



## EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

### Dateline: Birmingham, Ala.

No amount of reading the press accounts from Birmingham, Ala., in recent weeks relating the struggle for racial integration sickened us more than those brief but harsh scenes on television news this past week. Negro teenagers were corralled by police into busses to transport them to jails and detention centers; the next day, fire hoses and police dogs were used to break up the parade of demonstrators. And there were reports that some Negroes threw stones and bottles at the police and firemen. In all, some 2,400 arrests have resulted since the demonstrations began in early April.

Unless this racial conflict is settled soon, the fear this situation would get out of hand shall bloom in all its ugly horror. This is one scene neither side wants, yet as Dr. Martin Luther King has said of this crucial battle: "If we can crack Birmingham, we can crack the South." The Negroes in Birmingham have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

## An Open Invitation

It is now 20 years since the formation of the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team as well as Nisei acceptance without restriction into Selective Service. For these reasons, it is most appropriate that National JACL is conducting a special commemorative program at Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday, June 2, from 2 p.m.

This is in addition to the annual JACL Memorial Day visitations of the gravesites of the 20 Nisei war dead interred at Arlington.

Details of the elaborate service are beginning to appear in the Nisei press from this week. The committee composed of members of the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter has revealed distinguished guests and speakers, representing the government as well as principal units and theaters of operation in which the Nisei have served, will participate. The program will be essentially brief and simple, in keeping with the solemn nature of the occasion.

The committee also extends an "open invitation" to all interested persons (whether of Japanese ancestry, veterans, JACLers or otherwise) to attend.

The natural beauty of Arlington National Cemetery and its unique significance as a national shrine, we feel, provide a fitting atmosphere for the commemorative program.

## JACL Scholarships

Seven scholarships for high school students of Japanese ancestry graduating this year were announced by National JACL. Chapters have until Monday, May 20, to submit names of candidates to the Scholarship Committee, JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 15, Calif.

What makes this year's program different from previous years is that two new scholarships of \$250 each in memory of Col. Walter Tsukamoto, prewar national JACL president, have been added but that these and four National JACL Supplemental Scholarships of \$200 each are for young people whose parents (one or both) are JACL members or who themselves are Jr. JACLers currently.

A chapter may nominate two candidates this year: one without JACL affiliation for the 1963 Pvt. Ben Frank Masakawa Memorial Scholarship, and one who has such affiliation for the other awards. It is important, therefore, to have this distinction clearly indicated. The candidate with JACL affiliation is in position to compete for all seven awards, we might add.

Upon receipt of the candidate's name and address, the scholarship committee will proceed with securing of the transcript of grades, background and record of scholastic achievement. Announcement of the winners can be expected sometime in August.

Chapter presidents have complete details. Interested parents should contact them early since the committee has emphasized the May 20 deadline will be adhered to strictly.

With the scholarship of Sansei across the country on the rise, it is heartening to see the chapters further supplementing the efforts of the National organization through recognitions of their own.

## District Councils to select entries for Jimmie Sakamoto Award for newsletters

LOS ANGELES. — JACL chapters publishing newsletters were reminded they have until June 30 to submit entries for the Jimmie Sakamoto Memorial Award for 1963 through their respective district councils.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, chairman of the Pacific Citizen Board which will serve as the final judges, emphasized that only newsletters nominated by a district council committee would be eligible.

The newsletters should be transmitted to the PC representative within the district as follows:  
PNWDC — Dr. Sam Uchiyama, 1002 Pine Heights East, Tacoma, Wash.  
CCDC — George Abe, 13271 S. Van Horn, Selma, Calif.  
NC-WNDC — Tom Miyazawa, 176 Sherwood Dr., Salinas, Calif.  
PSWDC — Fred Tsuruta, 132 West- erty Terrace, Los Angeles 26, Calif.  
TDC — William Yamachi, RFD #2, Box 111, Pocatello, Idaho.  
MPDC — Larry Tajiri, 7870 Grove St., Westminster, Colo.  
MDC — Joe Kadowaki, 4901 E. 84th St., Garland, Tex. 75041.  
EDC — Kiyomi Nakamura, Rt. 2, Lower Mill Rd., Elmer, N.J.

Publications dated between July 1, 1962, and June 30, 1963 will be judged. Awards will be made for the following categories:  
1. Local chapter reporting.  
2. National reporting.  
3. Editorial.  
4. Feature Story.  
5. Personality Sketch.  
6. Local News.  
7. General Appearance.  
8. Youth Section.  
9. Women's Section.  
10. Cartoon.

### DC Deadline

If, in the opinion of the judges, an outstanding example for a particular category is not submitted, the award for that category will not be made. Since the PC Board is planning to meet in early August to determine the winners, district council committees are being advised to forward their nominations to Dr. Nishikawa, 234 S. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles, by July 31.

Judging will be based on accuracy. (Continued on Page 3)

## 'CITIZENS' KEY WORD IN NAME OF 'JACL', SAYS SEN. RATTIGAN

Special to the Pacific Citizen  
SANTA ROSA. — The word "Citizens" is the key word in the name of "our organization of the Japanese American Citizens League," declared State Sen. Joseph A. Rattigan in evaluating JACL from the three dimensions of the past, present and future.

The Sonoma County legislator was addressing the delegates to the second quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council at the Flamingo Hotel here as a member of the Sonoma County chapter, which hosted the meeting. He was introduced by chapter president George Hamamoto. Santa Rosa Mayor Jack Ryersen was on hand to greet the delegates. Edwin Ohki served as toastmaster.

The address was very inspirational and impressive. When asked for a copy of his speech, he assured a tape recording would be made within the coming weeks since he had no written text prepared.

Sen. Rattigan later said he reads his Pacific Citizen each week and his talk was the result of his thinking after reading discussions on the necessity of JACL.

Referring to the past and the evacuation, which "you know best because you went through it," he declared that Nisei have a mission to see that "never happens again."

As for the present, JACL should consider "citizens" in its name as the key word and take active roles as citizens in local, state and national levels. "Look beyond the League as citizens," he advised, "and use it as a tool."

Looking ahead, the one-time PT

boat commander in the South Pacific pointed out that society is not perfect and that there still is a place for groups such as the JACL to preserve individual liberties and eliminate "second class citizenship." JACLers should continue to maintain a strong and vigilant organization "dedicated to the survival of liberty in our country."

### Full Day Spent

The evening banquet climaxed a full day, which began with business sessions and two workshops dealing with chapter public relations and working out a system of deputations to chapters by members of the district council executive board.

DC chairman James Murakami presided at the business session. Norman Mineta, Legislative-Legal Committee Chairman, reported on bills in the State Legislature: (1) the fair housing bill now before the Senate, and (2) the bill whereby a licensing Board of the State may revoke a license who has followed a persistent course of discrimination. The Council empowered Mineta to write in support of these bills in behalf of the District.

Dr. Clifford Fujimoto, Membership Chairman, reported 5,700 members enrolled in the NC-WNDC Chapters to date with all drives not completed. Special recognition was given San Jose which leads the nation with 902 members for its all-time high. Other chapters with new all-time highs are Contra Costa, Monterey, San Jose and Watsonville. 1000 Club Chairman Eichi Sakayue reported 448 current 1000 Clubbers in the District as compared to 423 last year.

Frank Oda, Japanese History Project Chairman, stated all but four chapters have completed instruction No. 1.

### District Youth

Roger Nikaide of the District Youth group asked the cooperation of the Chapters in "Project Hawaii" to send District youth delegates to the 1964 National Convention in Detroit. Tad Ono made a pitch for support of the encore performance of "Urashima Taro" by the San Francisco Junior JACL. He also reported that five teams sponsored by chapters would be playing in the Junior Baseball league initiated by the San Francisco Chapter. Eddie Morfuchi called attention to the 11th annual Nisei Olympics of the San Francisco Chapter at Kezar Stadium on June 2.

John Yasumoto announced the annual Memorial Day services at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno at 10 a.m. on May 30. This is sponsored jointly by the NC-WNDC District and the San Francisco Nisei VFW Post.

Frank Hiya was named Chairman of the DC Nominations Committee. George Matsuoka in charge of Publicity, and Haruo Ishimaru as Parliamentarian.

### Workshop

National Public Relations Committee Chairman Akiyo Yoshimura led a workshop on establishing the proper image of JACL in the community through publicity, through individual contacts, and community organizations. He was assisted by Jerry Enomoto, National First Vice President, Yasuo Abiko and Norman Mineta.

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## Cherry trees planted at Rohwer cemetery

PASADENA.—The Rohwer (Ark.) WRA Center cemetery has been beautified by the planting of 250 cherry blossom trees donated by a Mr. Suzuki, strawberry grower in Mississippi, it was reported in a letter to Pasadena.

The grounds were designated a historical site by the State of Arkansas last year and ex-Rohwer residents living in Chicago returned to assist at the dedication.

## BUDDHA DAY BILL OK'D IN HAWAII LOWER HOUSE

HONOLULU.—The House passed without a dissenting vote and sent to the Senate on April 29 a bill to fix April 8 as "Buddha Day," but specified "it shall not be construed to be a State holiday."

As introduced by Rep. Jack Suwa, Hilo Democrat, the bill would have made the observance an official State holiday. The County Committee of the House eliminated that provision.

The committee reported, however, that because of the large population of Buddhists in the State "it is felt that statewide observance of this day would be fitting and proper."

## Medical men honor Issei doctor, 98

HONOLULU. — Dr. Ichitaro Katsuki, 98, was honored last week as the dean of Hawaii's medical profession at the annual meeting of the Hawaii Medical Assn. He is the first American-trained Japanese doctor to practice in Hawaii.

Born in Kanazawa, Japan, he came to the United States in 1885, graduated from San Francisco's Boys High in 1888 and taught for five years in Kobe and Osaka. He returned to San Francisco, got his degree from the Medical School of California in 1896 and practiced for three years.

As a special investigator for the San Francisco Board of Health, he came here in 1900 during the plague epidemic, liked it and settled down to practice pediatrics for 36 years before retiring in 1932. He married Yei Nakanishi of Tokyo in 1901 and had five children, four of whom are living: David I. Sanford S., Robert Y. and Carol Toki.

### New editor selected

MILWAUKEE. — Allan Hida was named Milwaukee JACL Newsletter editor last month after the resignation of Mrs. Marge Ogawa because of illness.

## Mrs. Munemori to attend June 2 rites

Special to the Pacific Citizen

WASHINGTON. — Mrs. Nawa Munemori, mother of Pvt. Sadao S. Munemori, the only Japanese American to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II, will be the honored guest and participant in the National JACL's 20th anniversary commemorative services for all Nisei who served in America's armed forces in World War II, to be held at Arlington National Cemetery in the nation's capital, Sunday afternoon, June 2, according to the special JACL commemorative anniversary committee.

Mrs. Munemori, now of Los Angeles, will be accompanied by her daughters, Kiku Munemori and Mrs. Thomas Tamura, also of Los Angeles.

Her son was awarded the nation's highest decoration for valor posthumously when, during withering gun fire from the enemy in the final Po Valley campaign in April 1945, which led to the German surrender in Italy a month later, he dived on a hand grenade that was rolling toward his pinned-down comrades and smothered the blast with his own body.

An assistant squad leader in Company A, 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the youthful Angeleno had previously taken over command of his squad when his squad leader was wounded. Though his unit was pinned-down by heavy German machine gun fire and grenades from an enemy emplacement on a solid rock peak, he made frontal, one-man attacks through direct fire and knocked out two machine gun nests with his own grenades.

While withdrawing under murderous machine gun and grenade fire from other enemy emplacements, and at a time when he was near a protective shell crater, he gave up his life for his fellow GIs in an action "above and beyond the call of duty."

### Ship Named After Hero

Mrs. Munemori's son is the only American of Japanese ancestry ever to have a United States military transport named after him, the USS Pvt. Sadao S. Munemori. On that ship, incidentally, is a

### 20th Anniversary Service Shifted to Arlington's 'Grove'



Pvt. Sadao Munemori  
442nd's CMH Awardee

special bronze plaque presented by the National JACL to remind those on board of the gallantry of the war hero for whom the ship was named.

At the same time, it was announced that, because of the unusual interest being shown in the commemorative services, the formal program itself was being shifted from its original planned site to the larger and more appropriate flagpole area of the Tomb of the Unknowns, the most hallowed and honored spot in Arlington National Cemetery and the Nation.

### Afternoon Services

There, so-called "services in the grove" are being planned by the National JACL, with the fitting climax coming when National JACL President K. Patrick Okura, of Omaha, whose brother was killed in action while with the 442nd, will lay a wreath on behalf of the National Organization in tribute to the Unknown Soldiers of World War I, World War II, and Korea.

It may be that the Unknown Soldier of World War II may be an American of Japanese ancestry who fought in either the European Theater or in the Pacific. The "Services in the Grove" are

scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 2.

After the National JACL President has presented his wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns with appropriate military honors, a special floral tribute from the National JACL will be presented at the concrete casement with the Masthead of the Battleship Maine "Erected in Memory of the Officers and Men Who Lost Their Lives in the Destruction of U.S.S. Maine, Havana, Cuba, February 15, MDCCCVCVIII."

Among the names of the 144 officers and men who went down that ship in the Spanish American War are the names of seven Japanese:

Tomekichi Nagamine, Mas Ohye, Isa Sugisaki, Kashitara Susuki, Suke Chingli, Otogiro Ishida, and Yukichi Kitagata.

### Special Remembrance

Following these general tributes, individual floral sprays will be presented at the gravesites of the 20 Japanese American war heroes interred at Arlington. Even though wreaths will have been placed at

each of these same graves on Memorial Day two days earlier by members of the Washington, D.C. JACL Chapter Board and of the commemorative services committee, on this special occasion it was thought appropriate that floral tributes again be paid them for their supreme sacrifices in World War II.

These commemorative services, paying honor to the Unknown and the Known War Dead of the United States, marks the 20th anniversary of the call for Japanese American volunteers for military service in World War II by then President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

### The June 2 Weekend

The heartwarming response to this call by qualified Nisei in Hawaii and the continental Mainland under the circumstances of World War II led to the activation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and of the use of Japanese American interpreters and translators and others in combat intelligence in the Pacific.

And, since the wartime record (Continued on Page 3)

## Ira Shimasaki to lay Nat'l JACL wreath at Tomb of Unknowns on Memorial Day

Special to the Pacific Citizen

WASHINGTON. — Ira Shimasaki, veteran of the 82nd Infantry Division that fought in the European Theater of Operations in World War II, was selected this past week to lay the National JACL memorial wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery on May 30 by the special Washington Committee to Honor the Nisei War Dead.

When Shimasaki lays the wreath on behalf of the National Organization, he will be accompanied by Edwin Mitoma, Washington, D.C. Chapter Chairman and a veteran of the Army Signal Corps, and Ensign Kenneth K. Tagawa, of Denver, now on duty in the nation's capital.

"Because this Memorial Day marks the 15th anniversary of the

first Nisei heroes of the 442nd to be interred in this national cemetery, and because Ira Shimasaki has almost personally been responsible for the annual JACL tributes to all of the Nisei war heroes of World War II interred at Arlington, he was selected for this signal honor of presenting the floral tribute to the American soldiers 'known but to God' who died in World War I, World War II, and Korea on behalf of all Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country in general and for the National JACL in particular," Mike Masaoka, committee chairman, explained. Shimasaki has a brother-in-law, Lloyd Onoye, killed in action with the 442nd, buried at Arlington.

### Morning Pilgrimage

Prior to the official wreath laying, members of the Washington, D.C. JACL Chapter Board and of the Special Committee will meet at 10 a.m., May 30, at Section 12, near McClellan Gate, to begin the annual pilgrimage to the gravesites of the 20 Nisei war heroes of the 442nd interred at Arlington and to lay floral tributes at each gravesite on behalf of the National JACL. This has been a traditional service of the Washington Chapter and one which has been under the leadership of Ira Shimasaki for most of the past 15 years.

The 20 Japanese Americans, all combat heroes of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who lie in honored glory along with more than 120,000 other Americans who died in the Civil War, the Indian Wars, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and in the fighting in Southeast Asia, are:

PFC Victor K. Hada, Sgt. Haruo "Shizuo" Col. Jimmie Kokubun, PFC Tamotsu Thomas Kuge, Pvt. Ben Frank Masakawa, PFC Roy T. Morihoro, PFC Kiyoshi Murakami, Pvt. Hiroshi Nagano, PFC Fumitake Nagato, PFC John M. Nakamura, Pvt. Raito Nakashima, Sgt. Wataru Nakashima, Pvt. Stanley Takeshi Oba, PFC Lloyd Mitsuru Onoye, T/Sgt. Jimmy T. Shimizu, Pvt. Roy Shiozawa, PFC John Tanaka, PFC Saburo Tanamachi, PFC Shichio Toyota, and T/4 George T. Yamaguchi.

Next of kin to these Arlington interred heroes now reside in Texas, Oregon, Wisconsin, Colorado, Illinois, California, Maryland, Idaho, Michigan, Washington, Virginia, and Ohio.

## Public school credit sought by Gakuen

LOS ANGELES. — Southern California Japanese language schools are promoting an amendment to the State Education Code which will allow public school credit for foreign languages mastered in private schools.

A similar proposal has already passed the Hawaiian lower house and is given a good chance to gain Senate approval, according to Dr. Yaemitsu Sugimachi, principal of the Japanese Language School Unified System, who presided at a recent meeting here to secure support for the amendment from local Japanese language schools.

California public schools are committed to teach foreign languages from the sixth grade from 1965.

Papal Citation: Mrs. Umeno Miyamoto, Japanese language teacher at San Francisco's Morning Star (Gyosei) School, was recognized by a special citation from Pope John XXIII for her 40 years of teaching.

## Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

## Hiroshi Miyamura, CMH

Washington  
WHEN PRESIDENT Kennedy held his special reception at the White House on May 2 for recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, among the 234 of the Nation's greatest living war heroes present was Hiroshi (Hershey) Miyamura, of Gallup, New Mexico.

The only living Medal of Honor winner among Japanese Americans, he is one of only two of Japanese ancestry ever to earn this coveted honor. The other was Private Sadao S. Munemori, who was awarded his posthumously for his actions with the 442nd in Italy in the spring of 1945. Like Munemori, Hershey was a replacement for the 442nd and he too saw service in the Po Valley campaign in which Munemori earned his Medal of Honor.

Hershey, a Sergeant, won his for his actions in Korea. He first learned about his great honor when he arrived at Freedom Village, established by the United Nations after the so-called Armistice, ten years ago this coming August when he was exchanged as a prisoner of war for captured Chinese and Koreans. The information concerning the Congressional Medal of Honor was kept secret for fear that the Chinese who had captured him might cause him to suffer for the heroic deeds that earned for him a grateful country's highest decoration for valor.

President Eisenhower personally decorated him at White House ceremonies in the summer of 1954.

AS MEMORIAL DAY (May 30) draws nearer, it might be well to print again his stirring citation, for it should inspire all Americans, and especially those of Japanese ancestry, to understand the meaning of devotion to duty, dedication to country, and love of fellowmen:

"(Sergeant) Cpl. Hiroshi H. Miyamura (Service No. ER 35584192) Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company H, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and in trepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Taejon-Ni, Korea, on 24 and 25 April 1951. On the night of 24 April, Company H was occupying a defensive position when the enemy fanatically attacked, threatening to overrun the position. Cpl. Miyamura, a machine gun squad leader, aware of the immi-

nent danger to his men, unhesitatingly jumped from his shelter wielding his bayonet in close, hand-to-hand combat, killing approximately ten of the enemy. Returning to his position, he administered first aid to the wounded and directed their evacuation as another savage assault hit the line. He manned his machine gun and delivered withering fire until his ammunition was expended. He ordered the squad to withdraw, while he remained behind to render the gun inoperative. He then bayoneted his way through infiltrated enemy soldiers to a second gun emplacement and assisted in its operation.

"When the intensity of the attack necessitated the withdrawal of the Company, Cpl. Miyamura ordered his men to fall back while he remained to cover their movement. He killed more than 50 of the enemy before his ammunition was depleted and he was severely wounded. He maintained his magnificent stand despite his painful wounds, continuing to repel the attack until his position was overrun.

"When last seen, he was fighting ferociously against an overwhelming number of enemy soldiers."

"Cpl. Miyamura's indomitable heroism and consummate devotion to duty reflect the utmost glory on himself and uphold the illustrious traditions of the military service."

THE PRESIDENT told the select group of war heroes and their wives, including Hershey and Terry Miyamura, that he had tried to answer a question which is in the mind of every woman who sees her husband or brother or son go off to war.

Is the sacrifice these men and millions of others made worth while?

"I received a letter some months ago," the President said, "from the sister of a man who had been killed in South Viet-Nam who wondered whether her brother's sacrifice had been worthwhile for a country far away which many Americans had not heard of, in a war in which they were poorly informed."

"I wrote to her, as my predecessors have written to other sisters and wives," the President revealed in his intimate speech, "that in the service he rendered for the defense of that far-off country, he was defending the United States and its freedom."

The Chief Executive, who was a Navy PT boat skipper in the Pacific in World War II, said that few, "if any," Medals of Honor have been won in the United States in this century.

"There are thousands of Americans who lie buried all around the globe who have been fighting for the independence of other countries and, in a larger sense, for the independence of their own, so we are very glad to have you here," said the President.

"In honoring you, we honor all who bear arms in the service of their country, and we are particularly glad that so many wives came, because we honor them also."

Then he quoted from a letter he had received from a wife whose husband had been killed in action. Her letter, in reply to one from the President, read: "My husband put his love of his country above the love of life. He was ready and willing to lay down his life for his country. I am very proud of my husband and want some day for his two-year-old son and ten-day-old daughter to know what a fine man he was. Your letter will help me show them when they are big enough to understand."

The President's final tribute to the gallant heroes was "We are very proud of you, and most of all, we are proud of what we represent, which is the strong courage of Americans and their determination to defend their country."

"While all Americans can't win the Medal of Honor, and while all of them can't fight in far-off places, I hope that all are big enough and strong enough and courageous enough to support them."

THE PRESIDENT then personally shook hands with each of the Medal of Honor winners, and with many of their wives.

Major General Charles E. Kilbourne, 91, arrived in a wheelchair from a Washington, D.C., nursing home. He was the oldest Medal of Honor winner at the reception, though he won his decoration during the Philippine Insurrection in 1899. Brigadier General Charles D. Roberts, 89, also of Washington, won his in the Spanish-American War, in 1898.

Although several prominent Medal of Honor awardees were not present — General of the Army (Continued on Page 2)





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### PSWDC'S HERITAGE

What is there in common about these places: Santa Monica Chase Hotel, Santa Ana YWCA, Phoenix Westward Ho Hotel, Santa Barbara Mar Monte Hotel, Disneyland Hotel, Long Beach Wilton Hotel, and Los Angeles Sheraton-West? They form the chain of biennial convention sites for the Pacific Southwest District Council and next week, the El Segundo Thunderbird International Hotel becomes another link.

This chain was started by Tats Kushida in 1950 after coming west from Chicago to succeed Sam Ishikawa as So. Calif. JACL regional director. The conventions have been staged biennially since 1951. Many of us remember the fancy trappings of the hotels, the gay times after business sessions and headaches that go into arranging a convention. What principal speakers have said at these affairs still echo in JACL circles today.

1950—In view of changing circumstances and the remaining problems before us, the JACL should continue to be an organized representation of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States: **Saburo Kido**.

1951—If democracy is to survive, the judiciary must be willing to speak out on all issues: **Judge Thurmond Clarke**. Then Los Angeles Superior Court judge, he was the first California jurist to declare the state alien land law unconstitutional in the Masaka case on Mar. 6, 1950. He also ruled restrictive covenants in violation of the 14th Amendment, which he regarded as a guarantee that equal opportunity and equal treatment are for all peoples regardless of race, color or creed. "If a law infringes upon this Constitution, I feel it my duty and responsibility to declare it invalid."

1953—JACL can help build the lasting peace: ex-Senate Majority Leader **Ernest W. McFarland**. He also cited the Nisei war record in Europe and the Pacific as having much to do with efforts toward enactment of the Walter-McCarran Act.

1955—Nisei should have pride in their cultural heritage: **Dr. Elmer Noble**, dean of science and letters, Santa Barbara State.

1957—True test of Nisei acceptance in America will come when the chips are down and when times aren't good: **Dr. Roy Nishikawa**. "Job of JACL can be compared with advertising. A top notch firm continues to champion its merit rather than resting on its laurels." His analysis of JACL deserves repeating here. "J" (Japanese) illustrates Nisei heritage. "A" (American) recognizes Nisei birthright and ideals, especially the hope that Americans are to be judged, not on the basis of face or appearance, but by action and aspiration. "C" (Citizens) emphasizes obligations each Nisei has to his country as well as securing individual rights and privileges inherent in the American way of life. "L" (League) embodies all of the above ideas in positive form, promoting, maintaining and enhancing them.

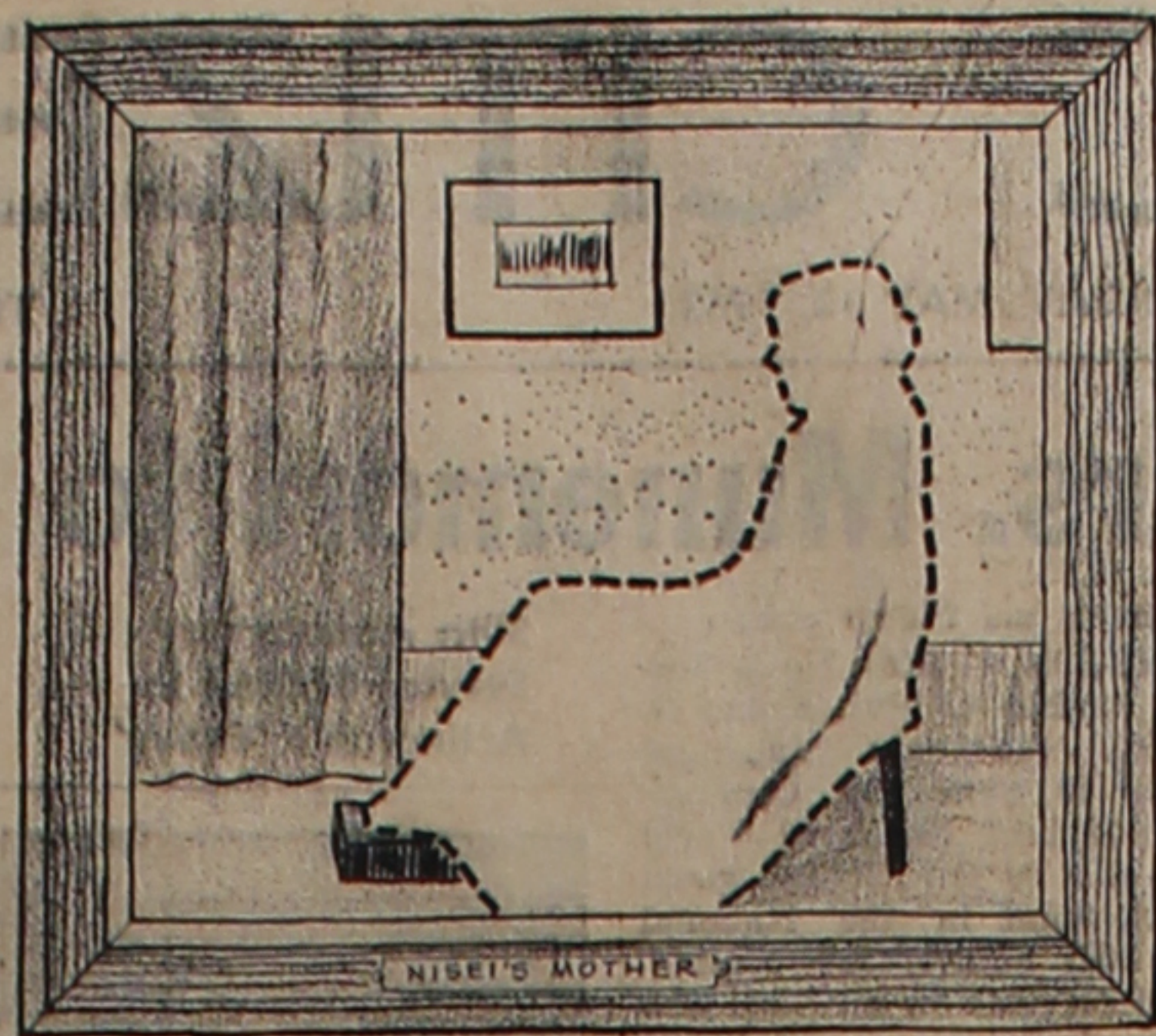
1959—Your territory is the El Dorado of JACL: **Shig Wakamatsu**. Repeating a challenge that JACL should shoot for 50,000 members, he had the Pacific Southwest in mind with its largest concentration of Japanese on the mainland. "You are sitting on top of a gold mine." And this wealth could be tapped by organizing more chapters, he urged. "This is not an original suggestion," he continued. "As a matter of fact, it was your own idea when some 10 years ago, the Los Angeles JACL was split into four chapters, thereby doubling its total membership. But more important, it quadrupled the number of persons involved at the chapter level of responsibility and leadership. This increase of leadership and responsibility is the vital key which opens the door to a realization of a greater membership."

1961—Nisei have a stake in keeping the peace between U.S. and Japan: **Mike Masaoka**. He admitted he was among those Nisei who wanted to be too American and become assimilated, even to the extent of not wanting to learn the Japanese language or appreciate his heritage. But the lessons of WW2 when Japan became our enemy taught him acceptance of Nisei in America was largely dependent upon the political status of Japan. He conceived how prejudice against Nisei might be applied were Japan to become neutralist and then taken over by the Reds and joined the Sino-Soviet bloc. Prejudice against Nisei would be more subtle. Employers with government contracts might say, "We know you're a good worker, loyal, etc., but we have to let you go because of..."

These kernels of thought, viewed from this perspective, appear as fitting milestones for JACL in general today.

There will be delegates and young people attending their first PSWDC convention — and this review, we hope, brings them up-to-date on what the district council believes in accomplishing. We also hope the new blood being infused into the district may vivify what our national presidents have counseled. The challenge is there, the row is long to hoe and ready-made for one who doesn't say "die" readily.

And "new blood" always peps up the "old". Us aging corpuses remember West Los Angeles JACL hosting the first postwar district convention. It was mostly serious business; that of raising funds for the legislative campaign to secure naturalization privileges for the Issei, though the view of the ocean appeared more inviting. The "new blood" in the chapter has elaborated the May 18-19 affair with speeches from a congressman from Washington, Rep. Cecil King, and national president Pat Okura from Omaha. JACL chapter auxiliary will dazzle with a fashion show of Seibu — the Japanese department store on Miracle Mile.



### PC LETTERBOX:

#### After the 'Old Guard'

Dear Editor:

Will there be another generation to take over the leadership of the JACL when the Old Guard fades away?

The leaders of today's JACL are essentially people who have followed the growth of the JACL since their youth, in the days before and during World War II. At that time, the JACL had meaning for them because of the persecutions they suffered. They have felt a need for the JACL in this form ever since and have felt com-

pelled to continue fighting this type of injustice. Today's young adults lack such vivid memories to sustain their interest in the JACL; they must find meaning in it through their own experience.

The negation of the JACL by the young Japanese Americans is gradually becoming apparent. The young adults do not feel compelled to follow in the footsteps of the present leaders and concentrating their efforts on fighting injustice against Japanese Americans. They want positive programs that appeal to their needs and hopes.

#### Multi-Purpose Group

The JACL is already becoming a multi-purpose organization out of necessity. It may well be that the JACL will in fact serve a greater function by being an instrument for programs involving the youth, education, scholarships, cultural activity, community service, welfare, etc. This does not mean that we must give up our fight for equality; it just shows that we must now concern ourselves with the wider range of problems that face us.

Widening the scope of the JACL along such broad lines will not be easy, of course. It will entail loosening the grip of the Old Guard and allowing a New Guard to work itself in. It will entail positive action rather than negative response. It must entail communicating to the youth that we need their help and will give in return the opportunity for creative, vigorous accomplishments.

CAROL TAMURA  
D.C. News Notes Editor  
Washington.

Los Angeles.

(JACL has a twin motto—"For Better Americans in a Greater America"—which ought to fit Miss Matsui's concern.—Editor.)

#### Masaoka —

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Douglas MacArthur, Audie Murphy (the most decorated soldier of World War II), Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, and the ailing Sergeant Alvin York of World War I fame, among others — it was a most heartwarming event.

Shy, quiet-spoken Hershey Miyamura enjoyed his second visit to the White House. And, as on the field of battle and in his every day living, he conducted himself with great credit to his fellow Americans of Japanese ancestry. A real hero among heroes, his life should be pointed out to every American of Japanese ancestry as an example of the kind of human being and American all of us can — and should be.

#### Mrs. Yoshima

LOS ANGELES. — Mrs. Mitsuo Yoshima will show some works of her husband, Taro, author and illustrator of children's book, and their daughter Momoko will read his latest, "The Youngest One", at the annual Japanese Children's Festival tomorrow, 10 a.m., at the Heights Cooperative Nursery School, 3875 City Terrace Dr.

#### Westside Optimists

LOS ANGELES. — Atty. Mark Kiguchi was recently elected president of the newly-chartered Westside Optimist Club.

#### TRADE FAIR

SEATTLE. — Japan has one of the larger exhibits at the Washington State International Trade Fair at the Civic Center here this week.

## Are We Different?

The following articles are printed for two reasons: (1) because each of us undoubtedly has been confronted with this question and (2) because it's helpful to know the opinions of others who have dealt with this question:

### BY DR. TAKEHIKO YOSHIHASHI

If someone were to ask me the question, "Are we different from the average Americans?" my reply would be that we are pretty much like any other Americans. We share the same ideals, likes and dislikes; we work and play together, belong to the same organizations, and some of us even share life partnerships with non-Japanese persons.

However, through no fault of our own, this question will continue to recur in the minds of our children, their children, and for countless generations. The answer is a simple one. Society always tends to make the members of the minority group somewhat self-conscious of their background. Why? Because we are different in our outward physical features. No one can deny that this often poses embarrassing problems, especially when we find ourselves amid strangers who do not know and understand us. Some strangers are not even sure whether or not we were born in this country. Others would like to ingratiate themselves by complimenting us with their appreciation of the fine cuisine, arts or certain desirable features of the country from which they think we or our parents have come; but, alas, they are not sure about which Oriental country.

#### Why the Uneasiness

So there is a feeling of uneasiness on the part of those with whom we are often confronted. The root of the problem is that people still think and will continue to think for a long time in terms of our racial background. This is not because people are necessarily prejudiced against minorities, but it is simply human to identify others by their physical features just as we register our cars by

make, model and color. Nevertheless, it does not soothe our ruffled feelings to be told that such is a fact of life and we must accept it. How do we go about girding ourselves for such moments? Although this is far from being a foolproof formula, I would like to suggest that we hark back to our Issei parents and see how they reacted to the same problem. I think it would reinforce our sense of adequacy were we to be fortified with the thought that we are better-than-average Americans.

In addition to sharing and appreciating the cultural heritage of this country, if we are able to assure our fellow Americans that we know our ancestral tongue, its history and culture, I believe that they would tend to respect us even more for our attainments. Some may question this as being a compensatory mechanism to make up for our sense of feeling inferior. To this I would like to respond in the negative. No, this is simply another way to enrich the American culture in depth and also increase the facets of mutual understanding which are so much in need in this day and age.

#### BY "K" AND "N"

Are we as Japanese Americans really different from other Americans? Our obvious differences, physically and behaviorally, set us off as hyphenated Americans of a definite ethnic minority. We were born to households whose language and emotional disciplines were un-Western, and this has surely affected our attitudes and behavior. But also we were born and reared and educated in an environment which stressed the American ideals and principles of democracy. Now we have come to accept these precepts as our way of life and are proving our devotion and faith in them by hard work and sacrifice. The Japanese-Americans' loyalty to the land of their birth has been unequivocally expressed in a manner few ethnic minorities in the world have done in the lands of their residence. The quality of our inheritance and upbringing raises the question again in how we differ from other Americans.

If we look around us, other minority Americans actually have the same problems as we and perhaps the only difference may be a quantitative one. As evidence of the quantitative difference, a difficult prewar situation for the Nisei in the U.S. was made a thousand-fold more difficult by the unique situation brought upon us by World War II when Americans fought the land of our parents. The eventual success of the Nisei in the U.S. in resolving and surmounting these traumatic experiences during and since World War II could be attributed to many factors.

#### Growing Pains

The young Nisei of the 20's and 30's, confronted by the dual nature of his upbringing, in his struggle for acceptance into the mainstream of American life began

to look with suspicion upon some of the Japanese traits and customs of his heritage. This was a period of development of a sociogenic schizophrenia suffered by most Japanese Americans honest enough to admit it. Such things as intense loyalty to family and the close family unit headed by the strong father image, Bushido, hard work almost to a fault, the discipline and control exemplified in judo and kendo, and countless other traits and activities were looked upon as foreign, alien and non-American. But if we acquired a residuum of "these things Japanese", providentially beyond our control, it should be considered fortunate, for these were in no small measure the very qualities which I believe form part of the Nisei story of gritty courage and heroism in combat and the patience and faith of the Japanese Americans at home during and after World War II.

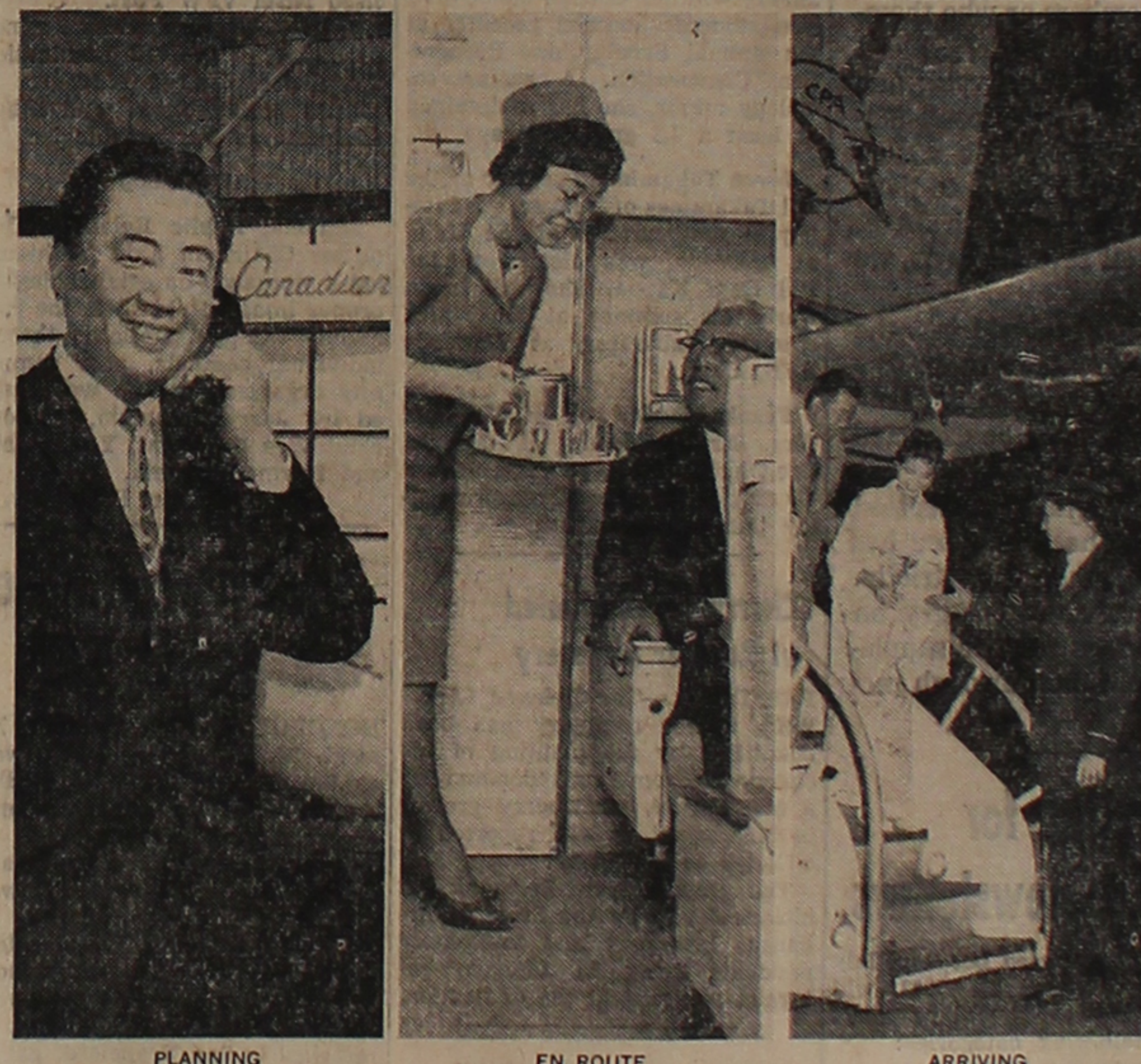
I believe we are beginning to close this gap of the "differentness" and quality in ourselves. Now we are also reaching back into time—back to the realization of the truths of our parents, as witness the Issei History Project, for the hard kernel of the truths they carried. Their "differentness" only brought out the many good things in them. Can we, who are so much more American than Japanese, also be capable of transmitting some of their virtues to our offspring? How do we bring all this down to the realities of our daily living? I think, it is essential to have a healthy awareness and a real understanding of ourselves as individual Japanese Americans in relation to all other Americans. We should now be able to do this without feelings of inferiority and frustration although a little humility always tends to be a healthy leveling influence. In other words, our differences, now better realized, should not bother us any longer but enable us to strive more for individual realization rather than for mere acceptance as average Americans.

#### A Thing of Greatness

I am different and we as a group are different and these few observations try to tell how and why we are different from other Americans. I don't believe there are any original or startling observations made here. The crux of this question seems now to be: granted these differences, can we make the more difficult contribution to our children and to the American scene of the levels of quiet courage and devotion and faith to the simple ideals soon to be written into the Issei Story? For they have indeed made their "differentness" into a thing of greatness. —D.C. News Notes.

#### Support Family Camp

DAYTON, O. — Dayton JACL voted last month to support to the Family Camp Committee, sponsored by the Church Federation of Greater Dayton. The committee endeavors to promote religious tolerance and brotherhood through its program.



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## Guest Columnist: Good Name Better than Wealth

BY MRS. YOSHI OCHI  
From the JACL Newsletter

Idaho Falls  
As children, many of us couldn't really comprehend just exactly what our parents meant when they said it was more important to have a good name than great wealth.

Every once in a while I remember my father would lecture on how important it was "not to soil the family name". You all must remember the exact phrases the Issei loved to use.

As children, I know that all Nisei received the same sort of discourse.

I hope we are passing on some of this same spirit to our children, for it is only in recent years that we have truly come to value the spirit of the Issei as their dedication to their children has become apparent. We have finally to some degree come to appreciate the greatness of the Issei pioneers.

### Tsurukichi Morishita

Since our last Newsletter was printed, we have laid to rest one of the early pioneer Issei of the area. Mr. Tsurukichi Morishita was true to the qualities attributed to those coming from Hiroshima, Japan. He was hard-working and frugal.

He came to the United States in 1901 at the age of 19 years full of ambition. He worked laying rails for the Great Northern Railroad in north-eastern Montana; later came to Idaho Falls with the Union Pacific Railroad and worked for a few years, but decided to launch a new business.

He went to a barber's school in

Los Angeles, and opened what was probably the first Issei-operated barber shop in this area. It was located in Idaho Falls on the corner of Park Avenue and B Street—which is now the center of the business district.

After he married Tsune Morita in 1916, he successfully operated his business for several years but concluded that the best place to rear his children was on the farm. So he learned to grow potatoes, hay, wheat, and sugar beets.

### Pioneer Farmer

Mr. Morishita, like many Issei farmers in the Snake River Valley, worked hard and long hours; he did not accomplish what some people would consider spectacular; he did not amass a great fortune. However, he achieved what many of us consider a greater success.

At the final services (in March) when his many friends came to honor him, everyone sensed an aura of triumph and success as four stalwart sons and a charming daughter escorted their mother to and from the sanctuary of the Trinity Methodist Church in Idaho Falls.

Everyone couldn't help but observe that this early pioneer had taught his lessons and the children had learned them well. All of them are successful in their chosen fields; they serve their communities, their schools and their JACL. The Morishita name has always been pointed with pride; they have brought honor to their father. The Issei describe them as "oya-koko mono".

It seems to us that this is an everlasting and crowning glory to that Issei pioneer.

## Japanese cultural contributions lauded in Pasadena editorial as big asset

PASADENA.—The Pasadena Star-News editorially applauded the recent opening of the Japanese Cultural Center as one of Pasadena's "instructive edifying assets".

"There was a time when languages and customs brought to this country by immigrants from other parts of the world were discouraged and sometimes even despised," the Star-News noted.

"The immigrants themselves often sensed this to the extent that they refrained from teaching their children the tongue of their ancestors, which they might easily have picked up in formative years and, thus have had the use of a second language. Observances that came from the Old World or the Orient were also discarded as 'not American'."

"Some peoples, despite all this, were more tenacious in preserving the heritage of their origins, without in any way detracting from their commitment to their adopted nation, the United States. Indeed, it seems evident that immigrants, excluding the minuscule percentage of saboteurs and spies, have

a larger claim to patriotism than the native-born, having consciously chosen this as their country."

"These ruminations are prompted by the recent opening of a \$200,000 complex of buildings housing the Pasadena Japanese Cultural Center. Fortunately, the prejudice against the preservation of things foreign has pretty well been dissipated. Americans know now what has been introduced into the U.S. from other lands has enriched our own culture."

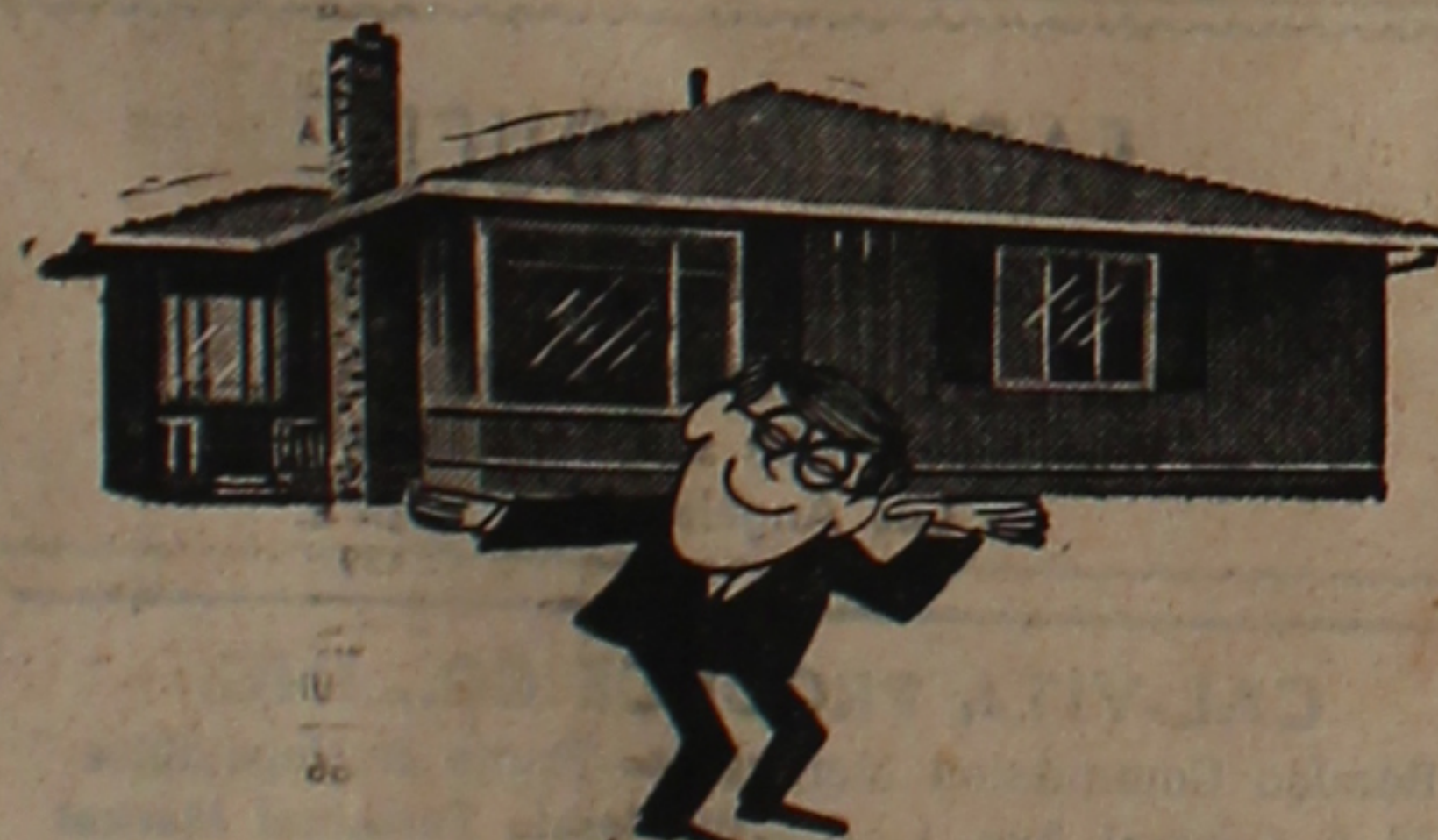
### Hito Okada initiated as 32nd degree Utah Mason

SALT LAKE CITY.—Hito Okada and Toshiyuki Kago were among 59 newly initiated 32nd Degree Utah Master Masons at the Masonic Temple here on April 27. Okada is a past national JACL president and a member of the current National JACL Board.

### DEATHS

Prof. Kazuo Kawai, 58: Political science professor since 1951 at Ohio State University, of cancer, May 4, at Columbus, O. Japan-born, he was raised in Fresno and graduated from Stanford. He was English editor of the old Japanese American News, San Francisco, and taught at UCLA, before repatriating in 1941.

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## Stock split to boost capitalization announced by Sumitomo, Bank of Tokyo

SAN FRANCISCO.—Plans to increase their capital accounts were announced last week by the Bank of Tokyo of California and the Sumitomo Bank of California.

Tokunaka Takahashi, president of the state Bank of Tokyo said new stocks will be issued soon at \$32 per share to add \$2,640,000 to the bank's capital fund.

With reserves and \$480,000 in undivided profits, the Tokyo Bank's total capital account will exceed \$7,720,000, he said.

The Sumitomo Bank's 866 stockholders, mostly Issei and Nisei in this state, will be offered a total of 77,500 new shares shortly, according to Makoto Sasaki, bank president.

Sumitomo's new stock will also be priced at \$32. Par value will be \$20 and \$12 will be paid in surplus, he said.

### For Expansion Move

"Because of our bank's rapid expansion we are using this method to increase our working capital by \$1,550,000," Sasaki said. "This will increase the bank's capital and paid-in surplus by \$2,480,000 from the present \$4,200,000 to \$6,680,000."

Both banks previously sold \$100 par value stock for \$125 several times since they were organized almost simultaneously 10 years ago.

Last month the two banks revealed that they were splitting their \$100 par value shares into five new \$20 par value shares.

Bank of Tokyo officials said that current stockholders will shortly receive stickers saying "\$20 par value" to paste on their original stock certificates plus four new \$20 par value shares.

Both banks said their new issues will be offered first to present stockholders on the basis of one new share for every two of the newly-split \$20 par shares they now own.

### Increases in Value

It was reported that the original \$100 par shares which were sold for \$125 to subscribers have been selling for from \$180 to \$190 on

### Nisei appointed head of Alaska medical examiners

PORTLAND.—Dr. Henry I. Akiyama of Juneau was appointed to the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Alaska by Gov. William A. Egan on April 4, according to word received here. Dr. Akiyama was also named board president and is the city health officer. He interned at St. Vincent Hospital and is a former Portland resident.

Dr. Benjamin M. Tanaka of Ontario, Ore. was among the eight physicians practicing medicine for 40 years or more to be honored by the U. of O. Alumni Association (Medical School), at the group's 48th meeting this past week.

Dr. Tanaka was graduated in 1920. Of the 14 graduates of that class, eight are now living.

Dr. Tanaka is the only one from his class to receive an honorary lifetime membership.

the open market here. This is almost \$40 per share under the new 5-1 split.

The new shares will be offered first to stockholders of record on May 10, Sumitomo and Tokyo bank announcements both said.

If any of the new issue remains unsold by May 31, they will be offered to the public from June 3, it was announced by the Bank of Tokyo.

Both banks said the new stock offering will terminate on June 21.

Takahashi said the lower stock price should enable more people to purchase them and expressed hope that many Issei and Nisei, especially in areas where new offices have been opened recently, will take full advantage of this offer.

## June 2 rites—

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of devotion and loyalty of the Nisei GIs is largely responsible for the present welcome acceptance of Japanese Americans in the United States, it was thought that the 20th anniversary of the first call for volunteers was most appropriate for commemorative services.

Coincidentally, almost 15 years ago to the day (June 4, 1948) of the commemorative services, the first war dead of the 442nd was interred in Arlington with high military and government honors.

Coincidentally too, the 442nd landed in Italy on June 2, 1944, and eight days later first went into action above Rome.

Boys Stater: Mike Watanabe of Venice High was selected as Boys State delegate of the Sadoo Munemori Post of the American Legion.

## Newsletters—

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cy, writing skill, public service, significance of event, subject matter difficulty, enterprise and originality. This competition, initiated last year in memory of the late prewar national JACL president and editor, Jimmie Sakamoto of Seattle, seeks to promote and foster more and better chapter newsletters.

Awards consist of a suitably inscribed plaques to category winners and ribbons of commendation to newsletters deserving of honorable mention. The 1963 awards will be made at a suitable district council meeting.

### Fresno Buddhist Troop 5 scoutmaster honored

FRESNO.—Shunkichi Ego, medical lab technician who was a scout leader in the WRA centers during World War II, was designated the April scoutmaster of the month by the Sequoia Boy Scout Council.

A native of Fresno, he has been active in scouting since 1936. He is scoutmaster of Fresno Buddhist Church Troop 5, an Eagle Scout who holds the Silver Beaver award and a charter member of the council's Order of the Arrow, honor camping fraternity.

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## KIWANIS SELECT NISEI TEACHER FOR NEW AWARD

SALT LAKE CITY.—The local Kiwanis honored Jun Oniki, sixth grade teacher at Jackson School, for "outstanding service to the youth of our community". Similar awards are to be made to outstanding teachers each month during the school year.

Oniki has been teaching since graduating from the Univ. of Utah 12 years ago. His principal, George T. Brooks, said Oniki seeks opportunities to travel the second mile with his pupils and that he has won the high esteem of pupils, co-workers and parents.

## Fuzzy Shimada fifth at ABC tourney all-events

BUFFALO, N.Y.—Fuzzy Shimada, aided by a 268 game in the doubles and a 245 in the singles, rolled into fifth place in the ABC classic all-events division this past week on a total of 1963 pins.

At the second annual Sam Mateo Nisei Invitational handicap tournament April 21 at the 19th Ave. Bowl, Shimada highlighted with a 785 scratch series while doubling with Bob Watanabe of Sacramento.

## Dr. Miyake's son named Boys State delegate

FOWLDER.—Ken Miyake, son of Dr. and Mrs. George Miyake, who was elected student body president for next semester at Fowler Union High, was named Boys State delegate by the Edward L. Griffith Post of the American Legion here last week.

## JAL transports 3,883 for new monthly record

SAN FRANCISCO.—Japan Air Lines set a new monthly record after carrying 3,883 revenue passengers on its 11 weekly flights from the United States to Japan in April. The previous all-time high was set in October, 1962, with 3,764 passengers carried westbound across the Pacific.

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## Come-all track meet to form Sac'to team

SACRAMENTO.—Finalists of the Sacramento JACL open track meet tomorrow at Hughes Stadium will compete for the chapter team to be entered in the San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics at Kezar on June 2, it was announced by Robert K. Honda, JACL track meet chairman.

Competition will be in all four divisions: open, lightweight (high school and under 130 exponents), junior (ages 12 through 15), and peewee (ages 8 through 11).

Awards will be made to the first three places.

Nisei Relays: East Los Angeles and Long Beach chapters have revealed their candidates for the 1963 Nisei Relays queen contest today. They are Carol Imai, 17, of East Los Angeles, and Evelyn Hashimoto, 17, of Wilmington, respectively. Other candidates are to be announced before the Nisei Relays slated May 26 at University High, at which time the queen and her court are to reign.

It was the best ever at 19th Ave. Bowl but had to settle for second as Ed Nagase and Hiro Sentachi of San Francisco scored 1341—one pin better—to win the top prize.

## Tournament of golf champions planned

CHICAGO.—Plans for the long-awaited first annual Tournament of Champions, sponsored by the Chicago Nisei Golf Council, were revealed this week by Hosen Oshita, council president. Invitations have been sent to 63 winners of local club tournaments to shoot for big prizes at St. Andrews Country Club on May 26.

Being invited are:

Bob Aimoto, T. Nakanishi, Bob Iha, Shies Takesu, Fred Lau, Jerry Sowa, J. Frankenburg, Ta Tsuchi, Nob Ota, Shig Onodera, Kaji Haruta, James Yoshimoto, Kurt Uchima, Bob Kawazoe, Tad Sonoda.

Chuck Travnick, Enoch Kanaya, Bob Sedohara, Kay Isono, Beer Omuro, Mino Nakawata, Bob Fortch, Seiya Nakashima, John Mayahara, Shig Oku, Frank Shimizu, Joe Nakayama, Bob Oyama, Hank Karikomi, Kumeo Yoshinari.

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Chicago JACL is offering the low net and low gross trophies.

Being tabbed as players to beat are the winners of the All-City tournament last September: Hiroshige Mori, Hawaiian Club; Bob

Sedohara, Midwest; and Bob Iha, Church of Christ.

## Berkeley JACL honors Japan all-star cagers

BERKELEY.—Enroute to the world championship tournament in Brazil, the Japanese All-Star cagers, being coached locally by Pete Newell, U.C. athletic director, were honored Monday at a Berkeley JACL-sponsored community potluck dinner at Jefferson School.

Newell mentored the team during its exhibition games in the Bay Area. Chapter president Jack Imada welcomed the team being coached by Shiro Yoshii. Masuji Fujii was evening toastmaster.

## San Jose State keeps collegiate judo crown

ITHACA, N.Y.—San Jose State's defending judo championship team swept all divisions in which it competed this past week to win the second National Collegiate Judo Association title at Cornell University. The five-man team amassed 53 points, easily defeating a field of 15 teams.

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# By the Board

IS THERE A NEED FOR A JACL 20-30 CLUB?

BY MAS HIRONAKA  
PSWDC Chairman

San Diego  
That the youth of today is seeking his niche in America was brought to the attention of the Pacific Southwest District Council board most emphatically at a recent executive meeting. When I mention youth here... I'm referring to those post-adolescent lads and lassies who are out of their teens but who have not just yet entered the ripe old age of 30. And here's why—thanks to Alan Kumamoto and his Hi-Co Committee who gave us a well-placed "kick in the pants" in bringing this to our attention.

Our concern for these young men and women and teenagers does not rest with a token support of the Hi-Co Conference in the form of a \$100 underwriting. That is not enough, we were told. When we seem to encourage teenagers to take their place in society by getting a sufficient education and choosing a career worthy of their capabilities, we then proceed to forget them until sometime after they are 30 when we seem to pick them up to help carry some of the burdens of JACL and community program.

With this indictment as a background, the Hi-Co committee at the coming PSWDC convention will try to encourage the youth of today toward JACL and its ever spreading program now. They have been assured the time and talent of JACLers to formulate a worthwhile youth program as part

of our convention. I wish to encourage all the youth in the District Council to attend and help Alan and those interested in the well-being of the Nisei and Sansei in the Southland begin a program towards building up the youth and perhaps become an integral part of the District Council.

Not only will the adult JACLers earn in this venture, but it should stimulate the younger generation in our communities to promote the JACL motto of "Better Americans in a Greater America."

Further details will be forthcoming in the mail, so we hope our board members and chapter presidents don't sit on the envelope unopened and let a good prospect die on the vine.

## CONVENTION PLANNING

Akira Ohno and his hard working crew of the West Los Angeles JACL are adding the final touches to the District Convention next weekend at the Thunderbird International Hotel on Sepulveda Blvd., just south of the airport beyond Imperial Blvd. I hope all the pre-registrations are in by now as planning requires its immediate attention be given to estimate how many are attending. This is the last day (May 10) for pre-registering. If it hasn't been done, please see to it.

## ET CETERA

Membership, according to latest report, seems to be not just up to par. Less than a third of the chapters have even met last year's count. This certainly calls for a renewed effort to secure renewals and to approach those just waiting to be asked.

I hope the PSWDC can still make a big push this coming week so that by convention time, the gap can be closed. It can be done and I say, "Let's do it."

## PSW Youth to probe JACL pro and con

LOS ANGELES. — The Hi-Co spirit generated at the recent Camp Colby conference is being extended to the PSWDC Convention May 18 at the Thunderbird International Hotel with an Inter-collegiate Forum.

Under chairmanship of Alan Kumamoto, the program has been geared to sow "seeds of thought" regarding the challenges facing the Sansei. Jerry Enomoto, Nat'l 1st v.p. and youth chairman, will make the keynote address.

Four discussion sessions will follow, the first panel featuring National JACL officers and staff who will analyze the pros and cons of the organization. Other topics delve into the Issei History project and its significance to the Sansei, so-called cliques at school and family relations.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the \$6.50 fee will cover all costs including the dinner-dance. College students and mature high school students are invited to express themselves at the forum.

## Ira Shimasaki's son on the air—K3VTZ

WASHINGTON. — Don Shimasaki (K3VTZ), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shimasaki, has really kept the atmosphere bouncing with this radio signals after receiving his general class amateur license recently. He is building a 200-watt transmitter, which is expected to give him greater distance.

## Delinquency topic

REEDLEY. — Judge Matt Goldstein of Fresno addressed a recent Reedley JACL meeting on Juvenile Delinquency. Dr. James Ikemiyama was meeting chairman.

## NISEI FUN TOUR

LOS ANGELES. — Taiyo-Do's Summer Nisei Fun Tour from June 26 and ending July 16 in Hong Kong is specially geared for students and teachers with the itinerary including schools, movie studios and cultural exhibits.

How class credit may be secured through this tour is explained in a brochure available at Taiyo-Do Travel Service, 327 E. 1st St., MA 5-1505.

## Tri-Utah chapters to honor graduates

SALT LAKE CITY. — Saturday, May 25, is a "red-letter" day for the three Utah chapters — Salt Lake, Mt. Olympus and Ben Lomond, which will combine forces to stage a tri-Chapter Graduation Dance at the Terrace Ballroom. The Cirq Room has been reserved.

Being invited are the 1963 college and high school graduates of the area. It is also the first important social event to be sponsored by the three Utah chapters.

Non-graduates will be charged \$3.50 per couple. Graduates will be guests. From all indications, there seems to be a bumper crop of graduates this year.

Portland JACL: Circuit Court Judge Herbert Schwab, Army Reserve colonel and until his appointment as judge in 1959 a longtime member of the Portland School Board, was announced as the principal speaker at the Portland JACL graduates dinner Friday, May 24, 6:30 p.m., at Multnomah Hotel's Empire Room.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mizote, co-chairmen, said the occasion would also serve as the presentation of four scholarships from the Gresham-Troutdale JACL, Oregon Nisei Vets, Veledas and Nikkel Fufjinski. Serving on the committee are:

Walt Fuchigami, speaker; Waichi Oyanari, program printing; Jim and Fumi Onchi, George and Sumi Furusho, Canon and Jane Kitayama, decorations; George and Ise Azumano, guests; Beate Matsuda, Shig and Lil Hongko, Fred and Lil Iriyama, invitations; Ike and Mary Iwasaki, pub.; Yoneko Dozono, Fumiko Sakano, Mary Iwasaki, Helen Tamura, Gresham JACL, list of graduates; Wally Kurahara (Delta), Sorites, ushers; Rowe Sumida, toastmaster; George and Jeanne Gokami, entertainment; Roy and Joe Maeda, tickets; John and Mary Hada, dance chaperones.

Gresham-Troutdale JACL: Nicky Yamamoto of Gresham (Ore.) High was winner of the \$150 chapter scholarship award this past week when the chapter honored 11 local area college and high school graduates. Over 100 persons attended the dinner at Flower Drum Restaurant, including Japanese Consul and Mrs. T. Sato of Portland who were special guests. Max Paulin of Benson High was principal speaker; Ed Honma, toastmaster.

Puyallup Valley JACL: State Supreme Court Judge Frank Hale was announced as principal speaker for the Puyallup Valley JACL graduates dinner planned for Saturday, June 8, 6:30 p.m., at the Farm. Joe Kosai is banquet chairman.

Other special guests being invited include local area graduates and the ministers of the local Methodist and Buddhist churches.

Arizona JACL: Scholarship winners, judges and Issei parents will be honored by Arizona JACL at a dinner tomorrow, it was announced by Mrs. Yukio Miyachi, chapter president. National Director Mas Satow will be the principal speaker.

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TO BE BUSY FOR OKURA

OMAHA. — National JACL President K. Patrick Okura will participate in Memorial Day services in Denver and the special JACL Commemorative ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery that weekend. He will be accompanied by his wife, Lily.

Okura will also meet with the Ft. Lupton and Mile-Hi chapter members in the evening of May 30 at the Akenobu Restaurant and depart the following morning for Washington, meet with EDC members on Saturday, participate in the special June 2 rites and return to Omaha by late Monday.

## PUYALLUP DIRECTORY

TACOMA. — The Puyallup Valley JACL directory is being published soon, according to Dr. John Kanda.

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## HISTORY PROJECT DIRECTOR

Dr. Scott Miyakawa (left), Japanese History Project director, meets Akira Ohno of West Los Angeles, PSWDC Convention general chairman, Dr. Miyakawa and project co-director Dr. Robert Wilson will be main speakers at the convention luncheon May 18 at El Segundo's Thunderbird International Hotel. The two professors will also take part in the Hi-Co youth forum.

## Chapter Call Board

### San Jose JACL

Keiro-Kai: Issei, 75 years old or older, of the San Jose area will be honored at a recognition dinner on Sunday, June 2, 5 p.m., at the San Jose Buddhist Church Annex. Dr. Tom Taketa, chapter president, is general chairman.

The community-wide affair is being endorsed by the Methodist and Buddhist churches, their affiliated organizations, JACL, Nisei VFW Post, Landscape Gardeners, Belles and Charming. Plans for at least 500 persons are being pushed. Names of honorees are being accepted until May 19 by:

Sue Matsumura 258-4400, Mrs. Terrie Taketa CH-11880, or Norman Milne CY 5-3960.

### Milwaukee JACL

Cherry Blossom Festival: Milwaukee JACL's Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, May 19, at Lincoln Blatz Pavilion will feature

### Hanga woodblock artist addresses D.C. JACLers

WASHINGTON. — Unichi Hiratsuka, master of the Hanga woodblock printing, demonstrated his creative art at the last Washington, D.C., JACL meeting April 27 at the YWCA.

The Hanga school advocates the designer to prepare his own print, cut the block and print the art. Followers of the opposing Ukiyoe school only design the block and transfer it to a woodcutter who in turn gives it to the printer and the publisher.

Here since last year, he is residing with his daughter Keiko H. Moore in Georgetown.

### Travel allowance voted

PORTLAND. — The Portland JACL has voted to reimburse authorized travel outside of the greater Portland area at 10 cents per mile by personal car or full fare if travel is authorized by plane, train or bus.

program and foodstuff of Japan. Ron Minami and Lily Kataoka are co-chairmen.

### Long Beach-Harbor JACL

"Spring Fever": A fashion show presented for youth is being staged by Long Beach-Harbor District JACL this Sunday, 1 p.m., at Veterans Park, 101 E. 28th St., it was announced by Mrs. Michi Hirooka and Mitsuye Hamada, co-chairmen.

Dresses and sportswear from Eddy-O and Career Girl and Italian knitwear from Hoffman Imports will be modeled by:

Ann Hirooka, Darlene Hiroto, Karen Kawai, Hiroko Kotsubo, Judy Morimura, Judy Nishino, Ann Tanouye, Jean Tatum, Jean Yatsui, Laurie Hayashi.

Clara Perry and the Ichino Sisters will entertain. Emiko Nakamura, 1962 Miss Harbor, will select door prize winners. Others on the committee are: Frances Kobata, Hiroko Kotsubo, fashions; Mrs. Mary Hiroto, Darlene Hiroto, models; Carolyn Odagiri, program; Judy Morihara, tickets; Barbara Mura, entertainment; Mizuye Noda, door prizes; Ellen Oye, refreshments; Masayo Suzuki, dec.; Atsuko Osada, pub.; Jean Lanning, commentator; Art Noda, music.

### West Los Angeles JACL

Nisei Week Candidates: West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary members will meet candidates for Miss West L.A. Monday night at the home of Taye Isono. Suki Uyeno and Mrs. James Kituse are hostesses for the evening. Final selection of the girl to represent the area in the annual Nisei Week contest will be made on June 2 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Sonoda.

Queen's Ball: Announcement of Miss West Los Angeles as candidate for Nisei Week will be made at West L.A. JACL's annual Queen's Ball on Saturday, June 8, at the Santa Monica Elks Club, according to George Kanegai and Frank Kishi, co-chairmen. Manny Harmon's orchestra led by Maury Diamond will play music of appeal to college-age groups.

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## Hi-Co highlights and hi-jinks

(This is the concluding portion of impressions of a delegate to the recent Hi-Co Conference.)

BY CHERYL INOUEYE  
(Continued from Last Week)

As in every conference, there is a time for work and a time for play—so now we had about two hours for recreation, which included horse shoes, ping-pong, volleyball, football or time for catching up on sleep.

Recreation is a good time to meet new people, for making friends and enemies. It's the final spine-tingling moments of a hot volley ball game with the score tied 13-13. The ball comes in your direction, you reach for it, but then... what do you mean by missing it? Aren't you popular now? Oh, yes, this is also the time for planning cabin skits to be performed at the campfire.

Well, dinner finally came and practically everyone was ready to eat an elephant (except the people on diets). Campfire with a big blaze and much singing, spiced with a few hilarious jokes by general chairman Alan Kumamoto (well, he seemed to think they were funny) lifted the conference spirit which was lagging up to that point. Some cabins put on their skits at this time.

Now that everyone was happy and hoarse, we trudged back to the main dining hall for organized dance. This year dance instructor Joe Fletcher, a member of the Long Beach JACL, tried his best to teach that tricky dance, the "Bossa Nova". After few dozen tries, or maybe it's because I have two left feet, I finally learned that dance! Then the kids had free dance. I would say that this dance turned out to be pretty successful.

## NC-WNDC

(Continued from Front Page)

Steve Doi, District Program Chairman, assisted by John Yasumoto discussed with the chapters the plan to have members of the District Executive Board and others visit with individual chapters and give assistance on special areas of program and organization as requested.

Molly Kitajima announced that the 3rd District Quarterly meeting would be held at Edgewater Gardens in Oakland, hosted by the Oakland Chapter on Aug. 4.

The 4th Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3 with San Mateo Chapter hosting at which National JACL President Patrick Okura will be present.

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With the dance ending "too early" as some delegates said, it was time for bed. We poor Committee members had to stay up to evaluate the conference as it went so far.

The delegates were still full of "vim and vigah"—some even asked permission to go serenading while the Committee members could have fallen asleep standing on their feet! We finally turned in at 2:30 a.m.

## Final Day

Breakfast the next morning was late, 9 a.m. We suddenly realized that the conference was almost over! (A sigh of relief escaped from the Committee and a groan was heard from the delegates.) It was time to pack, clean up the cabin, and get ready for departure.

A final assembly was called for evaluation by the delegates and a speaker on "College Entrance Procedures" gave his advice. A quiet hour with Alfred Tsuyuki from Claremont Men's College stimulated some very opinionated comments.

The last lunch is always a blast, and this one was no exception. Even though no one had a chance to eat anything, we had a wild time. Delegates, committee, and resource were running, hopping, dancing around the dining hall like chickens with their heads cut off! Alan Kumamoto was even thrown into the creek!

With lunch finished, a closing speech concluded the Hi-Co '63 conference. Committee members gave the delegates a treat by doing KP. Tien with baggage loaded and farewells said, Hi-Co '63 at Colby was officially over.

But the memories will linger on. Friends will continue to grow in good fellowship and the Hi-Co spirit will endure.

I hope that the delegates left the conference with a sense of direction, with a little more light on their paths to the future and a purpose and goal in mind. I'm sure that the Committee members can breathe a sigh of relief now that the Conference is over, but I'll be willing to bet on my dead moth that they will be waiting to plan Hi-Co '64 very soon!

## Jr. JACL to repeal 'Urashima Taro'

Special to the Pacific Citizen

SAN FRANCISCO. — Repeat performance of the San Francisco Jr. JACL production of "Urashima Taro" tomorrow, 8 p.m., at Lowell High School auditorium is being staged by popular demand.

Narrated in English and with music furnished by the Shinsel Band directed by John Taniguchi, it is a story of a Japanese fisherman who rescues a turtle from a group of abusing children and is rewarded with a visit to meet the beautiful princess of Ryugu Palace, where he is royally entertained.

Upon his return home after many hundreds of years, he is dismayed at the complete change. He sees boys selling newspapers, teenagers with transistor radios doing a peculiar dance called the "Twist", and youngsters playing baseball. In his loneliness, Urashima Taro tries to find solace by opening the black lacquer box the princess gave him on his departure from the palace. With a flash of light, Urashima Taro turns into an old man.

In the cast are: Urashima, Tom Yee; turtle, Gail Hoshizaki; children, dance students of Mme. Rokushige Fujima; princess, Marie Kuribara, and Will Maruyama, script; James Mita, James Omi, scenes.

The Mar. 30 performance was praised by National Director Mas Satow in his recent column. "These young people, with the help and support of senior JACLers, staged their own delightful version of this popular Japanese fairy tale in a manner any chapter would have been proud to display. Can't go wrong on \$1.25 for an enjoyable evening," he commented.

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