



EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

He Helped to Write History

Ralph P. Merritt, former project director at the Manzanar Relocation Center in California during the evacuation days of World War II, was a deep and sincere friend of the Japanese. His friendship stemmed almost 70 years ago when he became acquainted with the late Danzo Kiyowara in Oakland with whom he maintained a lifelong friendship and with whom he organized the Japan America Society. In 1924 as president-general manager of the California Rice Growers Association he was instrumental in personally supervising the distribution of millions of tons of rice to Japan immediately after the Great Earthquake and saw to the needs and comforts of thousands of persons in Japan. When the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924 was enacted by the U.S. Congress and an anti-American riot broke out in Tokyo, Mr. Merritt who was in Tokyo at the time vowed that this shameful blot of racial prejudice manifested by the United States towards a great and proud people of Japan would be rectified in some manner, and to this end Mr. Merritt devoted his entire life.

As the Manzanar project director, Mr. Merritt administered with a just and humane hand, allowing residents of the center to have a free and democratic government for management of their internal affairs with representatives from blocks and areas to determine the policy of living and programs which would be to the best interests and welfare of the evacuees.

Mr. Merritt's lifetime admiration for the Japanese and particularly his belief that the Nisei contributed so much by their loyalty to the United States and their patience and understanding motivated Mr. Merritt to urge upon President Clark Kerr of the University of California and Chancellor Frank Murphy of the UCLA campus, to join the JACL in preserving and publishing the History of the Japanese in the United States. Mr. Merritt played a key role and occupied a position of integrity, firmness and stubbornness in urging upon the university administration the value of such a study and publication not only to people in the United States, but to people and officials of all countries in the world and particularly to countries of the Far East where knowledge of the acceptance of persons of Japanese ancestry into the American democratic way of life would be dramatically illustrated.

All persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States have lost a dear and staunch friend and supporter in the passing away of Ralph P. Merritt.

Washington Newsletter:

Supreme Court and Religious Freedom

NO UNITED STATES Supreme Court decision in recent years has evoked more controversy and discussion than its ruling last June (1962) declaring unconstitutional the use of a non-denominational Christian prayer that had been composed by New York State officials and was required reading opening every school day.

Americans of Japanese ancestry who embrace the Buddhist faith are among those most concerned with such issues, especially since in their view public school practices that emphasize Christianity tend to lead Buddhist children away from that particular faith and toward Christianity in their effort to conform to what would appear to be the more accepted religious practices of the Nation.

In a predominantly Christian-Jewish society, the Buddhist finds too many evidences of these religious influences without having their children subjected to what—in their mind—is special indoctrination at public expense in the public schools to which they must contribute as taxpayers.

To many thinking Buddhists, such practices are violative of the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution. But they have felt a sense of frustration until recently regarding any action that might put a stop

to what many of them have resignedly accepted in the past as the inevitable consequence of living in a dominantly Christian community.

The growing awareness of the American people, and the concern of the nation's highest tribunal, with this problem, therefore, are welcomed by Japanese American Buddhists, along with others who feel that religion of any kind should not be taught, directly or indirectly, in any public school in the land.

ABOUT A month ago (March 1 and 2), the nine justices of the Supreme Court spent two days listening to oral arguments in two cases involving the reading of the Bible and the repeating of the Lord's Prayer in the public schools.

It was clear from the questioning that the justices were troubled by the criticism of their ruling last summer in the so-called New York prayer case. Particularly galling have been the comments that the Court and the justices are against religion. Certainly no one who read Associate Justice Black's opinion in that case and listened to the arguments last month could reach that conclusion.

Chief Justice Warren observed at one point that some parents may oppose Bible reading and (Continued on Page 2)

Reno JACL coordinates welcome activities of five Waseda cross-country hikers

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

RENO. — The Reno JACL helped to make the weekend stay of the cross-country hikers from Waseda University here a memorable one. As the lads approached the city, they were greeted by a huge 10x40 ft. billboard extending the city's welcome written in Japanese, donated by the Naegele Advertising Co. at the request of the Reno JACL.

Last Saturday, the chapter held a potluck dinner for the hikers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Debold, chapter president. Greetings were extended by Iseki members, Mr. Oshima and Mr. Nishiguchi. After the dinner, the boys entertained with Japanese songs. They were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ishii of nearby Sparks.

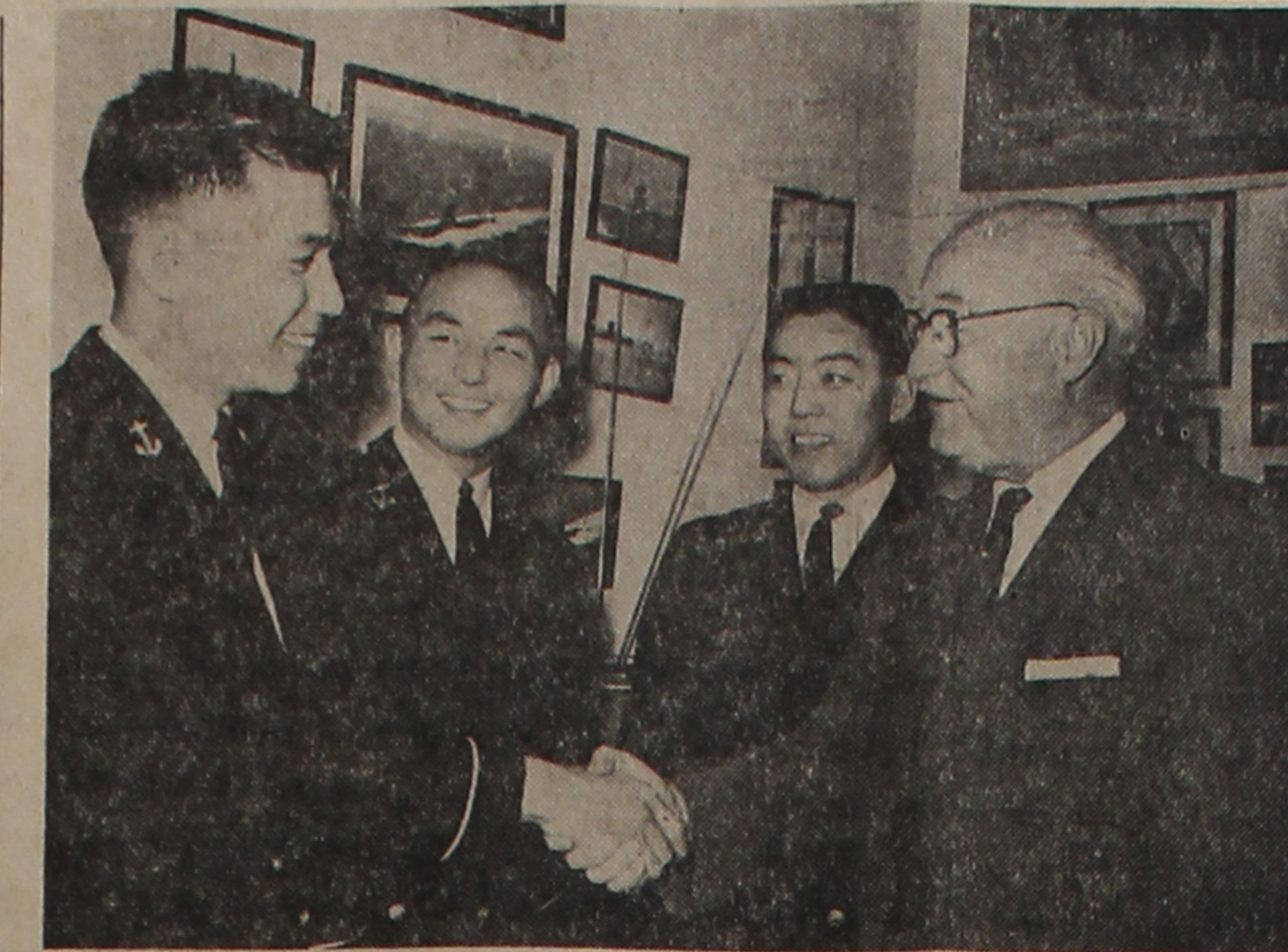
The lads, enroute to New York, rested Sunday at the Debold residence in preparing for the trip ahead. They departed Reno Monday morning and were planning

to stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Takenaka of Lovelock.

The boys were greeted enthusiastically at Stateline, Nev., last week and from that point through Reno, their activities were coordinated by the Reno JACL. At Carson City, they lunched with Gov. and Mrs. Sawyer at his mansion and toured state offices. They were given an ovation from the Assembly, which was in session at the time.

Four of the hiking team are walking while the group leader, Noboru Tajima is in a car which carries additional equipment and used for purposes of contacting towns ahead of their route. They are planning to reach Salt Lake City by April 28.

The Reno chapter, encouraging other chapters east of here to welcome the goodwill ambassadors on foot, suggested they contact local state and university officials if welcoming plans are being made (Continued on Page 4)



THREE SANSEI MIDDIES—ALL FROM EAST LOS ANGELES AREA

Congressman Chet Holifield is shown congratulating Midshipmen Gerald Nomura (left) on his coming graduation this June, while Garry Mayetani (center) and Ted Sada look on. The Los Angeles congressman appointed all three to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Three Midshipmen Visit Rep. Holifield, Who Appointed Them

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON.—Midshipmen Gerald Takeo Nomura, Ted Kanji Sada, and Garry Mikio Mayetani, all of Los Angeles, recently called on Congressman Chet Holifield (D., Calif.), to personally thank him for having appointed them all to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Nomura is a senior, who after graduating this June expects to be assigned to the Bureau of Supplies. Sada is a junior and Mayetani is a sophomore.

The three Los Angeles midshipmen were accompanied by Mike Masaoka and Mary Toda of the Washington JACL Office and Dr. Ray Murakami, a dentist, who

knew the midshipmen while he was a student at UCLA.

The Washington JACL Office commented that it was an interesting coincidence that of the five Japanese Americans currently at Annapolis, three are from Los Angeles and all three were appointed by one Congressman. The other two midshipmen are from the State of Hawaii. It is believed that Congressman Holifield has appointed more Japanese Americans to the Naval Academy than any other member of the Congress.

All three were appointed on the basis of competitive examinations and personal interviews.

Nomura is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Seichi Nomura of 3642 Percy St. A 1958 graduate of 3642 Percy Garfield High School, he was appointed by the Los Angeles Congressman following a year at East Los Angeles Junior College.

Sadamoto is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sadamoto of 2125 E. Third St. A 1959 graduate of Theodore Roosevelt High School, he was appointed after a year at Los Angeles City College.

Mayetani is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kazuichi Mayetani of 2044 Federal Ave. A 1959 graduate of James A. Garfield High School, he too was appointed after a year at East Los Angeles Junior College.

Mayetani is a member of the Honor Committee at the Academy, being the high man in the class of '65 in conduct.

In an interview with the Voice of America, all three of the mid-

shipmen declared that their years at Annapolis "were the toughest" of their young lives.

Washington JACL Representative Mike Masaoka recalled that the first Japanese American to be appointed to a service academy was George Shibata of Garland, Utah, who was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. by the late Sen. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, in 1947. Shibata became a jet fighter hero of the Korean War. He is presently an attorney in Southern California. He has also appeared in a number of motion pictures and in television.

The first Nisei to be appointed to the United States Naval Academy was Takeshi Yoshihara of Renton, Wash., who was appointed by Congressman Thor C. Toller of Washington in 1949. He is still in the Navy, though is present assignment and rank is not known to the JACL Office.

The initial West Point and Annapolis appointments were urged by the JACL as a part of its program to open up the service academies to qualified Americans of Japanese ancestry.

When the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, was opened in 1955, the first Nisei to be appointed to its first class were Wilfred M. Motokane of Honolulu by the late Delegate from the then Territory of Hawaii, Joseph Farrington, and Kenneth Namba of Denver, Colorado, by Congressman Byron Rogers of Colorado.

Philadelphia JACL installation hailed as 'most successful' with Rep. Matsunaga, Marutani, Masaoka, Yoshino on program

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

PHILADELPHIA. — Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D., Hawaii) blended the expressions of Hawaii, GI lingo and a natural talent for mimicry into his very serious message on "Why a JACL" at the Philadelphia JACL installation dinner on Mar. 30.

Without reciting the past accomplishments of JACL, since these are known and too numerous to cite, the Congressman declared "JACL has proven itself as one of the most effective organizations representing the interests of minority groups in the entire United States and that it has been responsible for corrective governmental and social actions designed to serve the ends of justice."

In helping to resolve the problems that have beset Japanese Americans, "JACL may have created for itself the problem of its continued existence," he continued.

"It is at this juncture that we need to remind ourselves of the past to analyze our present situation and to look into the future, all with a view towards re-orientation if such be necessary," the Harvard-educated legislator advised.

War Years Recalled

To illustrate his main theme, the Nisei congressman referred to the formation of the 100th Infantry and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the heroism of Nisei GIs—to prove that Americanism is a matter of the heart and mind and not of race or color.

Anticipating the question that all this was merely dwelling upon the past, he declared: "We keep talking about the dead and the past because there are still those among us who need to be reminded of the past to guide (ourselves)

in (our) present-day thinking."

The lesson to be gained from history is that "despite the fact that the Japanese Americans proved under the severest tests that he is as American as any other regardless of his racial ancestry, there are still those who advocate the belief that because we are of Japanese ancestry we must have differently from other Americans, that we must not aggressively project ourselves to the forefront in the American scene."

Matsunaga urged these Nisei to abandon their pre-1941 attitudes. "If we are to make our fullest contribution to the American way of life, if we are to share our just burden in building a greater America, we must cease to become hyphenated Americans," he declared. "We must work side by side, without fear of criticism on account of our racial ancestry, along with any and all other Americans."

Most Impressive

The message was very inspirational to the overflow audience, which met the Valley Forge Hotel in Norristown. A good percentage of guests were non-Japanese.

One Caucasian guest, who happens to be a top executive, was especially complimentary. He said he had been to nearly 15 banquets in the past month, including one in which Edward R. Murrow was toastmaster; but he stated that "this banquet impressed me more than any of the others... the balance in the light and serious portions of the program was good, the music delightful, the speakers terrific."

With a team of Matsunaga, William Marutani, Mike Masaoka and John Yoshino as speakers, how could it miss.

Marutani, nat'l 3rd v.p., speak-

Tsukamoto awards added to JACL scholarship program

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

SAN FRANCISCO. — National JACL Headquarters this week announced the opening of the 1963 scholarship program administered by the National JACL. Seven scholarships are available for this year's high school graduates of Japanese ancestry who will continue their education and who are nominated by their respective JACL Chapters.

The scholarships are headed by the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship now in its 18th year, given by Mrs. Haruyo Masaoka in memory of her son killed in action with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Mrs. Masaoka's annual gift of \$200 is supplemented by \$100 from Dr. James Kimura of Royal Oaks, Mich., co-recipient of the first Pvt. Ben Masaoka Memorial Scholarship in 1946.

Two new scholarships of \$250 each have been added to the National JACL scholarship program this year by Mrs. Tomoyo Tsukamoto of San Mateo, widow of 1939-1940 National JACL President Walter T. Tsukamoto. These scholarships, to be known as the Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto Memorial Scholarships, will be given annually and preference will be made on the basis of need.

"We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Tsukamoto for her generosity, JACL is proud to administer these scholarships in honor of Walter Tsukamoto who gave so much of himself to JACL during its earlier years," stated JACL Director Masao Satow who served on the 1937-1938 National Board as Assistant Executive Secretary under the then National Executive Secretary Tsukamoto.

The Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto Memorial Scholarships will be limited to those whose parents are current members of JACL or who themselves are Junior JACL members. This same requirement will also apply to applicants for the four National JACL Supplemental Scholarships of \$200 each.

Recipient of the 1962 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship was Tetsu Hojo of San Jose. National JACL Supplemental scholarships were awarded to Dick Kaku, San Fernando Valley; Sharon Kato, Pocatello; Gail Katagiri, Chicago; and Russell Endo, Southwest Los Angeles.

Chapters will send names and addresses of recommended nominees to the JACL National Scholarship Committee, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 15, Calif., by the deadline of May 20.

Bill against 'block-busting' tactics of real estate salesmen may salvage possible defeat of Rumford Fair Housing measure

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

SACRAMENTO. — Defeat of the anti-discrimination housing ordinance in Berkeley's municipal election leaves Californians wondering how this will affect Governor Brown's civil rights program.

The Legislature has been sitting on a somewhat similar statewide measure on fair housing, waiting to see how the Berkeley referendum of April 2 came out. Five days earlier, the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy recommended a "do pass" on AB 1240, the housing measure, which is now before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Berkeley rejected the ordinance 22,720 to 20,323.

Brown's Reaction

Right off, Governor Brown said the Berkeley vote "would not indicate a go-slow" course for his fair housing program. But influential Democratic Speaker of the Assembly, Jesse Unruh, said the defeat might well mean that "more education" by the citizens is called for before the Legislature tackles its slightly modified version of the rejected Berkeley civil rights proposal.

The Rumford bill outlaws discrimination in most housing placed on the market for sale or rental. Unlike the Berkeley ordinance, it would not affect private dwellings. To enforce the provisions of the Rumford bill, Governor Brown has asked that the FEPC be converted to a broader-based Fair Practices Commission, increasing its present membership of five to seven and

that it be given authority to initiate its own investigations and complaints of discrimination in both employment and housing.

"Our experience with FEPC has shown that this is the best approach for dealing with discrimination," the Governor said. "The emphasis is on affirmative compliance, on voluntary change; not expensive and often bitter court proceedings. But for those stubborn few who refuse to be moved by appeals for simple justice and decency, the commission must be armed with the power to enforce its findings."

Frank Quinn, who spearheaded the pro-ordinance drive in Berkeley, speculated that Negroes themselves may have turned the tide, perhaps because they were as concerned as many white residents about possible infringement on property rights.

Others cited arguments against criminal penalties (six months in jail or \$500 or both).

Unruh and Senate President pro tem Hugh M. Burns (D., Fresno) agreed the result dimmed prospects for approval of the Rumford bill, at least in its present form. They also agreed that penal provisions would have to be removed from all proposed state civil rights legislation this year.

Block-Busting Tactics

One measure they predicted might be salvaged is the bill aimed at so-called "block busting" real estate sales, introduced last week by Sen. George Miller (D., Martinez) and Assemblyman Unruh. It is also endorsed by Attorney General Stanley Mosk and Real Estate Commissioner Milton Gordon.

"Block busting" works as follows: real estate brokers go into an area populated by whites, but just on the edge of a Negro area. They spread rumors that Negroes are moving in and get whites to agree to sell property below market value. An agent-partner of the broker buys the house. The property is sold to Negroes at inflated prices.

Miller's bill would give the real estate commissioner broad powers to draft rules and regulations against this practice. Brokers violating the rules would be subject to suspension or revocation of their licenses.

Miller stated that this "panic selling" fosters economic inequ-

Election Returns

School Board: Incumbent Pat Nagano was successful in his bid to re-election to the San Luis Obispo school board Tuesday. In a four-way race for three seats, he had 4,026 votes—some 500 behind the leader.

Yasui to address

Colorado collegians

DENVER. — The 18th annual Intercollegiate Students Conference April 19-21 at the swank Aspen Lodge in Estes Park promises a full weekend of seminars, recreation and a banquet where Min Yasui, MPDC chairman, is the speaker.

Conference is attended by Nisei students attending Colorado colleges and is headed this year by Henry Tobo of Colorado State.

SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP

FOWLER. — Fowler JACL has contributed \$15 in support of the American Field Exchange student program.

ties. "But the real loser in every case is the community which has been torn apart."

Miller and Unruh said block-busting only preserves minority area "ghettos" by expanding their periphery. If it is stopped, they contended, true integration throughout the community will be encouraged. "We are trying to take the profit out of the promotion of bigotry," Unruh added.

Wallace J.S. Johnson, the anti-ordinance candidate for mayor, won over Dr. Fred Stripp, 22,415 to 20,473. He regarded the defeat of the referendum as a reaffirmation of human rights to personal privacy and freedom of ownership, control and disposal of single homes.

Johnson said he was in favor of the Rumford bill and suggested an inter-fair committee in open occupancy in housing be established in Berkeley to aid in the housing problem.

Backers of the Berkeley fair housing ordinance are reported thinking of re-introducing the measure without the penalty features.

Anti-miscegenation repeal introduced in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — A bill to repeal long-time ban on marriages between races, including "Mongolians" was introduced in the Missouri House of Representatives this past week.

Rep. Hugh J. White (D.), a St. Louis Negro, is the author of the measure.

As the law now stands, even if intermarriage occurred elsewhere, the couple is barred from residence in Missouri.

Violation is a misdemeanor, carrying a fine of up to \$1,000 or a year in jail or both.

Nebraska governor signs LB 179

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

OMAHA. — Nebraska Governor Frank Morrison on April 5 signed the bill to eliminate the prohibition against interracial marriages. It was passed by the legislature the week previous 29-12.

The ban against marriages between whites and Orientals was enacted in 1913. But anti-miscegenation laws were enacted in the first session of the territorial legislature in 1855, prohibiting marriages of whites with Negroes or mulattoes.

"The action last week by the Governor and the action of the state legislature in removing this ban is indicative of the times and of the acceptance of persons of Japanese ancestry in Nebraska," National JACL President K. Patrick Okura said.

JACL and especially the Omaha chapter were among the key proponents in favor.

It's Maj. Dan Inouye

WASHINGTON. — Sen. Dan Inouye was commissioned an Army Reserve major in the Judge Advocate Dept. recently. His disability was waived by the Secretary of the Army. During World War II, he rose from a private to a captain in the infantry before being wounded in Italy and losing his right arm.



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OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH

Our interest in Canada's national election Monday was whetted by the "anti-American" scare stories appearing in the American press. Only Canadian papers we see are the Nisei vernaculars and there were no such stories. Their concern in the last election veered toward immigration and a wish for a stable government.

Since the Pacific Citizen, from time to time, has reported on the problems and progress of Canadians of Japanese and Chinese ancestries, we were moved to comment on U.S.-Canadian relations and report what Canadian Nisei expected in the election.

Because Prime Minister Diefenbaker regarded U.S. State Dept.'s charge on Jan. 30 that Canada wasn't doing its share in the joint defense of North America by accepting nuclear warheads as "an unwarranted intrusion in Canadian affairs", his government subsequently fell and the hue of "anti-American" was heard in the States. Yet we can sympathize with him since he believes in a strong "pro-Canadian" platform.

Canadian Nisei were enchanted with Diefenbaker's Progressive Conservative party since it was committed to liberalizing immigration restrictions against Orientals. In fact, the first Oriental member of the Canadian parliament belonged to this party, representing a constituency in Vancouver, B.C. But the enchantment faded as the promise failed to materialize among other things. Immigration is still a key national issue confronting Japanese Canadians.

It appears the Canadian Nisei were swinging toward Lester Pearson's Liberal party, which campaigned on a "stable government" platform. One writer in the New Canadian, one of two Japanese vernaculars published in Toronto, said platforms of the various parties were not too clear-cut but implored voters to support the party directed to give Canada a stable government—one with a substantial majority in the House of Commons. "Only through such government can minority interests be safeguarded and constitutional guarantees be respected."

In retrospect, "anti-Americanism" in Canada made that nation. Twice, in 1775 and in 1812, American armies invaded Canada with intent to absorb it. The revolutionary army took Montreal in the winter of 1775-76 but failed at Quebec; thousands of American loyalists fled to Canada from the United States, which refused to compensate the loyalties for their confiscated property. Great Britain did, making very remote any prospect of Canada's union with the United States. In 1812, American armies were hurled back long the northern frontiers—especially in Maine and the Niagara Falls area.

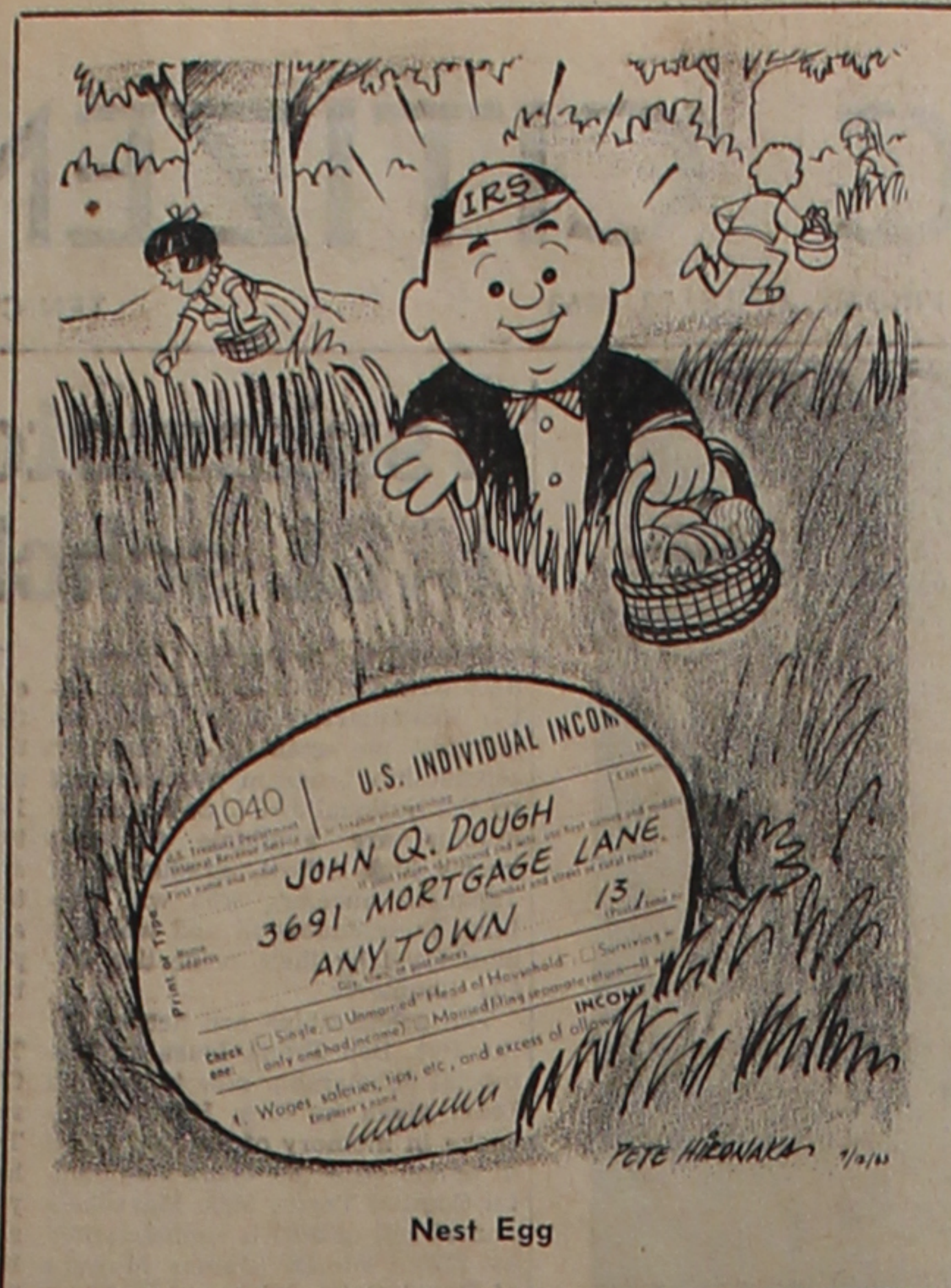
Canada and the U.S. has bickered constantly over fisheries, nor should we forget assistance of Canadian rebels in 1837, and the patronizing remarks about Canadians being British subjects. Canadians resented the settlement of the Maine and Oregon borders, the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty in 1866, the Fenian forays after the Civil War, the agitations for annexation in British Columbia in the 1860s and in the U.S. in the 1880s and Teddy Roosevelt's big-stick methods of settling the Alaska boundary dispute in 1903.

Loud Yankee talk at the time of reciprocity agitation in 1911 also left wounds. Because of the highly protectionist U.S. tariff law of 1909, Canada seriously considered retaliation. In 1911, the Taft administration therefore agreed with Canada to allow a long list of commodities, mostly foodstuffs, would be reciprocally admitted free or with reduced duties. The House agreed, but the Senate responded to the outcry of American lumber, grain and fish interests, adjourned without taking action. Taft had to call a special session into force the measure through William Randolph Hearst, eager to secure cheap wood pulp, vigorously supported reciprocity but his spreading of the gospel of reciprocity only left a bad taste in the Canadian mouths. Vested interests in Canada insisted Canada would become the "backyard and lumber camp of New England" and in the 1911 Canadian general election, it boiled down to a choice of "the Union Jack or the Old Glory". Result of the election was a victory for the anti-reciprocity Conservative party.

Despite these differences, the two nations have presented to the world for over a century an unarmed land and water boundary some 3,000 miles across the continent. This principle was enacted in 1819 in defining the international borders on the great lakes.

The extraordinarily friendly relationship gained momentum in the 1930s when the dictators in Europe became trigger-happy. The Dominion applauded Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938 when he said: "I give you assurance that the people of the United States will not stand idly by if domination of Canadian soil is threatened by any other empire." It was interpreted as an extension of the Monroe Doctrine to our northern neighbors. Two years later, a permanent joint board of defense to study defense problems relating directly to U.S. and Canada was organized. Lend-lease of 1941 followed, and by Dec. 7, Canada and the U.S. were wedded by a common foe.

This brings us to today and to the recent Saturday Evening Post article on the Canadian elections. In it, a Canadian journalist is quoted: "What the American people have not understood is that Canada is important to the U.S. not only because it is on the northern border but because Canada is the final test of American national morality. If the U.S. mistreats Canada, no other nation will trust it. You have to get along with Canada or you will not be able to get along with anyone."



Nest Egg

PC LETTERBOX:

Michigan Constitution Ratified

Dear Editor:

The voters of Michigan turned out in record numbers on April 1 to adopt the new state constitution. It was Governor Romney's first vote of confidence.

Washtenaw County, in which I reside, led the state with a 11.9% plurality in favor. The neighboring Wayne County, stronghold of the AFL-CIO and the Democratic Party, voted No by a 48.94% plurality.

The new constitution goes into effect Jan. 1, 1964. It establishes a civil rights commission to assure "equal protection under the law" of all Michigan residents. The new year opens brightly with a strong civil rights section in the constitution, a wonderful backdrop for the biennial National JACL Convention to be held in Detroit in 1964. The city has also extended bids to hold the Republican and Democratic national nominating conventions in 1964.

DR. JOSEPH D. SASAKI
Ann Arbor, Mich.

In Support of Carol

Dear Editor:

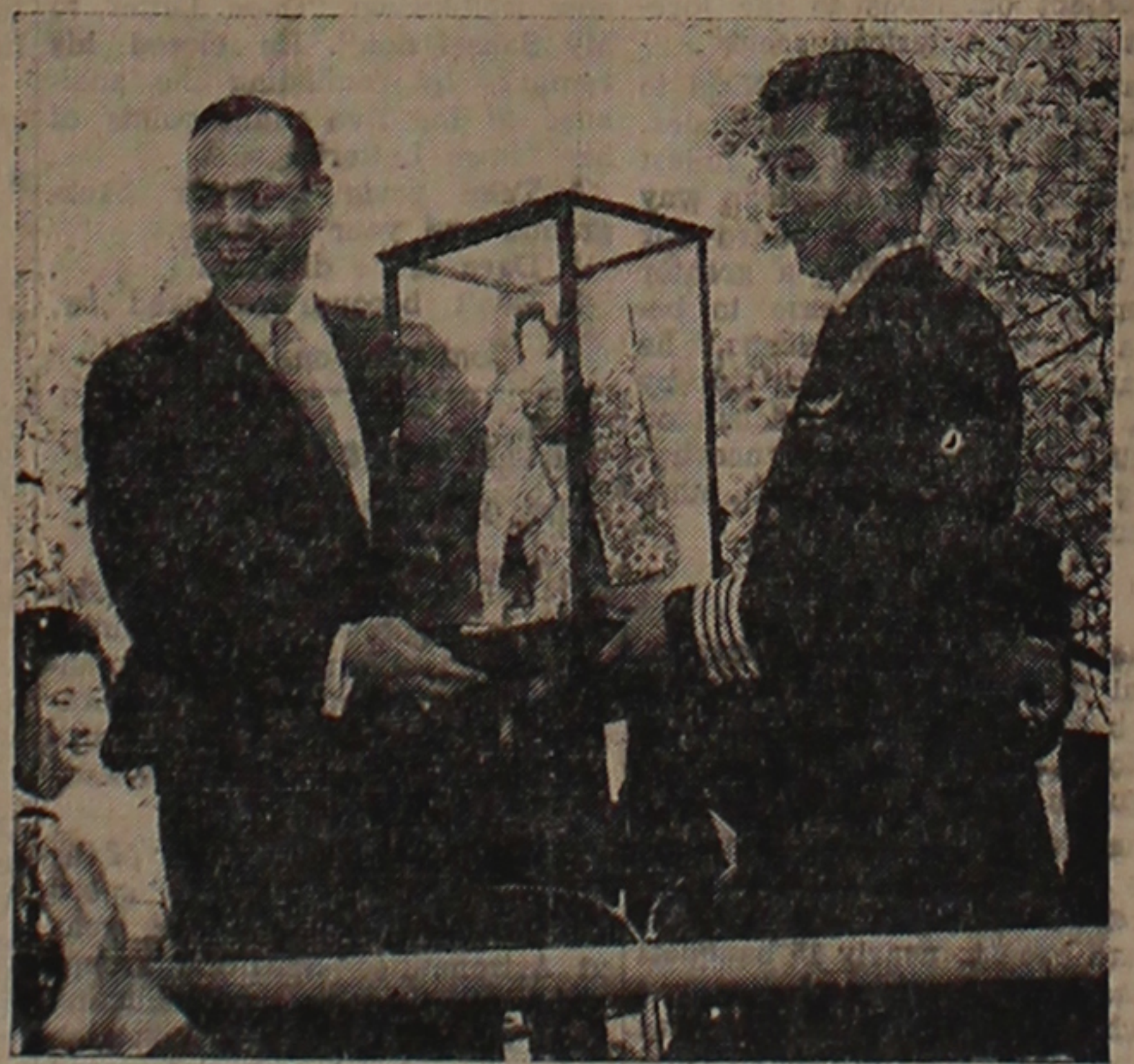
Do not despair, Carol, there is at least one other JACL member who shares your concern. As long as there are those like you who dare to ask probing questions, and who are willing to face self-scrutiny, perhaps there is still some vibrancy left in JACL.

Nor do I have any quarrel with Dr. Frank Sakamoto's contentions. However, it seems to me it is about time we emerged from our narrow interests. We are much too

REP. WALTER PREFERS N.Y.'S BANNED PRAYER

WASHINGTON. — When the U.S. Supreme Court rendered its now famous ruling in the New York State public school prayer case, Rep. Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania became one of the strongest opponents of the decision.

Since last June when the decision was handed down, Walter's secretarial staff has been typing in at the top of his letters the first words of the banned prayer — "Almighty God we acknowledge our dependence on Thee."



CONGRESSMAN ROBERT TAFT (left), grandson of President William Howard Taft, and Japan Air Lines Captain Yukinaga Ozaki, grandson of former Tokyo Mayor Yukio Ozaki, were honored participants in the 1963 Cherry Blossom Festival of Washington, D.C. The original cherry trees around the famous Tidal Basin were sent to Washington in 1912 by Mayor Ozaki as a goodwill gesture during the Taft administration. Fifty-one years later the two grandsons met in Washington and exchanged gifts in memory of their illustrious grandfathers. Congressman Taft presented an American dogwood tree and some Washington-grown cherry trees to Captain Ozaki who reciprocated with an elaborate doll depicting a Japanese cherry blossom dancer. —Japan Air Lines photo

Masaoka—

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prayer in the schools because they believe such exercises are too sacred for such public displays.

THE TWO cases heard last month involved the constitutionality under the First Amendment of Bible reading, with or without the Lord's Prayer, to start the public school day. Maryland's top court, in a 4-3 decision, upheld such practices in Baltimore schools. A Federal Court in Pennsylvania, however, declared them to be unconstitutional.

The justices, in their questions, sought to square the Bible and the Lord's Prayer with the First Amendment's ban on Government establishment of religion and its guarantee of free exercise of religion.

Associate Justice Stewart, who was the lone dissenter in the 6-1 holding of last June in the New York case, several times stated that under the "excuse" provisions in the schools involved, objecting students could "just walk away from this ceremony" and not take part. He indicated this might be important in deciding whether the school practices involved any coercion upon students that would infringe upon the free exercise guarantee.

On the free exercise point, he wondered aloud whether halting the opening exercises at the demand of a minority might not result in interfering with the majority's right to exercise religion.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE Goldberg, the only Jewish member of the highest court, mentioned the possibility of silent prayer sessions. Later in the arguments, Justice Stewart said that such a practice determine this facet of the issue would allow an atheist to "think about his disbelief."

Justice Stewart indicated interest in what specific detriment the conduct of the opening Bible-reading and prayer exercises worked on the objecting parents. An aspect of this that seemed to be troubling Justice Stewart was the absence of evidence in the record of such detriment. He raised the question of remanding the cases to the lower courts to

Most of the other justices, however, concentrated their questions on the position of the school officials that the exercises are not religious.

LAWYERS FOR the school boards involved in the Maryland and Pennsylvania cases took the position that the Bible was used to start the day on a moral note rather than give religious instruction.

If this were so, said some of the justices, wouldn't it do as well to have readings from the Koran or some other work. Attorneys for the school officials said that they doubted that their clients would do this.

"If that is all you're teaching—morality—why do you treat the subject different from arithmetic?" asked Associate Justice Brennan. He explained that the provision for excuses might indicate more was involved.

Justice Goldberg underscored the traditionally religious idea of the Bible when he called it the "greatest religious document the world has ever had". He noted, however, that there are several versions of the Bible.

Although Justice Black on several occasions made it clear that he has a deep love for the Bible, he also made the point that there may be constitutional questions that must be faced in connection with its use in public schools in view of the constitutional admonition for the separation of church and state.

Associate Justice Douglas commented that public school use of the Bible or similar items might lead to efforts by religious elements to try to control local school boards.

Chief Justice Warren asked whether a school with mostly Buddhist children might properly go ahead and have Buddhist ceremonies for all students, including those of the Christian faith.

The answer that the lawyer gave was that if this would serve a good purpose other than religion, the school authorities would have the right to select such material "to set the tone of the day".

WHEN ONE of the attorneys told the Court that one purpose of having Bible reading and prayer in the schools was to quiet down

the students and get peace in the classroom, Justice Stewart said, "Just give them tranquilizing pills; it would do the same thing."

When the Solicitor for Baltimore City tried to distinguish the Lord's Prayer from the tribunal's decision of last summer as being one of composition by state officials, Justice Goldberg asked, "Is your basic point that a State may not compose a prayer but may select a prayer?" The reply was that the State could do so as long as it doesn't sanction a new prayer.

What do you do with the McCollum case, Associate Justice Harlan interposed. In that case, the Court held unconstitutional the holding of religious classes on school property during school hours. The answer was the McCollum case had to do with teaching, while Bible reading and prayer are not teaching.

Justice Harlan replied that the real problem, it seemed to him, was whether the Supreme Court was being asked to re-examine the underlying premises of all its past cases involving religion in the schools.

THE CONTROVERSIAL nature of the cases is suggested in the fact that the justices interrupted the attorneys 239 times in the 258 minutes used for oral arguments.

In any event, during the current recess of the Court, the justices may be attempting to discuss the constitutional issues involved at informal sessions of the nine judges that are now being held. Under the Court's usual procedure, it discusses cases and votes on them at the end of the week in which oral arguments are heard. But, in this instance, it will probably be weeks or months for opinions to be hammered out and possible dissents written.

The practice at such conferences to attempt to reach decisions is for Chief Justice Warren to open discussion of the case, followed by the senior justice, which would be Justice Black, and on down the line to the newest.

After a full discussion, the newest justice, who is Justice Goldberg, casts his vote. Justices going up the ladder of seniority follow with their voting. The theory is that this avoids influence by the votes of the senior justices on the votes of the newer ones.

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By Larry Tajiri

Vagaries

Thirty Years Ago

Denver Japan where he became a postwar favorite on Japanese radio and TV.

PERHAPS the only all-Nisei motion picture ever produced was "Nisei Parade," also in the early 1930s. Nacirema Productions, which was active in Hollywood several years back, was largely Nisei-financed but their themes and films were for the general movie going public. Nacirema made several films including "Sierra Stranger" which starred Howard Duff and "Tokyo After Dark" which had Michi Kobi and Richard Long in the principal roles.

"Nisei Parade" was filmed nearly 20 years before Nacirema was produced by the Serisawa brothers. Sues Serisawa, now a painter of considerable reputation, was the director and Ikuo Serisawa was the cameraman. Among the players in "Nisei Parade" were the Tanaka sisters of Long Beach, who later married the Serisawas, Tib Kameyama, Pete Takahashi (who was a newspaperman with King Features in Japan last time we heard) and Alice Iseri who married Henry Sakemi and who died with her husband in an auto accident some years ago. We had the dubious distinction of writing the titles for the film.

"Nisei Parade" was shown by the Serisawas before Japanese American audiences up and down the Pacific coast.

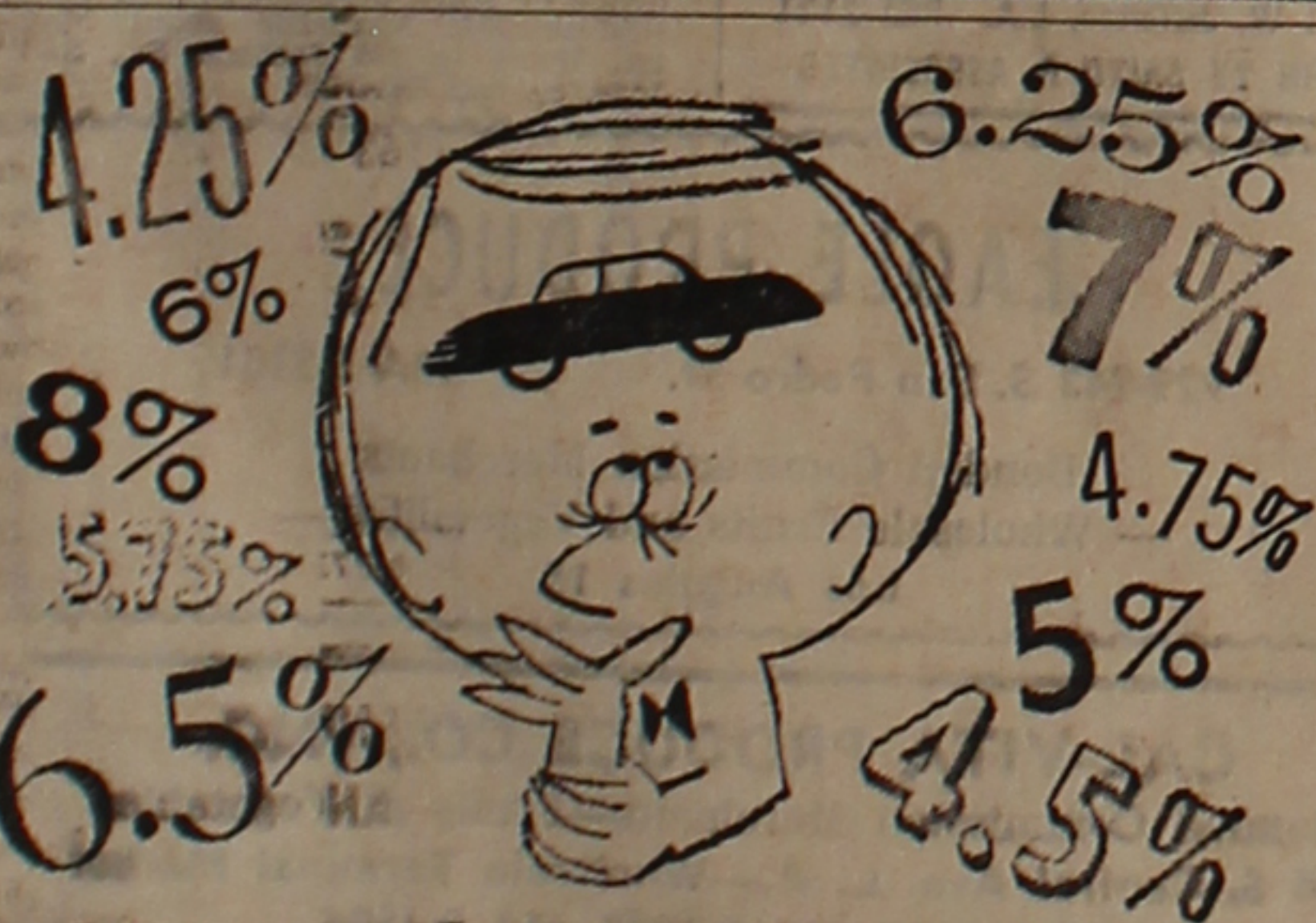
The Serisawas, Ikuo is a commercial photographer in Los Angeles, have collaborated on several short films relating to Japanese cultural subjects in recent years, and one film won an award at Cleveland as one of the best short subjects of its year.

ONE OF OUR duties in running the English section of the Japan California Daily News in Los Angeles in those days was the editing of a Sunday literary page which inspired contributions from Nisei from all parts of the United States. The page was made up of essays, short stories and poetry and there always were more contributions than the space to print them.

During this time we also were involved in several abortive efforts to start a Nisei literary monthly. The impulse was generally stymied by a lack of funds, the time the midst of the Great Depression. There was one such Nisei monthly in existence in that period, however. It was Reimei, published in Salt Lake City by a group which included Yasuo Sasaki, now a successful physician in Covington, Ky.; Kats Miho, an attorney and a political and community leader in Hawaii, who was attending the University of Utah at that time; Taro Katayama, now employed by Parents Magazine in Cleveland, and Tosuke Yamasaki, former newspaperman and now operator of a duplicating service in Washington, D.C. The creative energies which created Reimei apparently have been translated into successful individual careers.

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Matsunaga: Nisei should rid prewar attitudes

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

PHILADELPHIA. — Following is the text of the address delivered by Congressman Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii on Mar. 30 at the annual installation banquet of the Philadelphia JACL:

Mr. Toastmaster, honored guests, members of the Philadelphia Chapter of the JACL, ladies, and gentlemen:

As I listened to Mike Masaoka's introductory remarks, I thought for a moment that maybe I was not the only speaker for this evening. Then when I realized that he was in fact introducing me, I thought to myself the best thing for me to do might be just to say "thank you" and quit while I am ahead.

Speaking of Mike, I must say that one of the greatest honors which I have to date enjoyed was bestowed upon me by the Japanese editor of the bilingual daily newspaper, The Hawaii Times, who referred to me when I first ran for political office as "Hawaii no Mike Masaoka."

That was in 1954, and you may be interested to know that I was elected by a landslide victory.

As a JACLer myself, I want you to know that I feel greatly honored tonight to be designated as your principal speaker at this annual installation banquet of your Philadelphia Chapter. I wish to congratulate the newly installed officers and wish them the best of success in the forthcoming year.

'Why a JACL'

The accomplishments of this organization will be largely measured by the type of leadership exercised by you who have been installed tonight and by what goals and objectives you set out to accomplish. This is especially true today because of the greater frequency with which the big question is being raised, "Why a JACL?"

When I was first asked to address you on this occasion, I was somewhat hesitant because of the distance and time involved and the pressure of my congressional duties. But because I was told by several young listeners after my talk at the installation banquet of the Washington, D.C., Chapter last January that I had answered that question for them, I accepted Kaz Horita's invitation with the thought that perhaps I might be able to make a similar contribution here tonight.

There is no need, I am sure, for me to go into the record of past accomplishments of the JACL, at the national as well as at the state level. These are known to you. Suffice it to say that the JACL has proven itself one of the most effective organizations representing the interests of minority groups in the entire United States and that it has been responsible for corrective governmental and social actions designed to serve the ends of justice in instances too numerous to mention here tonight in the time allotted me.

But by its extreme effectiveness in the past as an instrument in resolving the problems which once beset the Japanese American and his parents, the JACL may have created for itself the problem of its continued existence.

At the Crossroads

It is at this juncture that we need to remind ourselves of the past to analyze our present situation and to look into the future, all with a view towards re-orientation if such be necessary.

Only last week (Mar. 23-24) veterans of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team celebrated

in Honolulu the 20th anniversary of their organization.

It was on March 18, 1943, at historic Iolani Palace in Honolulu that 2,600 volunteers, all Americans of Japanese ancestry, were sworn in en masse into the Army of the United States. They were later to be joined by more than 1,000 other Nisei who had volunteered from behind barbed-wire fences of the so-called "relocation centers" to form the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Before the call for volunteers was issued, the quota for Hawaii was set at 1,500 men. Within a few days after the call was issued, more than 10,000 had volunteered, the first of whom was Joseph Itagaki, who, incidentally died of a heart attack almost to the day on the 20th anniversary of his volunteering, and the best known of whom is our United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

This tremendous and almost unbelievable response helped to quell the talk of evacuating all of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii, and the Army boosted Hawaii's quota to 2,875 men.

On the mainland United States the Army experienced an even more remarkable response. From within the confines of concentration camps more than 3,000 men wearing Japanese faces had volunteered to serve the country whose government had placed them behind barbed-wire fences despite their American citizenship. Among them was the first volunteer of them all, Mike Masaoka, and his four brothers, Hank, Tad, Ike, and Ben.

Inside the 442nd

It might be pointed out here as an aside that when the volunteers of Hawaii and the volunteers of the mainland were put together into the same outfit things really began to happen. The so-called "budaheads" from Hawaii with their strange vernacular found they could not communicate with the "haole-speaking kotonks" of the mainland.

In one instance it is said that a "kotonk" noncommissioned officer came upon a Hawaii "budahead" strutting on his kukule and remarked, "Say, you, I thought I ordered you to clean up the latrine!" To which inquiry the budahead responded, "As all pau." And the kotonk, "As all pau, what do you mean fellow? Can't you speak English?"

To which remark this budahead responded with, "Wha sa malla— you tink you haole or what?" and followed it with a punch to the puzzled noncommissioned officer's jaw.

A common language, it is said, is the strongest bond of unity. So it was with the members of the 442nd, for as the speech habits of the mainland Nisei degenerated, the closer became their relationship with the Hawaiians. And curiously enough the budahead unconsciously or otherwise began to speak in a language resembling closer to English.

I recall an amusing incident which actually happened to me in the Vatican City, Rome. Along with hundreds of American GIs, I had gone to the Basilica for an audience with the Pope.

As I walked along the marble corridor, a strapping young soldier wearing a flaming-torch shoulder patch on his combat jacket approached me and asked, "Eh, Lieutenant, you from One Puka Puka?"

I replied, "That's right." And he further inquired, "What island you from?" And I replied, "Oh, I'm from

Kabai, the Garden Island. What island you from?"

He then stated, "Oh, me not from Hawaii, me one kotonk from Chicago."

"One kotonk from Chicago?" I inquired in amazement, "How com you talk like a budahead?"

To which inquiry he replied with hesitation, "Oh, boy, if I no talk like dis, I get dirty licking."

100th Infantry

The Army's decision to organize the 442nd was largely based on its observations of another Japanese American outfit which had been organized about a year earlier on June 2, 1942 and which was in training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi—the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate) of which I was a member.

The 100th Battalion, as some of you may know, was composed of soldiers of Japanese ancestry who had been in the armed service prior to December 7, 1941. I myself had volunteered for active duty with the federalized Hawaii National Guard six months before Pearl Harbor and had manned beach gun positions along with Americans of other races, fully prepared to repel any enemy attack.

When invasion of the Hawaiian Islands became a remote matter, we who were already in Uncle Sam's uniform suddenly became potential fifth columnists in the eyes of the powers that were because of our racial ancestry. So on June 4, 1942 we were secretly shipped out of Hawaii without even being given the chance to bid our loved ones farewell.

There were 1,560 of us who were organized into the 100th Infantry Provisional Battalion and sent directly to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, stripped completely of our arms and ammunition.

But we did not despair and trained hard at good soldiering. We repeatedly petitioned the President of the United States for combat duty against the Japanese nation if need be and a chance to prove our loyalty to the United States. We wrote home to our folks in Hawaii expressing our great desire to prove our Americanism.

Unknown to us, our letters were being censored by an intelligence unit, and because of the tenor of our letters and our excellent training record, the War Department finally decided not only to give us our chance but also to organize a larger combat unit, the 442nd Infantry.

Nisei Heroism

Together on the battlefields of Europe, men of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team won the respect and admiration of all who knew them. General Mark Clark referred to them as "The most decorated unit in the entire military history of the United States." They had fought for and died for ideals which they had learned to uphold in the democratic process. They had died so others could have a better world in which to live—men like Ben Masaoka, Abe Ohara, and my messenger Private Kawano, who, in his last few words on earth, told me in effect,

"Well, Lieutenant, I know I'm going to die, but I have no regrets. I know that as a result of my dying, those of us who will go home and our folks back home will be recognized as true Americans and will live a better life."

The veterans of the 100th Batta-

lion and the 442nd Combat Team and, lest we forget, of the Military Intelligence Service, proved on the fields of battle that Americanism was a matter of the heart and mind and not of race or color, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt had so aptly stated.

"But all this is merely dwelling upon the past," you say, "why keep talking about the dead and the past?" Because there are still those among us who need to be reminded of the past to guide them in their present day thinking.

Lesson from History

I have sadly discovered, as some of you may have too, that despite the fact that the Japanese Americans proved under the severest tests that he is as American as any other regardless of his racial ancestry, there are still those who advocate the belief that because we are of Japanese ancestry we must behave differently from other Americans, that we must not aggressively project ourselves to the forefront in the American scene.

For example: When I first announced that I was going to run as a candidate for the Congress of the United States, I was approached by leaders of my own political party and asked to withdraw my candidacy because of my Japanese ancestry. They were fearful that the party would suffer if too many candidates of one race were to appear on the party slate. Among those who approached me were Americans of Japanese ancestry. Had I been asked to yield to others because of their being better qualified I might have yielded. But when they used my race as the only reason for my withdrawal, I rebelled. I refused to withdraw.

Needless to say I proved my point, for I was elected by a landslide victory along with former Congressman and now U.S. Senator, Daniel K. Inouye.

I relate this experience of mine to you this evening because there are still many among us who for some unknown reason cling on to attitudes of pre-1941, and need to be rudely awakened.

If we are to make our fullest contribution to the American way of life, if we are to share our just burden in building a greater America, we must cease to become hyphenated Americans.

We must work side by side, without fear of criticism on account of our racial ancestry, along with any and all other Americans.

We who are the beneficiaries of their handiwork must not permit ourselves to forget the great sacrifice made by our brave men on

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The Central California Fruit Growers Assn. has re-elected Tokio Shirakawa of Fowler as its president.

Melletsu Dept. Store of Nagoya, one of the three large Japanese firms slated to lease large portions in the proposed \$14 million Japan Cultural and Trade Center in San Francisco's Western Addition, has agreed to continue its arrangement to become a major tenant. It had been announced in February they would not sign.

Seibu Dept. Store on Wilshire Blvd.'s Miracle Mile in Los Angeles will shortly increase its capitalization to \$6,000,000 with active support of leading commercial and industrial firms in Japan as investors. The news from Japan last week came with rumors that Seibu may sell its premises, but this has been denied by store officials.

Insurance Salesman, leading industry magazine, will list Bill T. Yamashiro, California - Western States Life, 3600 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, on its all-star honor roll for 1962. The roll represents one field representative from each life insurance company who is nominated as its outstanding man of the year.

Hole-in-One

LOS ANGELES. — Dr. Sho Tarumoto of Los Angeles registered a hole-in-one Mar. 31 at Fox Hills while participating in the Southern California Nisei Golf Assn.'s best ball tournament.

He sank his ace on the 130-yard par three sixth hole, using an 8-iron.

Wee cagers

SACRAMENTO. — Ten Sansei youngsters coached by Robert Honda representing Parkview Presbyterian Church won the 95-lb. division city recreation basketball league championship recently. They scored 242 pts. and allowed only 40 in the six-game schedule.

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Hawaii civic leader Dr. Kurisaki dies

HONOLULU. — Dr. Harry I. Kurisaki, 70, practicing dentist since 1917, died on April 2. Active in many civic movements, he was one of organizers and first president of the Society of American Citizens, which worked for the settlement of the dual citizenship question in the 1920s.

He was also one of the first Nisei to run for public office in Hawaii, being a candidate for the House in 1923 and supervisor in 1930. Among his survivors is brother Lyle, one of the organizers of National JACL and a prewar leader in Brawley.

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Director's Report

By Masao Satow

AT SANTA ROSA — In our capacity as Northern California Regional Director we met Sunday with the NC-WNDC executive board and members of the Sonoma County Chapter, which will host the May 5 DC quarterly meeting. We met at the Flamingo Hotel, Santa Rosa, where the DC meeting will be held with DC Chairman Jim Murakami presiding.

Aware that the District Council meetings should be helpful to the chapter delegates who attend in addition to transacting District Council business, two workshops were set up for the quarterly session. The first of these will be on public relations in charge of Akiji Yoshimura and Jerry Enomoto to discuss specific ways where chapters might be more effective in this field under the title, "What is the image of JACL in your community?". The second workshop under Steve Doi and Tad Masaoka will be even more practical, discussing with chapters specific areas or organization and program in which they feel they need assistance; and working out a definite program of chapter visitations by DC Executive Board members and National officials in the area to render such assistance.

According to Marie Kurihara, the District Youth group, composed of representatives of District Junior JACLs will also meet to give attention to details of the National JACL Youth organization voted at the Seattle Convention and make recommendations to the National JACL Youth Commission which will be meeting in Salt Lake City in June.

In conjunction with the NC-WNDC Board meeting, the nucleus Committee of the National Public Relations Committee got together to discuss the draft of the JACL leaflet against use of the derogatory term "Jap." Meeting with National Public Relations Committee Chairman Akiji Yoshimura were National 1st Vice President Jerry Enomoto, Norman Mineta, Yasuo Abiko, Tad Masaoka, and Steve Doi.

Also present at the DC Board meeting in addition to those mentioned were Board members Eiichi Sakauye, George Matsuoaka, Tad Sekigahama, John Yasumoto, and Sonoma County Chapter officers Frank Oda, Jim Miyano and Raymond Morita.

BAKERSFIELD — We went to Santa Rosa the long way via Bakersfield, where we met Saturday night at an informal dinner with members of our Chapter there headed by President Joe Ono and several members of the neighboring Delano Chapter. We brought the members up to date on national matters and talked on various aspects of JACL program and problems at the chapter level.

FAIR HOUSING — All three California District Councils have now gone on record endorsing and backing the pending Fair Housing bill in the State Legislature. It will now be up to the chapters to communicate their endorsement of AB 1240 to their respective Assemblymen and especially those who are members of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

We have found that a number of legislators and others are not aware that Japanese Americans face discrimination in housing. Understandably Nisei are reluctant to report such instances because of undue publicity and inconvenience, but this leads to the erroneous impression that Japanese Americans have no problems in this field.

The hearing before the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy became rather long drawn out, so much so that those of us who were ready to make brief statements in behalf of our respective organizations had time only to give our names and whom we represented and then file our statements.

The gist of our JACL statement was that the Japanese American Citizens League since its inception has emphasized the fact that while we are entitled to certain rights in this Nation, we must prove ourselves worthy. But people must be given a chance to prove themselves, and this includes the opportunity to prove themselves good neighbors. Acceptance as a neighbor is an important measure of one's acceptance.

GOOD NEIGHBORS — We are fortunate in having good neighbors personally. A couple of retired Scotsmen insisted upon taking care of our backyard, keeping it free of weeds and making it look much more presentable than we ever could, even if we had been home working in our yard the past thirteen weekends instead of being on the road.

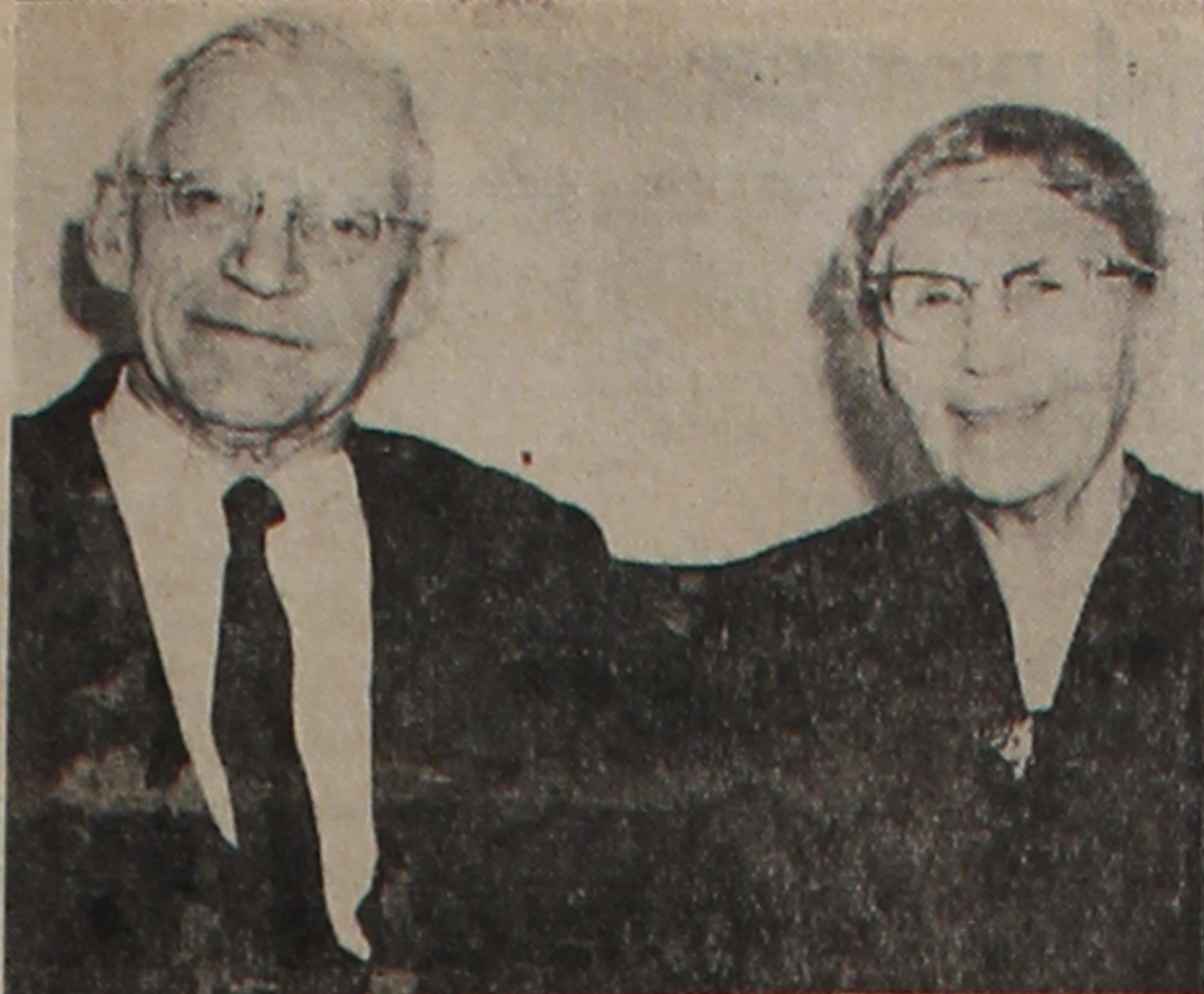
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 13 (Saturday)
San Mateo-Sequoia JACL, bowling, Kings Bowl, Millbrae, 7 p.m.
Idaho Falls — JACL Hall spring clean-up, 9 a.m.
Chicago — Egg hunt, Montrose Park, 1 p.m.
San Francisco — Dance class, Park Presidio YMCA.
Chicago — Egg hunt, Montrose Park.
Long Beach — Oriental Fantasy dance, 2100 W. Willow St., 9 p.m.
Sequoia — 1963 Club dinner-dance, El Rancho Motel.
April 14 (Easter Sunday)
St. Louis — Egg hunt, Tilles Park, 2 p.m.
Southwest L.A. — Egg hunt, Baldwin Hills Playground, 2 p.m.
East Los Angeles — Egg hunt, Sequoia — Egg hunt, Mitchell Park, Palo Alto.
April 15 (Monday)
West Los Angeles — Auxiliary meeting, Community Methodist Church; talk on cancer.
April 17 (Wednesday)
Seattle — Six-week dance classes.
Southwest L.A. — 10-week dance classes, Crenshaw A.C., 8 p.m.
San Mateo — General meeting, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.
April 19-20
Sonoma County — Benefit movies, Memorial Hall.
April 20 (Saturday)
St. Louis — Japanese conversation class, (4-month course).
San Jose — Welcome potluck, Buddhist Church annex, 7 p.m.
April 21 (Sunday)
Dayton — Board meeting, Pete Hiro-naka's home.
Watsonville — Community picnic, Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.
Monterey Peninsula — Potluck, French Camp — JACL picnic, Mickey Grove.
April 22 (Saturday)
Berkeley — NC-WNDC queen contest, bowling tournament.
Venice-Culver — Potluck supper, square dancing, Venice Gakuen, 12445 Braddock Dr., 6:30 p.m.
San Jose — Ragtime doubles bowling tournament (tentative).
April 28 (Sunday)
Sonoma County — Youth career conference.
May 4 (Saturday)
Chicago — Issei Appreciation Night, Chicago Buddhist Church.
Mil-Hi — Chow Mein benefit.
East Los Angeles — Emerald Ball, Montebello Country Club, 901 Via San Clemente.
May 5 (Saturday)
Sonoma County — NC-WNDC quarterly, Flamingo Hotel, 4th and Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa.

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MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN BACK HOME

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert V. Nicholson, who spent half of their lives in missionary work in Japan and among the Japanese in America, are now retired but remembered well by Japanese Americans. The Rev. Nicholson will give the invocation and benediction at the PSWDC convention banquet May 18 at the Thunderbird International Hotel.

Ex-missionary to Japan well-known to evacuees to attend PSWDC convention

LOS ANGELES — The well-known missionary to Japan, the Rev. Herbert V. Nicholson, will present the invocation and benediction at the forthcoming PSWDC Convention Banquet, according to convention general chairman Akira Ohno.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, May 18, at the Thunderbird International Hotel. Principal speaker will be Congressman Cecil King, who co-authored with Sen. Kuchel the amendment to the 1962 tax bill to have evacuation claim awards tax-free.

The Rev. Nicholson is no stranger to most of the Japanese on the West Coast because of his frequent visits to relocation centers and internment camps during World War II. He and his wife had been engaged in missionary work and teaching in Japan since 1915 and had returned in 1941 to serve at the West Los Angeles Japanese Community Church.

After the war, he assisted in resettlement work, was responsible in shipping goats to Japan and returned to Japan in 1950 to work another decade. He and his wife are now retired since 1961.

Convention Program

The convention program: 9:30 a.m. — Registration. Coffee Hour. Convention Queen Hideko Kawashima and hostesses in charge. 12:30 p.m. — Business session. Satellite Room: Mas Hiro-naka, chmn. 1:30 p.m. — Luncheon: Dr. Miyakawa and Wilson, Japanese History Project co-directors, spkr.; Kenzo Okubo, toastmaster. 4:30 p.m. — Business session. 5:30 p.m. — Cocktail hour. 7 p.m. — Convention Banquet. Rep. Cecil King, spkr.; Frank Chuman, toastmaster; presentation of scrolls to outstanding Issei pioneers. 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. — Dance; Jack Roland's band.

May 19 (Sunday)
10 a.m. — Bridge tournament, Fred Miyata, chmn. 12:30 p.m. — Luncheon-Fashion Show; West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary presents Fashions from Seibu. Pre-registration package deal will be \$11.50 per person, but does not include the bridge tournament or luncheon-fashion show. This must be ordered by May 10 (Fri.) through the host West Los Angeles JACL or So. Calif. JACL Regional Office.

After May 10, the regular price of \$13.50 for the package deal will prevail. Admission fees on a per-event basis are: Registration-coffee hour, \$2.50; May 18 luncheon, \$3.50; dinner-dance, \$7.50.

92 bowlers turn out for chapter tournament

ALBANY. — Contra Costa JACL's family bowling night at Albany Bowl was a great success with 92 bowlers participating. Others not participating were shown movies. Shig Yoshimine was evening chairman.

Winning trophies were: Men's Division — Mas Iwahara, Sam Kitabayashi, Eddie Morimoto, and Ken Ohki. Women's Division — Midori Goto, Fumi Honda, Gladys Lewis and Sono Yamashita.

Teenage Division — Lorraine Kawamoto, Terri Wong, Jim Nakamura and Tom Yamashita.

Assisting on committee were: Richard Yamashiro, Grace Goto and Hiro Nakaji, gen. arr.; Sumio and Emiko Yoshii, Jim Kimoto, M.C.; Diane Okada, children care; JR JACLers, clean-up.

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West Los Angeles JACL

Cancer: Dr. Sol Baker, associate clinical professor of radiology at UCLA, and Bill Lundigan, film-TV star, will speak on cancer at the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary general meeting next Monday, 8 p.m., at the Community Methodist Church, 1913 Purdie Ave.

Dr. Baker is chairman of the county medical association cancer committee and active with the state civil defense. A cancer film, "Inside McGee," indicating the seven danger signals will be shown. Mrs. Shig Takeshita, Auxiliary president, said the meeting is open to the public.

Contra Costa JACL

Panel Discussion: "Horizons for Our Youth" is the topic for the Contra Costa JACL panel discussion next Friday, April 19, 8 p.m., at the Richmond Youth Memorial Center. Shig Komatsu, moderator, will have Jim Kimoto, Marv Ura-tsu, Mas Umemoto, Helzo Oshima, Hannah Yasuda and Wimpy Kimura on the panel. Parents and teenagers are urged to attend.

Southwest L.A. JACL

Egg Hunt: Southwest L.A. JACL's annual Easter egg hunt this Sunday will be held at Baldwin Hills Playground, 5401 Highland Pl., from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. It was announced by Art Mayeda. The Chancels will boil and dye the eggs on Saturday at the Centenary Methodist Church. Mack Hamaguchi will be in charge of games and hiding the eggs.

Sequoia JACL

Egg Hunt: The Sequoia JACL egg hunt Sunday will start at 12:30 p.m. at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto. Chapter will have refreshments for those wishing to lunch at the park, hunt chairman Mits Kashima added.

Watsonville JACL

Community Picnic: Watsonville JACL is sponsoring the Japanese community picnic again with the local Buddhist Church, Westview Presbyterian Church and Nisei VFW at the Santa Cruz County fairgrounds on April 21. Tak Higuchi is picnic chairman. Assisting are: Mas Tsudama, Richard Yamamoto, Keiji Shikuma, donation; Louis Hayashida, grounds; Tom Nakase, Louis Waki, games; Harry Yagi, Dick Manabe, prizes; Tom Mine, Dr. Clifford Fujimoto, tickets; Tom Yagi, sound; Bill Mine, parking; Fred Nitta, Mitch Miyamoto, pub.; all committees, clean-up.

Downtown L.A. hears talk on police career

LOS ANGELES. — Interesting aspects of the professional police career were revealed by Police Capt. Robert Gaunt, of the Central Division at the regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Downtown Los Angeles JACL last week. Over 30 JACLers from the Li'l Tokio area met at the New Moon Restaurant. Also present was Sgt. Harry Keeney, executive assistant to Captain Gaunt.

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'Urashima Taro' big Jr. JACL hit

SAN FRANCISCO. — The third time proved a charm for the San Francisco Junior JACL as their third annual variety show of Mar. 30 at Lowell High School auditorium turned out a most successful and enjoyable event.

The show was so well received by an audience of some 600 persons that an effort may be made to repeat the program at an early date.

The musical show "Urashima Taro," based on the ancient Japanese folk tale, unfolded with almost professional clock-like precision.

Dance students of Madame Rokushige Fujima and the local Shinsei band led by Johnny Taniguchi were big features of the show put together by Director Wil Maruyama.

Especially noteworthy was the scene when Urashima Taro, played by Mmes. Fujima's pupil Tommy Yee changes into an old man behind a puff of smoke when he opens the forbidden box.

SALT LAKE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD OF \$200 NOW AVAILABLE

BY TOMOKO YANO

SALT LAKE CITY. — Call for applicants to the annual Salt Lake JACL scholarship award amounting to \$200 was made this week by Mrs. Lily Uno, committee chairman, who said:

"We are interested not only in the usual scholarship and citizenship qualities but we want to hear from the applicant himself the individual expression of his aims and goals in college."

Applicants are to apply through their high school principal or counselor, who has been forwarded the necessary papers from the chapter. A member of the applicant's family must be a Salt Lake JACLer and have at least a "B" (3.0) average for three years' study. A letter of personal reference in addition to the recommendation from the school is required. Extracurricular activities may be mentioned but is not mandatory.

On the committee are Sam Hatori, Mmes. Wat Misaka and Mas Yano.

NSF fellowship

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Kazuko Nakamura, biology instructor at Dorsey High School, will be among 28 California high school teachers attending graduate courses this summer on fellowships awarded by the National Science Foundation, Sen. Clair Engle (D., Calif.) announced last week. Miss Nakamura will study at USC. She holds from Brawley and was graduated from Syracuse University.

Fellowships were selected solely on the basis of ability, Sen. Engle declared. Nationwide 288 teachers will participate. The NSF fellowships allow high school teachers the chance to improve their competence in the respective fields of instruction.

MIKO TAKA TO CROWN SAC'TO 'MISS JR. JACL'

SACRAMENTO. — Miko Taka, film star of "Sayonara," will crown the "Miss Jr. JACL" of Sacramento at the dinner-dance honoring 1000 Club members at Hotel El Rancho tomorrow, according to Dr. James Kubo, general chairman.

The appearance of the Nisei movie star is one of the attractions for Sacramento JACL's Spring dinner-dance, Gene Morris and his troupe will entertain and Eddie Halter's band will play at the dance.

Other special guests include Consul General Toshio Yamana-oka of Japan, Mayor McKinney and National Director Mas Satow. Attorney Mamoru Sakuma will be toastmaster.

FEPC amendment to investigate bias due Assembly vote

SACRAMENTO. — The Assembly Judiciary Committee Monday approved Gov. Brown's bill that would authorize the Fair Employment Practice Commission to initiate complaints.

The vote on the legislation, introduced by Assemblyman Alfred H. Song (D., Monterey Park), was 9-5. It now goes to the Assembly floor.

The bill is part of the governor's sweeping civil rights program as presented to the 1963 Legislature.

It would permit the FEPC to initiate investigations and complaints on its own volition in addition to the present procedure of acting on complaints brought to it by individuals.

Bob Schleh, legal counsel for the California Conference of Employers Assns., opposed the bill.

He argued the FEPC is "judge, jury and prosecutor" under present law and the governor's bill, if enacted would be "one more threat" to use against employers.

Song said, "We already have the FEPC. It was an excellent beginning. This (bill) is not a new concept."

JAPAN PHILATELIST BUYS RARE STAMP FOR \$23,800

LONDON. — One of the world's rarest stamps—a penny Mauritius Post Office Stamp of 1847—was sold at auction for 8,500 pounds (\$23,800) to an agent acting for a Japanese collector. The agent identified his client as K. Hiroyuki of Ashiya, a wealthy textile merchant. The stamp, one of only two unused copies known to exist, was sent to the auction by a London dealer.

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Gov. Tawes signs Maryland's first civil rights law

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Gov. J. Millard Tawes signed into law Maryland's first statute requiring equal service for Negroes in hotels and restaurants.

He also signed another bill charging the State Interracial Commission with enforcing the equal accommodations law, which becomes effective June 1 in the city of Baltimore and 11 counties—Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince Georges and Washington.

(Maryland allows the 11 counties not covered by the law the legislative courtesy to exempt themselves.)

It is subject to a 1964 referendum in a 12th county, Carroll. Measures were signed Mar. 29. Washington, D.C., JACL members in Maryland testified in favor of the law, which provides for settlement of complaints through mediation and, failing that, through a court injunction. "While the law is weak, it is a step in the right direction," one JACL spokesman commented.

Hikers

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as these agencies may have plans of their own. The Reno chapter was fortunate to discover that several local groups were intending to welcome the hikers and thus able to assist all organizations by taking over the co-ordination of schedules to the benefit of each group.

"JACL chapters across the country can be of definite service by volunteering to act as a co-ordinating unit in planning the welcome of these boys and seeing that every interested club and organization receives a fair schedule of their time," Debord declared. "JACL can also be of much service in acting as a central source of information for local news media."

The hikers started from San Francisco on Mar. 18 and expect to reach New York sometime in December. The route covers 16 states and over 200 cities. They also plan to visit at least 24 colleges. They covered about 15 miles a day.

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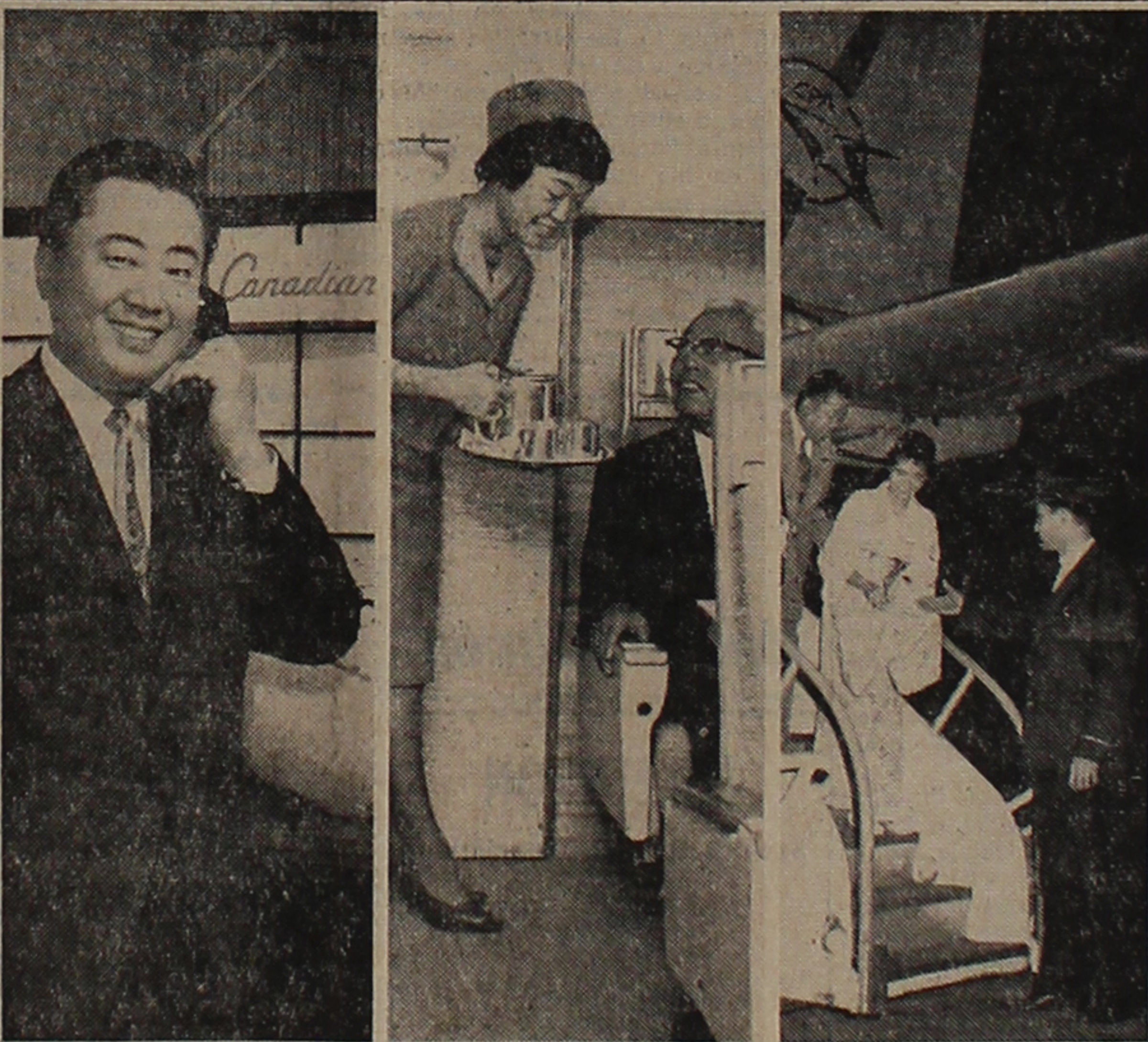
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