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## King inspires PSWDC, more 'unity' beckoned

EL SEGUNDO. — "Security right. Through Unity" served as a fitting cue for Congressman Cecil R. King (D., Calif.), who addressed some 300 persons at the eighth biennial Pacific Southwest District Council convention here last Saturday.

Feeling very much "at home" (the convention site was only minutes away by car from his home), the legislator who co-authored with Sen. Kuchel the amendment to designate evacuation claim awards tax-free last year began by saying: "We feel the same about many things. I've tried to do my job as I see it and you have certainly done your job. I know of no organization that has been so devoted to the good cause and performed as faithfully and as unselfishly as this League of yours."

Motioning to the huge banner of the Japanese American Citizens League behind the rostrum, he warned that "without some sort of unity, a little beyond the unity that we have had in the past, we can again be in serious, serious trouble." The veteran legislator was referring to the historical phenomenon that each generation is being born in trying times.

During and prior to World War I, in which he served, the congressman recalled the great American pressures to weaken the Presidency and unity of citizens on the brink of war. "Bodies of citizens were dedicated to shaking the faith in the citizens, in its President, in the chief magistrate of this land, even in the congress of the United States," King remembered. "We were fortunate to win (despite) the division being driven right into the minds of Americans to act contrary to the unity that was required to win."

### World War II Era

The very same thing came during World War II, King continued. "Organizations formed again, maligned, lied and deceived. Underground organizations, others brazenly out in the open dedicated to but one purpose, shaking the faith of American citizens — how tolerant we are! And how fortunate we are that we have not paid the cardinal penalty for that sort of freedom."

"But it's better that we be in danger having freedom than to be safe as we can be without it." The nation was at war when King was elected to Congress in 1942. What he saw disappointed him. Noting that the Japanese were the only ones to be singled out wholly while nothing was being done to good citizens of Italian descent and but ordinary surveillance being exacted upon certain German nationals, he declared that "good solid men disappointed me to think that in that era good Americans were afraid to stand up, when they knew they were

already limited space to this thought-provoking speech, which is concluded this week.

## Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

### Kuchel: Fright Peddlers

Washington LAST WEEK, we made an unprecedented request, that the "Pacific Citizen" reprint in full Senator Thomas H. Kuchel's speech to his colleagues on "The Fright Peddlers." Though the speech was relatively long, we thought that the subject matter merited such treatment by a newspaper like the "Pacific Citizen". In addition, we did not want to be charged with taking any point out of context. In any event, the "PC" last Friday carried the first installment of the Kuchel speech.

Thus far, the reactions of the readers have been a rather pleasant surprise, though a couple of JACL members thought that it was "just too long". The others thought that this type of speech, documented as it was, was necessary in these times when so many Nisei appear to be complacent and even appear to be tending to become "more conservative".

Another suggested that the speech was another illustration, along with the racial problems in the South and the North, of how far our social sciences have lagged behind the physical sciences. This reader was contrasting the Gordon Cooper space flight with what was happening in Birmingham, Durham, and elsewhere in the Nation. Still another thought that what was reported was a grim reminder that "it can happen here" and that Nisei Americans particularly should take heed since some two decades ago similar charges by the racemongers helped create the atmosphere that encouraged mass evacuation.

For ourselves, we are grateful that editor Harry Honda so generously has given so much of his

## SUPREME COURT PERMITS SIT-INS OF DIXIE STORES

Convictions of 31 Demonstrators Swept Aside in 8-1 Opinion

WASHINGTON. — The convictions of 31 sit-in demonstrators in four states were swept aside by the United States Supreme Court in an 8-1 decision Monday. Result indicates that many of the 3,000 other convictions of demonstrators are unconstitutional.

The key constitutional questions raised by the anti-segregation protests, however, were not touched. The court saved for next year the basic issues of whether a restaurant or store owner has a constitutional right to choose to discriminate and whether he can ask the state to help him discriminate if he wants to.

What the court said Monday was that a state which has a policy of segregation cannot use its trespass laws against sit-in demonstrators. Such a state policy takes from the store owners their freedom to choose, the court said, and enforcement of trespass laws in that situation would be enforcement of the state's basic segregation policy.

Such a state policy is unconstitutional because of the 14th Amendment's command that a state cannot discriminate against its residents.

All but one (Justice John M. (Continued on Page 2)

## Friends invite Nisei to join Elks, but find restriction

EL SEGUNDO. — Prominent Orange County businessman and JACLer Clarence Nishizu surprised delegates at the PSWDC convention here last week the Elks have an all-white membership clause. He had been invited to join by his Caucasian Elks friends, who were unaware of the restriction.

The point was made to show discrimination against minorities still exist in various areas besides housing and jobs. Nishizu revealed this incident in his report on the youth committee work.

(The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in 1868 in New York for the purposes of practicing charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity; promoting the welfare and enhancing the happiness of its members; quickening the spirit of American patriotism; and cultivating good fellowship. Membership is limited to white male citizens of the U.S., 21 years of age or over.—Grollier Encyclopedia.)

### Miyakawa's Whereabouts

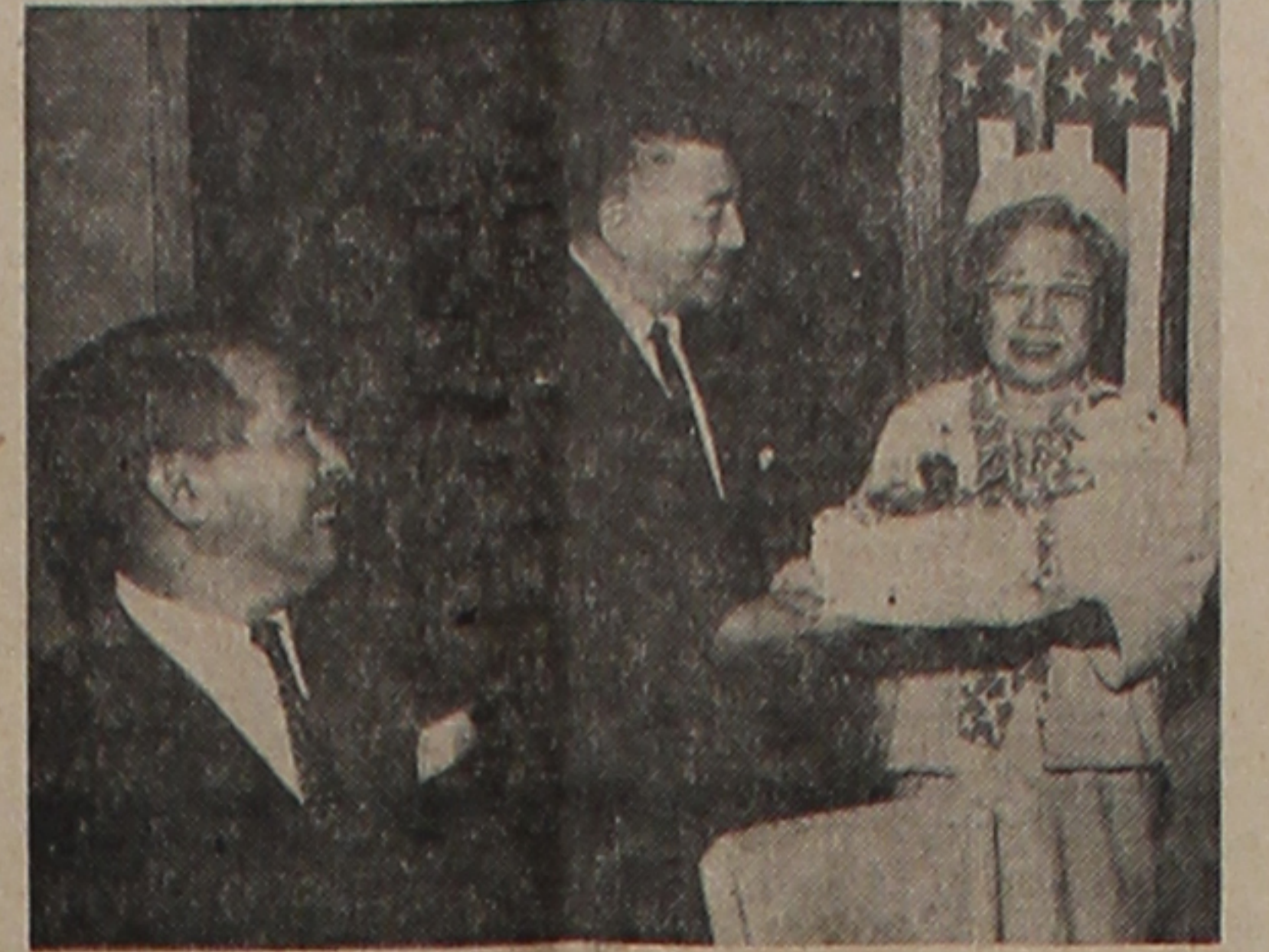
Information should be forwarded to Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa, 332 Haines Hall, Univ. of California, Los Angeles 24, Calif. "Documentary material" was described as any material which can help provide information about the Issei and Nisei, their background and experiences. Such material are basic sources of information for both the comprehensive history and the social science studies of the Issei and Japanese American. "It is essential to collect the documentary material to preserve the record of the significant part in American history that the Issei and Japanese Americans have had," Dr. Miyakawa pointed out. "Future scholars and the public will need original sources of information."

### Pendleton Sansei heading for West Point Academy

PENDLETON, Ore. — Rep. Al Ullman's principal appointee to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, John A. Hisatomi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Hisatomi of Pendleton, has been approved. His parents came here 20 years ago from Tule Lake WRA Center. They lived in the San Francisco Bay area before evacuation.

### Honor Graduate: Ted Yamashita of Caldwell, Idaho, and an active Boise Valley Jr. JACLer before entering West Point, will be graduated with the third highest honors of the 1963 class, the Boise Valley JACL reported this week.

So there we have it. The daisy chain is complete. And what the fright peddlers have handed down to one another, (Continued on Page 2)



JACL CHAPTERS HONOR FUJINKAI Downtown and East Los Angeles JACL honored the Rafu Fujinkai members in traditional Mothers Day style. Mrs. Saku Shirakawa receives a special cake from toastmaster Frank Suzuki. Consul General Matao Uru (at left) smiles approvingly. —Toyo Miyatake Photo

## DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL SOUGHT FOR JAPANESE HISTORY PROJECT

Special to the Pacific Citizen LOS ANGELES. — Information on the whereabouts of documentary material to assist the JACL-UCLA Japanese American Research Project publish a definitive history of Japanese in the United States has been requested of JACL's 88 chapters, according to Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa and Dr. Robert Wilson, project co-directors.

The two were principal speakers at the opening day luncheon of the eighth biennial convention of the Pacific Southwest District Council of JACL May 18-19 at the Thunderbird International Hotel, El Segundo.

"This survey signals the near completion of months of necessary paper work and planning," they declared, "and enables the Project staff to now devote more time to research."

National President Pat Okura, in his remarks at the business luncheon, said the Japanese History Project pointed to the question raised by a self-conscious minority group in society. "Who are we?"

### History Project Objectives

As a study of the cultural heritage and of the contributions to the American scene, the History Project expresses JACL's continuing concern toward the youth as well as recognizing the efforts of the Issei parents. "So long as we have incidents like Birmingham, there is a need for JACL to help persons of Japanese ancestry," Okura commented, "for where would the Nisei be without help others—especially during World War II."

Kenzo Okubo, Santa Monica City College honor student, served as toastmaster. Father Clement gave the invocation.

Chapters have been asked, through Instruction II, to submit a list of all documentary material in possession of local chapter members, friends, relatives and others in the immediate area. Whereabouts of material known to be in possession of friends, relatives and organizations in other communities, whether in the United States, Japan or elsewhere, is also being asked.

### Seabrook Chapter Plans Beautiful Local School

SEABROOK, N.J.—A \$1,000 will be raised within the next five years as Seabrook JACL's contribution to the local school beautification and improvement project, it was announced by chapter president Kiyomi Nakamura. An initial sum of \$200 to mark this year's share has been set aside by the chapter. Charles Nagao, Mike Minato and Nakamura have met with the Upper Deerfield Township Board of Education to map plans.

Much of the money is expected to be raised by the huge chow mein dinners. The first one in four years, held last March 9, at Seabrook School North cafeteria served about a 1,000 dinners. In an adjacent room, the cultural exhibit proved very popular. The famous Uruvuchi etching of Kanrin Maru, presented to Charles Seabrook by the Assn. of Japanese-American United States Amity and Trade Centennial, was seen by the public for the first time.

### Daughter, like father, wins Ford Foundation grant

SALT LAKE CITY.—Kumiko Iwamoto, who has been teaching high school in Los Angeles after graduating in bacteriology from the Univ. of Utah, has been accepted for entrance into the Univ. of Pennsylvania Medical School, it was reported by the Salt Lake JACL. Both she and her father, Kay Iwamoto, are Ford Foundation grant winners.

## Gen. Devers to participate in June 2 memorial for Nisei

Special to the Pacific Citizen WASHINGTON. — Retired four-star General Jacob L. Devers, one of America's top field commanders in Europe in World War II and now Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission, will participate in the commemorative services honoring the heroic war dead of our country and Japanese American military service in World War II, the Special JACL Committee in charge announced today.

The "Services in the Grove" will be held Sunday, June 2, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Flagpole area adjacent to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

Following the services and individual grave visitations, an informal reception will be held for participants and guests in Patton Hall of the main Officers' Club of Ft. Myers from 5:30 p.m. because of space limitation, reception will be by invitation only, though every effort will be made to accommodate all out-of-town guests.

Lt. Col. Thomas M. Kobayashi, an original 442nd officer and now with the Adjutant General's Department of the Army in Pentagon, is arranging the reception. Harry Takagi, also with the original 442nd cadre and now on the Board of Veterans Appeals of the Veterans Administration, is reception chairman.

First as the Deputy Supreme Commander of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations and subsequently as the Commanding General of the Sixth Army Group in France, General Devers commanded the Divisions to which the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was attached in both Italy and in France. He was the Commanding General when the 442nd first was committed to action north of Rome in June 1944. He was also the Commanding General when the

## Sansei share prep valedictory honors

WEISER, Idaho. — Two Sansei are graduating with identical scholastic records—perfect "1" grades for four years of work—from Weiser High, principal Tom Falash announced this week. They are Leo Kawakami, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Kawakami, and Mary Ann Wakasugi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mamoru Wakasugi. Both will be valedictorians. Mary Ann was yearbook editor and assistant for three previous years. Leo's outstanding work has been the Future Farmers of America, highest honor being the state secretary post.

### West Point Graduate

General Devers was born at York, Pa., Sept. 8, 1887. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1905. Following his graduation in 1909, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery in France and Germany. After World War I, he became an instructor in field artillery tactics at West Point. In 1934 to 1939, he was the Graduate Manager of Athletics at the Academy.

In 1939, General Devers became Chief of Staff of the Panama Canal Department of the Army; in 1941, he became Chief of the Armed Forces there. In May 1943, he became the Commanding General of the United States Forces in the European Theater of Operations and later became Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations. From September 1944 until the end of the

## Hawaii Dept. of Public Education directed by resolution to accredit foreign language taught in private schools

BY ALLAN BEERMAN HONOLULU. — When a bill to empower the Department of Public Education to give scholastic credit to students of private language schools recently passed the lower house of the Hawaii State Legislature, its passage brought to light a carefully kept secret. The DPE already had such power, but had not exercised it.

The bill, which had been introduced by Rep. Frank Loo (D., Oahu), was consequently changed to a resolution. As a resolution it passed both House and Senate. Confronted with this resolution, DPE has been put in a position where it must take action. The resolution is a great victory for the language schools, particularly for the Japanese language schools, which had long been harassed by the local authorities.

Writing in the Hawaii Hochi, traditional champion of the Japanese language schools, Hawaiiiah history researcher Yoshio Yamamoto, some time ago, related some facts about the origin of the schools.

First School in 1893 The first Japanese language school in Hawaii seems to have been founded in 1893, in the vil-

## EDC SCHEDULES TWO-DAY MEETING AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON. — A two day meeting of the Eastern District Council will be convened at the Burlington Hotel here on June 1-2 with EDC Chairman John Yoshino presiding.

National JACL President Pat Okura will be on hand during the two days to consult with delegates from the four EDC chapters, New York, Seabrook, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., on matters of importance to the organization.

Among agenda items to be discussed include a report of the History Project, national and EDC finance, the Pacific Citizen, joint EDC/AMDC convention to be held in Cleveland Aug. 31-Sept. 2, and youth activities.

Highlight of the weekend meeting will be the Saturday banquet in the Emerald Room at 6:30, hosted by the Washington chapter. Speakers will be Pat Okura and Judge John F. Also of Los Angeles. Musical numbers will be presented by soprano Mrs. Takashima and pianist Mrs. Aiko Hiratsuka. Harry Takagi, past D.C. chapter president, will serve as toastmaster.

The business session Saturday will begin at 10 a.m. in the Oak Room. Out-of-town delegates and friends who desire overnight accommodations at the Burlington are expected to make the reservation in advance. Reservation cards are available through the chapter president. Although the hotel management has indicated they have ample room to take care of all visitors, this word of caution is being advanced since Washington is going into its heavy tourist season.

A good number of out-of-town visitors are expected to attend the EDC meeting and especially for the 20th anniversary commemorative service at the Arlington National Cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2.

## Picture of the 1890s

The first Japanese language school on Oahu was founded in Honolulu, April 13, 1896, by the Rev. Takie Okumura, and an anecdote is related of how he was inspired to this action.

The young minister, who had recently come from Japan, saw a little child standing at the door of his church looking pensively. He tapped her on the shoulder. "Did your mother come with you?" he asked in Japanese. The child turned to him, "Me mama hanahana yo konoai."

Uninitiated in the local dialect, the minister asked a friend to interpret. The friend explained the child had said, with an intermingling of Aboriginal, English, and Japanese words, that her mother was working and could not come. At that time, few Japanese intended to make their home in Hawaii. They intended to return upon expiration of their three year labor

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Kuchel: The Fright Peddlers

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over the years, is a daisy of a whopper, a puerile and evil package of fright calculated to "scare the daylight's" out of decent Americans.
Gerald L. K. Smith quoted

This whopper has been debunked thoroughly over the years. Yet, here it is again. And not only in letters and leaflets. Let me quote from an item in the April 1963, issue of the despicable the Cross and the Flag, the anti-Semitic hate sheet of Gerald L.K. Smith.
UN-MILITARY DICTATORSHIP
The world police force of the United Nations is run by a Communist carrying the title "Secretary of the U.N. Security Council." Since the beginning of the United Nations a Russian Communist has held this authoritative position of top U.N. military dictatorship.

Below are the names of Soviet agents who have held this position to the exclusion of all other nations.
1946 to 1948: Arkady S. Sobolev, U.S.S.R.
1949 to 1953: Konstantine Zinchenko, U.S.S.R. Screened military directives to Gen. Douglas MacArthur during Korean War by K.L. Smith.
1953 to 1957: Ilya Tebenychev, U.S.S.R.
1957 to 1959: A. Dobrynin, U.S.S.R.
1960 to 1962: George P. Arkadev, U.S.S.R. Screened Congo-Katanga directives Eugene D. Kizlov, U.S.S.R.
Let me quote just a few paragraphs from a news item in the Long Beach, Calif., Independent, a metropolitan daily newspaper, of March 15, 1963.

U.S. Government is trying to put all its Armed Forces under the command of a Russian general, John Ross...
Roussiot John Birch Society district governor for six Western States...
This office (referring to Under Secretary for Security Council and Political Affairs) is held by a Russian general...
Those fantastic charges, Mr. President, are false—completely false.

But when one, who was honored to be a Member of the Congress of the United States for 2 years—or even one who writes for an undisguised hatesheet, utters such a cry, there are Americans who listen and believe.
The facts are that our American Military Establishment is American and shall remain so. We joined the United Nations because we believe in and work for peace with justice in the world. Where the United Nations has sought to quell aggression, the United States has played its honorable role.

There is no Russian colonel, or general, or military or civilian individual who is "secretary of the United Nations" or "secretary of the U.N. Security Council."
13 U.S. Undersecretaries
Let the record be clear that there are 19 undersecretaries of the Security Council, of which 13 are filled by Americans or representatives of our allies and of which two are Soviet bloc nations.
None of them has anything to do with the command of any joint U.N. military operations. There is no world police force in the U.N. And, of course, no Soviet national ever gave Gen. Douglas MacArthur any orders.

How hysterical and idiotic can one get? I am afraid to answer, until I have seen tomorrow's mail.
Leaflets, of course, are not the only cause for hysteria.
Lunatic columnists, apostles of hate and fear on radio and television, and even loony letters to the editor provoke their share of fright mail.

The curious fact is that the fright peddlers, from the simple simpltons to the wretched racists, all claim to be conservatives.
They defile the honorable philosophy of conservatism with that claim as thoroughly as the Communists defile the honorable philosophy of liberalism.

Right-Wing Trash
I sympathize with some of my constituents who are honestly bewildered and confused by the trash of the rightwing extremists.
I even feel sympathetic with those who have been taken in as dupes.

But I have nothing but seething contempt for the originators of the hoaxes and swindles, from the ludicrous leaders of the Birch Society to the equally ludicrous director of the Cinema Educational Guild, including any and all of the several hundred similar self-styled patriotic groups.
They are anything but patriotic. Indeed, a good case can be made that they are unpatriotic, and downright un-American. For they are doing a devil's work far better than Communists themselves could do.

It is curious to me that they all have generally the same aims, issued in all-out, uncompromising, almost hysterical demands: Get the United States out of the U.N. Stop all foreign aid. Repeat the income tax. Abandon NATO and bring our troops home from Europe.
Would Delight Kremlin
It is ironic that these very aims are very likely identical to the real hopes and aspirations of the Kremlin.

At any rate, I could not imagine a program that would delight Khrushchev more.
For we have a United Nations, with imperfections to be sure, but a U.N. in which the Soviet Union has had to report to a veto on

100 occasions, while we have never had to resort to a veto at all. We have a United Nations which the Soviet Premier has bitterly attacked on numerous occasions as "scattered the daylight's" out of decent Americans.
The Communists have never been able to control or subvert to their own use.



YOU'RE A STRANGER TO HIM BUT HE'S PROUD OF YOU AND I'M SURE YOU'D BE PROUD OF YOUR SON.

Civil Rights—

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Harlan) joined in the opinion written by Chief Justice Earl Warren. Justice William O. Douglas is concurring opinion argued trespass laws can never be used to enforce segregation by restaurant or store owners who have opened their property to all the public.

The basic opinion was based on the case of 10 Negro students in Greenville, S.C., convicted of trespassing in a Kress Dept. Store Aug. 9, 1950. The boys refused to leave when the store manager refused to serve them. (Other cases came from Alabama, Louisiana and North Carolina.)

The manager had asked the Negroes to leave because integrated service was "contrary to local customs" and in violation of a local ordinance requiring segregation in restaurants.

Of this, the Chief Justice wrote: "The evidence in this case establishes beyond doubt that the Kress management's decision to exclude petitioners from the lunch counter was made because they were Negroes."

"It cannot be denied that here the city of Greenville, an agency of the state, has provided by its ordinance that the decision as to whether a restaurant facility is to be operated on a desegregated basis is to be reserved to it. When the state has commanded a particular result it has saved to itself the power to determine that result and thereby 'to a significant extent' has 'become involved' in, and in fact, has removed that decision from the sphere of private choice.

"It has thus effectively determined that a person owning, man-

aging or controlling an eating place is left with no choice of his white and Negro patrons. The Kress management, in deciding to exclude Negroes, did precisely what the city law required.

"Consequently these convictions cannot stand, even assuming . . . that the manager would have acted as he did independently of the existence of the ordinance. The state will not be heard to make this contention in support of the convictions. For the convictions had the effect, which the state cannot deny, of enforcing the ordinance passed by the city of Greenville . . ."

In his dissent, Justice Harlan said: "(In the Greenville case the court) holds that the mere existence of the ordinance rendered the state's enforcement of its trespass laws unconstitutional, quite irrespective of whether the Kress decision to exclude these petitioners from the white lunch counter was actually influenced by the ordinance.

"This is an alluring but, in my view, a fallacious proposition. Clearly Kress might have preferred for reasons entirely of its own not to serve meals to Negroes along with whites, and the dispositive question on the issue of state action thus becomes whether such was in the case, or whether the ordinance played some part in the Kress decision to segregate . . ."

"The majority's approach . . . is in my opinion quite untenable. Although the right of a private restaurateur to operate, if he pleases, on a segregated basis is ostensibly left untouched, the court in truth effectually deprives him of that right in any state where a law like this Greenville ordinance continues to exist . . ."



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# Vagaries

To Vegas via New York

THERE WAS a time, before war and evacuation and the coming of the Nisei to maturity, when any example of Japanese American participation in the arts, entertainment and the sciences was seized upon by the English sections of the Japanese American newspapers as proof of Nisei capability. The ability of Japanese Americans to compete with other Americans in their chosen fields has been clearly established by now, so that these achievements no longer are exploited as news in the Japanese American press.

In the area of entertainment currently, Jack Sora (Goro Suzuki) who proved himself a full-fledged star on the Las Vegas Strip after a year as Sammy Fong in the Thunderbird's production of "Flower Drum Song," has just finished a co-starring role in Paramount's comedy, "Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed?" George Shibata and James Yagi are two of several Nisei in Marion Brando's "The Ugly American," in which a major part is played by Eiji Okada, the Japanese star in his first American film role.

Pat Suzuki is back for a limited tour on the nightclub circuit, and has been singing recently in Vancouver, B.C. This summer, a number of Nisei, including Haruko Yamasaki of Hawaii, will be featured in musical tent productions of such shows as "Flower Drum Song."

WE WERE in New York over the past weekend and met Ruby Yoshino Schaar for the first time in many years. Ruby, a native of Alameda, Calif., and her musician husband, Rudolf Schaar, have had an important behind-the-scenes role on Broadway for some years. Ruby has trained the voices of a number of topflight actors who have taken roles in musical comedy.

"You might call her a voice analyst," her husband said. She has worked with Anne Bancroft, recent winner of the film Oscar for "The Miracle Worker," and prepared Miss Bancroft for her first musical role, in the Broadway production of Bertolt Brecht's "Mother Courage and Her Children."

"Anne has a good voice, as she proved on such TV shows as Perry Como's," Ruby said. "But when she reported for 'Mother Courage' she found the producers wanted her to talk-sing her numbers."

Another of the many actresses with whom Ruby has worked is Sandra Church who made her Broadway name in the Gypsy Rose Lee role in "Gypsy."

A FUNNY thing happened to us last weekend when we went from Denver to Las Vegas. The plane landed in New York. It was planned that way, of course, since the occasion was the first jet air premiere of Frank Sinatra's new comedy, "Come Blow Your Horn."

A plane load of newspapermen were gathered in New York from all parts of the country and put aboard a TWA jet which was

## Hawaiian language resolution

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creased. Across the sea, the Japanese Empire was becoming a military power, unifying the country by preaching a fervid nationalism. Though prospect of accepting the Nikkei as Americans was too repugnant for consideration, authorities thought it prudent to purge them of Japanese nationalism. The object appears to have been to create a kind of hybrid Japanese—un-American, but innocuous.

So, on the one hand, the public schools and other mediums of Hawaiian propaganda taught the Hawaii-born Nikkei that, despite their American citizenship, they were Japanese and could not be anything else. On the other hand, the authorities set about the projected emasculation of the Nikkei by taking steps to discourage them from learning the Japanese language.

### Gakuen Reform of 1917

By 1915, sentiment against language schools had reached such a pitch that the Hawaii Japanese Educational Association (Hawaii Kyoku Kai) was formed for the purpose of making schools more acceptable to the authorities. Until this time the schools had been using textbooks printed in Japan and authorized by the Imperial Department of Education of Japan. The HJEA compiled new text books which they felt were more appropriate for local use.

The next textbooks were put into circulation in the fall of 1917, but this reform did little to curb the zeal of the authorities for abolition of the schools. And antagonism in the Mainland against German-language schools and newspapers seemed to give local authorities needed justification.

In 1920, the legislature, meeting in special session, enacted a language school law known as Act 30.

At this time, 97.8 per cent of the Nikkei who attended public school also attended Japanese language school.

### Act '30' of 1920

Act 30 provided for licensing of schools and teachers. To secure a license, the prospective teacher was required to pass an examination in speaking and writing the English language—this skill being a natural prerequisite to teaching Japanese, which through some kind of Oriental chicanery the people of Japan had managed to get along without. The prospective teacher was also required to qualify as having a knowledge of the American constitution, American history and the ideals of democracy.

The law also prescribed the time and hours of the sessions, and subjected the curriculum to the local board of education.

It is a human failing that a person who is the victim of injustice is usually ashamed of it, perhaps because it focuses attention on his impotence. And some teachers, knowing they could not meet the English language requirement of the law, quietly withdrew from teaching.

Thus the language schools accepted the law docilely. Teachers who had hopes of qualifying, enrolled in a five months course in American history and ideals—conducted for their benefit, although the Hawaiian authorities were obviously in need of such a course, too. Upon completion of the course, most of the enrollees took the examination, passed, and were duly licensed.

### Opponents Not Satisfied

Language school opponents were not satisfied with this reform. At heart they wanted to abolish the teaching of the Japanese language, not just regulate the schools—and this can be seen by the circumstance that they never offered the alternative of teaching foreign languages in the lower grades of the public schools. Now the language school opponents showed

### U.S. Supreme Court Rules

After seven years of litigation, the Supreme Court of the U.S., Feb. 21, 1927, unanimously declared Hawaii's language school laws unconstitutional.

Though the Supreme Court decision by no means ended criticism and harassment of the schools, the language schools continued in operation to the Pearl Harbor attack. After the attack, in the face of a threatened invasion, the appointed civil governor of Hawaii was all too glad to turn over his powers to the military, even if he did so illegally. The self-styled military governor immediately closed all schools. No school could reopen without permission.

Key figures of the Japanese language schools were in internment centers. Authorities had launched a speak American campaign. The Japanese language was held in disrepute. No one had the temerity to apply for permission to reopen the Japanese language schools.

Hawaiian authorities capitalized on this situation to realize a long cherished dream. In 1943 the Hawaii Legislature righteously passed a law intended to prevent the language schools from ever reopening.

Thoroughly disheartened by the new anti-language school law, most of the schools, that had not already done so, disposed of their property by donating it to philanthropic causes.

Language school faculties returned from war time internment broken in purse and spirit. Their school property had been liquidated, and they had little stomach for contesting the outrageous 1943 language school law. For a while it seemed that the language schools had been eliminated.

### Fighting 1943 Law

Honor of taking the government to court on the language school law went to Yun-Sing Chang, general manager of the New China Daily Press and principal of Mun Lun Chinese Language School. His attorney, Nicholas Y. Char, pleaded that "the law was a device to circumvent constitutional barriers."

This litigation resulted in the 1943 law being drastically modified. On a modest basis, some of the Japanese language schools reopened.

From American association with Japan since the war, a keen interest in Japanese language and culture has burgeoned. The Federal Government is encouraging the study of foreign languages. As trade with Japan increases, and

Japanese business men visit Hawaii, there is a growing understanding of the practical advantage of knowing Japanese.

Hawaii is girding for an influx of Japanese tourists this fall when the yen restrictions that have kept them at home are expected to be relaxed, and to cope with this development Japanese language specialists are being sought. At least one Honolulu business school has introduced Japanese language classes into its curriculum.

The Japanese language has acquired prestige, and the Japanese language schools are regaining something of their former position.

### 14,000 Students Today

Although handicapped by their loss of property and by the circumstance that the Nikkei are more diffused through the community than formerly—instead of being conveniently concentrated in centers surrounding the schools—the HJEA has 84 member schools, 25 of them in Honolulu. There are 14,000 students, and some are not Nikkei. There are also a few small schools in Hawaii that are not members of the HJEA.

The resolution that credit be given to language school students is qualified by the stipulation that it be given on an individual basis after the applicant has passed an examination given by the DPE.

Rep. Loo thinks this stipulation could be modified, with accredited schools being allowed to give their own examinations.

It seems to me, however, that a standard examination might lead to some healthful self-examination on the part of the language schools. The problem of administering Japanese language schools in Hawaii today is radically different from what it was 80 years ago, and to be successful a radically different method is needed.

When the Rev. Okumura asked a little girl a question in Japanese in 1896, she had not the slightest difficulty in understanding him. And though she replied in dialect, it was dialect cast in a recognizable Japanese language pattern.

### Teaching Methods Differ

Function of the early Japanese language schools was not to teach Japanese per se, for students had learned Japanese at home before enrolling. Its purpose was to refine the Japanese the students knew,



Stephanie Fujino, 17, daughter of Harry Fujino, representing West Los Angeles JACL will reign as queen of the Nisei Relays to be held this Sunday at University High School.

### 'RASHOMON' ADVISER

SALT LAKE CITY.—Former Ben Lomond JACL president Harold Toma served as technical adviser for the realistic sword fighting scenes in the annual Weber College play, "Rashomon", this year.

## C. K. Yang honorary Relays chairman

LOS ANGELES.—Olympic decathlon champion C.K. Yang was announced as honorary chairman of the annual JACL Nisei Relays to be held this Sunday at University High.

Relays chairman Sam Hirasawa said opening ceremonies would be conducted at 1 p.m. by Senchin Boy Scout Troop 636. Weigh-in will start at 8:30 and all athletes should be registered by 10:30 a.m. Thirty final events covering the four divisions start at 9:30 a.m. and end by 4 p.m.

## Bill Mambu invited by CPA for inaugural flight

SEATTLE.—Canadian Pacific Airlines' inaugural flight from Calgary to Hong Kong to Tokyo and back this month will include Aty. Bill Mambu as one of the lucky passengers, the Seattle JACL reported today. He was chapter president last year and a onetime national JACL officer.

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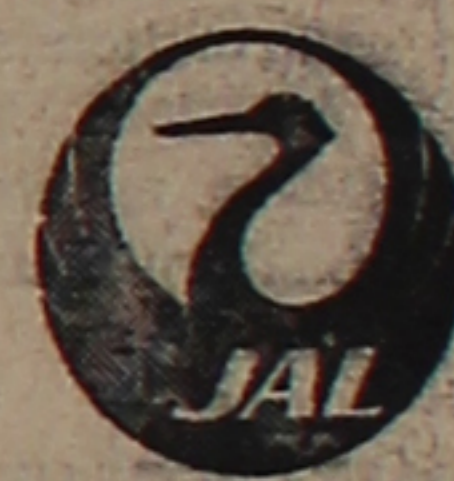
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