



President's Corner

Civil Rights Statement

Omaha in full context as The Civil Rights Statement of the JACL in this issue. It is my sincere feeling that this Policy Statement is a strong, and meaningful statement of our unequivocal position of our worthy organization. Members of this ad hoc committee came to Omaha well prepared as they all had done some home work and had prepared reports to present.

Beside the Policy Statement, a good amount of the Committee time was spent on the Guidelines to Chapters as an aid in implementing and carrying out our national policy. No National Policy is meaningful unless each Chapter and each member has the full understanding of all factors and then carries through by action and deed what we profess is our national civil rights program. As Bill Marutani has stated we need to "act" and not "react."

I personally call upon each Chapter, its officers and individual members to actively engage in your local, state and national civic activities and programs which are dedicated to improving the understanding of problems of other persons, other races, and other creeds, and to actively engage in their solution so that we may help not only ourselves, but other individuals to become "Better Americans in a Greater America."

I also wish to take this means of thanking the members of the Committee, the Omaha Chapter for the Saturday night steak dinner, the Omaha World-Herald, the national wire services, and WOW-TV and KMTV stations for their fine coverage of our special meeting.

The results of the two days of discussion and deliberation appear

By K. Patrick Okura

HAYASAKA NAMED SEATTLE'S HUMAN RIGHTS DIRECTOR

Councilmen Unmoved By Negro Protests Of Nisei Appointment

Special to the Pacific Citizen
SEATTLE. — The Seattle city councilmen, in face of a Negro protest march, this week indicated they do not intend to be swayed by insistence that more Negroes should be on the Seattle Human Rights Commission.

(Both Elmer Ogawa and Tak Kubota, who are contributing columnists this week, tell of the formation of this commission and the appointment of Phil Hayasaka, active JACLer, as executive director.)

Two Negroes were appointed by Mayor Clinton last week among the 12 commission members. They are the Rev. Samuel B. McKinney and John Allen, painting contractor.

John E. Gordon, president of the Civic Unity Committee of Seattle, which works on interracial problems, commended the appointments and pledged the cooperation of his group in drafting an open-housing ordinance.

Council president Floyd C. Miller, who is also chairman of the council's personnel committee which was expected to recommend confirmation of the appointment at its regular Thursday meeting, said, "A citizen's good judgment and integrity does not depend upon the color of his skin, so far as I am concerned."

Mayor Clinton has conferred with Hayasaka on Monday. He returned Sunday night from an unfinished vacation. "We'll be de-

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Y. Philip Hayasaka

President proposes modernization of immigration laws

WASHINGTON. — President Kennedy Tuesday proposed the modernization of immigration laws by the elimination of national origins quotas altogether on a gradual basis over the next five years and implementation of a new priorities system.

The President is calling for an immigration ceiling of 164,500 per year as compared with 156,700 divided among the other nations of the world under the present law.

Instead of admitting immigrants according to quotas assigned their native country, the President proposed these priorities:

1—Half of all immigration visas would be reserved for those likely to contribute most to the United States "by virtue of their exceptional skill, training or education."

U.S. Relatives Factor

2—Second priority would go to those with relatives living in the United States.

Within each priority group, visas would go first to those who filed applications at the earliest date. Admitting the proposal does not solve all immigration problems, the President said the present system of quotas are "without basis in either logic or reason" and that the alternative plan would observe "principles of equality and human dignity."

The drastic overhaul of immigration quotas includes the elimination of the Asia-Pacific Triangle, a device which discriminates against immigration by those who trace their ancestry to this area.

Immigration reform as important as civil rights: Inouye

WASHINGTON. — Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) told the Senate judiciary committee last week that immigration reform is as important as civil rights.

"We cannot afford to emphasize either at the expense of the other," he said in a statement supporting bills to liberalize immigration quotas.

"We most certainly cannot emphasize the need for revision of the immigration act alone without paying heed to the extremely urgent question of civil rights at home. But, emphasize the domestic civil rights issue alone and we will have to countenance the inevitable cry that America only pays lip service to the inscription of welcome carved below the Statue of Liberty."

Pool Unused Quotas

Immigration changes supported by Sen. Inouye included an increase in the number of quota visas from 154,000 to 250,000 a year and pooling of unused quota numbers to be divided among areas with a backlog of applications.

This method, he said, would provide far more realistic quotas for the Asia-Pacific area.

Japan's quota, he said, would rise from 185 to 5,378; Korea from 100 to 2,618; the Philippines from 100 to 2,913 and China from 205 to 5,335.

Mrs. Lily Okura elected Omaha Altrusa director

OMAHA. — Mrs. Lily A. Okura, wife of the National JACL President, recently elected president of the Omaha Altrusa Club, is attending as official delegate to the Altrusa International biennial convention this week at Philadelphia.

Altrusa is the oldest service organization for business and professional women, founded in 1917 with some 500 clubs today.

JACL endorses intensified actions of Negro Americans

CIVIL RIGHTS STATEMENT

OF THE
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

As Americans of Japanese ancestry who, just twenty years ago, suffered unprecedented deprivation of civil rights and loss of property solely on the basis of our ancestry, we support the present struggle for human dignity now being dramatized by Negro fellow Americans.

The Japanese American Citizens League therefore endorses intensified participation in responsible and constructive activities to obtain civil equality, social justice and full economic and educational opportunities as a matter of fundamental right for all Americans regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

To this end, we accelerate our continuing program in seeking legislative, judicial and executive fulfillment of constitutional guarantees of human rights for all Americans. We call upon our members, and all other citizens, to actively participate in every area of responsible and constructive activity to attain these objectives.

In further affirmation of our concern, the Japanese American Citizens League contributes financial and other cooperation to the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, a representative mobilization of nation-wide voluntary organizations.

The Japanese American Citizens League will participate in the "The March in Washington, D.C." (to petition for the redress of grievances) on Aug. 28, 1963, to be welcomed by the President of the United States of America.

By these and other manifestations of our concern, we keep faith with our National motto—"Better Americans in a Greater America."

Omaha, July 21, 1963

Kennedy's interest equalization tax on foreign stocks affects Li'l Tokio firms

LOS ANGELES.—Li'l Tokio's six investment firms dealing with Japanese stocks and bonds were swamped Monday with "buy orders" in spite of gloom that fell last week when President Kennedy proposed an interest equalization tax on foreign securities.

"Panic selling" in Japanese securities created many so-called bargains, especially in quality issues which proved attractive to investors over the long haul.

Security dealers were explicit that in selling the stocks to prospective purchasers the sale is subject to a 15 pct. tax, if Congress accepts the Kennedy proposal in its present form. All sales since

July 19 carry this note. Japanese stocks took its worst drop Friday since the death of Stalin in 1953. The Dow-Jones average lost 64.41 to 1,440.90 yen. Similar drops were registered on Saturday, from 58.91 to 1,390.99 yen. Foreigners invested some \$80,000,000 in 1962, of which about 80 pct. was by Americans, according to one securities dealer.

Kennedy's Proposal

President Kennedy on July 18 sought to stem the flow of U.S. capital abroad by his proposal for special taxes. The tax rate would be 15 pct. of actual value on

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HOPEFUL SIX — Aiming for the Nisei Week crown worn by 1962 Queen Francis Yanai (center) are (left to right) Terri Kakuda of Orange County, Kaye Takahashi of San Fernando, Helen Funai of Southwest, Betty Taira of Downtown-ELA, Jayne Tanimura of WLA, and Maureen Okada of Gardena. —Toyo Miyatake Photo

Six Nisei Week Queen Candidates

LOS ANGELES. — Nisei Week enthusiasm began to wax—as it always does—with the presentation of queen candidates to Festival officials and the press at the Japanese Consul General's home in Pasadena.

Last Sunday, six cool-looking candidates were introduced:

Helen Hiromi Funai, 20, Southwest Los Angeles JACL; Terri Kakuda, 19, Orange County Kazuo Masuda Memorial VFW Post 3870; Maureen Okada, 20, Gardena Valley Inter-Club Council; Betty Takako Taira, 19, Downtown and ELA JACL; Kaye Takahashi, 18, San Fernando Valley Coordinating Council; and Jayne Yumiko Tanimura, 18, WLA JACL.

Offered a minty-lime punch, American-style "sushi" (cream cheese, meat spreads wrapped in bread like a jelly roll or sushi), cake, candy and nuts in deference to the heat of the day, The Pasadena JACLers, led by president Kim Fukutaki, arranged the refreshments.

Official host Consul General Maotao Uru was on a business out of town, so Consul Shinichi Utsumi greeted the candidates and guests. Contest co-chairmen George Fujita and Ted Kojima were there as well as Soichi Fukui, festival board chairman, and queen chaperones Mrs. Toy Kanegae and Mrs. Mabel Yoshizaki.

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The above basic statement, reaffirming National JACL's historic policy on civil rights, was issued by the special National JACL Committee on Civil Rights, meeting in Omaha, Neb., on July 20-21, at special call of Nat'l JACL President K. Patrick Okura.

Members of the special committee were Mike M. Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, Masao W. Satow, Nat'l JACL Director from San Francisco; Frank F. Chuman, Immediate Nat'l JACL President and Chairman of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations; William M. Marutani, Nat'l 3rd Vice-President and Legal Counsel of the JACL of Philadelphia; and Minoru Yasui, Mountain-Plains JACL District Chairman, and acting Chairman of the Denver Commission on Community Relations.

In order to implement the declaration of broad policy, the special committee went on to report:

"To this end, we accelerate our continuing program in seeking legislative, judicial, and executive fulfillment of constitutional guarantees of human rights for all Americans. We call upon our members, and all other citizens, to actively participate in every area of responsible and constructive activity to attain these objectives."

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National President Okura, reported that a contribution of \$2,000 will be made to the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, to assist in the coordination of programs aimed towards the fulfillment of these aims.

The National Leadership Conference is composed of 106 national organizations, representing educational, civic, religious, veterans racial and ethnic groups, labor and other organizations, and in the formation of which the JACL had originally participated in 1949.

The National Leadership Conference is also coordinating the proposed "March in Washington, D.C.", tentatively scheduled for Aug. 28, and which President John F. Kennedy has approved and indicated he would welcome.

JACL Civil Rights Fund

The National JACL issued a call to all interested members and other citizens who are concerned in this field to make voluntary contributions to "The JACL Civil Rights Fund", 919-18th St. N.W., Washington 6, D.C., on or before Aug. 28, 1963.

"Individual JACLers and Japanese Americans have indicated a deep concern in the problems of civil rights," Okura said, "and we are hereby providing an opportunity and inviting these individuals to make a meaningful contribution to this cause."

The special JACL committee also thoughtfully considered many facets of the entire civil rights situation in America, and especially endorsed President Kennedy's civil rights proposal as the minimum acceptable to the JACL.

Mike M. Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, was directed to seek further expansion of certain phases of the proposed civil rights legislation as affecting all

American citizens.

Other Matters Covered

Other matters discussed by members of the National Board included immigration legislation, the final report of the June 2nd Commemorative Services in Washington, D.C., national JACL scholarship program and the Nat'l JACL Oratorical and Essay Contest, the Japanese History project, the JACL public relations brochure on the use of the epithet "Japs", details of the joint MDC-EDC convention in Cleveland, Ohio over the Labor Day weekend, chairmanship of national employment committee, national housing committee, and national nominations committee, and many other matters.

Details of the NC-WNDC convention on Aug. 4, at Oakland, Calif., honoring Congressman George P. Miller, were also discussed.

Mike Watanabe, president of the Omaha JACL and about 35 members of the local Omaha JACL, welcomed members of the special committee at a banquet held in the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel. Special committee members thanked the Omaha JACL for the

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Gov. Brown signs fair housing bill, but funds lacking

SACRAMENTO. — Gov. Brown signed the fair housing bill July 18, terming it a "milestone" in achieving equal opportunity for minority and racial groups.

The measure, pushed through in the final hour of the Legislature's recent general session after a bitter fight in the Senate and a sit-in demonstration under the Capitol dome, becomes law Sept. 20.

At present, however, there are no funds appropriated for enforcement of the law by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission.

No Funds Provided

When the "skeleton" state budget was approved at the general session following a deadlock over the governor's tax revision package, no money was provided for administering the fair housing measure.

In his augmented budget hung up in the Senate at the present special legislative session, Brown asked for \$117,000 to provide 11 more FEPC staff members who would administer fair housing.

This has been chopped to \$75,000 in the Senate version of the augmented budget.

Edward Howden, executive officer of the FEPC, said the commission is already "desperately overloaded" with employment cases and wouldn't be able to do much about housing without a larger staff.

"Housing complaints have to be handled immediately or it's too late," Howden stated.

At a signing ceremony in his office, Brown congratulated the bill's author, Assemblyman Byron Rumford (D-Oakland), Sen. Edwin Regan (D-Weaverville) and others instrumental in its passage.

The bill forbids discrimination in housing sales or rentals on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin.

Rumford estimates that it will apply to as much as 70 per cent of all housing in the state.

John Anson Ford of Los Angeles, chairman of the FEPC since it was established four years ago, was present for the bill-signing.

GENE KONO PRESENTED JACL SILVER PIN BY SAN FERNANDO CHAPTER

SAN FERNANDO. — Gene Kono, 1356 San Fernando chapter president and active community leader, was presented the JACL silver pin at a farewell dinner held last Saturday. Until recently the chief engineer of the Talley Corp., he has accepted the vice-presidency of a new engineering firm in Palo Alto and will be leaving shortly.

Kono's 10-year service to the chapter and community, for which the silver pin was conferred, was recounted by Sam Ueyehara, and Harry Otsuki, chapter president, made the award. Kats Ariimoto was emcee and a novel skit authored by Mary Arimoto was produced to the delight of some 80 JACLers and Community Center friends.

By the Board

SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

BY TAK KUBOTA
Nat'l 2nd Vice-President

SEATTLE.—On Wednesday, July 17, Mayor Gordon S. Clinton of Seattle signed into law a City Ordinance establishing a Municipal Human Rights Commission, appointed its 12 member and named an executive director and a chairman.

Under this Ordinance, the Commission's immediate duty is to prepare and recommend within 30 days an "open housing" ordinance containing such regulations "as may be necessary to prevent discrimination based upon race, color, religion or national origin in the sale and rental of real property," to the Mayor and the City Council.

The Mayor named one of the outstanding Nisei leaders of Seattle, Y. Philip Hayasaka, 37, executive director of the Commission. Hayasaka is executive secretary of the Jackson Street Community Council. He brings to the Commission a wealth of experience having served as board member, as president, and from 1959 as executive secretary to the Council which has been directly involved in minority problems, particularly, housing since its very inception. He also has been very active in Urban Renewal and has been a member of the City Minimum Housing Advisory Board.

Past Chapter President

Hayasaka was graduated from the Univ. of Washington in 1951, and has been active in many organizations, namely, Seattle JACL (past president 1961), Totem Serotoma Club (service organization), Nisei Veterans, U.G.N., Garfield Area Community Council, Central Area Community Council, and Blaine Memorial Methodist Church to name a few.

As an indication of the high regard and respect that he enjoys in the Council, the executive committee of the Jackson Street Community Council meeting in special session unanimously recommended to its Board and it also moved swiftly to vote unanimously to grant Hayasaka "leave of absence" and a free rein to take on his \$10,000 a year assignment immediately.

Alfred J. Westberg brings to the Commission wide experience in the field of Civil Rights and can be considered as a wise choice for chairman. He is an attorney and a former Republican State Senator. He was responsible in 1949 in introducing a state law against discrimination in employment.

Westberg served on the Washington State Board Against Dis-

crimination from 1955 to 1958 and was president of the Seattle Civic Unity Committee. He served as chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Minority Housing.

The Commission, appointed by the Mayor, found racial discrimination was practiced in the sale and rental of housing proposed open-housing ordinance. "Passage of an open-housing ordinance will not send a flood of non-white families into Seattle neighborhoods," Westberg commented. "I doubt that there would be any great exodus of Negroes from the central area if they were free to move," Westberg predicted, "but some would go."

In announcing names of the Commission members, the Mayor said he tried to appoint "representative members" of the community. The appointment of Westberg and other commission members is subject to City Council confirmation.

Negro Reactions

One of the first reaction, to the Mayor's appointment was raised by Rev. John Adams, minister of the First African Methodist Church: "We have no objection to the selection of the executive director as a person but he has not indicated any real concern for the problem. . . . We think the director should be a Negro. . . . We are not pleased with having only two members on the Commission, we should have five or six. . . . It will take those who suffer prejudices and discrimination to make clear our position."

Rev. Mance Jackson, pastor of Bethel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, another outspoken clergyman protesting the appointment of only two Negroes to the Commission, is calling for a rally and a march to city hall. He remarked, "We feel that in his recommendation the Mayor has closed his channel of communication with the Negro community, and that his action shows he is not willing to let the Negro take an active part in reaching solutions to inequality. . . . The protest also is designed as a solicitation to the City Council to be more responsible in its action and not to approve the Mayor's recommendation unless the Commission is enlarged to include at least four to six more Negro members."

We want to see the revolution in Seattle resolved peacefully and non-violently, and we feel this can be achieved only if all people of goodwill take an active rather than a spectator role in the demonstration.

In this writer's opinion, it is in-

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Ye Editor's Desk

CIVIL RIGHTS STATEMENT

The die has been cast! Individual JACLers, their chapters and district councils are being shown a specific course of action in the current struggle of the Negro for equal rights.

The statement (appearing on the front page) is simple in presentation, strong in principle and stabilizing in these times. The accompanying press dispatch and the President's Corner column from Omaha and comments in the Washington Newsletter provide an adequate background and detail in support of the JACL civil rights policy.

The special National JACL Committee on Civil Rights, which met over the weekend on call of President Okura, is a testimony to the strength of the National Organization today and the dedication of its National Board members. Each committee member was fully apprised of the observations and opinions of the National Board and each member is well-versed in the Titanic ramifications embodied under the title of "civil rights".

Its meeting last weekend was also propitiously timed. President Kennedy at his press conference just days earlier expressed his stand on the civil rights issues. The Senate has been conducting hearings on the Administration's civil rights legislation and this past week, non-governmental leaders began to appear. As previously announced, the Washington JACL representative has asked for permission to testify. He now can appear prepared as never before in the light of the two-day deliberations at JACL's "White House" in Omaha.

That JACL will participate in the "March in Washington" on Aug. 28, perhaps, is the best ingredient for headlines. But it should not have surprised JACLers.

Outside of the courts, the American Negro has never had a tactical "weapon" more effective than the demonstrations now being staged in cities across the country. Its capacity to make grievances known has had a significant impact.

More demonstrations are on the way, since it helps to establish the urgency of the American Negro in his quest for equal rights of citizenship. Without that aura of urgency, it is doubtful that the number of persons demonstrating would grow in face of the indignities and humiliations heaped upon them. But the numbers are growing.

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS

An argument against the public accommodations section of the Administration's civil rights proposal senses that the right of private ownership, private management and control of property may be lost.

On this score, the Japanese American is well aware of what private property means for we all recall too vividly what hap-

pened a little over 20 years ago. And he has always welcomed whatever business that came his way—so long as the tender was legal and his credit good.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram makes an interesting case for the voluntary method of desegregating private business.

"In his civil rights proposal, President Kennedy asks that the federal government be empowered to forbid privately owned businesses that cater to the public from discriminating against Negroes. He appends to the 14th Amendment and the Constitution's commerce clause, The first says that state and local authorities must treat all citizens equally; the latter that the federal government has power to regulate or prevent interference with interstate commerce.

"The commerce clause has been given broader and broader interpretation until now there are few businesses which could not be held to be engaged in interstate commerce and, therefore, subject to federal control. Since many businesses operate under licenses granted by the state, a license issued to a firm that discriminated could be construed under the 14th Amendment as a violation of the equal treatment clause.

"But if the federal government can go this far in controlling private business, where can the line be drawn on its power? This could be the wedge that would fatally crack the last barriers against totalitarian government of one sort or another."

This piece ought to make great conversations between Nisei Republicans and Nisei Democrats.

By the Board

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deed regrettable that a few irresponsible Negroes, in vying for power and recognition in the Negro community, should take the Mayor to task for his long range and sensible approach to the housing problem. It is particularly regrettable in view of the fact that the Mayor has continually advocated and practiced the Christian principles of fair play and justice in handling minority problems. It appears that the Mayor has, in spite of the threats and demands, kept the make-up of the Commission in balance.

Should he meet the demands of this faction he would be confronted by the extremist on the other side who would insist on equal representation and threaten to submit the issue to the voters. A referendum on this question, in my humble opinion, at this time would be defeated and a defeat here would be tantamount to a reversal on a statewide basis which would mean that the Civil Rights program will be set back five to ten years.

WASHINGTON. — This past week-end in Omaha, Nebraska, a select special Civil Rights Committee convened by National President Pat Okura met and reviewed JACL's current and past policy statements and their implementation, particularly in the light of the pressing urgency of the problem in every section of the land and the new direct-action-demonstration techniques being used to dramatize the issues.

All of those participating had a special concern and a broad competence in the field, as well as in the JACL organization and the larger Japanese American community. Immediate past national president Frank Chuman and Mountain Plains district council chairman Min Yasui, for instance, are chairmen of the Los Angeles and Denver commissions involved with these problems.

They drafted and released a Statement which, while recognizing Negro leadership in the common cause at this time, emphasized the all-American character of fundamental human dignity. The Statement is not only meaningful and challenging to the JACL organization itself, its members, and all other Americans, especially the Nisei, but also practical, realistic, and workable in terms of the nationality represented.

Thereafter, appreciating that action is more measurable than words, specific implementation to put meaning into the pronouncement was discussed and approved.

Federal Level

On the national front, JACL will urge enactment of more far-reaching legislative proposals than those submitted by the Administration in its civil rights package. And, it will work in Washington and elsewhere, in concert with other legitimate groups, to secure favorable reports, overcome obstacles, and final passage of meaningful and enforceable federal civil rights statutes.

Study will be given to greater participation by JACL in the "key" civil rights cases now pending in the courts and those which may be litigated in the immediate future. The White House and the several executive departments and agencies will be urged to promulgate orders and regulations eliminating racial discrimination in every possible area, and to provide meaningful enforcement.

At the same time, JACL will cooperate where possible with such executive and administration action, such as appointing special committees to represent Japanese Americans on such presidential committees as those for equal employment and housing opportunities and for equal treatment of all members of the armed forces.

Organizational Level

Also, as an organization, JACL will contribute \$2,000 to the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and provide all other possible cooperation and help, such as in determining policies and programs, disseminating information and rallying grass roots support, in participating in responsible, orderly, and effective demonstrations expressing nation-wide concern for civil rights.

The JACL selected the Leadership Conference rather than any other organization because it is the only responsible instrumentality through which interested national groups may join for the common cause. Established in 1949, it includes practically every segment of American life—Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish religious

orders, veterans, organized labor, civic and fraternal clubs, educational societies, women's associations, ethnic and racial bodies, business and professional groups, etc. Its total combined membership, represented by the some 106 national organizations currently affiliated with it, must be well over 50 million Americans. JACL, incidentally, is a charter founding member of the Conference.

To concentrate primarily with the national legislative program, the Leadership Conference has opened full-time offices near the White House to coordinate all activity in this regard.

Invitation to Help

Individual Nisei who want to show their concern and their willingness to help the cause of civil rights in a concrete and tangible way are invited to contribute to the JACL Civil Rights Fund, care of Washington JACL Office, 919 Eighteenth St. Northwest, Washington 6, D.C.

Checks should be made to the JACL Civil Rights Fund.

Individual Nisei are urged too to contribute to and to join other civil rights organizations that accept general membership and offer the particular services and leadership in which he, as an individual

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hospitality extended to them on July 20.

District Follow-up

PSWDC Action: The Pacific Southwest District Council chairman Mas Hironaka of San Diego is calling an emergency executive board meeting this Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m., at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce conference room, 125 Weller St., to have Frank Chuman, who was present in Omaha to help formulate the current JACL policy reaffirming civil rights, discuss the statement. The call is going out to all DC board members and chapter officers.

The PSWDC holds its third quarterly session on Sunday, Aug. 25, at Hollywood-Roosevelt with Frank Chuman as the principal luncheon speaker. He will speak on "Race Relations in Los Angeles County".

NC-WNDC to Meet: The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, at its third quarterly session Aug. 4 at the Edgewater Garden Inn, Oakland, has scheduled a panel discussion on "Where should Nisei be in the current struggle for civil rights?", starting at 3:30 p.m.

CCDC to Meet: The Central California District Council is calling a meeting for Aug. 30 with Selma JACL as hosts. Preparations will also be started for the annual district convention Dec. 8 in Fresno, at which time Pat Okura will be the principal speaker.

Other Districts: Other JACL district councils expected to meet soon include Intermountain, Aug. 11, at Pocatello; and the joint Eastern and Midwest district councils in convention over the Labor Day holidays at the Sheraton Cleveland. The Pacific Northwest District Council is meeting in Seattle on Sept. 15.

Japanese American, may be especially interested.

District Councils and Chapters will be instructed to cooperate and join in multi-racial community organizations along with other like-minded responsible groups. Where no inter-racial associations exist, JACL Chapters might well initiate activity toward this end. In every instance, however, JACL must retain its right to freedom of decision and action on all matters, including financial commitments and assessments.

In addition, District Councils and Chapters are to be urged to conduct educational campaigns among their own members to promote an understanding not only of the need and the necessity for civil rights for all Americans but also of the motivations and the hopes and aspirations of other minorities.

As a part of this education program, it was recommended that the national oratorical and essay contests feature this subject matter.

Reaffirmation of Policy

The Statement and its comprehensive implementation reaffirm JACL's historic positive concern for equality of opportunity and treatment for all Americans, without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin.

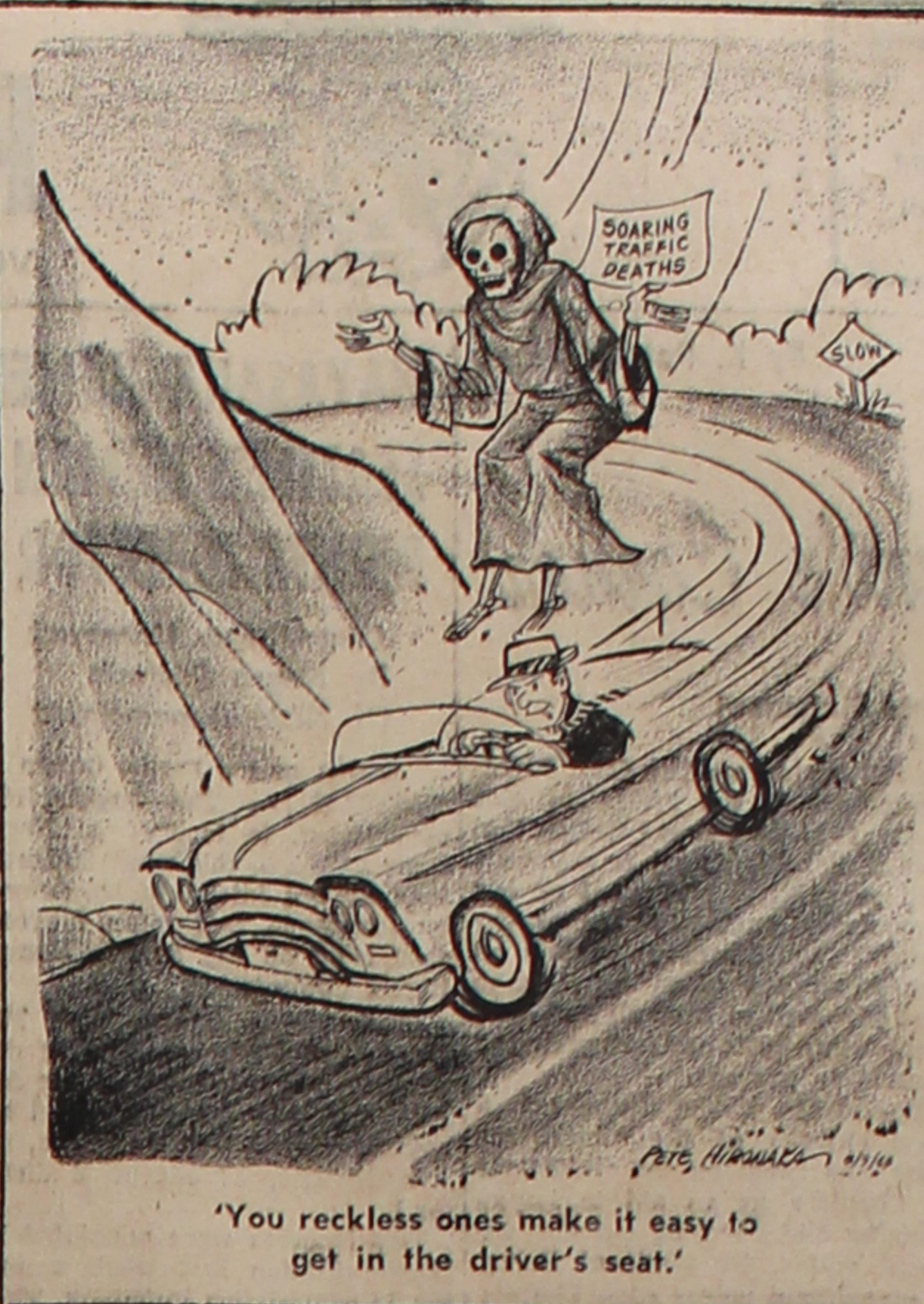
They demonstrate JACL's awareness of the great social and political revolution that is taking place in our nation and in the world today, and of the awful alternatives of increased tensions and violence and of goodwill and recognition of the rights to which every American is legally and morally entitled.

They refute any suggestion that the JACL and Japanese Americans should voluntarily segregate themselves and watch passively "from the sidelines" the continuing struggle of other Americans for human dignity and decency for all our citizens.

They reveal that JACL recognizes that, in spite of the tremendous strides since World War II, discrimination and prejudice against Japanese Americans still persist in certain areas, and that by helping to extend civil rights to other Americans, Nisei Americans too will be the beneficiaries of increased and greater opportunities.

Finally, they confirm JACL's long practice that the acceptance and the future of Japanese Americans are not truly assured until and unless the civil rights of all other minorities and individuals are legally and actually secured. Thus, over and above constitutional and moral considerations, JACL believes that it is in the self-interest of Japanese Americans that the present effort culminate in a meaningful breakthrough for civil rights and the elimination of racial bigotry in every aspect of human endeavor for all Americans of all races, colors, creeds, and national origins.

Therefore, JACL, its members, and individual Japanese Americans are not only helping to make the American dream come true for more Americans but also increasing their own opportunities for greater economic, social, and political good by actively participating in the present struggle for civil rights for all our citizens.



'You reckless ones make it easy to get in the driver's seat.'

Northwest Picture: by Elmer Ogawa In the Wake of Civil Rights Demand

SEATTLE.—Events now transpire quickly in the wake of recent demands for minority rights in this city. Mayor Gordon S. Clinton last week signed into law a city ordinance establishing a 12-man Municipal Human Rights Commission and named a chairman and executive director.

Of special interest is the fact that the mayor has named Y. Philip Hayasaka to the \$10,000-a-year executive director's post. Hayasaka is executive secretary of the Jackson Street Community Council and was president of the Seattle JACL chapter in 1951.

Seattle lawyer Alfred J. Westberg was appointed Commission chairman. He and 11 others will comprise the commission which must within 30 days prepare a proposed citywide "Open Housing" law to rule out racial discrimination in home sales and rentals and submit it to the Mayor and City Council.

Phil Hayasaka is out of town on vacation and is not just now available for comment, but according to Mrs. Ross Daubney, public information chairman of the Jackson Street Community Council, he will accept the new job and will resign the Jackson Street Council post this coming week. The Council board has recommended a leave of absence.

In announcing names of the Commission members, the Mayor said he tried to appoint "representative members" of the community.

It was an oblique reply to leaders of Negro civil rights groups who have called for at least half of the Commission to be Negroes, and also requested that the director be a Negro. As it turns out, two of the 12 member commission are Negroes. The Commissioners' appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council and no difficulty is expected

in that procedural step. City Council president Floyd Miller says that formal confirmation cannot take place until the Council meeting on July 29, after a recommendation from the Council Personnel Committee July 25. The new Commission will meet for the first time July 25.

Hayasaka graduated from the Univ. of Washington in 1951. He has been active in a number of organizations and has been a member of the City Minimum Housing Advisory Board since 1959.

Westberg, a former State senator from the 37th District which has a high percentage of non-white residents, has served as chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee on minority housing, and on the State Board Against Discrimination and was president of Seattle's Civic Unity Committee.

Mayor Clinton called on Seattleites to support the Commissions activities. He said: "We must demonstrate to the rest of the nation that we in Seattle can, in a carefully considered way, resolve our problems in a manner befitting Seattle's position."

Holiday 5000

CHICAGO. — The Holiday 5000 drive will be climaxed at the Japanese American Service Committee picnic Aug. 4 at Des Plaines. The Chicago Jr. JACL is supporting the campaign as a fund-raising project.

Kenji Nakane, executive JACS director, expressed his appreciation in these words: "From all reports, it seems that Holiday 5000 will be a very successful fund drive, but let us not relax our efforts at this time. The Japanese American Service Committee is very grateful to all the participants, whose donations will be used in very worthy activities of our organization."

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

YEAH FOR AGE—The other night we went to see a revival of "South Pacific," which as every American over the age of 12 knows is the fabulously successful musical about a bunch of lonely World War II sailors on a South Pacific island. "South Pacific" has lost none of its musical magic, nor had the virile masculine appeal of the character of Emile de Becque, the middle-aged French planter who falls in love with the gay young navy nurse from Little Rock, Ensign Nellie Forbush.

As the evening slipped on, I found myself pulling harder and harder for de Becque as he courted Nellie. This business of pulling for the middle-aged types, whatever their endeavor, is something that I find myself doing more and more frequently. I am immensely cheered when Warren Spahn, the ageless lefty, pitches another shutout, or when Stan Musial unwinds and clouts another line drive out of the park. I chortle when the ancient Y. A. Tittle fakes a lineman off balance and flings a touchdown pass far downfield. I was delighted when Archie Moore clobbered an upstart half his age, but Archie, alas, has retired from the fistic wars.

This sentimental attachment to those who valiently continue to defy the years may not be understandable to youths still sharp of eye and firm of limb. But to us fellows in the bifocal set, they're heroes all.

THE RIGHT TO EQUALITY—It is a tribute of sorts to the state of Colorado that hardly a ripple attended a statement by Gov. John Love on the matter of racial discrimination. Colorado, he told a group of community leaders last week, would take the steps necessary to make it "the outstanding state in the union insofar as equality of opportunity is concerned."

To implement this objective, he issued an executive order banning racial and religious discrimination not only inside state agencies, but by any person or firm including sub-contractors, contracting with the state to provide goods, services or public facilities. This order is binding on all state agencies.

The Colorado state government by this action showed the way once again to the state's citizens and businesses in the field of race relations. Many Nisei will recall that in 1942—when the West Coast was clamoring for the evacuation of all Japanese Americans and inland states adamantly declined to accept them—Ralph Carr of Colorado was the only governor who dared to raise his voice in protest and welcomed the evacuees.

Carr's political career went into eclipse soon afterward, and there are some observers who blame his stand on the evacuee issue for his fall from power. But this is a difficult matter to access, and it must be said that there were many other factors involved.

Governor Carr's welcome drew many Japanese Americans to Colorado. The state has benefited mightily from their presence, just as the state will benefit from the strong stand that Governor Love has taken. And while Carr's position stirred much controversy, Love's executive order received little other than praise.

WHO IS HOSOKAWA?—A friend sent along the July issue of the magazine "Farm Technology" which is about the last subject I'm interested in. But on page 18 there appears an article titled "Lab Testing Pesticide Applicators," and the authors are W. W. Gunkel and A. Hosokawa. The only A. Hosokawa I know has been my roommate for nigh onto 25 years.

A footnote explains that A. Hosokawa and Gunkel are agricultural engineers at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Howdy A. Hosokawa. Glad to meet you. There aren't very many of us around these parts.

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Meanwhile, the statement of condition for the first half of 1963 is being sent to some 900 shareholders this week. Its assets now total over \$660,000.

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"The maximum insurance coverage is \$2,000, so we suggest that members build up their savings to this amount and avail themselves of the maximum service available," commented Hito Okada, treasurer.

Dividend Declared: The Chicago JACL Credit Union announced a 2 1/4 pct. semi-annual dividend as of May 31, which is slightly larger than 4 pct. declared annually.

"A greater return to all shareholders is certainly encouraging and satisfying inasmuch as the savings and loans associations are

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Ex-Admiral of Twin Cities dies, led Japanese fleet

MINNEAPOLIS.—A former Japanese admiral who commanded aircraft carriers during World War II died here July 18.

Former Fleet Admiral Kuro Umetani, 66, commanded fleets of aircraft carriers for the Japanese in the Solomon Islands and at Midway as well as in other strategic areas in the South Pacific during the war.

Umetani went to the United States in June 1959 to help operate a sukiyaki restaurant in Minneapolis run by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N.A. Weston.

Jun Fujita, 75, Chicago: Japanese newspaper photographer who covered the St. Valentine's Day massacre and the capsizing of the steamer Eastland in which 812 lives were lost for the old Chicago Evening Post, on July 19, after a long illness.

Emi Yasuda, 50, New York, owner of Jasmine Shoppes on Madison Ave. with branches in Rockefeller Plaza and Hyannis, Mass., on July 11; survived by two brothers Kenjiro, Tetsuo, and sisters Mitsu, Sadako and Yaye, and son Kay.

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Japan's pariah problem quite similar to Negroes of South

BY ALLAN BEEKMAN
Special to the Pacific Citizen

Honolulu

A matter of concern to Americans, in the contest for the minds and hearts of men, is how Southern opposition to the Negroes' struggle for equality may be interpreted by our ally, Japan. Judging by the little I have read in Japanese language publications reaching here, Japan is not favorably impressed by the squabbling going on in southern United States.

Japan, however, though she may not realize it, is not exactly in a position to throw stones. She has long lived with a problem similar to the one in southern United States. But following the natural tendency to behold the mote in her brother's eye while failing to consider the beam in her own, she may have overlooked the analogy.

Foiled by the language barrier, many foreign visitors to Japan may also have failed to recognize this situation. One foreigner who did recognize it, and wrote about it, was Lafcadio Hearn.

Hearn had little scientific background, and it is distressing to hear his views on subjects on which he was not an expert bruited about as authoritative by people who should know better. Nevertheless, he was a linguist who had knocked about the world and had become a keen observer of humanity. In 1890, he arrived in Japan. He found his spiritual home there, and he remained until his death in 1904.

When Hearn arrived, Japan had only recently emerged from isolation and feudalism. Under the rule of the Tokugawa family (1600-1868), the people had been divided into four great classes: Samurai, Farmers, Artisans, and Merchants, whose status ranked in that order. All below Samurai were called Heimin "commoners." Any Samurai was privileged to kill a Heimin who showed him disrespect.

Class System

In his book, Japan, an Attempt at Interpretation, Hearn has something to say about the class system.

"Outside of the three classes of commoners, and hopelessly below the lowest of them, large classes of persons existed who were not reckoned as Japanese, and scarcely they were counted with the peculiar numerals used in counting animals: Ippiki, Nihiki, Sambiki, etc. Even today they are commonly referred to, not as persons (Hito), but as 'things' (Mono) . . . between the lowest of the commercial classes and the Eta, the barrier was impassable as any created by caste-tradition in India; and never was Ghetto more separated from the rest of a European city by walls and gates, than an Eta settlement from the rest of a Japanese town by social prejudice."

The word, Eta, is a provincialism, and means "very filthy." A more acceptable term, though Hearn does not use it, is Burakumin, "villager."

Pitiable as was the plight of the Burakumin, there was another group that might be considered

even worse off. This was the Hinin, "non-human."

According to Hearn, provincialism in feudal Japan was carried to an extreme without parallel in the West of modern times. A person was supposed to live, work, and marry in the place where he was born. Every man's hand was against the stranger, and the worst possible fate was to be a vagrant—and such were the Hinin.

"The killing of a Hinin was not considered murder, and was punished only by a fine."

Writers in feudal Japan had been forbidden to criticize the authorities, and the faculty of criticism, if it had ever existed, had atrophied from disuse. But the opening of Japan to the West, with its consequent influx of Western books and ideas, created a ferment among Japan's intellectuals. In 1908, Toson Shimazaki brought forth a novel, "Hakai," bold for that day, dealing with the plight of the Burakumin.

'Outcasts' as Film Theme

Recently Japan's Daiel Studio made "Hakai" into a movie, with the English title, "Outcasts." A Burakumin, who aspires to better things for his son, extracts a promise from him never to reveal his pariah origin and sends him away from his native village.

The son, Segawa, played by Raizo Ichikawa, becomes a respected school teacher, but he is haunted by fear of exposure and a sense of having deserted his kindred. His feeling of guilt is increased when he reads the books of Inoko, another Burakumin. Far from concealing his pariah status, Inoko

boldly proclaims it and works to uplift his fellows. Segawa secretly seeks out Inoko. But later, meeting him in public, like Peter betraying Christ, he denies him.

Inoko is murdered by the hired assassin of a scheming politician, and his martyrdom ends the indecision of Segawa. Segawa breaks his vow by revealing his origin, and resigns his position.

In America it is the fashion to attribute many social injustices to "racial prejudice," that misty term that is so often used as a subterfuge to conceal the lack of honesty or energy needed to think through social problems to their ultimate causes. And by the time Hearn arrived in Japan, Japanese intellectuals had absorbed the Western conceptions, and misconceptions, about race and were finding refuge in the use of this handy tool. Some Japanese writers were arguing that the Burakumin were not members of the "Japanese race."

There seems to me to be no great obstacle to establishing that a person is not a member of the "Japanese race." What would be difficult—to my mind, impossible—would be to establish that someone is a member of it—or that there is such a thing. At any rate, I have seen photographs of Burakumin in a book by a Japanese writer espousing the race doctrine, and I have been unable to discover that the subjects appear to be genetically different from types readily found among other classes of Japanese. Hearn himself does not seem to have been particularly impressed

by the argument, and does not seem to consider the Burakumin genetically or culturally different from the other Japanese.

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Impressions

BY ISAAC MATSUSHIGE, PSW Regional Director

CIVIL RIGHTS STATEMENT

Los Angeles In our PSW and specifically the Los Angeles area, we have begun to feel the rising pressure of public opinion which now demands that the Japanese American people face up to the current issues of the Negro struggle for equal rights.

Beekman

person to whom I referred. It is likewise evident that most Japanese were not induced by the designation Shin-heimin to believe that the Burakumin were any less pariahs than before.

Nor was there new legal status taken particularly seriously. For example, in the novel, "Hakai," even before Segawa confesses his origin, the principal of the school where he teaches has become suspicious of him.

The novel, "Hakai," indicates that about 25 or 30 years after their legal enfranchisement the position of the Burakumin had scarcely improved.

Japanese communities. Local television news commentator are inquiring: "How much help should the Negro get in their struggle for civil rights from the Nisei community?"

Having experienced such an interview by telecaster, John Hart on his commentary nightly news program, "11 O'clock Report" on KNXT, Channel 2, and having been told that a portion of the interview was shown as edited, I am presently most encouraged that our National JACL committee on civil rights has now convened and taken these difficult and pressing issues into hand to provide the chapters and members with a statement of National JACL civil rights policy.

Our greatest task at hand is now to implement the JACL Civil Rights policy with deeds and action. We must give impact to the areas of concern. Public opinion must cease to ask where do the Japanese Americans stand, what do they intend to do, how do they choose to support.

which he came to America. Whatever his antecedents may have been in his native Africa, the Negro was brought to America as a slave. National and tribal differences that may have originally differentiated the Negroes have long ago been effaced in the common bond of caste.

For the Negro has been a member of a caste, just as much as the Burakumin. And his identification with this caste is deeply ingrained in American literature and thought.

Watsonville sets all-time sign-up

WATSONVILLE. — One of the nine chapters in the National JACL to reach new all-time highs in memberships this year, the Watsonville JACL membership chairman Shig Hirano announced its total here to be 341 as of this week. Approximately 60 are Issei.

Other chapters reaching new all-time highs, according to the Pacific Citizen, are White River Valley, Contra Costa, Monterey Peninsula, San Jose, Sanger, Long Beach-Harbor, San Fernando Valley and Washington, D.C.

Assisting in the increase was the Blue Cross health insurance program instituted for chapter members. With some 230 applications received, 156 were new members. Fred Nitta was cited for his role in securing this chapter benefit for Issei.

John Kurimoto, chapter president, reported the recent JACL benefit movie was highly successful this year and commended district captains for their efforts in selling tickets and expressed his thanks to all who supported the affair.

Kurimoto reminded members to support the Westview Japanese Presbyterian Church teriyaki dinner tomorrow and the Buddhist Church Bon Odori Sunday.

The chapter honored 34 graduates at the graduates barbecue last month. Shig Hirano was in charge.

FL. LUPTON JACL: It was a Fourth of July picnic for members and friends of Ft. Lupton JACL at the municipal park. Harry Matsushima was chairman.

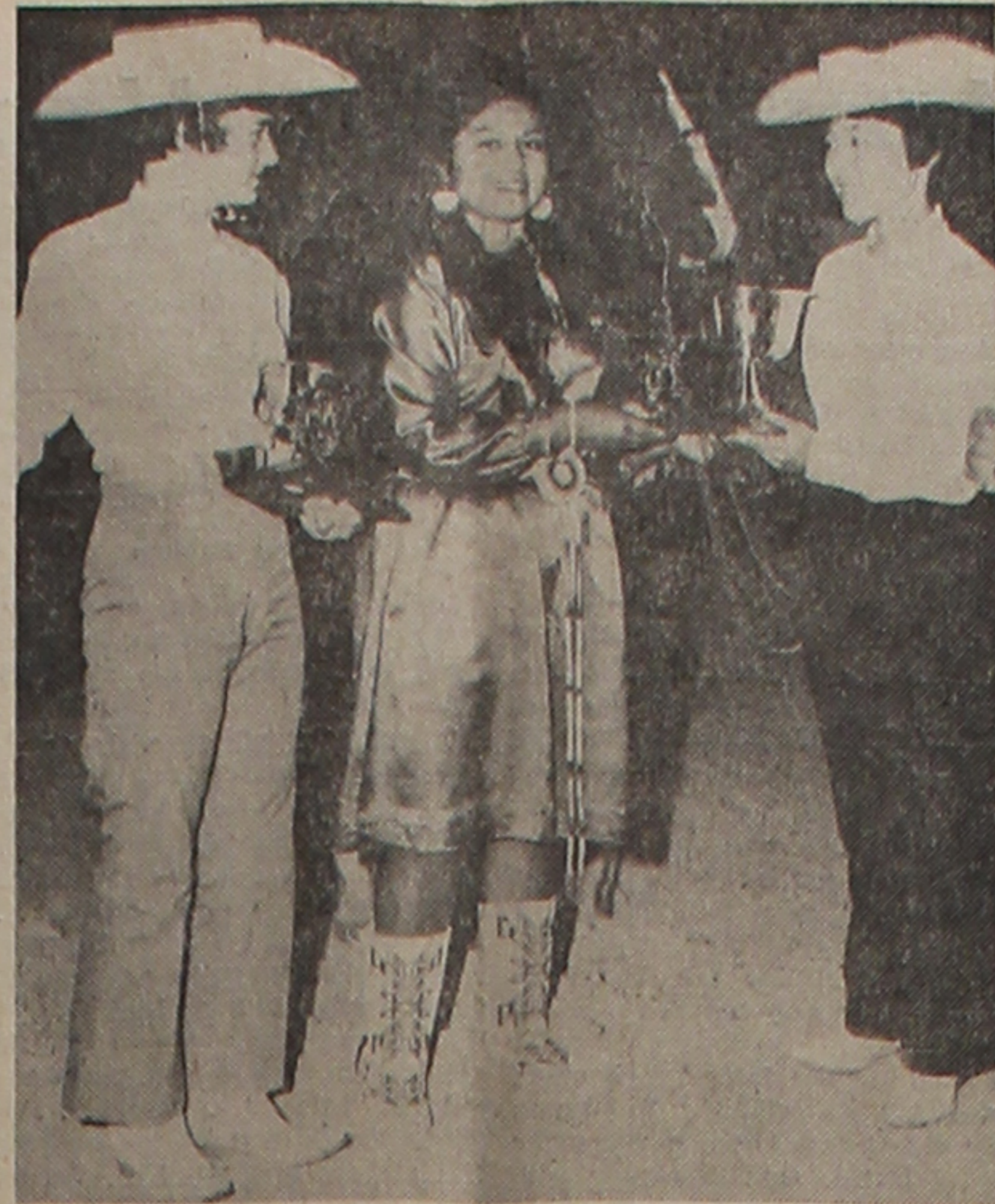
Boise Valley JACL: Gathering around the fireplace at Nampa's Lakeview Park last Sunday were members and friends of the Boise Valley JACL at its annual picnic.

say that he likes the Negro in his place. And one of the places where he is pleased with the Negro is as a servant in a White home.

The repulsion of the White supremacist for the Negro is not physical. The Southern aristocrat who may take as a deadly insult the suggestion that he make a colored woman his wife, may feel no scruple at making her his mistress. In his concept of things, that is her place. A man does not marry out of his class.

Against great odds, a handful of American Negroes have educated themselves and risen above the caste to which tradition would assign them. The struggle for equality has grown sharper, because, in general, the Negroes have become more nearly equal.

When the struggle has been won, historians may report that the element of race was coincidental to the main issue.



ACCEPTS QUEEN'S TROPHY—Kathy Sato, queen of the 1963 Pocatello Frontier Rodeo, accepts the queen's trophy from Nancy Eschler, one of the judges.

Riding a Horse to Become a Queen

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) POCATELLO. — All part of Pocatello's celebration of the Idaho Territorial Centennial, Kathy Sato, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sato, active Pocatello JACLers, is reigning as queen of the Frontier Rodeo festivities ending tonight.

Her first attendant, Andrea Neider, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Neider, also local JACLers. Both girls are members of the Footollos (Pocatello-Blackfoot Jr. JACL).

Hayasaka

(Continued from Front Page) ing," Hayasaka said. "I do not believe this to be so."

"Less than 20 years ago I was in this minority group—against the federal government, the state government and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

"If anybody had discrimination hurled against them, that was it. It was a much greater crisis than there is now," Hayasaka said.

Hayasaka spent two and a half years in a Japanese Relocation Camp in Idaho during the Second World War.

Hayasaka said "everybody's rights" will be considered by the commission.

Jr. JACL talent show successful

CHICAGO. — "Showcase '63" talent show of June 22 almost proved to be a Chicago Jr. JACL hoot-enanny, save for two skits and a jazz dance. The youth revue was staged before an SRO crowd at Olivet Institute.

Susan Torigoe and Russ Chan captivated the audience with sharp choreography and costumes for their dance, "Slightly Southern."

Wes Mukoyama and Ken Kasai successfully gazed out the message at the end of a Japanese play, "Mad Man on the Roof."

Aside from these numbers, however, music was the keynote. Soloists Hinae Nakazawa and Bob Doi both sang of love in Japanese and English.

Sequoia Jr. JACL Beach Party: Sequoia Jr. JACL's beach party this Sunday at Sea Cliff is being chaired by Edward Wakida.

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(Continued from Front Page) with the Sheraton-Cleveland by Aug. 20.

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(Continued from Front Page) stocks, and from 2 1/2 to 15 pct. on foreign bonds, depending upon time remaining before maturity.

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Foreign Investments OK'd: As the result of a new bill signed by Gov. Brown, California-based insurance firms will soon have an opportunity to include investments abroad in their company portfolios.

Credit Union (Continued from Page 3) reducing their dividends," commented Dr. Roy Teshima, credit union president.

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