

## Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

### Evacuation Claims Clarification

Washington, D.C. — LAST WEEK'S PC headline that "JACL fears bill to tax-exempt claims may be pigeonholed" is misleading on two counts.

The headline itself was selected by the editor—and not the writer—from the next to the last paragraph of the "Washington Newsletter," which read as follows: "JACL's fears are that this noncontroversial bill may become a political issue and that, while none will oppose it for obvious reasons, it may be pigeonholed in committee while politicians vie with each other in condemning the decision of the Internal Revenue Service to tax these evacuation claims awards."

While the definite fear that clarifying legislation might be pigeonholed was expressed—and remains a real possibility so near the end of the session—it was not intended that this paragraph convey the impression that this was—and is—the most probable fate for the hoped-for congressional expression. Indeed, JACL has every hope and expectation that Congress will be able to enact this clarifying amendment prior to adjournment perhaps sometime next month.

Moreover, JACL is not seeking any special status or privilege for these evacuation claims awards by requesting an exemption from tax liability; what the JACL is seeking is only clarification of the congressional intent as to whether the Congress, in enacting this corrective and remedial statute by way of bounty, intended that the awards paid by the Government should also, at the same time, be subject to taxation.

The JACL contention is that Congress never intended that these awards be taxed; therefore, clarification of the congressional intent, and not exemptions, is the subject of JACL's current legislative activity.

EARLY IN 1959, the Internal Revenue Service concluded that these Government awards are taxable in the absence of an express statement by the Congress to the contrary.

The JACL position is the exact opposite. Since Congress did not specify that these awards be taxable, the Internal Revenue Service is not interpreting the congressional intent properly. A reading of the original 1948 enabling statute and its 1951 and 1956 expediting amendments clearly shows that Congress never intended full and complete restitution for all evacuation losses; the many limitations placed on the kinds of losses to be considered and on the manner of repayment, if any, should amply demonstrate that the legislation was an act of grace on the part of the Congress.

As the record itself bears out, while \$400,000,000 was the estimate of the losses as judged by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco at the time of evacuation, less than \$37,000,000 was paid in the way of evacuation claims awards—and this at 1942 values.

WHEN THE Congress considered this legislation—in 1948, in 1951, and in 1956—as an instrumentality of the Federal Government involved, why did not the Internal Revenue Service—if any question of tax liability was at issue—suggest that the Congress clarify

its intent? Furthermore, if these awards were taxable, why did the Internal Revenue Service wait until 1959 to begin its tax investigations and collections, when the first awards were paid as early as 1950? The earlier awards may have been for smaller amounts, but the interpretation of the congressional intent was the same then—and it is now. And, there can be no doubt that if Congress intended the larger claims to be taxed, Congress did not intend to exclude the smaller awards, for the losses involved were—and are—the same.

ATTORNEYS also tell us that the Internal Revenue Service argues that these Government awards are similar to payments made for "involuntary conversions," such as are made for property condemned for public use. Even to laymen, this interpretation seems to be stretching the point beyond legalisms and technicalities.

To begin with evacuation was an act without precedent in American history, where an entire racial group was mistreated solely because of the accident of ancestry and circumstances. Other Americans residing in the same area were not molested, let alone evacuated.

Moreover, when private property is condemned for public highway use, for instance, the individual property owners have the opportunity to negotiate the best possible terms for their condemned property, with the right of appeal to the courts if the property owners feel that they are not being justly compensated.

The evacuees were ordered out of their homes and properties without any opportunity or time for normal negotiations, and certainly none had recourse to the courts for the satisfaction of their losses as of the time of the military movement.

For these and other obvious reasons, the analogy breaks down.

BUT, ACCORDING to some attorneys, the Internal Revenue Service believes that the awards should have been re-invested or used for the same purpose as the claimed losses.

This argument certainly overlooks reality.

To begin with, the amount paid in awards would not begin to purchase comparable farm lands, for example, because of the changed circumstances of the areas and because of the post-war inflated prices. The same is true of businesses, homes, and other properties.

In the five to ten years that had passed since the evacuation and the payment of the awards, the entire family and community patterns, as well as individual professions, employment, and responsibilities, have changed drastically for most. To expect these awardes to return to their pre-war activities, as if only a few days or weeks at most had elapsed, is to expect the impossible, for great changes have taken place in the nation and the world since 1942.

And, if Congress so intended, it could most certainly have suggested that the awards had to be used for specific purpose of replacement of the loss claimed and provided replacement value accordingly.

SO, WHILE to JACL the cause may be simple and just, there are many questions raised by the Internal Revenue Service that need to be answered here in Washington before Congress may be prepared to act to clarify its intentions.

And, there are also problems of strategy in relation to the lateness of the current session, and the involved parliamentary situation where most of the President's priority "must" bills are stuck in the legislative logjam.

### Kuchel in second moved to assist claimants sued by Internal Revenue as ruling sought

WASHINGTON.—In a second move to prevent financial hardship, Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.) is urging Internal Revenue Commissioner Mortimer Caplin to reverse a ruling that Federal income taxes apply to damage payments made to Japanese American evacuees as part compensation for property losses while in relocation camps.

Commenting that property loss awards "were inadequate, paltry, and late," the senator registered strong objections to "discriminatory treatment" resulting from IRS attempts to collect levies from property-owners obtaining compensation under a 1948 claims act. Previously Kuchel introduced legislation amending the revenue laws to exempt such payments from income taxation.

Congress never was warned that damages would be subject to tax, Kuchel told Caplin in commenting the intent behind the partial compensation was to correct a "constitutional and human wrong."

To emphasize his contention the payments represent only a fraction of actual financial losses sustained by the residents of Japanese

origin removed from strategic Pacific Coast areas after Pearl Harbor, Kuchel pointed out \$36,874,240 was paid in liquidation of claims but a Federal Reserve Bank estimate had forecast losses approximately \$400,000,000.

After recalling the Attorney General was directed by Congress to pass on the damage claims, Kuchel said in his protest to the Internal Revenue Service chief:

"When the Truman Administration recommended this legislation in 1947, the Secretary of the Interior Krug succinctly stated the hectic conditions of the evacuation: 'Merchants had to dispose of their stocks and business at sacrifice prices. In a setting of confusion and hysteria, many evacuees sold personal possessions for a small fraction of their value.'"

"Regardless of procedure, thousands of these claims have been settled, surveyed by the Internal Revenue Service, and closed. On many of them, the statute of limitations has already run out," Kuchel disclosed.



GARDENA GIRL CHOSEN 'MISS NISEI WEEK'

Frances Yanai, 20, of Gardena (left) reigned as Miss Nisei Week of 1962 this week. As the final act of her year-long reign, Diane Kubota of Orange County places the crown on her successor at the Coronation Ball last Saturday at Beverly Hilton. The ball was sponsored by the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council. —Toyo Miyatake Photo; cut courtesy Shin-Nichibei.

### Chicago, Seattle editorials urge passage of bill to make claim awards tax-exempt

CHICAGO.—The Chicago Daily News in its Aug. 9 issue editorially urged passage of the Kuchel bill to exempt from taxation awards made to evacuation claimants.

Titled, "Nisei Still Being Pushed Around," the editorial said:

"That the West Coast's American citizens of Japanese descent got an unconscionable pushing around at the beginning of World War II is now generally conceded. But several hundred of them are still wondering when it's going to end.

These are the ones who had to sell their property for pittance when they were rounded up and penned in 'relocation' camps for the war's duration.

In 1957 Congress passed the Japanese Evacuation Claims Act, authorizing compensation for the Nisei's losses.

On the testimony of several of them, their claims were settled for about one-third of their estimated losses. But that wasn't the worst of it.

The Internal Revenue Service insists that the difference between what they sold the property for and the amount of the compensation is subject to a capital gains tax up to 25 per cent—plus interest and penalties accrued by their failure to finance it on time.

That means, to instance them, a man like Tosh Nabeta, who received \$20,000 for an estimated \$50,000 loss, is now supposed to hand over another \$5,000 or so before the government considers the score even.

Happily, the author of the compensation bill, former Rep. Patrick Hillings, says that while the measure specified no tax immunity it was not intended that the awards should be taxed. And California Sen. Thomas Kuchel has introduced a new bill to exempt from taxation such compensation awards.

The bill should be speedily passed and signed into law.

SEATTLE.—The move to exempt evacuation claims from income tax was given strong support by the Seattle Times in its Aug. 6 editorial.

The editors asked for "Fairness to Japanese Americans." "... with 'hope Congress as a whole will be equally concerned with righting the wrong brought to public attention at the Seattle National JACL convention."

"Senators Kuchel and Engle and Representatives King and Shelley have introduced legislation which would exempt from income tax the federal compensation paid Japanese Americans uprooted from their homes during the Second World War."

The bill is co-sponsored by Wallace F. Bennett (R. Utah), Maurice B. Neuberger (D. Ore.), Wayne Morse (D. Ore.), and both Democratic senators from Washington, Warren G. Magnuson and Henry M. Jackson.

## Kennedy asked to direct IRS defer action on tax claim

OMAHA.—As his first official act as the newly elected National President of the Japanese American Citizens League, Patrick Okura moved to implement the unanimous resolution adopted by the recent 17th Biennial National JACL Convention in Seattle calling upon the Congress to clarify its intent in enacting the Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 and subsequent amendments that awards paid by the Government under that remedial statute are not taxable.

He directed the Washington JACL Representative, Mike Masaoka, to confer with the appropriate House and Senate leaders immediately to try to secure enactment of the necessary clarifying amendment prior to the adjournment of this session of the Congress.

At the same time, he disclosed that, through the Washington JACL Office, President Kennedy is being asked to express his personal views "at an appropriate time and place" on the congressional intent, since, first as a member of the House of Representatives and then as a member of the Senate, he voted for this remedial "act of grace."

The White House was also urged to exercise its leadership in securing "proper congressional clarification that awards paid by our Government pursuant to the Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 and subsequent amendments are not subject to tax."

Withhold Action

In the meantime, "pending such congressional clarification which we are confident is forthcoming because of the recent widespread bipartisan support for such legislation," the President's good offices were requested "in suggesting that the Internal Revenue Service withhold all action directed toward the collection of any taxes on evacuation claims awards."

Though there may not be much time before this Congress adjourns, President Okura declared, "JACL believes that in simple justice the Congress should clarify its intent prior to adjournment this year that in authorizing partial

compensation of less than ten cents on a dollar lost as a consequence of the 1942 military evacuation, it did not intend that this very partial restitution be further diminished by being subjected to tax liabilities."

To illustrate bipartisan congressional sentiment, President Okura released the texts of the first two telegrams received at the National JACL Convention in Seattle relating to this subject matter, one by Kuchel, Assistant Republican Senate Leader, and the other by Los Angeles Congressman Cecil King, ranking Democratic member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which constitutionally has jurisdiction over all tax matters. He noted, incidentally, that both had been read to the assembled delegates.

Text of Telegrams

Senator Kuchel telegram addressed to then National JACL President Frank Chuman, read: "Congress did not intend that the partial restitution made to evacuated Americans and their families should be subject to Federal capital gains tax. Am urging the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to reject ill-advised and erroneous decision previously made. In addition, on Monday (July 30) am introducing appropriate legislation in Senate specifically stating awards are not subject to taxation. Legislation really is not necessary but it will be an additional means of demonstrating how we feel. I intend to see that justice is done. The American people do not desire insult added to injury. With kindest regards."

Congressman King's telegram, addressed to Washington JACL Representative Mike Masaoka, declared:

"I have today introduced a bill to exclude from gross income, and thus from Federal income taxes, the compensation awards made by our Government for the hardships and losses inflicted by our Government on American citizens and others of Japanese ancestry during World War II. These losses arose through the detention and evacuation of these American citizens from their homes and businesses. Our Government has long since recognized through the passage of claims legislation, the justice and validity of compensating these citizens for their losses and these just awards should not simultaneously be reduced by subjecting them to Federal taxes. To do this

### Tax relief on claim in California asked

SAN FRANCISCO.—Assemblyman Milton Marks of San Francisco last week announced that he has requested the Legislative Council to advise him as to the legality of introducing legislation in the 1963 Session to give tax relief to those Japanese Americans who are presently being charged by the Internal Revenue Service with liability for taxation on awards made for wartime losses.

Marks stated, "There are presently pending in Congress bills to exempt from taxation the awards made for wartime losses. Taxation of these awards is contrary to every standard of fairness, and I would hope that these bills would receive favorable consideration."

"I have requested the Legislative Council to advise me whether it is constitutional to have legislation introduced in the California Legislature to grant tax credit on the California income tax to the person involved if Congress does not grant them such relief."

"If the Legislative Council rules favorably, and if Congress does not act, I will introduce legislation in the 1963 Session to allow a tax exemption on the California income tax for the amount of the tax assessed by the Federal government."

### McDonough introduces bill to assist claimants

WASHINGTON.—Declaring as "discriminatory and unfair" the recent ruling of the Internal Revenue Service that income tax must be paid on awards to Japanese Americans for property seized by the United States Government during World War II, Rep. Gordon L. McDonough (R., Calif.) has introduced a bill to repeal this ruling.

The McDonough bill provides that no income tax shall be paid for awards received by Japanese Americans under the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948.

"It is my belief that this ruling is arbitrary, discriminatory, and unfair to those Japanese Americans who suffered losses of property and possessions greater than the amount of the claims that have been paid, and, therefore, claim awards should not be subject to income tax payment," Congressman McDonough stated upon introduction of the bill.

### Second joint U.S.-Japan conference set Dec. 3-5

WASHINGTON.—A second joint meeting of Japanese and United States cabinet members to be held here Dec. 3 to 5 was announced by the U.S. State Department last week.

The first joint conference of cabinet members was held at Hakone, Japan, last November when five members of President Kennedy's cabinet attended the initial series.

### ONLY HAOLE PRINCIPAL FOR GAKUEN SUCCEEDING

HONOLULU.—Thomas Beveridge, only haole principal of a Japanese language school in the State of Hawaii at Waimanalo, came to the Islands as a teacher in 1950. Four years later, he switched to selling and realized a need to know the Japanese language since most of his customers were Japanese.

Since there were no language schools in Waimanalo, he and his wife decided to start one. "The arrangement has worked very well," as Beveridge recently hired an excellent teacher, Mrs. Misao Kaneshiro, who lives in the same town.

### NISEI ACHIEVEMENT IN U. S. INDUSTRY KEENLY WATCHED

BY TAMIOTSU MURAYAMA

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

TOKYO.—Senior staff scientist Yoshiaki Tamura of Cubic Corp. in San Diego was one of the many Nisei visiting Japan lately as representatives for their American firms. His presence with C.J. Breitwieser, executive vice-president of the firm, and being praised by him in front of Japanese businessmen here is certain to boost the regard of Nisei in Japan.

Other American businessmen are coming to Japan and while praising the Nisei, they high, fail to have them in their company. But Tamura's presence was tangible evidence that the Nisei are making good in America—in the eyes of the Japanese here.

And the Japanese would like to see more Nisei do well and represent their firms in Japan. If they can speak Japanese, so much the better—and Tamura has a good command of the language.

Cubic Corp. engages in exporting delicate electronic parts for Japanese national defense.

### REGISTER TO VOTE

Californians, in order to vote in the general November election, must be registered by Sept. 13.

### Chapter Index

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

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Cortez JACL  
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### Debs grand marshal

LOS ANGELES.—County Supervisor Ernest Debs will lead the 1962 Nisei Week Festival on parade this Sunday as its grand marshal. Parade will be seen on KTTV (11) from 5 p.m. JACL regional director Jim Higashi is on parade chairman.

### RENEWALS

JACL members renewing their memberships for 1963 are asked to use the same name and address as indicated on the current address label, if there is no change.

## \$13,600 more for History Project received: total \$162,000

SAN FRANCISCO.—The JACL Japanese History Project fund has been swelled by \$13,698.50 in pledges and contributions received during the past three weeks at National JACL Headquarters to bring the total received to \$162,255.43.

National Headquarters, in the meantime, regrets the tardy public acknowledgment of many of the following contributions due to the National JACL Convention in Seattle, during which the remittances could not be processed. Headquarters also requests the indulgence of contributors regarding individual letters of acknowledgment.

New York paces the chapters in the current fund report with \$3,061 while Puysall Valley, in making its initial report, has submitted \$1,928.

The JHP Fund Report No. 16 is as follows:

**ALAMEDA**  
Previously Reported: \$235.00  
\$25—Mr. and Mrs. Mayeviana, Mr. and Mrs. N. Narahara, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Nakano.  
\$20—F. M. S. & S. Yamasaki, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Takano.  
—James Ushijima, Robert Imazumi, Mr. and Mrs. J. Yano, Mrs. Miyawaki, Mr. and Mrs. N. Kuge, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ikeda, Mr. and Mrs. S. Maeda, Mr. and Mrs. Hatai Yamazaki, Mrs. Hisayo Imura, Miyu Furuno, Jun Furuno, Mr. and Mrs. K. Shiohara, Mr. and Mrs. T. Imura, Mr. and Mrs. N. Akamatsu, Mr. and Mrs. Tsurumoto, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Okamoto, Mr. and Mrs. John Mikami, Mr. and Mrs. Tak Mikami, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Yamawaki, Mr. and Mrs. Jutaro Hirake, Mr. and Mrs. Matuo Koga, Mrs. Hisayo Kanda and May.  
\$15—Mr. K. Matsura.  
\$750—Mr. and Mrs. C. Sato.  
\$5—Tad Hitomi, Amy Fujimori, Mrs. Lillian Takagawa, Irene Takegawa, Tate Tajima, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Miyawaki, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Inoue, Mrs. A. Oeki, Mr. and Mrs. W. Takeda, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kuge, Mrs. Y. Uemura, Mr. and Mrs. S. Tokoshima, Mr. and Mrs. Yoda, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Uemura, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayashi, Mr. and Mrs. K. Koike, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nakata, Mrs.

T. Kikuchi.  
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\$2—Mr. and Mrs. H. Ito.  
\$1—Mrs. T. Mukoyama.  
Total This Report: \$530.50

**CONTRA COSTA**  
Previously Reported: \$1,777.75  
\$5—Mr. and Mrs. Kay Nakagaki.

**CORTEZ**  
Previously Reported: \$745  
\$20—Mr. and Mrs. William Noda.  
\$10—Mr. and Mrs. James Yoshino.  
\$5—N. T. Miyake, M. Sekine.  
Total This Report: \$40

**DETROIT**  
Previously Reported: \$1,514  
\$200—Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Yamasaki  
\$100—Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Togasaki  
\$100—Mr. and Mrs. Ben M. Ouchi, Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Kinoto.  
\$30—Ray and Toshiko Higo.  
\$25—Mr. and Mrs. Ken Yamasaki, Dr. and Mrs. T. Teshima, Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Matsuihoro.  
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\$10—Mr. and Mrs. George Amano, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kubochi, Kiyoshi Abe.  
Total This Report: \$690

**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES**  
Previously Reported: \$7,360  
\$100—Nikko Kasai Securities, Tom Talara.  
\$25—Harry Fujita.  
Total This Report: \$225

**EDEN TOWNSHIP**  
Previously Reported: \$3,040  
\$100—Wada Family, Yokota Family, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Saito.  
\$20—Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sato.  
\$10—Dr. K. Shimizu, K. Otsuki, Dr. and Mrs. A. Hironaka, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Yoshinaka.  
\$5—U. Nakao.  
Total This Report: \$365

**FLORIN**  
\$225—Swede Furukawa, Dr. Masayoshi Ito, Ali Tsukamoto.  
\$100—Mrs. K. Kawanishi, George S. Yasui.  
\$10—K. Goishi, Mas Hashimoto, Jack Kawamura, Tad Kobata, Fred S. Matsunoto, Yutaka Tanaka, George K. Tanaka.  
\$15—Richard M. Fuji, George Furukawa, Yoshio Furukawa, Roy Hayashi, Y. Hamada, T. Harada, T. Harada, and Seiki Ishihara, Dave Kato, Lester Matsumoto, Y. Nishi, George Noda.  
\$250—K. Nakano.  
\$2—Mrs. K. Nakahara.  
Total This Report: \$224.50

**FREMONT**  
Previously Reported: \$878  
\$100—Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Sekigahara.  
\$35—Mr. and Mrs. Tad Sekigahara.  
\$25—Dr. and Mrs. Hideo Nakano.  
\$20—Mr. and Mrs. Tetsu Osaki.  
\$10—Mr. and Mrs. George Yonekura, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nagata, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sakuda, Mr. and Mrs. George Nishiguchi, Mrs. Haruyo Kato.  
\$5—Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Yamagawa, Mrs. Kimiko Asakawa, Mr. and Mrs. James Sekigahara.  
\$2—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yuhara.  
Total This Report: \$257

**GARDENA VALLEY**  
Previously Reported: \$1,487  
\$200—Dr. Norman Kobayashi, VWF 4th Dist. Nisei Memorial Post No. 1961.  
\$100—Mr. Kay K. Kamiya, Kiyoto Kenneth Nakao, Toshio Hiraide.  
\$50—Donald Kiyoshi Nakajima.  
Total This Report: \$750

**MID COLUMBIA**  
Previously Reported: \$1,170  
\$10—Harry Inoué.

**MILWAUKEE**  
Previously Reported: \$671.80  
\$60—Mrs. Tsuru Shio and Misses Nami and Susan.  
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\$15—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Uveda.  
\$10—Mrs. Kimura, Chieko Ishida.  
\$5—Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hida, Jerome J. Roubik.  
Total This Report: \$550

### NEW YORK

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### TRADE EXPANSION LEGISLATION

What appears to be the only major Administration victory in the second session of the 84th Congress, the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (HR 11970) has passed the House and is now before the Senate Finance Committee. Observers feel it will pass early next month.

Mike Masaoka returned to Washington from the Seattle JACL Convention in time to present his testimony endorsing the legislation for a group of businessmen.

JACL, as an organization, has preferred to stay clear on this question. On the other hand, JACLers as individuals have shown interest in improving understanding and cooperation between U.S. and Japan (including trade) as the most effective means of assuring peace and prosperity in the Pacific area.

We shall not spell out the various proposals presented by Masaoka on Aug. 6, but we would like to recall a fundamental principle of foreign trade, before we continue to delve into the testimony. Foreign trade can be best described as the exchange of goods between nations.

Trade in some articles—like diamonds and other precious stones—is readily explained by the fact that a community could not enjoy them except through trade. But the problem becomes complex when commodities produced at home are nevertheless brought in regularly from other countries or communities.

The United States could produce all the sugar it needs instead of only a part, but by calling upon resources and industry of others communities, sugar may be obtained at lower cost than would be incurred in its production at home. Thus, each country looks for the things it needs to those parts of the world where each commodity is produced most cheaply and conversely finds the rest of the world calling upon it for those particular goods it produces at lowest cost. This principle is known as the "law of comparative advantages" in economics.

Foreign trade, then, enables each country to devote its resources and energies to the lines of production for which it is best adapted as evidenced by its ability to produce at low cost.

In the testimony before the Senate committee, Masaoka felt this trade expansion program was urgently needed now to: (1) provide the President with the minimum weapons to successfully wage economic war against the Sino-Soviet challenge everywhere on earth, (2) accelerate the lagging economic growth of our country, thereby strengthening American leadership of the free enterprise system, and (3) encourage a mutually helpful, two-way flow of trade and commerce among the free world community of nations, recognizing that imports are equally as important as exports to our nation's welfare and, accordingly, should not be subject to restrictive penalties and practices on our part.

Raising the question of how the program might be interpreted and implemented, Masaoka expressed concern with the Administration asking for authority to reduce tariff (so as not to miss out business with the European Common Market) and inspiring multilateral agreements to restrict imports at the same time (such as the Geneva pact to restrict and control the free world trade in cotton textiles).

"If trade expansion is to become the avowed policy and practice of our Government," Masaoka declared, "we respectfully suggest that it ought to provide equal opportunities and benefits for all free nations of the earth, without discrimination or preference. This, we believe, should be the real objective and principle of the Trade Expansion Act."

In the trade war against the Sino-Soviet bloc, Masaoka reminded the Senate committee that there are no alternative weapons except of our efficiency in production. "We cannot afford to be second to the Sino-Soviet conspiracy in either military preparedness or in commercial success. For the latter, the world marketplace is the battleground."

Masaoka conceded a few industries involved in this trade war may fall. He found it noteworthy that "usually, the industries that complain most about the alleged low wages in foreign countries are among the lowest paying in the United States." Conversely, the Secretary of Commerce has pointed out that among our most successful exporting industries are those that pay the highest wages.

By exposing all industries to import competition in a free enterprise system, the answer to which industry or segment thereof, might fall can be found in its ability to survive in a free market, which is the "hallmark of efficiency and productivity."

From the standpoint of our nation, Masaoka believes that the sooner these uneconomic industries are exposed and allowed to pass away, the sooner will their participants be enabled to seek more efficient and productive industries for the better use of their time and skills. While this may appear ruthless, "in the kind of economic war in which we are participating, we cannot subsidize at public expense the inefficient, the inappropriate, the out-of-date, the incompatible."

PC readers are well aware of Mike Masaoka's abilities. We hope by this brief report of his testimony will give another insight to his many talents.

(The address by U. Alexis Johnson, deputy under secretary of State for Political Affairs, was delivered at the principal banquet of the 17th Biennial National JACL Convention at Seattle on July 30.)

I am honored indeed to have been invited to join with you in this Convention. The Japanese American Citizens League is justly renowned for its success in promoting the highest ideals of this great country of ours while contributing to it some of the distilled wisdom and serene beauty of the Orient.

I feel myself to be among old friends for in many ways I have been associated with many of you over many years.

And I am delighted to have the opportunity to discuss with you the place that Americans in general, and you in particular, have in the great events that are now taking place in the Pacific. For I know you have a very special interest in and role to play in these events.

The National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League is a particularly appropriate forum to review America's political, economic and military strategy to aid in the construction of Asian democracies in a Free World community.

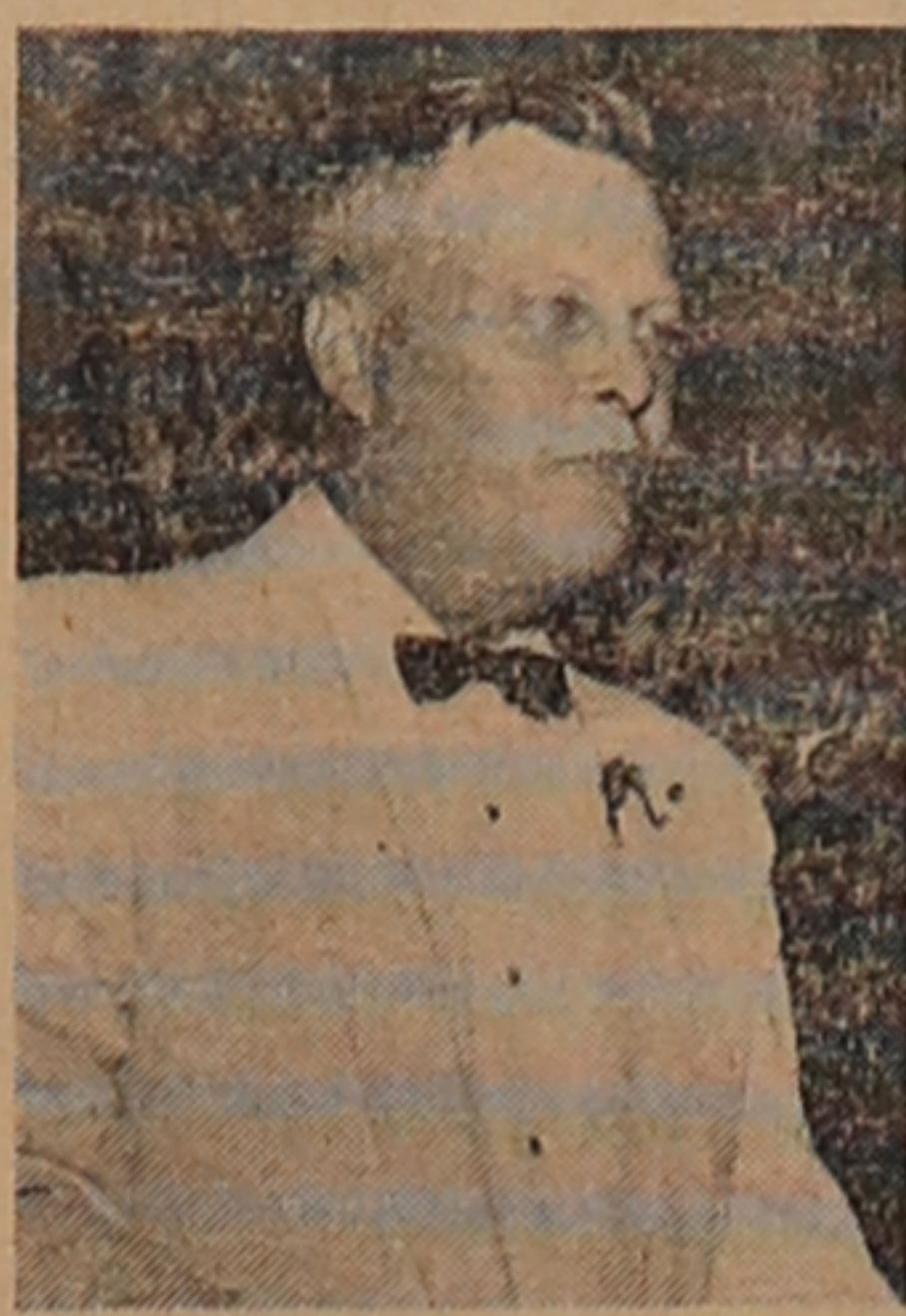
This organization, since its inception, has insisted that the problems of a multi-racial nation such as our own must be solved in accord with the ideals of a great democracy.

The League's accomplishments in the field of domestic problems have been outstanding. Its record in furthering civil rights legislation and in seeking equal opportunities for all citizens is within the best traditions of this country. Its consistent efforts to encourage better citizenship and eliminate discrimination based on race deserve the support of all Americans.

### 'Unfinished Business'

As we continue to work in correcting the flaws—the "unfinished business"—in our own society, we also face many problems in our evolving relationship with the lands and peoples of the Pacific. The League's efforts to promote better understanding between the United States and Japan have contributed greatly to this endeavor.

I look to the members of the League to play an increasingly strong role in building even stronger ties of friendship between the United States and all the nations of Asia.



U. Alexis Johnson addresses JACL Convention

Therefore, this evening I want to talk with you about Asia, an area of more than one and a half billion people, more than half the population of the world. It is an area of problems—stubborn, intractable problems. The gap between the resources of its nations and the aspirations of its people is immense.

But Asia is also a land of hope and opportunity, and it is particularly to these hopes and opportunities that I would like to address myself tonight.

### Ocean Not a Barrier

I think it is well for us Americans to remember several things when we think of the Pacific area. First, Asia is no longer a distant and exotic land. Five of our states border on the Pacific, and two of them, Hawaii and Alaska, are in the Pacific.

The Pacific Ocean is not a barrier, but a highway. Indeed this city in which we meet is one of the main stations on this highway. The great faith with its representation from all over the Pacific is a symbol of this closeness.

The main goals of the Asian and American people are shared. We all believe in national independence and economic betterment. We all wish for respect and human dignity in our own eyes and in the eyes of our neighbors. We Americans are not outsiders and strangers to Asia, but an integral part of the Pacific area. Secondly, the people of this vast region have already made great contributions to the world of today. It was not until the advent of the industrial revolution in the West that the nations of Europe and North America pulled ahead

of the nations of Asia, materially. Historically, the technological advantage of the West has existed for only a relatively short time. There is no reason to assume that this advantage that we have had for the last century and a half will continue.

Within the past decade, tremendous changes have swept Asia. And during the next decade I am fully confident that we shall see even greater changes.

### Future of Asia

The Asian nations have in large measure completed their political revolutions and are now moving into the industrial revolution. The technological contributions of the West will co-mingle with the old cultures in these nations and from this interplay of the new technology with the old culture will come new ideas to enrich the world.

Japan, of course, is already well along in this process.

As the industrial revolution gains momentum in Asia, we will see an increasing movement of the world center of gravity toward the Pacific. It is not that the Atlantic will become any less important but that the Pacific will become more important.

As the principal power situated between the two oceans, America must conduct its affairs so as to contribute to the harmony and growth of both areas.

The history and the traditions of the United States make us deeply sympathetic to the problems of the new nations imbued with the same ideals and struggling along the same path that we ourselves have traveled. We can and must help in their efforts to complete their revolution.

Our contributions are two. First, we must do all we can to help guarantee the freedom of the revolutions. We must help prevent insurgency, subversion, and aggression from stifling the revolutionary process. Second, we must offer cooperation and support for the orderly economic development of the emerging nations.

### Political Impetus

The discharge of our first responsibility has been the history of our national efforts in Asia since the closing days of the Second World War. We furnished a strong political impetus to the termination of colonialism in Asia and to the establishment of these former colonies as independent nations.

We are proud of the example we and the Filipinos set in the establishment of the Republic of the Philippines. The recent elections there give new evidence of the strength and vitality of domestic institutions.

Our aid in the reconstruction of Japan and the peace treaty with that nation were examples of a helping hand proffered a former enemy.

Our leadership in the United Nations action to repel Communist aggression in Korea demonstrated our awareness of the threat of communism to the nations of Asia and our determination to assist in meeting this threat.

The establishment of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization our bilateral defense treaties with Japan, and the Republic of Korea, the Republic of China, and the Philippines, and our Mutual Defense Assistance programs with numerous countries in the area are all further indications of our wish to aid the emerging nations in their efforts to maintain the integrity of their countries.

The most recent chapter in this history is our assistance to the Republic of Viet-Nam in its struggle against the North Vietnamese efforts at conquest.

### Defense Efforts

We have been reasonably successful in maintaining this defense umbrella over the nations of Asia as they fight for time to develop. And we cannot relax or relax in our efforts to maintain this strong military posture.

Our defense effort is broadening.

We are now working in three areas of strategy. First, we are continuing our efforts to maintain a clear superiority in nuclear weapons. Secondly, we are expanding our efforts to deter and defend against limited wars. And thirdly, we are creating the politico-military tools to counter insurgency and subversion.

Our efforts in maintaining nuclear superiority are perhaps the most well known and most costly. Our nuclear weapons and delivery systems are the most powerful and most flexible in the world.

And we intend to preserve this clear superiority. We have, I believe, made it perfectly clear that any resort to nuclear weapons will be answered with complete devastation of the aggressor.

But we are convinced, and we are trying to convince others, that nuclear warfare is no longer a possible alternative for rational men.

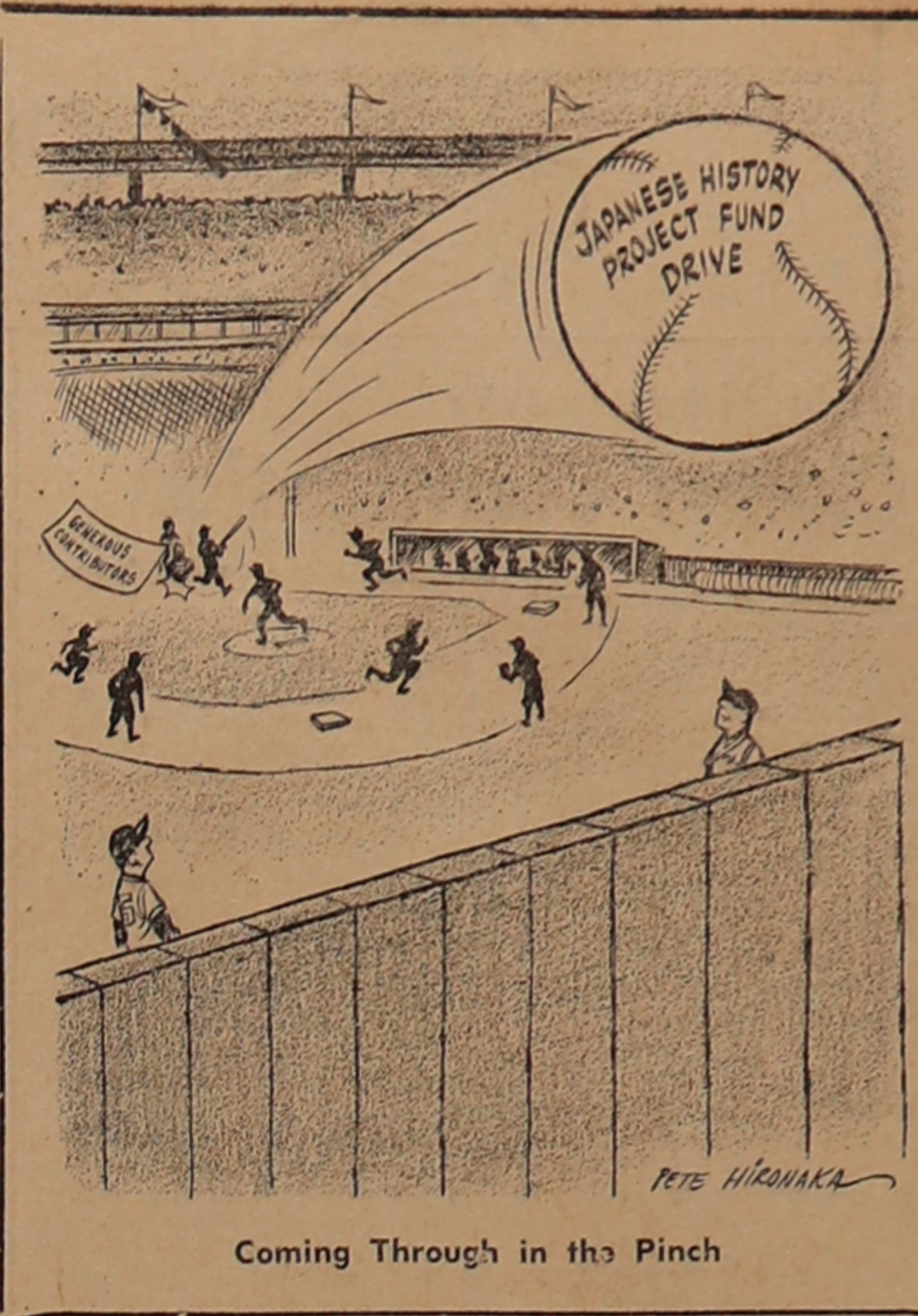
Our military power to deter and defend against limited wars is growing. We now have 16 army and three marine combat-ready divisions, and we have devised means to give them an intercontinental mobility. These forces are being augmented with further conventional strength and will give the nations contemplating aggression further pause before launching an attack such as Korea.

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### Press Comments:

## 'Image' Has Changed in 20 Years

The Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, in its Aug. 6 issue, carried a comprehensive editorial, headed, "How an 'Image' Has Changed in 20 Years," commenting on the advance the Nisei and Issei have made in the postwar period. The editorial was pegged to a series of articles written by Leif Erickson of the Associated Press in San Francisco which appeared in papers affiliated with AP throughout the country last week.

The Watsonville Register-Pajaronian editorial follows:

Watsonville  
THE POLITICIANS and the advertising men are always talking about "images," meaning how a person, a group or a product may be regarded by others. They're always working to improve same, on behalf of their candidates or clients.

Perhaps the most remarkable change of "image" in United States history was brought about, however, by individuals, not by a collective conscience. That's the change in the status of the Americans of Japanese ancestry, who have so long lived among us here, with one unhappy interruption.

Twenty years ago, 112,000 confused and bitter Japanese nationals and Americans of Japanese ancestry were in bleak barracks behind the barbed wire of concentration camps. There was not a Japanese face to be seen in Watsonville—just as odd an occurrence as though suddenly all the names on businesses and homes turned Turkish overnight.

Today, reports Leif Erickson in a well-written series for the Associated Press, anti-Japanese prejudice in America is almost gone. "From that time of despair and hurt the Japanese Americans have scored a remarkably swift and sweeping triumph over racial prejudice and injustice, and achieved notable economic career success as well."

Why should people of Japanese ancestry, who even before Pearl Harbor were regarded by most Caucasians (and by the law of California) as second-class citizens or not citizens at all, have risen from this peon status this hatred and suspicion, to become as fully accepted in the community as any other group?

A FOUR YEAR history project, sponsored by UCLA, is working on that story, helped by a \$100,000 contribution from the Japanese American Citizens League. But the answers are already emerging.

The story of early World War II is still a painful memory to Americans, no matter what their racial extraction. "A Jap's a Jap," said the Army commander; and Congress and President Roosevelt acquiesced in an exodus as cruel in principle as anything Hitler forced upon the Jews.

What has happened since? Opportunity has opened for those of Japanese descent. A Nisei designed the U.S. Science Pavilion hit of the Seattle World's Fair. Others sit on the benches of our courts. The business and professions—not simply truck gardening—are studded with Japanese names. Dr. Scott Miyakawa, Los Angeles-born Boston University so-

ciologist is directing the UCLA historical survey to preserve for American history an honest scholarly record of how a people from a very different background burdened with extraordinary legal handicaps became creative Americans.

The legal handicaps were there long before Pearl Harbor. The Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 outlawed an earlier "yellow peril" scare concerning Chinese immigration, barred all hope for Issei immigrants to become citizens, although their American-born children were citizens. They could not vote; they could not hold property except by the stratagem of putting title into the name of an American-born infant.

THE SINGLE most sweeping and significant political and social victory for the Japanese in America, Mr. Erickson reports, was the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act of 1952. It repealed the 1924 exclusion act, and at the same time voided "alien land laws" in 16 Western states. (California's law had previously been voided by the state supreme court.) And hundreds of elderly Japanese, not long away from the barbed wire of Tule Lake and Poston, proudly became legal Americans.

How did this image-changing miracle come to pass, even in a country where prejudice does not normally run deep?

First there was the glorious performance of Japanese Americans in World War II—who had to beg for the chance to serve in combat. The 442nd Central Postal Directory became a legend in Italy and France; it had more decorations and more casualties than any other outfit in the service. Other Nisei served with distinction in the Pacific against their distant cousins.

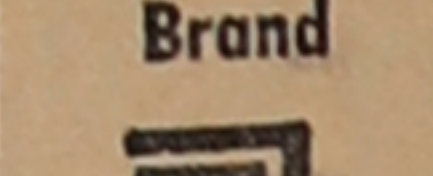
Second, there was a national sense of guilt and shame, stirred by these exploits. Americans of Caucasian descent finally had to admit that the Japanese in America had been loyal to an extent almost incapable of understanding, and that they had been cruelly mistreated. Revulsion against the ugly racism of Adolf Hitler turned Americans to introspection, and they did not like what they had seen. And as these thoughts filtered through, and postwar Japan became a valued ally and trade partner, the "image" of the Japanese-descented person changed—quite magically, it seems—within a very few years.

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By Larry Tajiri

## Vagaries

'Merrill's Marauders'

THERE WAS some concern expressed at the National JACL convention in Seattle, according to reports, over the current motion picture release "Merrill's Marauders." In the past JACL concern has been pinpointed against Hollywood films which have portrayed lies, distortions and misleading information about persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. In the case of "Merrill's Marauders," however, the concern arose from an omission.

In World War II Gen. Frank Merrill's volunteers infiltrated 500 miles behind the Japanese lines in Burma and their operations proved invaluable to the Allies in frustrating any attempt by the enemy to consolidate their military position. Among Merrill's volunteers were a number of Japanese Americans, Henry Goshio and Kenny Yasui to name two, who contributed greatly to the operation and later were suitably decorated. At the time, of course, the Nisei GIs, intelligence experts from the language school at Fort Snelling, worked in complete anonymity.

In the film "Merrill's Marauders," released by Warner Bros., there are no Nisei GIs in the unit and the combat intelligence activity is entrusted to Filipino volunteers. This is the point which aroused considerable discussion at the JACL convention in Seattle, particularly among those delegates who are veterans of military intelligence service in the Pacific. Because of the hush-hush nature of their services in the war against Japan, the wartime contributions of some 6,000 Japanese Americans in military intelligence have not received the widespread publicity accorded Nisei GI activity in other areas. Officials at the Military Intelligence Service language school at Fort Snelling were adamant during most of the Pacific war against any mention of the use of Japanese American intelligence specialists by U.S. forces. This attitude undoubtedly derived from normal intelligence service procedure, but it must have been no secret to the Japanese enemy that there were Nisei GIs in the Pacific.

News stories which were published in the Pacific Citizen, for example, about Nisei in military intelligence during the war came from outside the MIS apparatus. Most of the stories were those filed from the field by newspaper correspondents.

THE ABSENCE of Nisei GIs in "Merrill's Marauders" can be explained easily. When the Hollywood producers of the picture set out to make the film, a jungle setting was needed. The Philippines, which has been attempting to attract Hollywood filmmakers, offered concessions to movie producers and the islands also contained areas which approximated the Burmese jungle.

The concession that the Hollywood people has to make was to include a Filipino hero in the picture. Although there may not have been any Filipinos in Merrill's Marauders, the instances of individual heroism among Filipino scouts with U.S. forces in the battle for the Philippines is well known. The producer on "Merrill's Marauders" took dramatic license in order to film the picture in the Philippines.

SAMUEL FULLER, who wrote the screen play for "Merrill's Marauders" is a Hollywood producer-director-writer who probably has more detailed knowledge of the wartime contributions of the Nisei than any other filmmaker. If Fuller left the Nisei out of his script for "Merrill's Marauders," it is also a fact that he

was one of the first in Hollywood to write in a heroic Nisei figure into a movie about war.

Fuller wrote and directed "The Steel Helmet," first film drama about the Korean war, produced in 1952. "The Steel Helmet" included a grizzled combat veteran named Sergeant Tanaka, played by Richard Loo, who is a veteran of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, a Chinese Communist who taunts him about the mistreatment of Japanese Americans during World War II and specifically mentions the mass evacuation. Tanaka explains to the Chinese prisoner of his belief in democratic justice and why he has fought not alone in Europe but is fighting again in Korea.

Tanaka was a character conceived by Fuller and was put into the story of "The Steel Helmet" to make a dramatic point. Fuller also has a number of scripts for a proposed TV series about a Nisei veteran of the Pacific war who teams with a non-Oriental buddy to set up a private investigative service in Hollywood. The romantic angle of the series was to be provided by the Japanese war bride of the non-Oriental.

Fuller wanted to use James Shigeta as the Nisei veteran and Nobu McCarthy as the war bride, but this TV project has remained dormant for lack of a commercial sponsor.

It was Fuller, however, who gave Shigeta his first Hollywood starring role in "The Crimson Kimono" in which the hero was a Nisei detective involved in a murder case in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

Fuller was out to destroy the stereotyped Hollywood ending in which the Kipling cliché of "east is east, east" has prevailed. In "The Crimson Kimono" Shigeta wins the girl, played by Victoria Shaw, in a triangular romantic situation in which his rival was Glenn Corbett.

### 34th Infantry Div. reunion scheduled

TOLEDO, O. — Veterans of the famous 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Central Postal Directory are invited to attend the 34th Division reunion at the Roosevelt Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sept. 7-9.

Bob Abodeely, of Toledo, in extending the invitation added that "Red Bull veterans are very proud of the Nisei comrades."

The 100th Infantry (Separate) was attached to the 34th Infantry Division during the Rapido River and Anzio Beachhead battles. After the 100th became the First Battalion for the 442nd, the 442nd was attached to the 34th for its initial combat above Rome and to the Arno River.

The 34th Infantry was the first of such veteran organizations to endorse naturalization rights for Issei parents of Nisei servicemen, doing so in 1946 at its first post-WW2 reunion in Des Moines.

#### ON RUSSIAN TOUR

CHICAGO. — Clark J. Tomita, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester M. Tomita, is touring Europe and Russia this month on a \$1,800 scholarship awarded by the Choate School in Wallingford, Conn.

BY ALLAN BEEKMAN

Honolulu  
It never seems to occur to the state legislators that our public institutions, libraries and archives are not supplied with the materials requisite to compiling the full story of Hawaii. And when this lack is pointed out to the individual legislator, with an appeal to remedy it, the request is met with a blank stare.

History tends to be a glorification of the ruling class. Nurtured from the cradle up on an unending diet of ruling class propaganda, the legislators have difficulty understanding that more historical materials should be made available.

The legislators were taught that

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DETROIT 1000er dies  
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By Elmer Ogawa

## Northwest Picture

Seattle after the Convention

WE SEATTLEITES concentrated our time, energy, and what-have-you, so much around the last week in July—truly the height of the season it was, but we felt that there is nothing to live or strive for after the 17th Biennial is over. Needless to say, it was the activity climax of the Seattle Chapter for the year, 1962.

To the hundreds of delegates and dedicated JACL supporters, we in Seattle hope that you have enjoyed the visit, and as Editor Harry Honda said in the previous issue, write in your views of the Convention and World's Fair city to the "Letters" column.

With the closing of the convention, the summer was hardly over, we found out. The Japanese Community Float won the "Queen's Trophy" in the Torchlight Parade, on the Saturday after the convention, as you may have noted in looking at last week's picture below the fold.

Further activity to convince us that the summer was not over, yet, came from the fact that the World's Fair produced two record days of attendance, after a little rain that relieved the heat of Convention time. The Fair attendance record for one day now stands at couple hundred short of 80,000.

Having learned my lesson many years ago, I never make a wager with professional gamblers at their game. But as a challenge to critics of this screwball column, and to those who say that the writer thereof should have been picked up by the guys in the white coats years ago, I offer a proposition to anyone who will make a wager.

Should have odds, but forget about that—(1) that the month of August will see the biggest monthly attendance at the Seattle World's Fair, and (2) that the last week of August will record the highest daily attendance at the World's Fair. Of course reputable journalists cannot run a book and make wagers in their publications, but the above described are my sentiments, and yours truly will stick by the offer. See me personally or send your telegrams to the Terao-Furuta Tavern, 1237 Jackson St.

### SEAFAR FLOAT

In a JACL publication, are you supposed to report the progress of a program that some considered anti-JACL?

New subscribers to the PC may not be aware that during 1960 and 1961, the Seattle Chapter sponsored two floats in the annual Seafair extravaganza, one of the nation's most glamorous festivals. They were prize winners—fact is that the 1961 float swept the field for day and night and community parades. This year, we had a championship to defend.

The Crisco brains (that means fat in the can) of the local JACL tried to shove over the idea that the manpower was not available or could not be spared for such a float venture during the convention year. It was also decided that should an independent organization be willing to take the job of promoting a float, they would get the unqualified help of the JACL in the loan of float equipment and such.

We could relate in some 10,000 words or so how when such an organization was formed, efforts were made to squash the deal, to influence the float designer (to quit); pressure was put on the queen to not cooperate with the selection of her successor—and to eliminate the 10,000 words, it was all dog in the manger stuff.

The float was built, and workers started putting the fresh flowers on the float at 2 a.m. in order to have the float ready for the 7 a.m. judging before the grand parade. The project drew no manpower from the convention effort.

### Sonoma County to honor JACler of Biennium Oda

SANTA ROSA. — Sonoma County JACL members will honor its member, Frank K. Oda, this Saturday with a testimonial dinner at the Green Mill Inn. Oda was named as 1961-62 JACler of the Biennium.

Jim Murakami, chapter president, said a large number of local Issei and Nisei is expected to honor the chapter's administrative officer.

### Calendar

Aug. 18 (Saturday)  
Fresno—Steak dinner, Roeding Park.  
Aug. 19 (Sunday)  
Salinas—NC-WNDC quarterly session, Wonder Lodge.  
Eden Township—Community picnic, Lake Temescal Picnic Grounds.  
Aug. 25 (Saturday)  
Contra Costa—Barbecue, Alvarado Park, Richmond, 1-10 p.m.

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### Chapter Call Board

#### Delano JACL

3rd Reunion: Issei of the community, including former residents of the area who attend the third Delano reunion, being sponsored by Delano JACL, will be special guests. The reunion is planned for Sunday, Sept. 2, at Slavonic Hall. Bill T. Nakagawa, chairman, added that the hall will be open from noon.

#### San Fernando Valley JACL

Blast Off: Four outstanding scholars, Margaret Kawakami and Russell Endo of Verdugo Hills High, Richard Kaku of San Fernando High, and Frank Yorita of Polytechnic High, will be honored by the San Fernando Valley JACL at the Community Center, 129 Branford, Pacoima, on Aug. 25, 8 p.m.

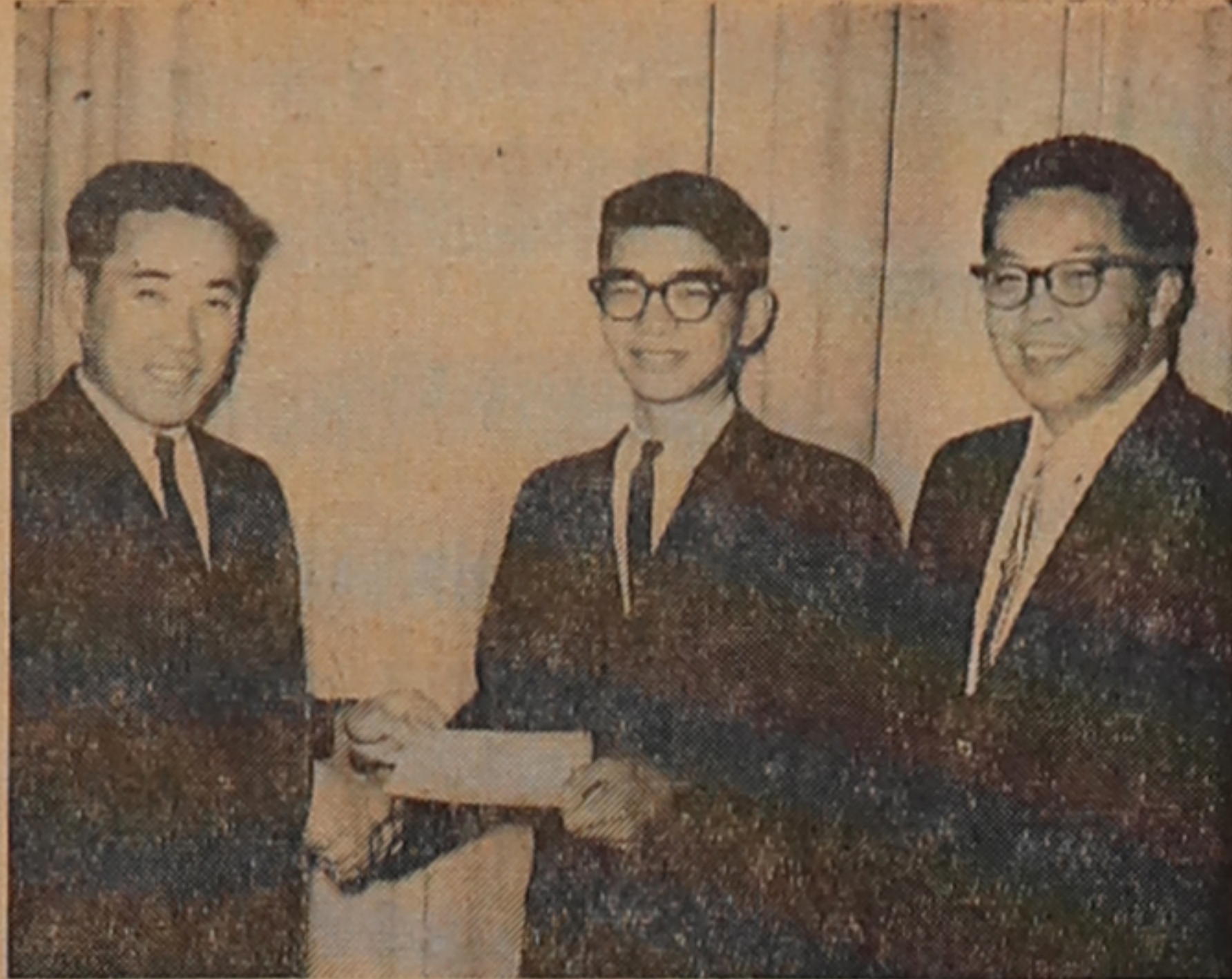
Kats Arimoto, chapter scholarship committee chairman, said films of John Glenn's historic orbital flight and "This Is Your Life, Mike Masaoka" will be shown.

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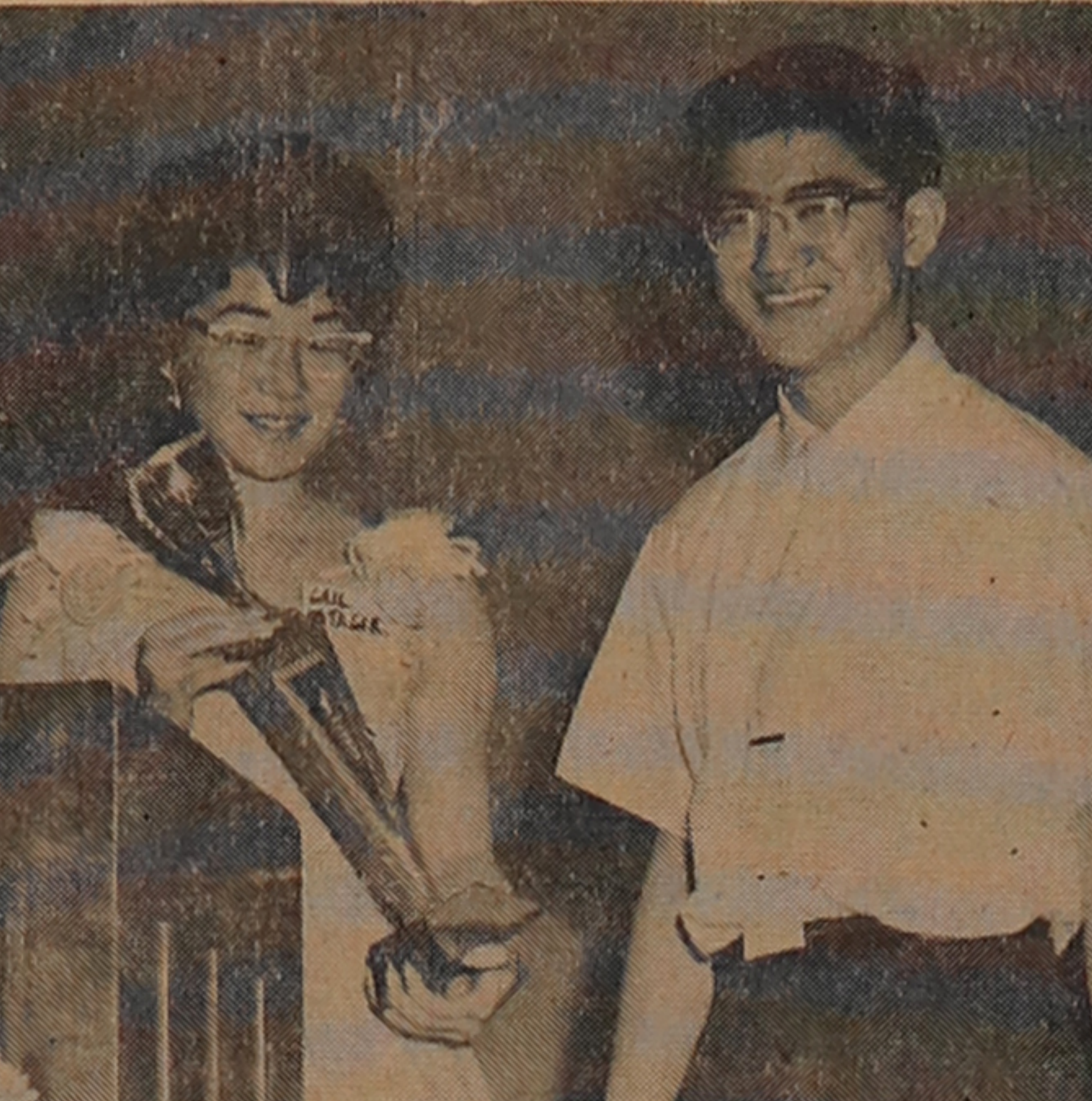
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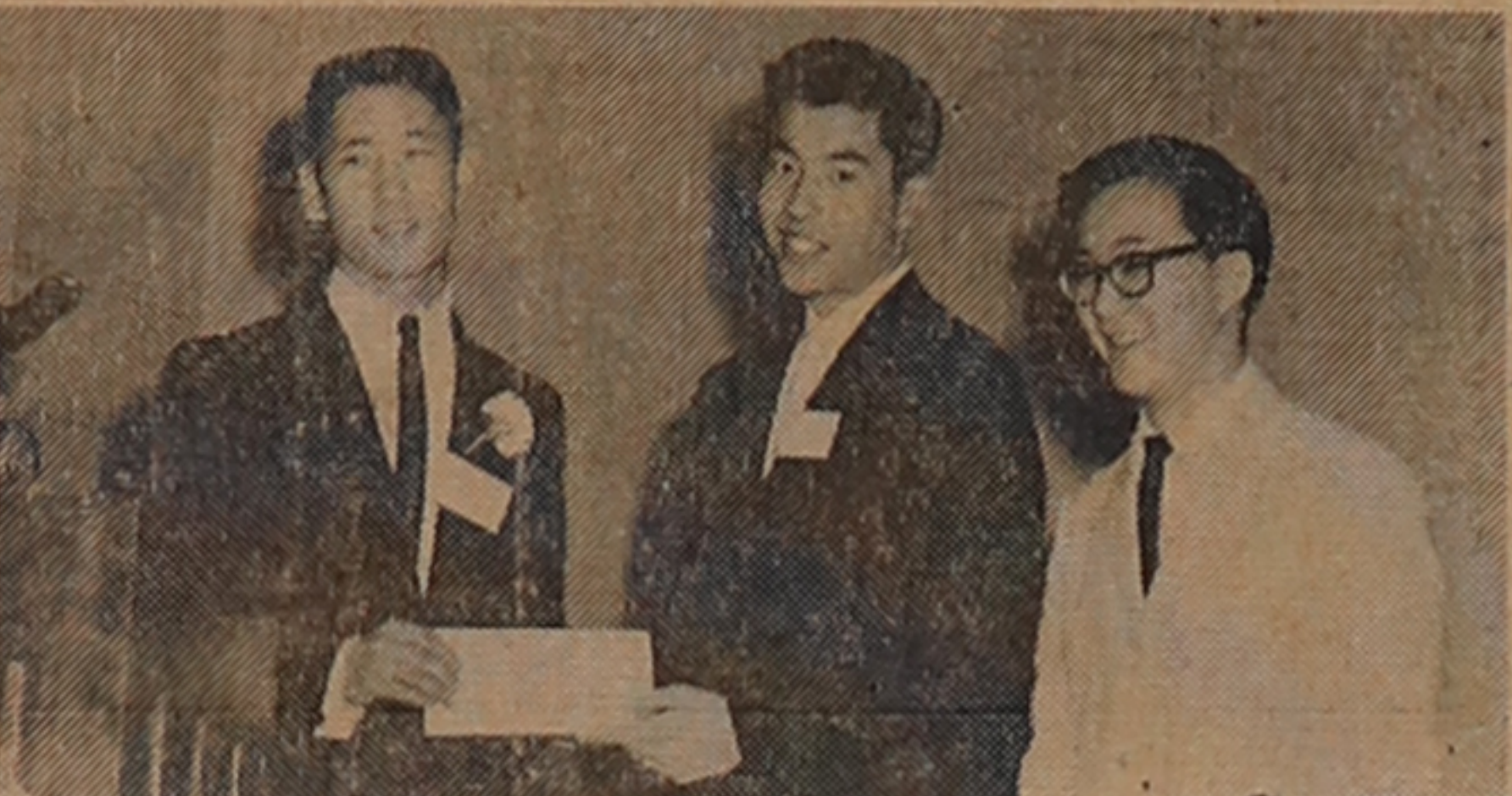
### SAN FRANCISCO JACL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE

John Ino (center), winner of the San Francisco JACL Chapter Scholarship Award of \$250, is being presented a check by Akio Inouye, Scholarship Award chairman. Chapter president, Tad Ono (right), looks on at proceedings. —Steve Doi Photo.



### CHICAGO HONORS ITS 1962 SCHOLAR

Gail Katagiri receiving the 1962 Chicago JACL Scholastic Achievement Trophy from 1962 winner Russell Kumai. Miss Katagiri, a graduate of Prospect High School, Mount Prospect, Illinois, was also a supplementary winner in the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship competition as Chicago's candidate.



### \$200 CHICAGO JACL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Ronald Yoshino (left), 1962 winner of the Chicago Jr. JACL Scholarship of \$200, receiving award from Ken Kasai (center), the 1961 winner, and Ross Harano (right) Jr. JACL President. Ronald is a graduate of Park High School in Chicago.

### High School Graduates Honored

CHICAGO.—The 1962 high school graduates were honored at the "New Horizons" dinner-dance held at McCormick Place June 16. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Raymond Inouye, the affair was well attended by graduates, parents, and friends.

JACL awards and scholarships were presented to the outstanding graduates. The 1962 Chicago Chapter Scholastic Achievement Trophy was awarded to Gail Katagiri, a graduate of Prospect High School, Miss Katagiri, as Chicago's candidate for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, was selected as one of the supplementary winner of this National JACL Award.

Ronald Yoshino, a graduate of Park High School in Chicago, was awarded the \$200 Jr. JACL Scholarship. The \$100 Chicago JACL Citizenship Award was presented to Diana Lynn Morita, graduate of Wells High School in Chicago. She was also awarded an Americanism Medal and Certificate by the Nisei American Legion Post 1183.

A supplementary Citizenship

### Cortez picnickers

TURLOCK.—Close to 90 Cortez JACLers and their families enjoyed the annual steak barbecue at Crane Park here on July 15. Jack Noda and George Okamura, co-chairmen, were assisted by: Kazumi Kajioke, Fred Kajioke, Bill Noda, William Taniguchi, Ben Bumimoto, Ernest Yoshida, Mmes. Albert Morimoto, Saburo Narita, Keichi Yamaguchi and George Okamura.

### MIDWEST GOLFERS

CHICAGO.—Nisei golfers here will compete for the Japanese Consul General Ozawa trophy in the all-city tournament Sept. 9 at St. Andrews Country Club. Mas Nakagawa of the Lakers won last year.

## Monterey Peninsula JACL's jr. baseball success mounts with each passing year

MONTEREY.—The Junior Baseball Clinic, sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula JACL, has concluded its most successful season since the program was started three years ago.

Each year the turnout has increased and this season's peak of 42 players indicates the interest in the program. Not only the youth but their parents also participate.

Program has been for boys of JACLers as well as non-members and as a result, a great deal of goodwill has been generated by non-members toward JACL. Word has gotten around the Peninsula about the success of the program that many non-Nisei have expressed a desire to have their youth included.

The chapter also sponsors a Boy Scout troop, basketball program and a Jr. JACL program for boys. The chapter also feels fortunate in having competent leadership within its membership to conduct the youth programs. Coaches for the baseball clinic were Jim Takigawa and Ky Miyamoto, ably assisted by:

Maya Miyamoto, Frank Tanaka, Haruo Esaki, Sam Sakai, Harold Kodama. Chapter publicly thanked the coaching staff for conducting the program on Sunday afternoons over a 9-week stint. To mark the close of the season, the Jr. baseballers were treated to the Giants-Dodgers game at Candlestick Park last Sunday.

## How 'Tokie' Got His Name: Slocum

FRESNO.—It takes a lot to shake a man who fought in World War I with Sgt. Alvin York, faced the big guns of Congress, and worked as an undercover agent before Pearl Harbor.

But it happened to Tokutaro (Tokie) N. Slocum of 348 N. Echo Ave., who was honored during the Recognition Luncheon at the 17th Biennial JACL Convention in Seattle.

Observers said the 66-year-old Fresno was visibly moved when he received the citation for his fight 27 years ago to have citizenship extended to World War I veterans of Oriental ancestry.

Slocum's work led to the passage of the Nye-Lea Bill in 1935 providing citizenship to Oriental veterans.

During World War I, Slocum fought in France in the 82nd Rainbow Division alongside Sgt. York. He still suffers from injuries received in a poison gas attack.

He rose to the rank of sergeant-major, the highest ranking Oriental in American forces in that war. After his successful efforts in the citizenship fight, he worked as an FBI undercover agent from the time Japan invaded China until Pearl Harbor.

Slocum, who got his last name from the South Dakota family who adopted him in 1904, retired three years ago from his job with the Social Security administration. He lives with his wife Sally. They have a son, Ted, a law student at the Columbia University, and a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Katayama of Selma.

## Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama Japanese Grandfather Burial Site Sought

Mayor Thomas K. Cook of Hilo, who came to Japan to attend the ceremony to establish sisterhood relationships between his "Big Island" of Hawaii and Oshima of Tokyo recently, was looking for his grandfather's birthplace. (Cook is actually County Chairman of Hawaii, appointed first in 1953 to fill a vacancy and then re-elected in following successive elections.)

His grandfather was Matsugoro Kuwada, who went to Hawaii at the turn of the Meiji Restoration almost 90 years ago. His mother was "Kimi," who often told him about his Japanese grandfather.

Cook used to be a banker at the Bank of Hawaii. His sun-tanned complexion and 6-foot-2 appearance does not show any trace of his Japanese ancestry. However, his heritage is deeply concealed in his delicate sentiment and racial pride.

When he visited Oshima, which means the "Big Island" in Japanese, he experienced one of the most dramatic moments of his life.

### Delivers Letters

He had been asked to deliver letters to the aged uncles of the wife of Supervisor Hiroshi Kasamato, prominent political figure in the Big Island. Mrs. Kasamato hails from Seattle, where her mother still resides. Cook handed the letters to Takenosuke Kanakawa, 75, and Tomosaburo Akita, 70. The former's younger sister is evidently Mrs. Kasamato's mother in Seattle, according to what the old men related.

"Mrs. Kasamato asked me to deliver the letters to you. I am happy to hand the letters personal-

ly to you. She is a fine lady—and her husband is an able man on my Board. He is the chairman of the City Planning and other posts. I am proud of having such Nisei members," explained Mayor Cook.

Mrs. Kasamato's letter in English explained that she was so happy to learn that her "Big Island" and Oshima, where her uncles are residing, were to be brought together as Sister Islands. The aged old men were tearful to hear from the niece in Hawaii Island, although she knew that the old men would never be able to read it. I was happy to translate the letter. The spirit behind the letter was so touching and beautiful.

### Highlight of Mission

Some day this Nisei woman may learn to write in Japanese kanakana. This shall please her uncles to read letters from their relatives in America.

"The highlight of my visit to Oshima was the delivery of these letters. I am so happy to be able to accomplish this mission," said Mayor Cook.

The exchanging of Sister Island resolutions were simple and dignified. Oshima's population is only 12,000. There is a famous volcano on Mt. Miharua. The Big Island's population is 63,000. It, too, has a volcano, Kilauela. But other modern facilities at the Big Island cannot be compared to that of Oshima, which is being squeezed by big financiers.

Big shots from Tokyo came to Oshima and squeezed out everything. One of these days some



### GRESHAM-TROUTDALE HONORS GRADS, BOWLERS

Graduates and bowling champions shared honors at the recent Gresham-Troutdale JACL dinner. Top photo shows the 1962 graduates (from left): Pat Honma, recently selected Miss Milwaukie; David Kato, Cheryl Kinoshita, Fred Takashima, Mrs. Mabel Southworth (guest speaker), Richard Okamoto and Mae Ouchida. Lower photo shows the members of the winning team of the JACL League: Joe Kato, Fumi Kato, Hawley Kato and Yuri Kato—of Kato's Mobil Service.

—Photos by Jack Ouchida.

## Nisei rebuffed 20 years ago by bakers union voted head of retail bakers group

SAN FRANCISCO.—Some 20 years ago, a Nisei baker had difficulty joining his union. Early this year Takeo (Babe) Utsumi, who owns and operates Hokamp's Bakery here, was installed as president of the San Francisco Retail Bakers Assn.

Back around 1938, Utsumi who is now 44, decided he wanted to learn the bakery trade. He wanted to expand his father, Eihiro Utsumi's Japanese confectionery store Tsuruya in Stockton to include a bakery department.

He came to San Francisco, but found that union restrictions barred him from securing any apprenticeship position in bakeries here.

### Receives Training Here

The only exception was Eagle Cafe and Bakery operated by Genzo Nakahiro on Buchanan St. and Utsumi worked there for 2½ years. He then went to Minneapolis, Minn., with Nakahiro's son Yasuhisa, to study baking at Dunwoody Institute, returning finally to Stockton in 1940 to open his Tak's Bakery as part of the family Tsuruya store.

World War II and the West Coast evacuation cut short the life of this store. Utsumi went to Detroit and later served in the army, including duty at Monterey after the army Japanese language school was moved there.

From 1948 he was employed for eight years at Ahrens Bakery on Van Ness Ave. and in 1956 bought the Hokamp's Bakery.

He was soon active in the local young and capable men may come to the front and save the fate of this Island.

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