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By the Board

By Haruo Ishimaru, NC-WNDC Chairman

HISTORY OF CONSISTENT SERVICE

San Mateo
The largest District Council in membership and in chapters is the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council. It has had a long history of service to the National JACL and to the problems which concern Japanese Americans.

Although not the largest area in terms of numerical potential, nevertheless it has consistently had the highest membership and given the greatest financial support to the total program.

This year it is my privilege to serve as chairman of this District Council, following in the footsteps of Henry Kato, stalwart JACL leader for many years.

Henry formerly was in the Fremont JACL and because of his business activities has moved into the San Jose area and I suspect that he has an active membership both in the Fremont and San Jose JACL.

Other persons who fill out a very active and able cabinet are senior (second year) Board members Fred Dobana (Stockton), Bill Kashiwagi (Florn), Jack Kusaba (San Francisco) and Phil Matsumura (San Jose). Junior Board members are Steven Doi (San Francisco), Jim Murakami (Sonoma County), Tad Masako (Sequoia), Norman Mineta (San Jose) and Thousand Club chairman Bill Tsuji (Marysville).

Geographically we range on the coast from Sonoma County in the north to Monterey in the south and inland from Marysville in the north to Livingston-Merced in the south. In the east-west direction we start with the Reno Chapter in the east and proceed all the way out to the Pacific.

Among present and former national officers in our area are Akiji Yoshimura of Colusa, Jerry Enohara, National Secretary, and Bill Matsumoto, Third Vice President.

Our District Council has been known for its activity and with the coming crop of junior board members next year retiring some of our oldtimers, I think that we can look forward to even greater activity.

We will be making a big noise at the National Convention in Seattle which is certainly a must for my wife Yoshiko and me since we both claim it as our home town.

BIRTH OF AN INDUSTRY

Probably the largest industry affecting Japanese Americans in California is in the gardening and related fields. It is estimated that there may be 20,000 Japanese American gardeners in California.

A strong organization of the gardeners is a postwar phenomenon. Although Japanese Americans numerically dominate the field, of

course, there are persons of many other racial backgrounds in this growing industry.

The industry is coordinated by the California Landscape Gardeners Coordinating Council which is composed of three groups: The Southern California Gardeners Council with five associations headed by President George Schlenz, the Northern California Gardeners Associations headed by Kay Tanouye, who recently succeeded Charles Tada, with ten associations, and the giant Southern California Gardeners Federation with 20 associations headed by Jerry Hashii, recently re-elected.

I have had the privilege of getting acquainted with these groups and the industry since at the present time I am serving as executive secretary for the Northern California group at the request of some of my friends in the gardening business. My company does not allow me to engage in any business outside of insurance; consequently, I am "on loan" to the NCGA from West Coast Life.

My introduction to the NCGA came when I was requested to advise the San Mateo Gardeners Association which hosted the 1961 statewide convention last November. Since there were no adequate facilities in San Mateo, the convention was held at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco. The convention, including numerous exhibits, lectures, special events, had about 800 at the Banquet. No other annual convention in the United States attracts as many Japanese Americans as do the state gardeners conventions. The convention was spearheaded by Tom Takayama, chairman, and Mas Tsuda, general manager.

Gardening as an industry is going through the pangs of birth and childhood under the leadership of George Schlenz, Jerry Hashii, Kay Tanouye and their officers. I believe that we shall see the growth not only of a huge industry that will affect the livelihood and welfare of its many members but also one which will be responsible for making California even more beautiful. I know that the JACL will be interested in rendering them any assistance it can in their growth and development.

St. Louis tourist attraction to be redesigned by Obata

ST. LOUIS.—Kim Obata has been retained by the City of St. Louis to redesign the Forest Park Jewel Box, one of the major attractions for visitors here, the St. Louis JACL Newsletter reported this week.

NON-COMMERCIAL FM STATION SEEKS NISEI SUBSCRIBERS

To Offer Ethnic Groups Free Time for Program Of Educational Nature

LOS ANGELES.—Firm interest for including activities of the Japanese American community in the regular programming of non-commercial FM station KPFC was revealed today by Jim Higashi, JACL regional director.

Station manager Larry Steinberg and director of development Bernard L. Ruben disclosed the role the station would offer in discussions with Frank Chuman, national JACL president, and Higashi.

"Our function is to bring to Southern California the public affairs, the creative, cultural and educational work being done by all groups within the area," Ruben explained. "Listeners, in return for this 'in-depth' programming, provide our entire financing, largely through subscriptions of \$12 per year, though there is no obligation to subscribe on the part of any listener."

KPFC (90.7 mc) has been on the air for more than two years and now feels ready "to do a much better job of fulfilling the function of such a station". Ruben added, "We want to involve all the community in regular programming." The station officials also have met with leaders of the Japanese American Society and Pacificulture. They plan to meet this weekend with board members of the Pacific Southwest District Council, which is holding an executive meeting in preparation for the pre-convention rally in Gardena, May 19-20.

PSW delegates to review budget

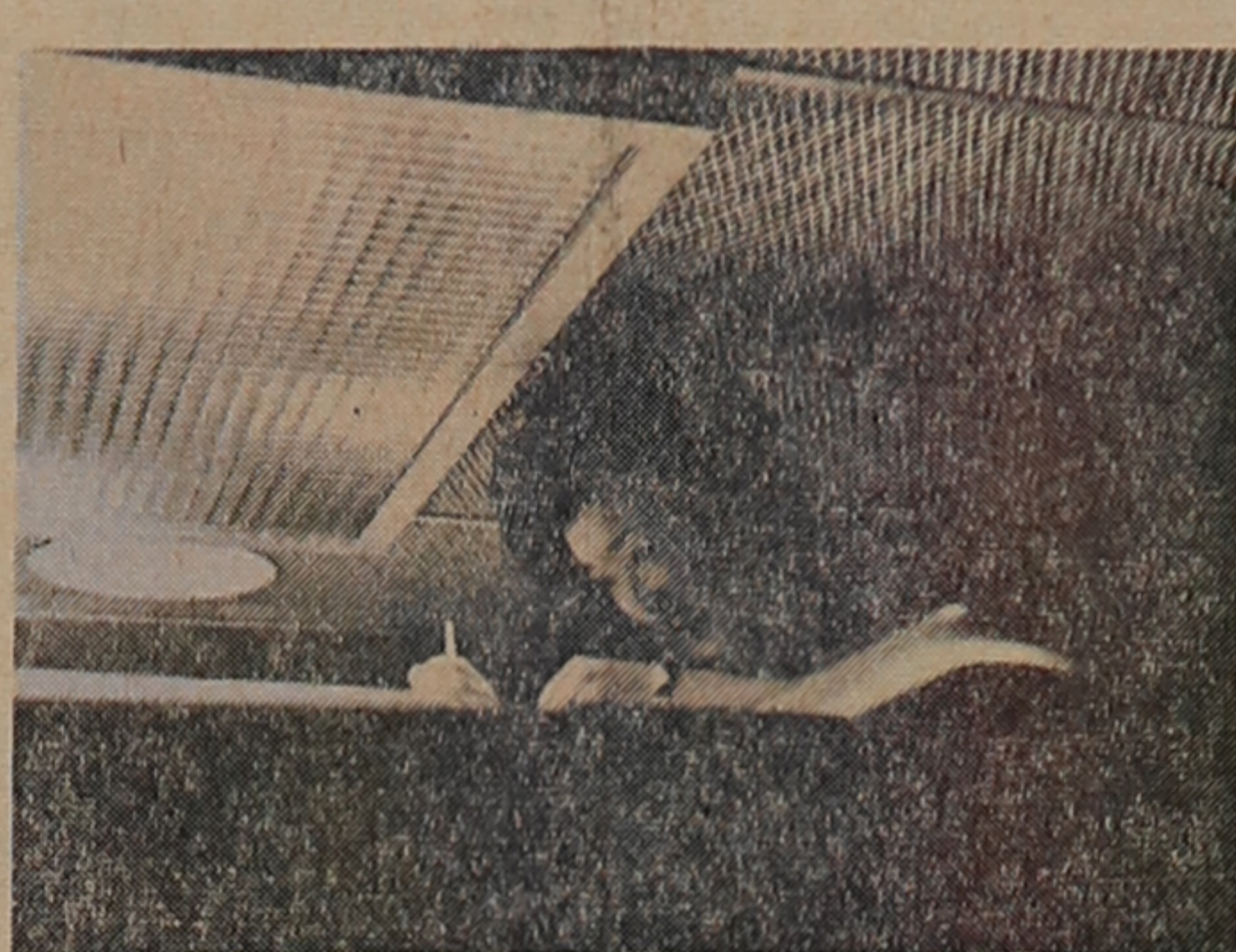
LOS ANGELES.—National Director Mas Satow will convene with chapter presidents, official convention delegates and executive board members of the Pacific Southwest District Council on Sunday, May 6, at the old JACL Regional Office in the Miyako Hotel, now the conference room of the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Primary purpose of the meeting is to review the budget and quota allocations of the 1963-64 biennium. The early review of the budget is being taken by all district councils this year in an effort to have a convention delegates thoroughly familiar with the budget so that time at the national council session in Seattle would not be wasted and allow delegates time to visit the World's Fair.

Satow is also expected to preview other national convention agenda items.

Project Nihonmachi

SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa was announced as executive secretary of the United Committee for the Japanese Community (Project Nihonmachi). This week by Susumu Togasaki, chairman. The Project office will be open from May 1 at 1634 Post St.



A QUEEN FOR A COLONY OF ANTS

What is the girl doing? This is Ellen Kimura, who is the queen of the JACL National Convention in Seattle July 26-30. She works in the United States Science Pavilion at the World's Fair and just

before opening day is riding herd on a colony of ants. Another Science Pavilion employee is Penny Beppu, whom we were not able to locate on this trip. —Elmer Ogawa Photo.

The 74-Acre Jewel Box Beckons

SEATTLE.—A 74-acre Jewel Box was opened here on April 21—as the World's Fair-Century 21 Exposition beckoned a tremendous influx of travelers to the Pacific Northwest Queen City by rail, air, car and ship.

And that trend is expected to continue throughout the next six months as visitors come to preview the World of Tomorrow. The World's Fair was given international stature by the Bureau of International Expositions and fairs-grounds include many from foreign lands.

The invasion of fair visitors is a boom to the housing industry in the whole area.

The last statement should serve as a reminder for those who anticipate coming to Seattle for the 17th Biennial National JACL Convention July 26 to 30 to be registered and secure their housing needs now.

Those who make their reservations immediately can be taken care of, chairman George Fugami said. However, the hotels are pressing his committee for deposits and names so he asks that delegates cooperate by signing up for rooms

now.

A \$15 deposit will hold your housing reservation. Registration has been lagging and Phil Hayasaka asks that \$2 be sent in so convention arrangements can be facilitated. Early registration may prove a lucky thing if you are winner of the special door prize for pre-registrants. "A Night on the Town" will be something you can enjoy without digging into your own pocket books, he said.

General Chairman James Matsuzaka added that those coming to the convention can obtain discount tickets for the World's Fair. The chapter bought limited supply and will pass on the savings on a first come basis.

Booklet Deadline Eased
April 21 was the advertising deadline for the souvenir booklet, but those received by the May 1 may get in under the wire. The booklet will be a colorful convention reminder.

All correspondence should be mailed to the 17th Biennial National JACL Convention, Suite 123, 318 6th Ave. South, Seattle 4.

Fountain Valley re-elects Jim Kanno as mayor for fourth consecutive term

FOUNTAIN VALLEY.—Mayor James Kanno at a City Council meeting last week was unanimously reelected to the post he has served for three terms since the founding of the city in 1957.

Kanno was sworn into office for the fourth term by City Administrator Ed MacDonald.

A resolution honoring Charles Ishii, who was defeated as an incumbent councilman at the recent election, was unanimously passed. Ishii fought to have the size of city property lots reduced to 6,000 from the 7,200 square feet planned by the city planning commission at the recent meetings.

A record turnout of 85 per cent of the registered voters at the April 10 election was the highest percentage registered by a city in

Orange County.

The City Council adjourned after making decisions on 22 major issues on the agenda confronting the future growth of this fast developing city in Orange County.

Tom Kitayama elected Union City mayor again

UNION CITY.—Tom Kitayama, who received the highest number of votes in the April 10 election in the city council race, was elected mayor of three-year-old Union City at its five-man council meeting last week. His tenure is for one year.

Kitayama was the first mayor of the city when it was incorporated in 1959. He has been on the city council ever since.

Supreme Court extends reapportionment decision to empower state courts to review

WASHINGTON.—The U.S. Supreme Court Monday ordered Michigan to take a new look at the comparative representation of city and country voters in its State Senate.

In action that could have far-reaching effects on many states, the high court in a 7 to 1 decision told the Michigan Supreme Court to re-examine a state constitutional amendment which freezes the voting districts for the Michigan Senate according to a modified 1925 formula.

The high tribunal ordered "further consideration" of the case in light of the landmark Tennessee reapportionment decision of March 26.

Under that ruling, federal courts were given the power to consider whether all voters are fairly represented in state legislatures.

Monday's decision extended similar authority to state courts.

State Senate Question
Also Michigan's case, the order also opened the question of representation in the State Senate where, as in the U.S. Senate (and the California Senate), representation is on a regional rather than a

population basis.

In that respect, the ruling differs from the Tennessee case in which representation in the entire Legislature, including the House of Representatives, was involved.

The Michigan case was brought to the high court by August Scholle, state president of the AFL-CIO who claimed he was under-represented in the Senate.

Appealing a 5 to 3 decision against him by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1960, Scholle, who lives in suburban Detroit, said his vote is one-thirteenth that of home rural residents and that the situation "will likely worsen" in the future.

Two firms banned from gov't business due to racial bias

WASHINGTON.—Two firms were banned last week by the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities from being awarded further government contracts until they correct questionable racial policies.

The firms named in the order by Jerry R. Holleman, assistant secretary of labor and executive vice chairman of the committee are Danly Machine Specialists, Cero, Ill, and Comet Rice Mill with plants at Houston and Beaumont, Tex., Stuttgart, Ark., and New Orleans.

The action was the toughest taken so far by the committee in enforcing President Kennedy's executive order requiring no job bias by government contractors. Similar action is being considered against other companies, it was stated.

The committee said the Illinois firm furnished the number of its Oriental, Puerto Rican, Spanish American and Jewish employees; but said it didn't know if it had any Negro employees.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP COUNT EASING TOWARD 1,000

SAN FRANCISCO.—Latest membership count in San Francisco JACL is 908, according to membership chairman Don Negi. Although the official canvass is over for teams, recruitment shall continue.

Eddie Moriguchi's team paced the race of six solicitation squads as of April 2.

Chapter newsletter waxes eloquent over Gardena's outstanding young man of 1961

(The Gardena Valley JACL Newsletter, in its first issue of the year published in February, pays tribute to a fellow board member, George Watai. This is an example of writing which the PC Board will consider for the Jimmie Sakamoto Memorial Award. We hope all the PC Board members, who will serve as judges, are on the chapter mailing list in order to qualify. —Ed. Note.)

BY LEON UYEDA

Gardena
This may be redundant for many, but for those who may have missed the news, George Watai, a local attorney, and a member of the Board of Governors of this Chapter, was selected as Gardena's Outstanding Young Man of the Year for 1961 by the J. C. C.

The implication behind the title are many; however, no attempt will be made to labor the point save for the one accompanying fact that we, as Americans of Japanese descent, should feel justly proud of this achievement.

The mere fact that George was selected out of literally thousands of aspirants here in Gardena, gives us real cause to bristle with pride.

It should, and if it does not, something is amiss, and this may be a good time to take a second close look at what may become of many of us. For this is truly one of the rare points in our lives here in Gardena.

In retrospect, the only local achievements that could match this is probably Bruce Kaji's election as a City Official and, of course, another of our member, Sam Minami's selection as the C.C. Man of the Year some several years past.

These milestones in achievement should, by all rights, fire us with feelings of pride. This feeling is undoubtedly related to the early incultuations of the necessity of leading an exemplary life even at the cost of losing one's identity.

The benefits to be derived from such drastic orientation are, however, extremely gratifying. First and foremost is the knowledge that other's achievements are somehow peculiarly your own.

\$52,000 AMASSED FOR 'ISSEI STORY' PROJECT FUND

Two \$1,000 Contributions from San Francisco Acknowledged by JACL

SAN FRANCISCO.—Four donations totaling \$3,000 were reported this week by Scotty Tsuchiya of San Francisco Chapter Finance Chairman for the JACL Japanese History Project; \$1,000 from Masao Ashizawa (Soko Hardware), \$1,000 from Sakai Family (Uoki Co.), and \$500 from Hirofumi Okamura (Benkyodo Co.), and from Dr. Kay Kasu and sons Drs. William and Robert.

\$500 was received from the California Chrysanthemum Growers Assn., Yoshio Nishimoto, president, through the Sequoia chapter.

The grand total to date is \$52,347.

Mrs. T. Okajima of New York City contributed \$600 in memory of her husband, Tatsugoro Okajima, who passed away in January at the age of 81. He came to the United States in 1907 and was the proprietor of the Japan Art Co. in Madison Ave. City.

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER
Previous \$205.00

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\$15.00—William Waki, Mr. and Mrs. James Kimoto.
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\$2.00—Kaimeo Nakamura, Ted Tanaka, Masato Kitamura.
\$1.00—James Tanizawa, Mrs. Candy Ito.

Total This Report: \$132.00

SONOMA COUNTY CHAPTER

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\$10.00—Dr. Fred Fujihara, Dr. Tetsuji, George Moriguchi, George Okamoto, George Shimizu.
\$5.00—Rev. H. Hirota, Ted Sakata.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

\$50.00—H. Earle Hori, Chicago.
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\$10.00—Masami Nakachi, Chicago; Ed Tanaka, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. John M. Takeuchi, Berkeley; Mark K. Naito, Mt. View, Calif.; Akiko Ito, Bellevue, Wash.; James Y. Yamate, Chula Vista, Calif.
\$5.00—Ken S. Ujue, Funahashi, Lyndhurst, N.Y.

(San Jose JACL reports \$871 has been pledged or contributed from at least 10 individuals or organizations as of mid-April. Acknowledgment will be published when noted at National Headquarters. The chapter committee soliciting funds for the JACL Japanese History Project will continue to canvass their area until mid-May, according to Dr. Tom Taketa, chapter president.)

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Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

Congressional Easter Recess

Washington, D.C.
TRADITIONALLY, the Congress takes a ten-day Easter recess to mark its half-way point in its legislative session.

This year, the House lived up to the tradition by recessing from the afternoon before Good Friday until next Monday noon, April 30.

The Senate, however, recessed only over the Easter weekend and began to debate a federal literacy standard for voting this past Monday. This did not prevent most Senators, though, from returning to their home states, as did their political fences and to gauge the President's popularity. The Senate was operating under an unanimous agreement that no important votes would be taken this week.

To all House members and the 35 Senators who are up for reelection this November, this sampling of grass roots sentiment is particularly crucial this year because of the President's strong stand against Big Steel two weeks ago. If the national lawmakers discover that the voters are very much in favor of the Administration's aggressive action against Big Steel, it may well mean that the President will be able to secure congressional enactment of most of his legislative objectives.

THE REASON for this unusual Senate activity is that Democratic Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana, in fulfilling a promise made early in the session to the liberals, called up the President's proposal to exempt persons with a

sixth grade or higher education from being subjected to literacy tests to qualify as voters in Federal elections.

This is the second so-called civil rights bill considered by the Senate this year. The House has not yet considered any. The first was a ten-day token filibuster that resulted in Senate passage of a constitutional amendment to abolish the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting in Federal elections.

The poll tax is now required in only five Southern States, and respected Florida Democrat Spessard Holland sponsored the constitutional amendment to outlaw the poll tax.

The literacy tests, however, affect more than a hundred counties in the Deep South where the United States Civil Rights Commission found that literacy tests were used to disenfranchise Negro voters.

Accordingly, 19 Southern Senators, under the leadership of Georgia's Richard Russell, have already announced plans for talking the proposal to death. Their strategy calls for teams of five or six Senators to hold the floor for three or four days each, before yielding it to another team. This technique enabled the Dixiecrats to hold the Senate floor for almost a month in 1960, including many round-the-clock days.

THE SOUTHERN bloc is rather confident of success this year because there are several in the Senate outside the former Confederacy area who believe that a constitutional amendment is re-

quired to change what they consider to be the voting qualifications of the electorate and not a simple congressional bill. Among these are GOP's conservative symbol, Arizona's Barry Goldwater.

On the House side, Democratic liberal Emanuel Celler, influential Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and of its Subcommittee on Civil Rights, shares this view—that a constitutional amendment is required to change voting standards which are the responsibility of the States according to the Federal Constitution.

In any event, these 19 Southern Senators are determined to talk until cloture—requiring two-thirds of those present and voting—is imposed or until the Majority Leader withdraws the bill.

Filibusters seldom result in cloture because Senators are reluctant to impose a "gag" on unlimited debate. For this reason, the embattled Southerners hope to force the Majority Leader to withdraw the literacy test measure after an attempt for cloture fails; no business or consider any legislation until this measure is disposed of.

AS THE HOUSE recessed Thursday, April 11, Speaker John W. McCormack of Massachusetts and Majority Leader Carl Albert of Oklahoma added up 33 bills that have been enacted by the Congress and sent to the White House, four more in conference awaiting compromise between House and Senate (Continued on Page 2)



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By Dick Akagi

East of the River

POOL HALL

I have friends who are an inexhaustible source of misinformation.

They are not malicious, nor even willfully dishonest. They tell me things which they know will interest me and if, in soliciting my interest, the facts get bent a little out of shape, then the distortion should be written off as literary amplification.

So, when one of them told me "The Hustler" was filmed in a pool hall near where I live, I was interested enough to go there, though I questioned, privately, the accuracy of the information.

The pool hall is above a cafeteria, just below 96th Street on the west side of Broadway. The entrance is an unwashed glass door and the stairway up is equally bleak and uninviting, but the pool hall itself is surprisingly neat and well-lighted. I don't know why I should assume a pool hall must necessarily be a dark place, except that I still involuntarily associate a pool hall with the underworld.

This feeling dates back to the days when as a youngster I used to wander into the local pool hall, until a neighbor saw me and told my mother, who in hushed and fearful tones warned me that a pool hall was not a proper place for a young man to spend his time. I could see in her eyes the vision she had of me standing at the pool table, chalking up my cue, while dissolute companions, in varying stages of moral decay, urged me to sink the ten-ball in the side-pocket. And in her admonishment there were unsettling overtones suggesting that wicked and wanton women hovered somewhere in the shades of the cue racks, waiting to ensnare the weak and foolish.

I tried to tell her that a pool hall, at least the one I frequented, was not at all as she had pictured it (and I resolved then to locate one which conformed more closely to her standards of sin). Yet, after all these years, it is strange that my impression of a pool hall is inspired by my mother's fantasy rather than my own objective experience.

Since I have not seen "The Hustler," I do not know whether the film was shot at this Broadway pool hall or not. To my eyes, however, all the players took on the hue of actors in a fascinating drama.

At the no. 1 table, clearly the best match in the house, two sallow young men circled the table, studying the angles, flicking away markers rather than set up a good shot, then when the cluster of balls opened up, the winner rammed home his shots with the precision of a piston.

The loser's backer promptly paid off, while the losing player stood to one side dismantling his cue.

Pool is a great game, but now that my mother is no longer here to hint of dark things in store for a man pursuing this iniquitous pastime, it doesn't seem quite as interesting as it was before. But then when one is fat and middle-aged, nothing really is as interesting as it once was.

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Kennedy's order extending civil rights in Okinawa welcomed but not enough

NEW YORK.—The American Civil Liberties Union last Sunday commended the steps taken by President Kennedy to extend civil rights and local autonomy in the Ryukyu Islands, the last occupied military area in the Pacific.

However, the new executive order does not "contribute to solving the conflict of security with freedom" which has marked American occupation of the islands since the end of World War II, the ACLU added.

The Union's views were submitted in a letter to the Secretary of Defense McNamara by John de J. Pemberton, Jr., the Union's executive director, and Roger Baldwin, its international work adviser, commenting on President Kennedy's March 19 order concerning U.S. control of the Ryukyu Islands.

The ACLU welcomed changes which would (1) make a civilian rather than a military man the Islands' Civil Administrator; and (2) allow nomination of the chief executive of the Islands by the legislature, "although we think genuine autonomy cannot be assured unless he is either popularly elected or designated, not nominated, by the Legislature, thus assuring an Executive representing the people or the legislative majority."

The letter also complains that the executive order does not provide for a change in the Islands' court system by transferring a larger jurisdiction to the Okinawa courts as has been promised. "Such a transfer would help equalize the penalties for the same offenses when committed by United States personnel and Ryukyuan," the Union stated.

The Union especially commended the continuous review of all issues pledged in the President's statement accompanying the order. The ACLU said it will offer its suggestions to the Defense Department as the review progresses.

Apato, Inc., organized for extensive real estate development in California

BERKELEY.—A new firm is no being organized for extensive real estate development, financing and leasing which will enable people with small amounts of capital to invest in real estate, it was announced here this past week.

The company now being formed is General Apato, Inc., for which pre-incorporation subscriptions are now being taken, according to Thomas S. Nakano.

Nakano is the vice president of Apato, Inc., a Berkeley Nisei firm which has built \$10 million worth of apartments in the past three years. The most recent undertaking is the luxurious "Imperial Towers" in Burlingame which is now nearing completion.

The new company will be able to benefit from the experience of Apato, Inc., as officials of this firm will direct the operations of the new corporation, Nakano said. He also disclosed that a \$24 million project to be known as El Cerrito Towers is expected to be the first undertaking for the new General Apato, Inc.

To Issue 100,000 Shares
 This structure will be a nine-story building with 60 ultramodern apartments and will include such facilities as an Olympic size swimming pool, and a Japanese-style restaurant.

Issuance of 100,000 shares of common stock to California residents only in blocks of 10 shares for \$50 per share with a par value of \$33 per share is planned. Nakano emphasized that only subscriptions for the purchase of stocks are now being taken.

Preliminary applications for the

Nagoya tribute luncheon planned

LOS ANGELES.—A "people to people" luncheon on May 1 at the Biltmore Hotel honoring the Sister City of Nagoya will be attended by Japanese American community leaders, according to Arthur Morgan, area manager for the State Dept. of Employment, whose staff is making the arrangements. The invitation to all Issei-Nisei Angelenos was extended this week by the Mayor's Committee on Employment for the Handicapped.

Councilman Rundberg, who accompanied Mayor Yorty on his recent trip to Japan, will speak on "Tribute to Nagoya." Kakuo Tanaka, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, will discuss sister city relationship. Consul General Matao Uruu of Japan will be honored guest.

Nisei Week queen Dianne Kubota will be one of the hostesses. Agnes Miyahara, 16, of Marshall High School, who wrote one of the 10 prize-winning essays on "The Role of the Community in the Employment of the Handicapped" will be awarded a U.S. Savings Bond by the committee.

Issai graduates from guide dog for blind center

SAN FRANCISCO.—Tokinobu Mihara, who operates Oriental Cultural Book Co., will be among six students to graduate from Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., at the training center north of San Rafael April 28.

The one-time local newspaperman has been blind for about 20 years.

George Shearing, noted British pianist, is due to enroll in the San Rafael school, this summer after a series of engagements in Japan.

HONOLULU NISEI NAMED U.S. CONSUL IN MEDELLIN

WASHINGTON.—One of the few Nisei in the U.S. Foreign Service, Tadao Kobayashi of Honolulu was named American consul to Medellin, Colombia. He was last stationed in Karachi, Pakistan.

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ELECTRICIAN ANSWERS PEACE CORPS CALL

LOS ANGELES.—Yutaka Mayeda, journeyman electrician, answered the call for Peace Corps volunteers last month and is now in New York for a two-month training period. He will then leave on assignment in Jamaica, where he will teach.

Born in Santa Maria, he had been a civil service electrician with the County of Los Angeles after serving four years in the Air Force, getting his honorable discharge in 1954.

Dreamy proposals of future Li'l Tokio unveiled at USC

LOS ANGELES.—Eight proposals for rehabilitation of Li'l Tokio were presented Monday by classes in city planning and architecture at the Univ. of Southern California. It climaxed months of work by 50 students under direction of Jacques Koek, assistant professor and Woodbridge Marshall, visiting asst. professor of USC's graduate program in city and regional planning.

The project was undertaken at the request of Eiji E. Tanabe, then president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California. Each student submitted drafts for redevelopment of the area and eight were finally selected. The class was regrouped for refinement of the eight proposals and construction of scale models—some calling for complete elimination of current buildings and total replacement with new structures, one featuring a circular pattern and others refurbishing the area.

One of the proposals was submitted by Roosevelt Suzuki, senior architecture student.

Oregon girl wins U.N. trip

ONTARIO, Ore.—Ellen Nakada, 16 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ber Nakada was selected as winner of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth contest recently. She will go on an extended tour of the UN Headquarters, Washington, D.C. and return via Canada this summer.

The contest is a combined essay and speech event sponsored annually by the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges.

'Double Income' plan

LOS ANGELES.—Dr. Martin Bronfenbrenner, economics professor at the Univ. of Minnesota, will talk on the "Japanese Doubling Income Plan" on May 2, 8:15 p.m., at the home of Ken Watase, 947 S. Fedora, it was announced by the West Jefferson Democratic Club.

The noted educator was a tax economist with the Occupation Forces in Japan in 1949-50, taught at Doshisha in 1952 and did research of the new Japanese tax system at Keio in 1955.



Contrast in the State of Washington

Masaoka —

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versions, and 21 bills of "national significance" that have passed the House in the first 100 days of the session.

Of the bills that have been passed, not more than half a dozen at most could be classed as major bills or the other last year.

House GOP Leader Charles Halleck of Indiana, in true partisan style, retorted that, as compared with the torrent of presidential requests, the results to date have been "infinitesimal", not the "splendid record of substantial accomplishment" claimed by the Democratic leadership.

OF THE three "big Kennedy bills", the House has passed the tax-revision measure, the trade expansion bill is expected to reach the floor by the end of May, and Democratic leaders now believe that there is a chance that health aid for the aged can be brought to a floor vote this session.

Although most of the big House legislative battles are still ahead, the outlook looks much more promising than it did last January.

The logjam that was caused earlier in the session by the House Ways and Means Committee appears to have been broken, but an even bigger logjam now threatens in the Senate Finance Committee, where Virginia's arch conserva-

tive, Democrat Harry Byrd, remains the stubborn Chairman. Senator Byrd told a reporter last week that the crush "is the worst I've seen in my 29 years in the Senate. I don't know how we are going to work our way out of it."

The Finance Committee has developed into the bottleneck that it has because so many of the Administration's major proposals involve the taxing powers, which comes under the jurisdiction first of the House Ways and Means Committee and then the Senate Finance Committee.

The Senate Finance Committee has just completed some five weeks of hearings on the House-passed tax revision bill. Hearings on trade expansion bill, even if the House approves it in May, cannot begin before July 4, because the Committee first must act on the sugar act extension, corporate and excise tax extension, and further increase in the national debt limit—all of which have June 30 deadlines. The Committee has agreed to consider any health care legislation after it passes the House, and must also consider House approved bills revising the public assistance welfare program and the extension of temporarily lengthened unemployment compensation.

So, all in all, it looks as if this Congress will remain in session long after the July 31 adjournment date established by the Legislative Reorganization Act. The leadership target date is now set for about Labor Day, in September.

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Vagaries

By Larry Tajiri

'UGLY AMERICAN' CALLS UP NISEI STARS

REIKO SATO'S star is on the ascendency following her performance as the seamstress whose love for the hero is unrequited in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Flower Drum Song." Miss Sato, who started her career as a dancer in night clubs and in the movies, impressed with her performance, particularly in the major dance sequence, in "Flower Drum Song." As a result she has just been cast in an important featured role in Universal's "The Ugly American."

Miss Sato has just been set by producer-director George Englund to play the wife of Elji Okada, the Japanese film star of "Hiroshima Mon Amour."

"The Ugly American," from the book of the same name, is a drama of politics and love which is set in an unnamed East Asian country. The film, one of U-I's most important of the year, stars Marlon Brando, Okada and Sandra Church.

Although "The Ugly American" is set overseas, the producers are making an effort to film it in Hollywood, in cognizance of the current agitation against "run-away" films. Second unit scenes already have been filmed in Thailand.

Also in the cast of "The Ugly American" is George Shibata, erstwhile assistant district attorney of Orange County, Calif., who has permission from his superiors to take an occasional movie role. Shibata, first Nisei to graduate from West Point and a jet pilot in Korea, was Gregory Peck's choice to play his aide, Lt. Ohashi, in "Pork Chop Hill." Shibata has had a number of film and TV roles since then.

Miss Sato has been in a number of TV and motion picture productions. In "Woman on the Run" she portrayed a night club dancer in Chinatown whose murder motivated the plot. In "Hell to Eternity" she did a torrid semi-strip tease in the Honolulu sequence of the film made from the real-life story of Marine hero Guy Gabaldon.

SPEAKING of upbeat careers Pat Suzuki is back in circulation after nearly two years away from television for marriage and motherhood. She did do three en-

agements, in Honolulu, Palm Springs and Las Vegas, as well as an appearance on Frank Sinatra's inaugural ball show for President Kennedy in January, 1961, but she hasn't been available for other offers.

Two weeks ago Miss Suzuki appeared in a Canadian TV spectacular, being co-starred with Robert Goulet, the lead in Broadway's "Camelot." In the program, titled "Holiday," Miss Suzuki sang "The Lady Is a Tramp," "The Nearness of You" and duetted with Goulet on "Side by Side." Her performance won high praise from Canadian TV critics.

Miss Suzuki, who spent much of the war years as a youngster in the Colorado relocation center at Granada, made her stage debut, after graduating as an art major from San Jose State, in "Teahouse of the August Moon." She was discovered as a singer by Norm Bobrow, operator of the Colony Club, while the show was playing Seattle. Her major success was as Linda Low in the Broadway company of "Flower Drum Song" and her performance in the role makes Nancy Kwan's version in the movie pallid by comparison.

YOKO TANI, an actress who was born in Paris of Japanese parents and discovered by the English film-makers, is now in Hollywood where she has emerged as perhaps the most talented of the dozen or so actresses of Japanese ancestry who have had leading roles in American films in the past decade.

Miss Tani, who was co-starred in three English films, "The Wind Cannot Read," "The Savage Innocents" and "Pleasantly Incident," makes her American debut in a featured role in "My Geisha," the comedy which stars Shirley MacLaine and Yves Montand. She was recently the guest star on the Ben Casey show on TV, "A Most Pleasant Thing to See," in which she played a Hiroshima maiden is brought to Dr. Ben Casey's hospital from Japan for treatment. Miss Tani's portrayal of the blind girl was most persuasive.

The latest role for Miss Tani is the lead opposite Rory Calhoun in a spectacular, "The Adventures of Marco Polo," which American International will release in July.



By Henry Mori

Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

FESTIVAL BOOKLETS COMPARED

WITH A GLEAN in his eyes, Jim Higashi, our JACL regional director slipped a copy of the 10th annual Cherry Blossom Festival souvenir booklet.

There are 84 pages to the slick Honolulu booklet whose cover has a color photo of Janet Ayako Nishino, 1962 Cherry Blossom Queen. The edition is terrific and you can tell a lot of work has gone into the publication.

It makes our annual Nisei Week booklet, same size and almost the same number of pages, an anemic journalistic endeavor by comparison. Our's just not there. In order to get it to the point of featuring an attractive, readable booklet, there has to be time and money spent to compile interesting data, pictures and material.

You just don't slap together a booklet in a matter of few weeks or a month. The local editorial budget of less than a \$1,000 doesn't go far toward improving the publication either.

The Japanese American Press Club has been approached to aid editorially. The Nisei Week Festival board is to have the final say on what goes in and what doesn't go in something we readily can't understand.

We think it's about time some of the past experiences coming out of JACL convention booklets be brought out in the open.

Jim, as president also of the Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, can no doubt contribute some of the ideas in mechanical and art work that needs to be encouraged in Festival issues.

AN INTERESTING two-man Democratic primary race for the seat in the new 39th Congressional District is developing and if the situation in the West Jefferson Democratic Club is any indication of what is to come, we can predict a real nip-and-tuck battle.

Councilman Edward R. Roybal, of Mexican descent, has been growing strong politically in the last

DEATHS

Kawamoto, Donna L., 7; Monterey Park, Apr. 12. (Mr. and Mrs. Tomi Nakata, Kosaku, 80; Odgen, Apr. 12.)
Numata, Joe, 84; St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 12.
Nishara, Babe T., 43; Gardena, Apr. 16. (w) Rose, (s) Tom, Bob, (m) Mitsuye, (b) Jim, Sam, Bob, (s) Mary Munemura, Lily Nakawatase, Sasaki, Douglas, 7 mos.; Reedley, Apr. 11.)
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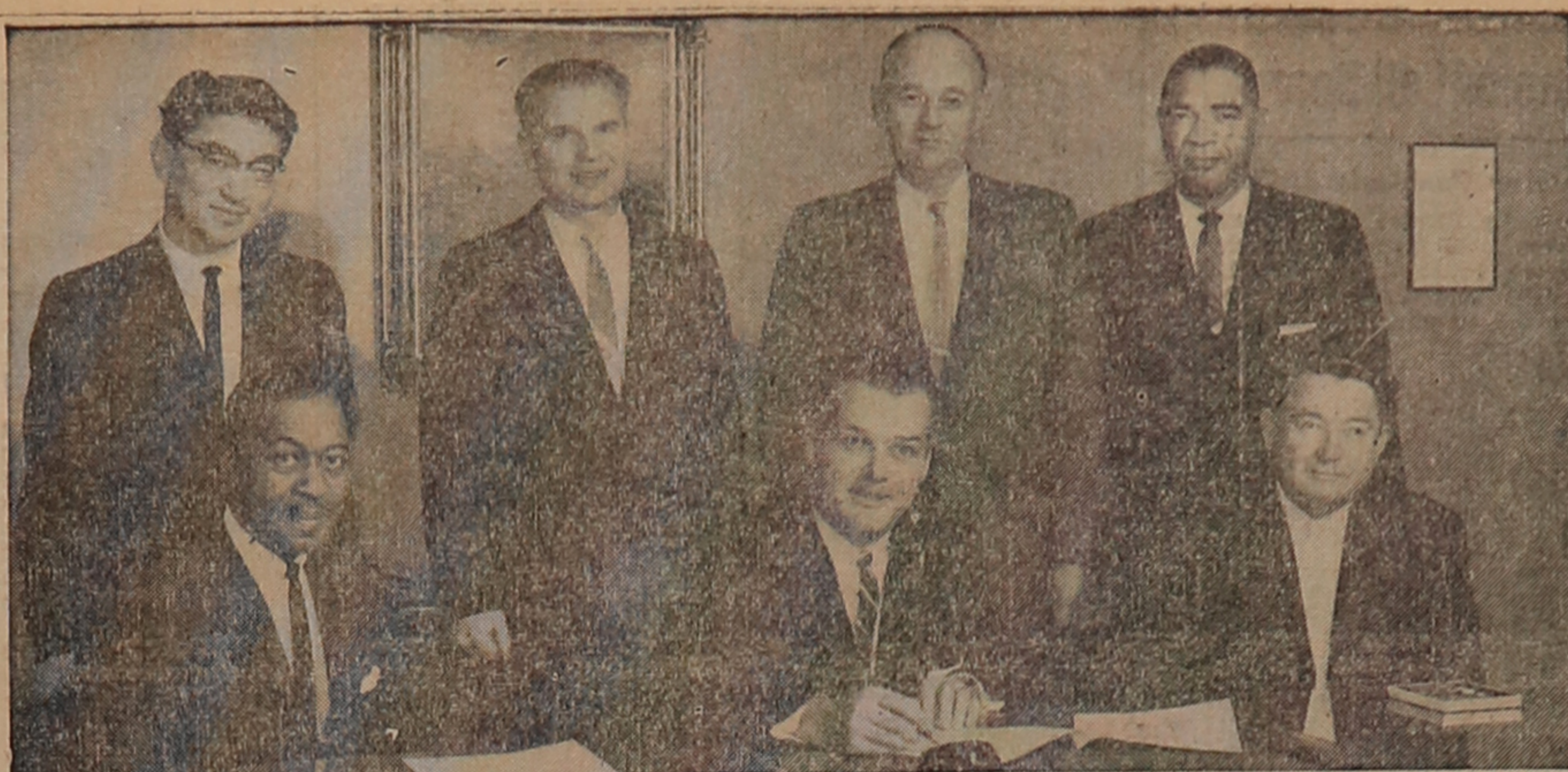
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John F. Henning (center), administrator of apprenticeship and director of the California State Department of Industrial Relations, is shown after signing the articles of organization of the first statewide committee on

Equal Opportunities in Apprenticeship and Training for Minority Groups. Participating in the ceremony are (seated from left) Arthur Bradford, San Francisco, Bay Urban League committee chairman; John F. Henning;

Webb Green, Los Angeles, president, IBEW local union 11, committee chairman. (Standing from left) Kei Hori, San Francisco, Japanese American Citizens League, committee secretary; Albin J. Cruhn, San Francisco,

president, California Federation of Labor AFL-CIO; Charles F. Hanna, San Francisco, chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards; Less A. Merrivether, public information and education officer of Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

JACL to promote equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training of minority groups; represented on statewide group

LOS ANGELES.—The California Conference on Apprenticeship is winding up its three-day workshop on job-training opportunities for minority groups today at the Statler Hilton.

It considered ways to promote full utilization of manpower through counseling, role of community organizations, on-the-job training and development of job opportunities in apprenticeship.

There were 11 workshops scheduled and Kei Hori, secretary for the California Committee on Equal Opportunities in Apprenticeship and Training for Minority Groups, was among 20 resource personnel. Hori, an active San Francisco JACLer, was appointed by National President Frank Chuman to represent the organization on the statewide committee last year.

The committee, the first of its kind in the United States, serves as a policy-making body for the State Dept. of Industrial Relations, apprenticeship standards division. Joining JACL on the committee are representatives from: Community Service Organization, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Caballeros de Dimas Alang, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Jewish Labor Committee, NAACP and Urban League.

Four members from labor and four from management complete the group with division staff assistants and consultants from the U.S. Dept. of Employment and Labor, State FEPC, State Industrial Education Bureau and State Dept. of Employment.

Committee Purposes
Formally organized earlier this year, its basic purpose is to promote equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training for all, irrespective of race, color, creed or national origin.

The specific goals, as explained by Hori, are as follows:

1. To promote the employment of more apprentices in general.
2. To increase the number of minority youth in the apprenticeship program.
3. To advise employers, employee organizations and joint apprenticeship committees in matters pertaining to equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training.
4. To inform minority youth on apprenticeship opportunities, qualification for such training and placement, and the procedures for applying for apprenticeship and training.
5. To enlist the active support of organizations and leaders of minority groups for the program.
6. To enlist the cooperation of state and federal agencies which can be of aid in the program.
7. To work with schools and their counselors to develop a greater understanding of apprenticeship, training opportunities and the special needs of minority youth.
8. To make recommendations to the California Apprenticeship Council regarding equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training.
9. To stimulate participation by minority group representatives of both labor and management in the overall apprenticeship and training

program.

10. To encourage and assist in the establishment of local committees whenever and wherever needed in the State, structured in the same pattern, and to implement the objectives of the State program and to perform such other functions as are consistent with these specific goals.

11. To perform such other duties as are commonly associated with the successful discharge of the responsibilities of carrying out this program, that are not in conflict with existing laws and policies of the California Apprenticeship Council.

Apprenticeship
Hori, who owns and operates an employment agency in San Francisco, said there are 20,000 registered apprentices within the several hundred trades today. "Ten years ago, the figure was the same," he added.

Apprenticeship is a system of learning while earning and doing the job, combined with related technical school instruction.

On-the-job training is used in both the skilled crafts and management, both governed by standards adopted by labor and management and in accordance with federal and state laws.

To qualify in any of the skilled crafts, an apprentice should know mechanical aptitude and ability; to be successful, he must have initiative, perseverance and an ambition. Apprentices are usually between 18 and 24 years old, a high school graduate and required to spend at least 144 hours a year in further instruction relative to the trade.

The apprentice also learns safety laws, workman's compensation, industrial relations and not infrequently the historic background of the industry for which he is being trained.

Counseling Graduates

Proper counseling for the 80 per cent of high school graduates who will not go to college has been one of the major problems of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and the Statewide Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities in Apprenticeship and Training.

Confronted with the problem of a career after high school, many Nisei youngsters attend college with the hope of finding himself in the professions with no insight into an occupation. With the advent of status in the skill trades and the increasing need of technicians, the State of California, long in the forefront of Fair Employment Practices has urged the opening of the apprenticeship and training field to all groups. With the estab-

lishing of the Statewide Committee, the 650 Joint Apprenticeship Councils are discussing the implementation of the purposes of the articles of organization.

How does one become an apprentice?

Besides private employment agencies, a prospective apprentice may obtain employment training through federal and state employment offices, his capabilities determined by aptitude tests. Some schools also offer these tests.

The sequence of events a prospect may follow was described by Hori as follows:

1. Select the trade you want to follow. Consider the qualifications carefully: Are you willing to stay with the prescribed training period for the required number of years? Are you able to spend two evenings a week in related instruction classes? and are you physically able to perform the job?
2. Contact a prospective employer or the California Department of Labor or the Union in the trade you wish to learn for job information and application.
3. Remember that personal appearance and attitude will help to secure a position. Personal appearance indicates certain characteristics which an employer does or does not desire. A courteous attitude should be maintained since it doesn't cost anything and the lack of a little courtesy may cost a

position. You should not attempt to match self confidence against the background of experience of a skilled worker.

4. You should not be discouraged if the Joint Apprenticeship Committee in the trade selected cannot enroll you immediately as an apprentice. There may be a waiting list in the trade or there are no current calls for additional apprentices. Every effort is being made by both management and labor organizations to get every qualified employer to use his full quota of apprentices so as to provide more opportunities for prospective apprentices.

5. If the employer is not presently participating in the apprenticeship program, ask him to contact the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards; or the Bureau of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor; or the Local Joint Apprenticeship Committee for complete information.

Approaching Minorities

With labor and government opposed to racial discrimination in employment and an increase in the number of apprenticeships, the avenue of having minority groups seeking employment in the trade has widened with the formation of the statewide committee.

To this end, JACL was asked to serve as a clearinghouse for information along apprenticeships. It is hoped that chapters and district councils would call upon speakers from the Joint Apprenticeship Council in their particular communities to advise what openings are available.

Nisei surgeon defendant in \$600,000 libel suit filed as political campaign aftermath

GARDEN GROVE.—A Nisei surgeon was named April 16 among 46 prominent persons in a libel suit by the present high school district board president Carl J. Lehman and board clerk William Wiesner, who are asking a total of \$600,000, covering "injury, and damage to their respective persons," and exemplary damages.

Dr. Mary Y. Murata was listed as a defendant in the suit alleging that the publication of election campaign material on April 17, 1961, referring to the plaintiffs as "discredited incumbents" and accusing them of various improper actions as school board members.

High school district trustee N.B. Kurmick and former trustee Joseph Goodman also filed a similar suit for a like figure. Their suit included Lehman and Wiesner in its list of 17 defendants.

Both suits deal with statements and literature made and dis-

tributed during a hard-hitting school board campaign a year ago. The campaign was highlighted by the issuance of a number of charges pertaining in essence to the degree of Americanism of some of the candidates and school board members.

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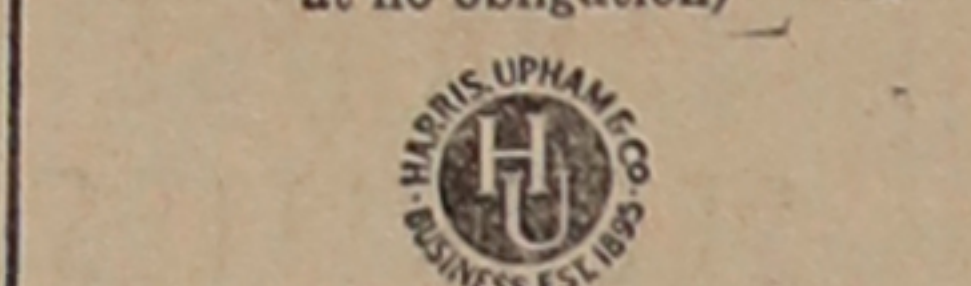
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San Jose ragtime doubles bowling scores terrific

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Prize money was distributed to 13 others. Best efforts of the first annual event include:

HHC: 269—George Tsunoda, 222—YoYo Hayashi.
HHS: 729—George Tsunoda, 587—YoYo Hayashi.
HS: 1206—Mary Tanaka—George Tsunoda.

Committeemen in charge were: Jim Taketa, Sachii Ikeda, Lil Hinaga, Mary Kuraaki, Mary Tanaka and Dr. Tom Taketa.

Trophies were donated by San Jose JACL.

JACL Olympic date set for June 3 at Kezar

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL Olympics will be held on June 3 this year at Kezar Stadium.

Invitations will be sent to all California chapters and a large number of entrants is expected to compete. Nob Wada and Koji Ozawa are co-chairmen.

Hole-in-one helps in win of monthly golf tourney

BERKELEY.—Harry Haramald of Hi-Flu Golf Club scored his first hole-in-one April 15 in the club's monthly tournament at the Almaden course.

Playing in the same foursome were John Oshida, Bob Sugimoto and Shingo Umene.

Capitalizing on his ace, the Alameda JACLer took low gross and low net honors for the day with a net 75-8-67.

200 yd. hole in one

LOS ANGELES.—Shigeo Sakata, co-owner of Eagle Produce, got a hole-in-one on the No. 2 Brookside course April 15.

On the 11th hole, par three 200 yarder, Sakata sunk his tee shot, using a No. 2 wood.

No. Hollywood lass seeks queen title

SAN FERNANDO.—Anxious to make the best possible selection and faced with an extremely difficult choice as five lovely contestants paraded before them, judges of the San Fernando Valley Relays Queen Contest finally selected lovely Mary Jane Itani of North Hollywood to represent the Valley at the Nisei Relays on May 27.

Mary Jane is 17, 5 ft. 3 in., weighs 110 lbs. and will graduate in June from Polytechnic High School. Although encouraged by her family and showing promise as a ballet dancer, Mary Jane hopes to become a nurse.

The judging was held at the home of Chapter Chairman Tak Nakae on April 17, with Harry Otsuki and Chiyo Shibuya chairing the event, and 1961 Valley Relays Queen Kay Takahashi serving as hostess to the girls.

Equally as impressive as the beauty and charm of the contestants was their record of participation in school, church and local activities. Mary Jane is an active member of many school organizations, is a Sunday School teacher at the Free Methodist Church, loves dancing, music and horse-back riding.

Mary Jane is the daughter of Tom and Tazuko Itani, 12537 Cantara Street, North Hollywood.

Japanese, Okinawa dances for I.I. festival slated

LOS ANGELES.—Lovely spring-time dances of Japan will be presented by talented young pupils of Rokuka Hanayagi and dances of Okinawa presented by Aiko Tengan of Los Angeles for the 9th annual Children's Folk Festival at the International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., on May 6.

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Freewheeling on the Freeways

By Jim Higashi, PSW Regional Director

PSWDC BOARD MEETING

District Chairman Mas Hironaka of San Diego will be in Los Angeles for two consecutive weekends—indicative of the many loyal JACLers who are giving up countless hours for service to the JACL and community. This coming Sunday, Apr. 29, a special meeting of the PSWDC Executive Board will be held at the regional office from 1:30 p.m. Those with definite assignments are being asked to have their reports and recommendations ready for presentation to the board.

The complete agenda: Steve Yagi, Treasurer's report; Jim Higashi, Regional Office report; Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, PSWDC National JACL nominations; and representing the Gardena Valley chapter Ronald Shiozaki, Pre-Convention Rally and 1000 Club contest reports.

Progress report on the youth Oratorical Contest will also be made at this meeting. Chapters are reminded that entries must be in at the Regional Office by Saturday, May 12. Please be sure to send in the name, a brief biographical background of the contestant and copy of the speech typewritten double spaced on letterhead sized paper, one side only.

Other items to be under discussion include National Convention business; JACL Japanese History Project Fund Drive; open discussion on the effect of "PC cutoff" on membership drive; special report and recommendations by past national president Saburo Kido on income tax on evacuation claims payments; and preparation of the business agenda for the May 19-20 pre-convention rally.

CHAPTER PRESENTS

Another meeting for PSWDC chapter presidents and members of the PSWDC Board will take place the following Sunday, May 6, at the conference room of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce at 1:30 p.m. If the place sounds and looks familiar, you're right. It's the old JACL Regional Office at the Miyako Hotel, Room 238.

We'll have the rare opportunity of having our National Director Mas Satow with us—hoping to have a 100 per cent attendance for this one! Dr. David Miura of the national budget-finance committee (Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, chairman) together with the National Director, will explain in detail the "how and why" of the National JACL budget and quota allocations for the coming 1963 biennium.

This will give all chapters an opportunity to acquire a thorough understanding of how our National budget works and the local responsibilities that go with it. Then perhaps we can intelligently discuss the problems at the local level and at the PSWDC pre-convention rally. Hear the latest developments; make sure your chapter is represented May 6!

JAPANESE HISTORY PROJECT

Report from the New York Chapter indicates that a "super high power" fund drive for the "History Project" is in the making. With a very happily high goal (the amount will surprise many chapters and even district councils) the Public Relations Committee under

chairman Mitsu Yasuda has embarked upon an all-out campaign. The preliminaries of which include a special flyer and 5,000 brochures (3,000 in Japanese and 2,000 English!) The drive of this single chapter alone compares very favorably with what's going on (as presently known) in the PSWDC area!

As to the PSWDC chapters, we are hoping that the chapters will submit a progress report to PSWDC Fund Drive Chairman Saburo Kido, Southern California JACL Office by Sunday, April 29! Partial and preliminary reports from the Downtown Los Angeles and East Los Angeles chapters indicate very good response to date—let's hear from all chapters! Remember your individual goals and that district-wide the goal is \$30,000-\$35,000.

MORE BROCHURES

Arrangements have been made with National JACL Japanese History Project Chairman Shig Wakamatsu to have a plentiful supply of brochures (English and Japanese), receipt pads, transmittal sheets and a limited supply of Dr. Scott Y. Miyakawa's preliminary outline for the proposed "A Definitive History of the Japanese in the United States, 1860-1960".

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Attention PSWDC Chapters! We're behind last year and behind the "proverbial old eight-ball"! The 100 per cent PUSH and IMMEDIATE ACTION is vital if we are to meet our responsibilities and obligations before National Convention time!!!!

PSW deadline for chapter nominations tomorrow

LOS ANGELES.—Nominations for national JACL officers from PSWDC chapters are due tomorrow, it was announced by Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, PSWDC nominations chairman. The nominations may be submitted at the PSWDC executive board meeting this Sunday, 1:30 p.m., at the JACL Regional Office, he added.

Nominations must have the signature of the candidate, indicating a willingness to serve if elected, Dr. Sonoda reminded.

Sheriff candidates meet Monterey JACLers

MONTEREY.—The Monterey Peninsula JACL's first family get-together for the year, the Spring Picnic on April 8, attracted nearly 175 persons who enjoyed a delicious ham dinner, followed by games.

Two candidates for the county sheriff's office were introduced and made brief talks. Fumi Shingu and her committee were in charge of table decorations featuring camellias. Lorraine Oda and committee were in charge of the food and Jack Nishida, social chairman, was in charge of general arrangements.

Jr. JACL Jottings

San Francisco Jr. JACL
Oratorical-Essay: Four contestants are entered in the San Francisco JACL Oratorical Contest to take place Saturday, May 1, 8 p.m. at the Church of Christ (Octavia and Post Streets). Tosh Hara, chairman.

Same rules as stipulated for the Contest will be followed by the judges:
Lloyd Crisp, S.F. State College; Steve Doi, NCWDC program chmn.; Yone Satoda, asst. nat'l treas.

Winner will receive a cash prize of \$25 and compete at the district speech-off at Sacramento, May 20. Eassy contestants are David Hara, Roy Omi and Diane Shigio.

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Chapter Call Board

Monterey Peninsula JACL

Community Picnic: As in past years, the local Buddhist Church, El Estero Presbyterian Church, Nisei VFW and JACL will co-sponsor the community picnic on Sunday, June 17, at the Fairgrounds.

Spring Luncheon: Auxiliary members will meet May 6 at Casa Munras for their Spring Luncheon, starting at 1:30. Reservations are being accepted until May 1 by Fudge Kodama (FR 2-1405) and Kazi Ishii (EX 4-2762). . . . Auxiliary also has available a 30-cup coffee pot, which may be borrowed by calling Mrs. Nobu Takigawa or Mrs. Sumi Nakamura.

Youth Baseball: Adult help will be appreciated at youth baseball practice sessions starting this Sunday, 1 p.m., at Little League Park. Jim Takigawa and Frank Tanaka are coaching the team.

Sequoia JACL

Bowling Tournament: The annual handicap bowling tournament with San Mateo JACL will be held this Saturday at San Carlos Bowl. An established average is not needed. Minor Okamura in charge.

San Jose JACL

Pancake Breakfast: Fathers of youngsters participating in the local Community Youth Service athletic program will prepare pancakes for the breakfast May 6 between 8 a.m. and noon at San Jose Buddhist Church annex. That afternoon, a father-son baseball game at Columbus Park is scheduled.

San Fernando Valley JACL

Square Dance: For its fourth annual square dance, to be held on May 12 at the Community Center, the San Fernando Valley Chapter has obtained the "calling" services of Alan and Peggy Wilkinson of Sylmar. This charming couple initiated members into the fun of square dancing at their very first square dance. Allan Mori, is in charge.

Eden Township JACL

Bowling Night: A chapter bowling tournament, open to all members, bantams and juniors, starts at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Grand Lanes Bowl in Hayward.

Milwaukee JACL

Cherry Blossom Festival: Second annual festival on Sunday, May 6, at Blatz Pavilion, Lincoln Park, will start with a Japanese buffet dinner at 1 p.m., followed by program of various Japanese cultural activities, judo, and entertainment. Advance ticket sales are being handled by Mrs. Agnes Sakura, 4661 N. 57th St., until May 1, at which time, the public sale starts. Admission prices are \$2.50 for adults, \$1 children under 12, tots 4 and under free.

Livingston-Merced JACL

Spring-Summer Dates: Chairmen of forthcoming chapter events were announced this week as follows:
April 20—Community picnic, Hagaman Park; Franklin Okuda, Bill Yoshino.
May 2—Community dinner, Livingston School; Buddy Iwata, Ichiro Minabe.
May 19—Issei Appreciation dinner, talent show; Livingston School; Teis Morimoto, Lily Hamaguchi.
May 28—Memorial Service, San Bruno; Robert Tani, Harry Murakami.
June 16—Graduates outing, Lake Yosemite; Spud Masuda.

Kebana lecturer

CHICAGO.—Senei Ikenobo, 29-year-old head of the Ikenobo School of Flower Arrangement, will address the Chicago Kebana International chapter June 1 at the Art Institute's Fullerton Hall.

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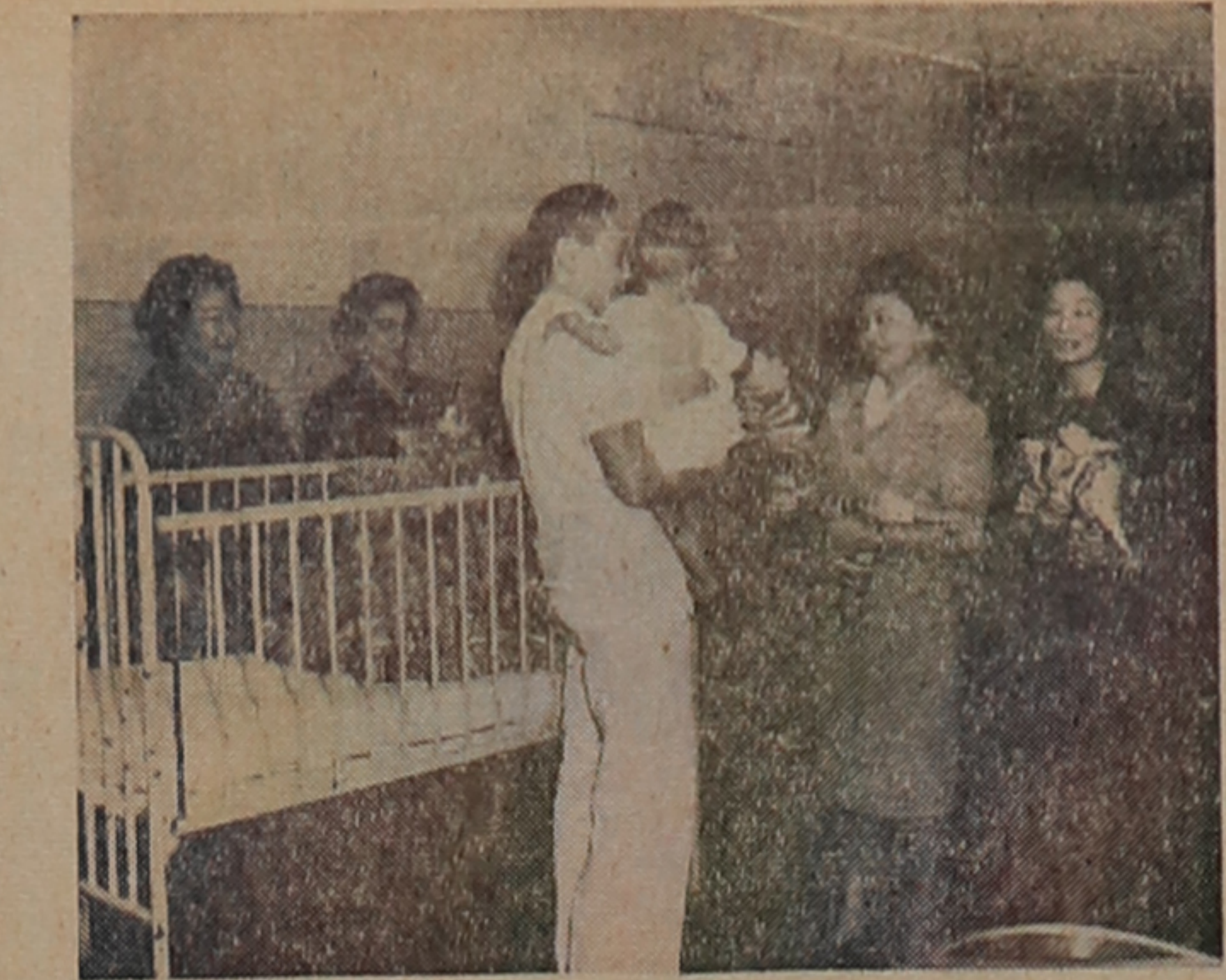
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West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary members visited the Osteopathic unit of Los Angeles County Hospital's children's ward recently to distribute dolls they had assembled. Shown are (from left) Mmes. Helen Ishikawa, Bud Ohara, Shigeo Takeshita and Frank Kishi, president. Holding the child is Dr. Frank Maruyama.



NISEI WEEK Chairman Matao Uwate and Queen Dianne Kubota extend invitation to the Coronation Ball.
(Photo by Toyo Miyatake)

Nisei Week Ball Tickets Available

LOS ANGELES.—Tickets for the annual Nisei Week Coronation Ball, Aug. 11, are now on sale, according to general chairman Aki Ohno. Reservations for 20 ringside tables at Beverly Hilton, site of the coronation, have already been received by the committee.

Among guests of honor during Nisei Week will be Janet Ayako Nishino, 1962 Cherry Blossom Festival Queen of Honolulu, who was invited by Nisei Week Queen Dianne Kubota and Regional Director Jim Higashi. Miss Nishino is planning to arrive in Los Angeles

before the Aug. 10 opening of the 22nd annual Nisei Week Festival. The visiting Hawaiian beauty will be accompanied by the Nisei Week Festival by her mother.

Reservations for tables seating 10 persons each are being accepted until July 15, when individual reservations will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis.

Dinner-dance tickets at \$20 per couple or dance only tickets at \$8 per couple are now available at the JACL Regional Office, local JACL chapters, Japanese American Optimists, VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9938 or the American Legion Commodore Perry Post 525. All reservations are being coordinated by the Regional Office.

The 1962 Nisei Week Coronation Ball is being sponsored by the seven local chapters of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council.



Regional Review

EDC—Questions on 'Issei Story' Project

BY HAROLD HORIUCHI
Publicity Chairman

Washington
As the JACL Japanese History Project shifts into high gear nationally, we in the nation's capital are just about completing our part in the fund drive towards the minimum national goal of \$100,000 required to get the project started. We have been requested by John Yoshino, Chairman of the Eastern District Council, to review our efforts and at the same time indicate our thoughts on the Project and enumerate the comments received from our contributors.

As we look back about a year to the time when the Chapter committee was named, we find ourselves then in a much different spot. At that time we were to serve as a source in the national advisory committee in the national project chairman. Little did we dream then that we would be working as a fund raising group.

What, then, did happen to cause us to serve a dual role? To this day, nobody on the committee remembers exactly . . . it seemed to be just a spontaneous transition.

But we all know that things just don't happen without an underlying cause. We now believe that cause lies in the objectives of the Project itself. The need for documentation of a comprehensive, definitive history of the Japanese in the United States, from the immigrant generation of a 100 years ago to the present fourth or fifth generation, was felt deeply as we read Dr. Miyakawa's outline for the project.

Off-Asked Question
The question was often asked, "Why do we need such a costly history compiled?"

We feel that one answer to the question lies in the theme of the oratorical and essay contests of the coming National JACL Convention—"To Bridge and to Build".

We are asking our younger generation to participate in a contest with an inspiring, if not a difficult, theme because we, the Japanese in America as a whole and not just JACLers, are proud of our background and heritage just as Americans of other ethnic origins are proud of theirs.

And we want our offspring to be able to understand their position in this country of ours and to be able to help bridge the gap between the United States and the other nations of the world, a gap which should have been bridged a long time ago.

The difficulty in inducing the youngsters to enter this contest must have been felt in other Chapters as it was in ours. The reason for the difficulty—the lack of reference material. Surely one can thumb through the back issues of the Pacific Citizen and other Japanese American vernaculars (if we have had the foresight and the

patience and, most important of all, the space to store them.)

Most libraries have a file of newspapers and a good collection of reference books but we doubt that none would have a comprehensive volume or volumes dealing solely with the history of the Japanese in America. We must realize that popular novels and sensational stories will be of no use for this purpose.

Moreover, we would like to think of the future generations ahead, when our children's children and their children could be looking back to our days and wonder why we did not leave them something that will tell them of their background and ancestry. Shouldn't we wish them to be proud of us as we are of our own immigrant parents?

Local Commentary

Perhaps we who reside on the East Coast and particularly at the Tenka - no - Hizamoto (literally—the world's capital) realize the need for a comprehensive history of the Japanese in America more acutely than our fellow JACLers in other parts of the country. The response we have had locally even before the national fund drive officially opened tend to indicate this realization.

We hope that this realization is true throughout the 88 Chapters.

It might be of interest to the National Committee and to the scholars who would be working directly on the documentation to point out some of the comments with respect to the actual composition of the final work, including some of the committee's own thoughts on the matter.

At the outset of the project, the DC Chapter committee felt it inadvisable to question the organization or the outline of the tremendous undertaking adopted by the National JACL. It was felt that the work which lay ahead was too important to be "kept on ice" while we dickered about merits or the details of the project.

We knew that questions were bound to arise from the prospective contributors, and we weren't let down by them. Here are some typical queries we received:

1. Just what kind of a document is this history going to be? Is it something that only the erudite can make use of? Will it be written purely from a sociologist's view point? Will it be useful purely as a library reference material with little or no popular acceptance? In short, will it become a dust collector on the shelf?

2. Has the JACL considered the possible income that could be achieved if a popular type history of the works divided into several parts so that all segments of the populace can be served? Would it

not be advisable if the potential income from a popular type presentation could be used to advantage to provide for the aging Issei?

History of Hawaii

3. Will the project cover the history of the Japanese in Hawaii? Remember Hawaii is a part of the United States and history of the Japanese in America really begins in Hawaii. Why hasn't the fund drive caught on in Hawaii? Is it because this purely a JACL project and there are no chapters in Hawaii?

4. We understand that the fund drive is concentrated within the Nisei ranks and little effort is being made to secure Issei support. If so, why? Surely the Issei would be willing to participate.

5. What attempt is being made to secure the support of all Japanese in America? Or is this project limited to JACL members and their immediate circle of friends? The DC Chapter committee is unable to answer all of these questions. We hope that the National Committee can and would.

Despite the aforementioned questions raised, the DC Chapter is happy and proud to report that our own arbitrary goal of \$5,000 towards the project fund will be realized. This amount (5 per cent of the national goal of \$100,000) comes from nearly 50 families in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, 95 per cent of whom are JACL members. Chapter participation is almost 40 per cent.

At the present time we have accounted for 10 per cent of the funds raised nationally. It would make us happy if our accomplishments will help spur other Chapters in their efforts.

Local Committeemen

Credit for this performance should go to the committee members, all of whom believe deeply in the Project and who have done a tremendous job of selling through person to person contacts. The D.C. Chapter committee consists of Dr. Takehiko Yoshinashi, chmn.; Josei Ichijii, treas.; Jack Hirose, Toshio Hoshide, Rev. Andrew Kuroda, Edwin Mitoma, Alice Endo, Fumi Iki, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Takeshita, John Yoshino, Harry Takagi and Harold Horiuchi.

Frank Baba, who is now with the American Embassy in Tokyo, was instrumental in the organization of the local fund drive and served as the chairman until his departure for Japan in late 1961.

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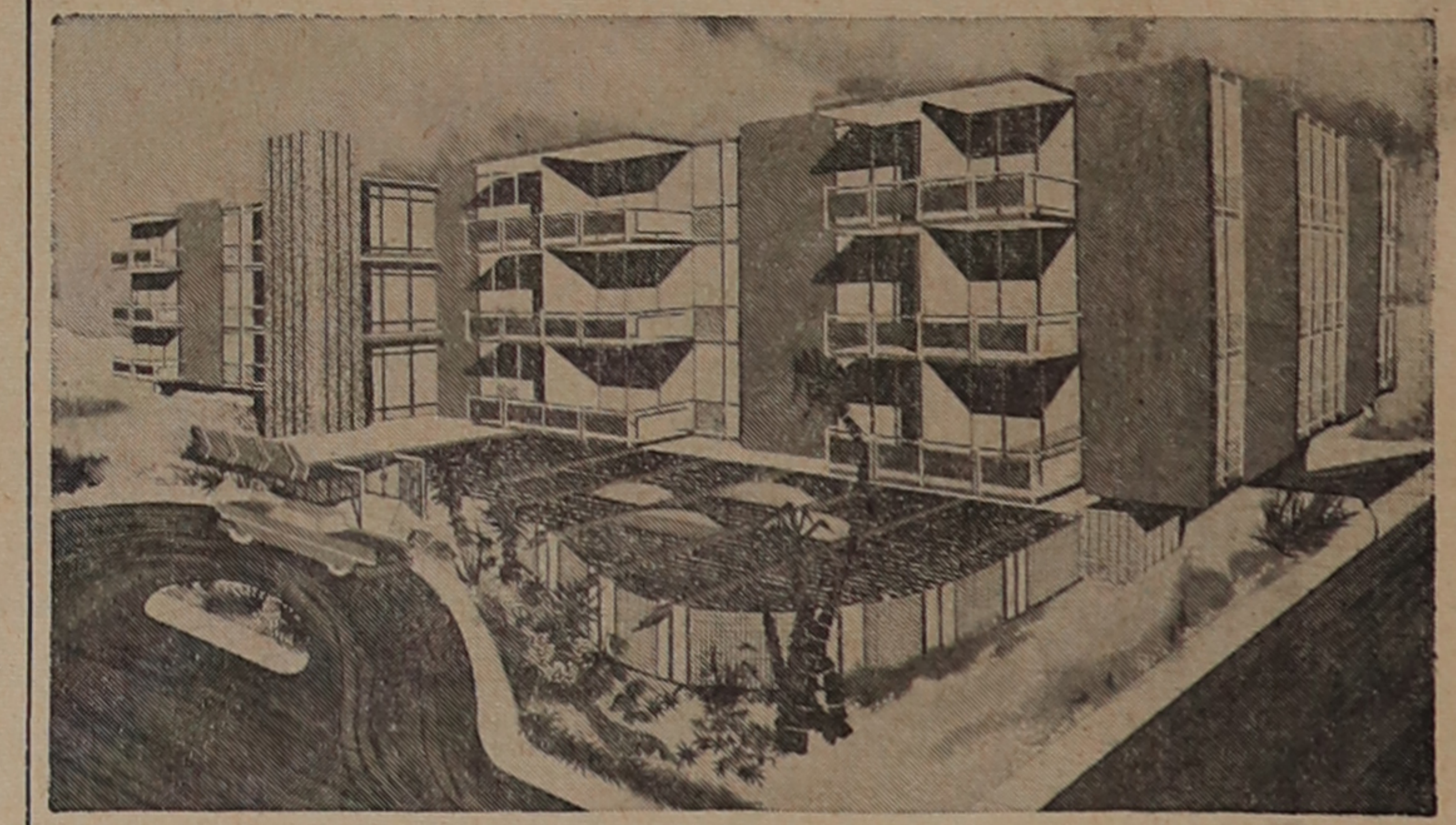
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