labeled, are basically quite dull, if not downright stupid, and they are "sensitive" only with respect to some picaresque dealings in which they are involved), he does illustrate in his approach some of the pitfalls the Nisei can drop into in any too zealous pursuit of "public relations".

It may not hurt to remind ourselves sometimes that there is no inherent contradiction in being natural and being American.



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Warlike Japanese plans to liberate Hawaiian natives from U.S. found in preface to history of Hawaii in Japanese ridiculed

BY ALLAN BEEKMAN
(Special to Pacific Citizen)
Honolulu

Kempu Kawazoe, researcher in Hawaiian history for the Japanese section of the bilingual Hawaii Times, frequently brings to light rare bits that should be of interest to English language readers. Recently he has been commenting on a Hawaiian history published in Japanese translation in Japan, April 30, 1943.

The Japanese evidently identified this work as Hawaii-shi, by H. Gregory, but it is almost certainly, A History of Hawaii, by Ralph S. Kuykendall, published in 1927, of which H. Gregory wrote only the first three chapters. The translation, which Mr. Kawazoe commends, is by Tadao Kunitomo, formerly of the Oriental Institute of the University of Hawaii. The book is out of print in both Japanese and English, and, of course, there would be no reason why an English speaking person would prefer to go to the translation instead of to the original—were it not for the preface.

Mr. Kawazoe ridicules the preface, but he states, correctly, that it sheds light on the thinking of the people of Japan at the time—that is to say, when their interest in Hawaii had been aroused by the dramatic success of the Imperial forces at Pearl Harbor and when Japan was going from victory to victory in the Pacific.

"It is only a matter of time till the Hawaiian Islands will start anew beneath the flag of Japan, within the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere," the preface says, in part. "The Hawaiian aborigines, namely, the Polynesians, are an Asiatic race, belonging to the Malayan, and through the victory of Japan in the Great East Asia War the Hawaiian Islands will soon be expatriated from fiendish America's plutocratic government and returned to East Asia. Before long, the Hawaiian archipelago will be restored to its rightful position. Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto Asia the things which are Asia's. . . . Polynesians of Hawaii, the hour of your liberation draws near!"

When the Polynesians sailed northward on the journey that culminated in the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands, they could have known that the Islands were here. How they found them we can only conjecture, but a well organized expedition from Tahiti had established itself in Hawaii as early as the second century AD.

I wonder, however, if the argument about the Polynesian being

an Asiatic race might be a valid reason for their "liberation" from "fiendish America." What race is not an Asiatic race?

In his, The Origins of Oriental Civilization, Walter A. Fairservis, Jr. says that the first human residents of Asia were Caucasoids, the ancestors, for example, of the Caucasoid Ainus, the original inhabitants of Japan, of whom a residue still remains. The Mongoloids originated in Northern Asia later, during the last glacial stage, deriving their racial characteristics—the epicanthic eyelid, the so-called Mongolian fold, for example—as an adaptation to extreme cold. 10,000 to 8,000 years ago, the Mongoloids began to spread from their homeland until they had supplanted the Caucasoids.

Suggs believes the Polynesians are of mixed Mongoloid, Oceanic-Rugoid, and Caucasoid stock, the Caucasoid element being dominant. The mixing occurred before they left Asia.

Discovery a Mystery
The question naturally occurs of why they left Asia. According to Suggs, the expansion of the burgeoning Chinese Empire, between 2000 and 1600 B.C., provided the catalyst that precipitated the exodus of the ancestors of the Polynesians from Asia. They had to flee the more powerful Mongoloids.

There may be a limit to human asininity, even in war time. Remembering some of the things we wrote about Japan in the last war, I am far from sure.

Nevertheless, it might be interesting to speculate on what might have happened if American counter-intelligence had chosen to turn the argument in the preface of Hawaii-shi against the enemy. We can imagine Hawaiian Polynesians in American uniform, as many of them were, being soberly told of how the invading Mongoloids had stolen the islands of Japan from the Polynesians' relatives the Ainus, who, disfranchised and pitiable, shivered in the cold of Hokkaido while they awaited their deliverers. We can imagine the Polynesians storming ashore at Tokyo Bay with the declaration that they had come to return Japan to its rightful owners, the Ainus.

After all, who is liberating whom.

Exodus from Asia

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Louisiana local option law permitting closing of public schools and segregation in transportation facilities unconstitutional

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON.—On Monday, Feb. 19, the United States Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional a Louisiana local option law permitting subdivisions to close all public schools rather than to submit to racial integration.

Then on Monday, Feb. 25, the Supreme Court declared that Mississippi's laws requiring segregation on buses and railroads are also unconstitutional. That a Federal Court should have said so last year.

In the earlier school segregation case, the nation's highest tribunal simply affirmed a three-judge Federal Circuit Court that last August declared "This is not the moment in history for a state to experiment with segregation. When it does, it must expect close scrutiny of the experiment."

The Louisiana statute, enacted by the Legislature in extraordinary session a year ago, provided for referendums in which voters of a parish (county) could decide whether they preferred no schools to integrated ones. St. Helena Parish, an impoverished rural area about 100 miles northwest of New Orleans held such a referendum and voted 1,147 to 57 to close the schools. Only four Negroes were registered to vote, although Negroes outnumber whites in the county five to four.

The Special Federal Court found that the law violated the 14th

Amendment to the Constitution. "Most immediately," said the Court, "it is a transparent effort to deny the plaintiffs their declared constitutional right to attend desegregated schools."

"More generally, the act is assailable because its application in one parish, while the state provides public schools elsewhere, would unfairly discriminate against the residents of that parish, irrespective of race."

In the transportation case, the Supreme Court ordered a Federal Circuit in Mississippi to grant "expeditiously, in the light of this opinion" the right of Negroes to unsegregated bus and railroad services. The high court ruled after a special three-judge panel had refused to enjoin state and city officials from enforcing racial segregation laws relating to stations, buses, trains, street cars, terminal waiting rooms and restaurants on the grounds that state courts should pass first on these same laws in several cases involving the so-called freedom riders.

The panel also refused to order the halt to prosecutions of these freedom riders.

The supreme Court disagreed. In the first place, it said that it was not necessary to convene special tribunals of three judges and a single judge could rule on the alleged discrimination in transportation laws were

unconstitutional. The high court declared that a three-judge court is required only when an injunction is sought on the grounds of the unconstitutionality of a statute.

But, it added that "there is no such ground when the constitutional issue presented is essentially 'fictitious'."

Chief Justice Warren read the court's unsigned opinion, which said in part that "We have settled beyond question that no State may require racial segregation of interstate or intrastate transportation facilities . . . the question is no longer open; it is foreclosed as a litigable issue."

The case challenged the whole sweep of Mississippi's laws and Jackson's (Mississippi's capital city) ordinances as they affect racial segregation. None of the three who brought suit had been arrested as a freedom rider, but all complained of being segregated in using public transportation and terminal facilities.

The court ruled that the three Jackson Negroes who brought the case lacked standing to halt the criminal prosecutions now pending against the freedom riders under the State's breach of the peace statute since they have not been prosecuted or threatened with prosecution.

"But as passengers using the segregated transportation facilities they are aggrieved parties and have standing to enforce their rights to non-segregated treatment."

In another civil rights order this week, the Supreme Court dealt with the problem of the Rev. F.L. Shuttlesworth, who had applied to the high court for a writ of habeas corpus. The minister was given 90 days at hard labor for violating the breach of the peace law of Birmingham, Alabama. The minister claimed that he was arrested because he was seen with some Negroes before they took their seats in the white section of a city bus.

The Supreme Court said that if Rev. Shuttlesworth failed to get bail within five days from the time he applied for it, he may go into a Federal Court which could then consider all State remedies exhausted and proceed to hear the case.

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Packing plants taken over
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ONTARIO, Ore. - The newly formed Thos. Iseri Produce Co. has purchased the Jaekel and Rogers packing houses in Ontario and Weiser, according to Tom Iseri, president and treasurer of the new firm.

Iseri has been with Jaekel and Rogers since 1943 and has held the majority of the stock in the local firm. Gross sales of the two packing houses have averaged close to \$1.2 million a year since 1959.

Iseri is a longtime Snake River JACLer.



Weather Stories

Masaoka -

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"ONE COULD run through many more commodities imported from Japan and argue that the American consumer, and often related American industries, have been the gainers for imports. We need not think of our purchases from Japan as acts of political necessity, or even as the unavoidable means of sustaining our exports. Imports are part of a desirable process in which we get from a highly productive and increasingly inventive industrial economy in Japan a great many useful things which make our lives more comfortable and our economy stronger.

"It would be naive, of course, to think, because we gain as a nation from trade, that there are no specific problems in our commercial relations with Japan. I believe that I encountered most of them over a period of four years. I can assure you that they are frequent and difficult.

"Basically, I suppose, import competition, from Japan or anywhere else, is looked upon as quantitatively and qualitatively different from ordinary competition. American producers are no different in this respect than other producers, including Japanese producers. Given this universal attitude, we have to recognize that imports, particularly when their impact is concentrated on one industrial sector or a few communities, appear to be an unfair and unreasonable intrusion. Nobody can blame a worker for being aggrieved if he feels that he has been displaced from his job by a product from abroad. Nor can we fail to sympathize with a businessman who finds his sales and profits slipping away in the face of import competition. As a community, we can at least provide in common for assistance where workers, firms, or industries which have enjoyed protection from imports have been injured after the protection has been reduced.

"This is what the President is proposing in the adjustment assistance provisions of the new trade legislation that is being sent forward to the Congress. For the first time in the history of our tariff legislation, the Executive

Branch is proposing that we try to deal with the local impact of imports on the basis that the community as a whole has an obligation to assist those who may have been affected by actions taken on behalf of the whole community. We are overdue for such a reform.

"Apart from this item of elementary justice that is included in the bill, the new trade legislation promises to focus the country's attention on our import and export business as never before. We can hope that the great debate now shaping up will bring forth a trade policy law suited to the times. Let us also hope that the debate will enlighten and educate us about our interests in trade with other nations. As we come to understand the issues better, most of our unfounded fears, I think, will fall away. The idea will gain more acceptance that in buying—as well as selling—abroad we enrich rather than harm ourselves. Nothing, I think, could do more to smooth over the difficulties and frictions in our trade with Japan than a wider public understanding of this not very revolutionary proposition."

Ogawa -

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tails. The JACL convention bridge committee consists of Mits Kashiwagi, Kay Yamaguchi, and Hiram Akita. The arrangements will now be highly acceptable to everyone, except that JACLers who belong to the ACBL will not be entitled to garner additional master points.

AS WE were preparing the above, came a call from Ed Yamamoto of Moses Lake and he wanted to speak about the last paragraph of this column of March 23. (In which we had remarked that doing double duty leads to sloppy reporting.)

Ed said that he should not be credited with originating the idea that a contribution would be arranged for the Issei Story fund instead of a movie show, in the sparsely settled farming area around Moses Lake. Quincy, Ephraim and Odesa. Well, as we apologize and set the record straight, it was Haide Hiral of Quincy, Wash. (about 40 miles from Moses Lake) who proposed the idea and communicated about the matter with Kaz Yamane, PNWDC Japanese History chairman, of the Puyallup Valley Chapter.

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

FROM THE FROZEN NORTH—One of my least consistent correspondents is Toge Fujihiro, the New York cinematographer. He never writes when he's at home. But he does seem to delight in sending along postcards from distant places, like the middle of Africa, a jungle town in Central America, India, Malaya or Korea. Fujihiro's work as cameraman for documentary films takes him to the most remote parts of the world and it's a wonder his wife, who doesn't get to go along, isn't a little sick of his gallivanting around.

Last week Fujihiro dropped down to Fairbanks, Alaska, to warm his hands a spell after an expedition north of the Arctic Circle. He paused long enough to scribble a reminder that the Japanese in Alaska surely deserve attention in the projected Issei Story project. They certainly do.

Best known of the Japanese in early day-Alaska was one Ju Wada who used to deliver the U. S. mail by dogsled, and was reputedly so tough that he survived on particularly hazardous trip by chewing for nourishment on rawhide harness straps. Toge says Wada also brought news of a rich Alaskan gold strike to the outside from Fairbanks one long-ago winter.

Tooru Kanazawa, now in the travel business in New York City and part-time editor, spent a good part of his youth in Alaska, mainly around Juneau. He wrote some stories about Ju Wada in the days when he was working for Jimmie Sakamoto's Japanese American Courier in Seattle, and no doubt he has a lot of memories stored away about early Japanese pioneers of coastal Alaska.

Fujihiro writes that on his current safari he ran across the trail of a Frank Yasuda who founded a trading post at a place called Beaver, wherever that may be. And there must be many other adventurous Japanese who contributed to the exploration and added to the history of the frozen northland.

It might take a bit of effort to tie Fujihiro down long enough for an interview, but the Issei Story's Dr. Scott Miyakawa probably would find it well worth the time and trouble.

CLOSER LINKS—The Issei-Nisei links with Alaska are not limited to romantic characters like Ju Wada. The Issei were quick to find seasonal employment in the Alaskan salmon canneries, and some of them stayed to go into business and raise their families. (Both Abe Hagiwara and George Kyotow, JACL leaders in Chicago and New York, respectively, are natives of Ketchikan.)

A few Issei fortunes were founded by the men who contracted Japanese labor for the canneries. Other Issei, on the pitifully small grubstakes saved from a season of work, were able to go into business for themselves, start farming, open a restaurant.

Salmon cannery labor played an even more important role in the maturing of Northwest Nisei. Hundreds of them used their summer's earnings to attend college at a time when their Caucasian classmates were dropping out from lack of funds, preparing themselves for the professional opportunities that didn't come until some time later.

It was also in the canneries that the Nisei first experienced the union movement. Some, burning with the fervor of the times, became organizers. But it was a part of growing up and becoming aware of life and problems in the greater community.

Alaska only recently became a state, but the Issei story would not be complete without mention of the part that vast territory played in the history of the Japanese in the United States. And the story of the Nisei, too.

VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTS SAGA OF KONISHI FAMILY

Air Academy nominee tells of gratitude in Japanese

WASHINGTON. — A taped Japanese-language interview with Alban Konishi of Colorado and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Konishi, was broadcast to Japan on April 2 by the Voice of America. Alban, 17, was one of eleven young Colorado men chosen by Senator John A. Carroll to compete on an equal basis in tests for admission to the U. S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs in the class beginning this summer.

After the appointment was announced, the Platteville Herald devoted a full page to the accomplishments of the Konishi family. Alban's father, George, came to America in 1910 and with his wife has raised 13 outstanding children, nearly all of whom have been to college.

Senator Carroll was so impressed by the family story as recounted in the newspaper that he inserted the article into the Congressional Record for Feb. 15. At the time, he commented: "This article tells a great deal about what America is, and what she has meant to millions of immigrants and their families. Among other things, it pays well-deserved tribute to a wonderful group of Americans, those of Japanese descent, who practically without exception have made themselves tremendous assets to my State and Nation."

The Voice of America became interested after Senator Carroll made his remarks in the Congressional Record.

On March 15, a Japanese-speaking Voice of America interviewer visited the Konishi family in Fort Lupton, Colo., where they recently moved from their former farm home near Platteville.

He reported to VOA headquarters in Washington that Mr. and Mrs. Konishi spoke of past hardships—especially during the depression years—and of their efforts to bring up their children in the best combined tradition of Japanese and American family life.

The interviewer also reported that young Alban—also speaking in Japanese—talked of "his gratification for the way he had been brought up by his parents and his joy over the competitive nomination by Senator Carroll to the Air Force Academy."

Florida Issei pioneer succumbs in Japan

PALM BEACH, Fla.—Henry T. Kamiya, among 17 Japanese families who settled near here in 1908 to establish the Yamato farming colony, died in Kyoto on Mar. 25. He was 85.

Oil magnate Henry Flagler, who developed hotels as shore resorts and extended the Florida East Coast R.R. from Miami to Key West, had invited the Japanese from California, giving them free rail passage as an inducement to farm land between Delray and Boca Raton.

In 1942, while visiting California, Kamiya was detained and sent to a relocation camp. In 1945, he returned to Florida but by then part of Yamato had been converted for use as the Boca Raton air base and the farms were removed.

In 1949, he returned to Japan for the last time.

He is survived by his two sons, three daughters—all Florida-born, 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

San Francisco Nihonmachi property owners to meet

SAN FRANCISCO.—To assist local property owners involved with Project Nihonmachi, representatives from the Federal Housing Administration and Small Business Administration will explain financing of loans next Monday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., at 1830 Sutter YWCA. The public meeting is being called by the Project Nihonmachi, a redevelopment program affecting Japanese American businessmen, community groups, churches and homeowners.

Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama Report Hawaii Hochi sold to Shizuoka newspaper; alien ownership rapped

TOKYO. — According to latest rumors in Tokyo, it is very interesting to make a special note inasmuch as a Japanese newspaper bought up the Hawaii Hochi in Honolulu and is sending in managers and newspapermen to operate the newspaper in Hawaii.

It is understood that the Shizuoka Shimbun, comparatively a small local newspaper in Shizuoka Prefecture, is the one that paid \$100,000 to a certain Nisei who bought the Hawaii Hochi from Mrs. Makino for \$75,000. Mrs. Makino is the widow of the late Fred Makino, pioneer journalist, who devoted so much for the promotion and protection of Japanese interest in the hectic immigrant days.

The Hawaii Hochi, with its brilliant history, going into the Japanese hand is something we should think about.

As long as the Japanese newspapers in Hawaii or California are being published by the local Japanese publisher, it has a color and attraction to the local people. However, if it were being published by a Japanese newspaper in Japan it might lose the significance as a Japanese newspaper in the United States.

Whether it might be all right to control public opinion of the Japanese residents in Hawaii or California is not my business.

A smart operator can manage a good newspaper at any place. We may learn something from an alien newspaperman. However, no matter how good it may be, it still has alien overtones.

Fountain Valley de-annex petitions declared invalid

FOUNTAIN VALLEY.—Nisei Mayor James Kanno revealed recently attempts to de-annex territory from the city had failed.

Four de-annexation proposals introduced into the City Council chambers on Jan. 15 have finally fizzled out, according to Mayor Kanno.

City officials have declared "null and void" the four petitions filed by a group of city land owners who sought to remove 200 acres of private lands from the incorporated area.

The Fountain Valley City Council and a county group to which petition had been forwarded both found that the original petitions had been altered since they were signed.

Rocky Ford Sansei wins local DAR essay contest

ROCKY FORD, Colo.—Sandra Konishi of Jefferson Jr. High School here was named county champion in the annual DAR Essay Contest, on the theme, "Historical Character of My Own State." Sandra's essay will be entered in the state contest. She won in competition with over 200 entries.

Sandra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Konishi of Rocky Ford. Henry is the newly elected president of the Arkansas Valley JACL.

'Nisei Fun Tour' to Mexico

LOS ANGELES.—A "Nisei Fun Tour" to Mexico during the Memorial Day week (May 26 to June 3) was announced this week by Taiyo-Do Travel Service, which has assigned Fred Takata to escort the group.

Limited to 35 persons, reservations are on a first come-first serve basis. Issei are also being encouraged to join this tour which will cover Mexico City, the floating gardens of Xochimilco, ancient pyramids at Teotihuacan, the Shrine at Cuadalupe, Cuernavaca, Taxco, Acapulco and other highlights.

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10 teams vie for Berkeley invitational cage crown

BERKELEY.—Ten teams are participating this weekend in the fifth annual Berkeley JACL invitational basketball tournament with games scheduled at two local gyms: Garfield Jr. High and Willard Jr. High. The championship battle is slated for Sunday, 3:30 p.m., at Garfield gym, Rose and Grant Ave.

The youth teams entered are San Francisco, Oakland, Sequoia, Contra Costa, San Jose, Sacramento, Redwood, Stockton, Alameda and Berkeley. San Francisco and Berkeley are the two seeded teams, making their first appearance in the second round Saturday afternoon. All other teams tangle tonight in the first round.

The tournament draws will be held at Washington School tomorrow night from 8 o'clock. Tournament awards will be presented after the championship game, according to Min Sano, tournament chairman.

Nisei named cage mentor at Sierra JC

LOOMIS.—George Goto was recently named by the Sierra Junior College as the new coach for its basketball and varsity baseball.

Selection of the Nisei athlete, Sierra alumni, was made after careful screening of all candidates for the position, it was said.

Goto played for Stanford University varsity one year and also was a first string cager at Sacramento State College before landing his first coaching job at Roseville Union High School.

He was one of the leading pitchers among Nisei as well as local semi-pro ball teams in the early 50s. He helped the Placer JACL ball club to the State Nisei championships in 1954 and 1955.

He also kept the Nisei club in the contenders position in the years the JACL held a franchise in the semi-pro Placer-Nevada Baseball league.

Busy Bees dominate

SACRAMENTO.—The powerful Stockton Busy Bees continued their domination of Nisei women's basketball in California by winning the WYBL championship here on the weekend of March 11.

The Busy Bees had no difficulty disposing of Parlier YBA in the finals 36 to 16.

Yasuko Fujishige led the champions with 21 points, followed by Hiromi Hayashi with 15. M. Kozuki was high for the losers with 9.

Pan-Ams to Japan

SANTA ROSA.—Past Sonoma County JACL president Henry Shimizu and his wife departed by Pan Am for a six-month tour of Japan last week.

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The home plate will be presented to the Dodgers from the Nagoya Chunichi Dragons, and Yorty will deliver a similar gift from the Dodgers when he visits Japan next month.

Eiji Tanabe, past Japanese Chamber of Commerce president, was instrumental in the arrangements set for the day before the opening of the National League season April 10 in the new stadium.

\$20,000 in fire damage

DENVER.—The Cathay Post building at 2015 Market St. was extensively damaged by fire on Mar. 12. Sam Momii, manager, said the dining room would be reopened in late April. Estimate of damage was reported at \$20,000.

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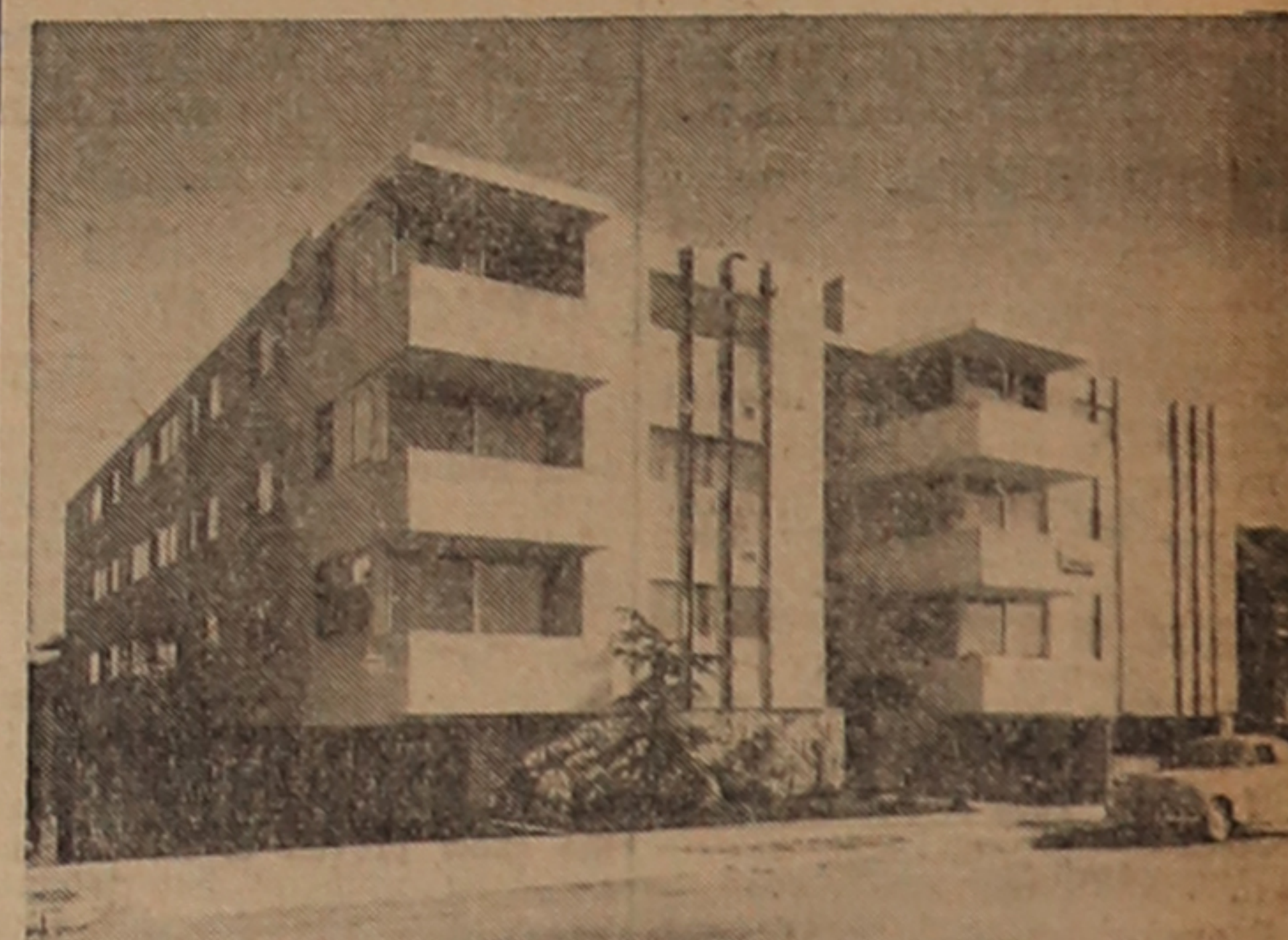
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