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CLARENCE ARAI, ORGANIZER OF NAT'L JACL, DIES

Remembered as First Nisei Candidate for Public Office in U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL mourned the untimely passing of Clarence Arai of Seattle this week.

The organization's condolences were conveyed in a message from National President Pat Okura of Omaha, which pointed out the "entire JACL membership is indebted to his devotion and leadership in establishing the national organization."

National Director Mas Satow declared that "our continuing effort in encouraging all Americans of Japanese ancestry to fulfill their obligations to the United States of America is a living testimony to Clarence Arai's far-sightedness and devotion to his country."



QUEEN HELEN AND HER COURT — Nisei Week Queen Helen Funai and her princesses are pictured after the exciting judging of the girls Sunday night at the Hollywood Palladium. The Southwest JACL sponsored entry (left, center) is flanked by (left to right) Betty Taira of Downtown-ELA, Kaye Takahashi of San Fernando, Jayne Tanimura of WLA, Terri Kakuda of Orange County, and Maureen Okada of Gardena.

—Toyo Miyatake Photo

Jr. JACLers hope for another session of 'Where should Nisei be in rights battle?'

BY FRANCES TANAKA
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

OAKLAND — Jr. JACLers attending the third quarterly meeting of the NC-WNDC here Aug. 4 had much to say on one of the proposed objectives of the national J. JACL which centered on the civil rights struggle.

The objective (No. 5) states: "To encourage its members to join others in combating prejudice and discrimination and other forms of undemocratic practices."

The youth had many inquiries as to the meaning of this particular proposal.

The adult panel discussion on the same subject—Where Should the Nisei be in the Current Struggle for Civil Rights—the same day provided the youth an opportunity to raise further questions or offer comment as all youth were urged to attend.

Some Youths Not Satisfied

Most youth found the discussion pertinent and valuable.

Some of the Jr. JACLs said: "The national JACL policy on civil rights was not defined clearly and the Pacific Citizen report was too broad. The discussion was very interesting and particularly on the issue of basic rights. We need another meeting to discuss this some more."

"I was very impressed. Discussions were constructive and applicable to the fifth item of the National Youth Purpose and Objective proposal. I have become better informed because of this meeting. I am glad that this organization is taking a stand on civil rights."

"The Nisei role was never stated or defined."

(Howard Imazeki, Hokubei Mainichi editor who covered the panel discussion, defended his June 29 editorial, which was read in part by panel moderator Professor Sho Sato and described by one panelist as "untimely" since those opposed to civil rights in Congress were quoting it out of context. The panelist then used the phrase in the PC Letterbox (Aug. 2) item from George Butler: "Dear Lord, if you can't help me, please don't help that bear."

(Spid. Imazeki: This writer wishes to take exception to your fear. We believe the editorial was very much timely. If it didn't do anything at all, it made our apathetic Nisei circles become more aware of the Negro problem and take greater interest in their issues. But it did do much more than that. It opened a channel of communication with our Negro neighbors. This writer, for instance, made more Negro friends after its appearance than before.)

The NYC meeting, with chairman Margaret Kai presiding, included reports by Roy Ikeda who reported on the June 8-9 youth meeting in Salt Lake City, by David Hara who noted the youth bowling tournament with 52 participating made a \$9.75 profit, and by Ken Kuroiwa who reported triple header (bowling tournament, queen contest and coronation ball) netted a total \$30.25.

1964 Event Scheduled

Flush by the initial success, the youth voted to hold a similar triple header in 1964. Date will be June 20. A summer conference was also proposed. "Jr. JACL chapter programming" was also suggested as a topic for a future meeting.

MT. OLYMPUS JACLER TO DIRECT UTAH STATE COUNCIL ON AGING

SALT LAKE CITY.—Edward Y. Okazaki, 40, clinical social worker for the U.S. Veterans Hospital, was appointed director of the State Council on Aging, effective Sept. 1. The new director has specialized at the VA hospital in geriatrics. An Hawaiian-born 42nd veteran, he was wounded in France, receiving the Purple Heart and Silver Star.

He graduated from the Univ. of Hawaii in 1948 in sociology, and earned his degree of master of social work at the Univ. of Utah in 1952.

Before joining the Veterans Administration staff, he served 16 months as home service director for the Salt Lake County American Red Cross.

He represented Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah) at the White House Conference on Aging in December, 1961, has taught in the adult education division of Brigham Young University, served as consultant to the Utah Professional Nursing Home Assn. and served on the Salt Lake Community Services Council Committee on Aging.

A member of the Mt. Olympus JACL, Okazaki lives at 1817 S. 25th East with his wife and two sons.

STOMACH CANCER MORE FATAL TO JAPANESE

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Japanese Canadians have three times the rate of death from gastric cancer as that of the Canadian Caucasian, according to the National Cancer Institute of Canada this past week.

However, Japanese Canadians have less cancer of other types. "This suggests that possibly something in the Japanese diet favors the development of stomach cancer," Dr. J. MacDonald of the institute surmised. A pilot study on this premise is being organized here.

Selective Service law explained to men under 38, employed by Japan trade firms

SAN FRANCISCO — Japanese trading firm employees who are under 38 years of age must register with local U.S. Selective Service Board if they remain in the United States over six months. This was the general information transmitted to the Japanese consulate general here last week by Mas Yonemura of Oakland, legal counsel for the Japanese government office here.

It was learned that the Nisei attorney had been asked to obtain information of the Selective Service law because of some difficulties arising in New York involving nationals with trading companies there.

No such cases have come up in this area, it was also learned from the consulate general's office here.

Yonemura summarized his comprehensive report on the U.S. law as follows:

1. All aliens who were born after Sept. 14, 1925, are here for permanent residence and are 18 years of age or over are required to register.
2. Non-immigrant treaty traders, visitors for pleasure, business visitors, trainees and temporary workers (except temporary agricultural workers under the government sponsored program) who were born after Sept. 14, 1925, and are

'MIKADO' FLOAT SWEEPS TOP SEAFAIR TROPHIES

BY ELMER OGAWA

(Special to Pacific Citizen)
SEATTLE.—The "Mikado", Japanese community entry in the Seafair Week parades, swept the field of top honors by winning the Queen's Trophy in the evening parade last Saturday.

The float, depicting the Golden Years of Gilbert and Sullivan, was vigorously applauded by 250,000 spectators over the two-mile parade route. Electrical effects simulating water flowing around the three islands of the float as well as other tiny lights outlining the arch bridge, the trees and house made it the "best by night".

The other top awards were the King Neptune's Trophy for the "best by day" and the Allied Florists Trophy for "best use of fresh flowers".

Guideposts offered EDC-MDC biennium award to chapter

CLEVELAND. — A list of guideposts for the EDC-MDC Chapter of the Biennium Award to be presented here at the EDC-MDC joint convention banquet Sept. 2 was announced this past week by Hiro Mayeda of Chicago, MDC recognition chairman.

The national JACL officers present, reviewing the chronicles of chapters as judges, will be looking into the chapter membership record, quota performance, its cooperation with Pacific Citizen, chapter programs, participation at national and district councils, community service and intergroup relations, public relations and other factors.

The winning chapter will gain possession of a large perpetual trophy donated by Mike Masataka in 1959 and a smaller trophy for permanent possession. Chapter selected three times will retire the perpetual award. Seabrook and Cleveland have each won once.

Materials to assist judges will be accepted until Aug. 31 at the opening joint business session.

Sakuma bids for new judicial post

SACRAMENTO. — Two more positions in the Sacramento county superior court have been approved for late September in a bill signed by Governor Brown last month. Appointments are expected, but the new judges face an election in November, 1964.

Among the candidates reported this past week was Attorney Mamoru Sakuma, one-time Sacramento JACL president and an active 1000er today. His former law partner, Nathaniel S. Colley, a member of the state Board of Education, has been mentioned as a possible appointee.

If Sakuma is appointed, he would be the fourth Nisei to be named Judge John Aiso was named by Gov. Warren in 1953 to the municipal bench and by Gov. Knight to the superior bench in 1957. He was the first Mainland Nisei jurist. Gov. Brown in late 1961 named Stephen Tamura of Santa Ana to the Orange County superior court and Wayne Kanemoto of San Jose to the San Jose-Alviso municipal court.

Wasada hikers depart Kansas City, Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Wasada hikers departed for St. Louis and Chicago on Aug. 1. While here, they met Japanese artist Takahiko Mikami, who is driving eastward to New York—the same destination as the five cross-country hikers.

The young men have been hiking across Kansas via U.S. 40 since mid-June. They began their trek by walking out of San Francisco last March. They hope to be in New York by mid-November.

On South American tour

SAN FRANCISCO. — Keisaburo Koda, pioneer rice grower and local Ise leader, is on an extensive two-month tour of Mexico and Brazil, visiting many Japanese operated plantations in both countries. He is due to return Sept. 10.

Newsletter editor

DAYTON. — Gene Redden, Dayton JACL newsletter editor, has been selected by the U.S. Air Force to attend the Univ. of Chicago for a year to study a graduate course in engineering management starting in the fall.

History Project appoints 4 regional survey directors

(Special to Pacific Citizen)
LOS ANGELES. — Arrangements for the forthcoming survey of a national cross-section of the Ise-UCLA Japanese History Project, Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa, project director, announced today.

The survey is a basic part of the research and will involve interviewing the Ise for their background and experiences in this country, Dr. Miyakawa explained. The survey interviews are expected to begin by early September and continue through the winter.

Dr. Gladys Stone of the History Project staff has already completed the essential survey interviews for Minneapolis-St. Paul.

At the same time, present efforts by local JACL chapters to locate and report the whereabouts of documentary materials will continue.

California Director

Leo G. Reeder, associate professor at UCLA's School of Preventive Medicine and Public Health of the Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology, was named regional director for the survey in California. In addition to recruiting bilingual interviewers for Southern California, he will also train interviewers for Northern and Central California and the regional directors who have been appointed for the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain areas.

Other regional directors thus far appointed are Mrs. Doris J. Miller, field director, Survey Research Center at Univ. of California at Berkeley, who will seek interviewers for northern and central California; Dr. S. Frank Miyamoto, associate professor of sociology,

Univ. of Washington, in the Pacific Northwest; and Minoru Yasui, Mountain-Plains District Council chairman, of Denver who will recruit and train interviewers.

Appointments were made following consultation with Professors Gladys (nee Ishida) and Gregory Stone of Minneapolis with Dr. Miyakawa here several weeks ago during their visit to the west coast. Mrs. Stone, formerly of Modesto, Calif., is associate research sociologist for the History Project and was chairman of the social science council and associate professor of sociology at Wisconsin State College. Her husband is professor of sociology at the Univ. of Minnesota and a project consultant.

Professors Consulted

While the Stones were in Los Angeles, they conferred with UCLA professors Wendell Bell, Wayne Gordon, Harry Kitano, Ralph Turner and Reeder.

At San Francisco, the Stones reviewed the project with a number of U.C. sociologists at Berkeley, including Professors Erving Goffman, William Kornhauser, Sheldon Messinger and Anselm Strauss. National JACL Director Mas Satow will assist Mrs. Miller in locating survey personnel.

Of Dr. Miyamoto's appointment, the Stones emphasized: "We are indeed fortunate to have his assistance, particularly since he has had previous experience in studying the Japanese community in Seattle and the evacuation and relocation experiences during World War II."

Yasui, as JACL-ADC director in Denver, traveled widely for the organization in the Rocky Mountain states, Texas and Southern states.

Puerto Rican challenges N.Y. state law requiring English literacy test for voting

NEW YORK.—An American citizen by birth in Puerto Rico, a Spanish-speaking woman began a court suit Aug. 7 against a state law requiring an English literacy test as a requirement to vote.

Mrs. Martha Cardona said in the State Supreme Court action that as a reader of Spanish-language newspapers and periodicals, her understanding of government and politics was at least equal to that of the average New York adult.

JACL, in its comprehensive statement of Aug. 2 to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Rights, declared: "As far as literacy requirements are concerned... we prefer none whatsoever, for good citizenship is not based exclusively upon the ability of a person to read or write or

even to speak English... It may be coincidental but we feel constrained to point out that, under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, it is provided in certain circumstances that lawfully admitted — for permanent — residence aliens may take the prescribed examinations for naturalization in other than the English language."

Mrs. Cardona asked the court to direct the Board of Elections to either register her as a qualified voter or provide a literacy test in Spanish. She has lived in New York City since 1948.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner recently said he favored giving voting rights to persons who could pass a Spanish literacy test, since Spanish was the second language of the city with its large Puerto Rican population.

'Legal Hoax' Charged

In her petition, she called the New York State Constitution literacy provisions "unreasonable" and said they "make irrational distinctions between citizens of differing racial backgrounds and serve not to assure qualification to vote but to disqualify."

She charged that the requirement of a literacy test made a "legal hoax" of the United States Constitution, which gave her American citizenship as a native of Puerto Rico.

"The privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states," set forth in Article Four, of the United States Constitution, are rendered meaningless by the provisions of the New York State Constitution, she said.

Mrs. Cardona cited a provision of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which permits an English-speaking citizen of New York who moves to Puerto Rico to vote in elections there, even though he cannot read or write Spanish.

Sen. Inouye measured for wax museum exhibit

WASHINGTON. — The National Wax Museum has recently asked Sen. Dan Inouye to be "measured" for a life-size replica of himself, which will be one of the pieces for a new section being established for famous personalities of various ethnic backgrounds "who have contributed to much of American heritage."

Killed in jeep accident

SEOUL, Korea. — Specialist 4th Class Anthony C. Tanabe, 19, of Berkeley, Calif., was killed Aug. 7 when the jeep he was driving went off the road and rolled down



Jack M. Mayeda

Jack Mayeda named regional director and aide to Satow

SAN FRANCISCO. — Jack M. Mayeda of Seattle will join the National staff of the Japanese American Citizens League on Sept. 1. It was announced this week by National JACL Director Masao W. Satow. In his capacity as the Administrative Assistant to the National Director, Mayeda will carry special assignments, direct the National JACL Youth program, and serve as Regional Director for Northern California.

The new staff member received his Bachelor of Education degree from the Seattle Pacific College, majored in physical education and social studies. He is a three-year veteran of the Korean campaign and has had seven years of teaching experience in grammar and secondary schools in the State of Washington and Utah. He has just completed his master's work in Educational Administration at the Univ. of Utah.

He has also been part-time director of youth activities at the Japanese Presbyterian Church of Seattle, and served on the Youth Committee in preparation for the JACL 17th Biennial Convention in Seattle. He is a three-year member of the JACL 1000 Club.

"We are pleased to welcome Jack Mayeda on our National staff to implement some of our decisions to which we have not been able to give full justice because of lack of staff," National JACL President Pat Okura stated. "His fine attitude and his experiences in the group work field make him a valuable addition to our staff."

PSW stand on rights issue due Aug. 25

BY FRED TAOMAE

HOLLYWOOD. — A definite stand on the current civil rights drive being conducted by Negroes may be the order of the day when the Hollywood JACL hosts the third quarterly PSWDC meeting on Sunday, Aug. 25 at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

On the agenda will be discussion on how to implement the National JACL statement supporting the integration drive. A National JACL committee met July 20-21 in Omaha and formulated a policy, which, although supporting the drive for integration, left the matter of implementation up to the individual chapters.

Taking a strong hand in the discussions will be Frank Chuman, immediate past National JACL president and chairman of the County Human Relations Commission and who was one of the leaders who formulated the JACL statement.

Chuman will be the speaker at the luncheon and will tell his story on the subject.

Host president Mrs. Mildred Miyahara revealed that Miwa Yanamoto has been named chairman of the one-day event which will begin with registration at 9 a.m. Business sessions will follow with a noon luncheon break. Mike Suzuki was named luncheon emcee.

Miss Yanamoto revealed that a package price of \$4 is offered for those who pre-register before Wednesday, Aug. 21. After that date, the price for the luncheon will be \$5 per person. Reservations should be made with JACL regional office MA 6-4471.

a six-foot embankment in the First Cavalry Division area, the U.S. 8th Army announced.

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Director's Report

By Masao Satow

IDC MEETING

The Intermountain District Council meeting of Sunday, Aug. 4, hosted by the Pocatello Chapter was augmented by a fine looking group of Junior JACLers who met from Saturday. Our new National staff member-to-be, Jack Mayeda, took time-out from completing his master's work at the Univ. of Utah to join with the Juniors to brief himself on his job. On very short notice he filled in as speaker for the joint luncheon Sunday noon to give a very inspiring account of his decision to join the National staff. We might say here that fulfilling last minute requests is only a foretaste of what to expect. Experience shows it is par for the course for a staff member not to know what he will be called upon to do next. Jack did very well in his baptism.

The Juniors arranged for everyone to view the 45-minute sound film, "Panel of Americans of San Francisco State College," produced by the San Francisco Junior JACL. The S.F. Juniors donated this film to National with the stipulation that it be made available to JACL groups without charge even though considerable expense and a great deal of time were involved in the making.

The IDC meeting was pointed in the direction of preparing for the District Convention to be hosted by the Boise Chapter on Nov. 29 and 30. George Koyama, its general chairman, reported on his various local programs held since the previous quarterly meeting. The IDC went on record commending and supporting the JACL Special Committee on Civil Rights for its work.

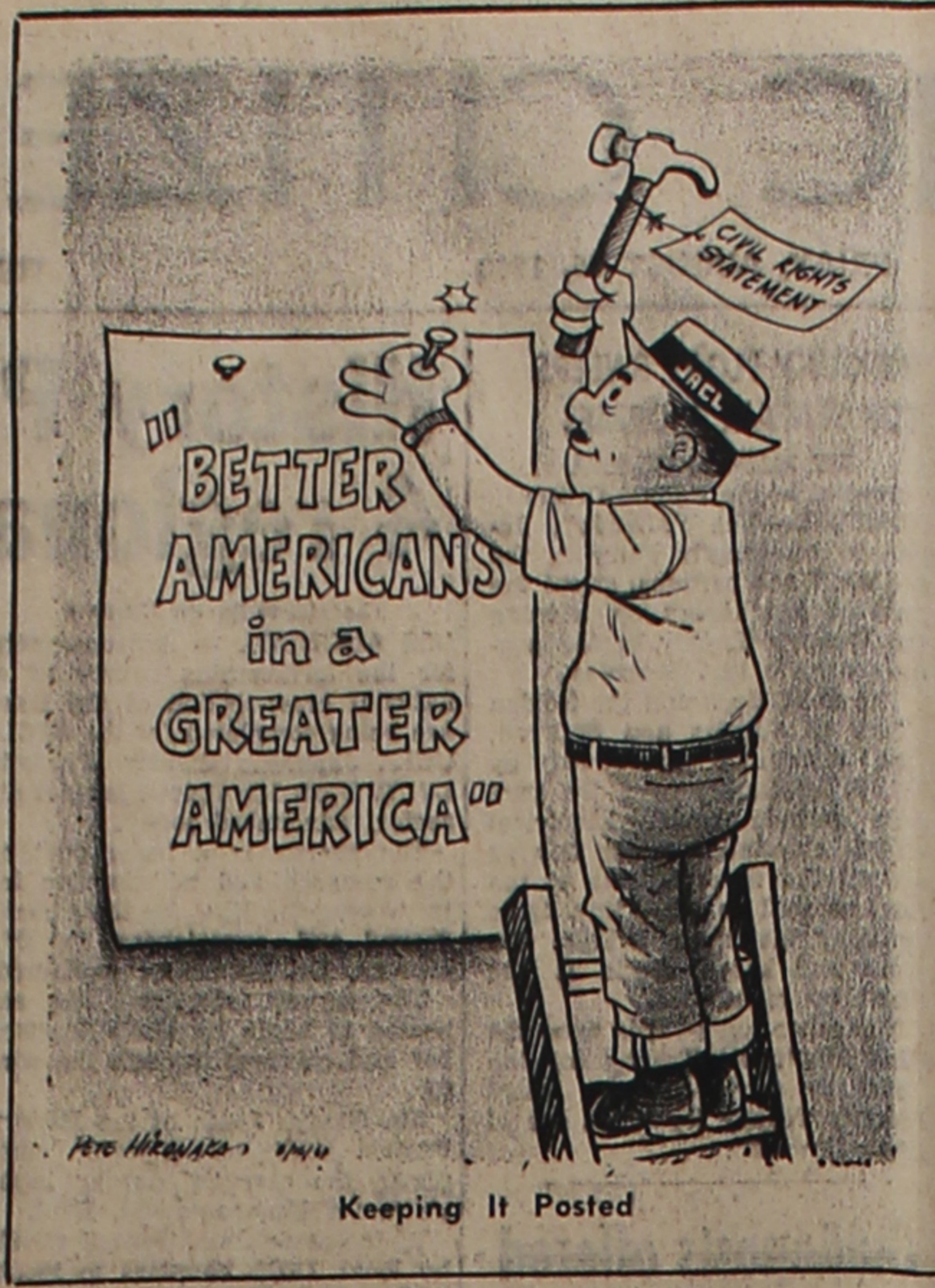
We had hoped to get a look-see at the new \$80,000 Pocatello JACL building, but was prevented by too much business on the meeting agenda.

Our thanks to Salt Lake President Tats Misaki for the lift to and from "Poky" out of Salt Lake to overcome the poor plane schedules, along with the good company of IDC Chairman Rupert Hachiya.

JACL ARCHIVES
The recent report of the National Director cleaning out the years of accumulated files and material single handed is grossly exaggerated. However, we have found over the years that the title of "National Director" is just a fancy name for a glorified junky. Our archives consist of communications and records dating to the prewar period, with a great deal of material from wartime, including such things as files of the Relocation Center newspapers, with the bulk of stuff from post-war years. We have explored the feasibility of microfilming the more important material to preserve them and to save space.

Civil Rights Fund

All JACL members wishing to contribute to the JACL Civil Rights Fund, which will be donated to the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in addition to the \$2,000 contributed by National Headquarters, should send their checks to the JACL Civil Rights Fund, Washington JACL Office, 919-18th St. N.W., Washington 6, D.C., immediately.



PC LETTERBOX: Quotas Not Affected by \$2,000 Donation

Dear Editor:
There is no quarrel, generally, with the statements re civil rights promulgated by the JACL Special Committee on Civil Rights in Omaha on July 21. These are in line for the most part with established JACL policies on civil rights.

We do not question the worthiness of the donation. We do question the authority of the Special Committee, under the present JACL Constitution, to appropriate \$2,000 out of the National Budget as a donation to the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph 4-4 is quoted as the authority for the appropriation. This paragraph states, "With the approval of the National Board, the National Director may adjust allocations as to specific items if such adjustments are deemed necessary."

It is our opinion that this paragraph pertains only to inter-item changes in the existing budget, not to new items. Further, the approval of the National Board is specified.

JAPANESE AMERICAN CREED

Mike Masaoka's "Japanese American Creed" is as popular now as ever, judging from the requests we get for this. Before we deplete our present supply, we have asked professional typesetter Willie Hoshiyama to make up a new layout. We have also resolved to take up a new format of the copy suitable for framing. We now confess that for the past fifteen years Mike has been kidding us on omitting the word "citizen" in the first sentence of the Creed referring to "American citizen". As many members of the Congress will testify, once you get this guy Mike on your back, you have no rest until whatever is not right is corrected.

PR COMMITTEE

Now that our anti-"Jap" leaflet in the process of production, the National PR Committee will concentrate upon up-dating and printing the JACL Story which we produced as a booklet in 1951 under the title, "Better Americans in a Greater America."

ALOHA

With some 60 others we will be far from the cares that are for the period of August 17 to August 26 in Hawaii on Mom Staggbar's hospitality tour. We (Chiz included) admit we are dirty so and so's for forsaking the pile of neglected matters at this particular time, but we are also fulfilling a personal obligation to Mom Staggbar who is reciprocating for the hospitality shown her bowlers from Hawaii at our annual JACL National Nisai Bowling Tournaments.

Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa and Mrs. Nao Sugiyama have graciously volunteered to take turns holding down the Headquarters fort during our absence. Teiko will be remembered as along time JACLer who stepped into the breach when Mike Masaoka joined up with the 442. She opened up the New York JACL Office in 1944 where her public relation work and mail financial campaigns directed to our friends helped to keep National in operation during those days. Nao, besides being the wife of Ich Sugiyama, hard working S.F. JACL Credit Union Treasurer, is an active volunteer leader with the Girl Scouts.

Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka Civil Rights Poll

WASHINGTON. — How do most Americans feel about civil rights legislation, especially in terms of helping Negro Americans gain their goal of equality of opportunity and dignity?

Since Negro Americans constitute a minority of about one-tenth of our national population, what the majority of Americans think about their current status and struggle is most important insofar as their efforts to secure legal and social justice is concerned.

To gauge public opinion throughout the country, the Washington Post asked Louis Harris to conduct a sampling of public attitudes toward Negro Americans in every part of the nation. Harris, a veteran of 17 years, is recognized for having been uncannily correct in predicting the outcome of national and local elections through his personal polls.

According to his sampling, 65 percent of the white Americans believe that the Negroes deserve a "better break" than they are now receiving, while 23 percent are against "better treatment", and 12 percent are "not sure".

In the Deep South, 53 percent declared themselves for "better treatment" for the Negroes, 30 percent against, and 17 percent "not sure".

As for nation-wide attitudes toward federal action on Negro rights at this time, 91 percent favored voting opportunities, 86 percent job opportunities, 74 percent public accommodations, 68 percent mixed lunch counters, and 52 percent mixed housing.

Deep South reactions showed 89 percent for voting opportunities, 77 percent for job opportunities, 54 percent for public accommodations, 43 percent for mixed lunch counters, and 29 percent for mixed housing.

Regarding federal civil rights actions of the past, 62 percent throughout the country approved the historic 1954 decision of the United States Supreme Court in ordering the desegregation of public schools.

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The majority in the Deep South, however, disapproved all three actions—one by the nation's highest court and the others by two different chief executives.

Caucasian Interpretations

What do white Americans think are the objectives that Negro Americans are striving for in their demonstrations?

The nation-wide answers concerning "positive goals" were 39 percent for "equal rights", 14 percent for "equal education opportunities", 12 percent for "equal

March in Washington

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Prejudices Show Through

In other words, it seems rather clear that most white Americans are willing to concede the right of Negro Americans to legal and social justice, although their prejudices show through when it comes to actual living and working with their Negro fellow Americans.

We suspect that the Harris polls accurately mirror general American public opinion in these matters at this time, although we continue to believe that as Negro Americans are given these civil rights, and as other Americans become more accustomed to accept them, these prejudices and fears will gradually disappear as we learn to live together as partners in the American way.

Are Negroes Ready?

The personal assessment of white Americans regarding the "readiness" of Negroes for integration revealed that 45 percent feel that Negro children "don't do as well in school as whites", while 55 percent disagreed. On the other hand, 61 percent felt that "Negroes are not ready to live in better neighborhoods", and 63 percent said that "Negroes are not prepared to hold down better jobs".

Moreover, the Harris polls show that most white Americans feel that the Negroes are moving too

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Vagaries

'Flower Drum' Perennial

SOME WEEKS ago the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas did an unprecedented thing. They brought back the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "Flower Drum Song," which has previously had a run of nearly a year at the Thunderbird.

The return engagement was a tribute to the talent of Jack Soo (Goro Suzuki) who has become a major Las Vegas personality on the strength of his performance as Sammy Fong in the musical.

The Thunderbird was able to get together most of the principals from the original Las Vegas production. Besides Soo, Romi Yamada was able to cancel several Tokyo bookings to come back to play the picture bride and Arlene Fontana, who plays Linda Lee, the role which Pat Suzuki created on Broadway, also cancelled summer theater bookings.

THE OTHER night Soo was singing the song, "Sunday," in a duet with Miss Fontana, when he stopped the show to ask a child in the dinner show audience to finish her milk. Soo's ad-libs are becoming a feature of the performances at the Thunderbird and Producer Monte Proser notes that the Japanese American comedian is the first person permitted by the Rodgers and Hammerstein office to interpolate ad libs in the show.

Sammy Fong is the role which has brought Soo up from the obscurity of night club performances. The future looks much brighter now than it did five years ago. Soo said the other day. But Soo hasn't forgotten the "doughnut and coffee" days when he was ready to toss in the towel on several occasions and seek another way of making a living.

Since Sammy Fong, however, Soo is much in demand. He played the role in the Universal film production of "Flower Drum Song" which also co-starred Miyoshi Umeki, Nancy Kwan and James Shigeta. He is a co-star in the new Dean Martin comedy, "Who's Been Sleeping In My Bed?" in which he plays a TV cameraman. "Just what I'll do after 'Flower Drum Song' closes again at the Thunderbird isn't certain," Soo said. "The Daiji studios in Tokyo have offered me a contract (reportedly for \$250,000) for three Japanese-language motion pictures. For all writing the results of two television pilots which have been finished since last December.

One of the TV shows is believed to be "The Life of Grant Avenue," in which Soo's characterization is a Chinese American who is the Sammy Fong type. Sammy Fong, in the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, is the night club owner who is in love with a dancer in his show.

THE OTHER evening when Soo

launched into the "Sunday" song, in which he sings and dances with Arlene Fontana, he did a double-take. The girl who stepped out of the wings to do the number with him wasn't Miss Fontana at all but Pat Suzuki, who happened to be visiting in Las Vegas that evening and was prevailed on to repeat the number which she and Soo had done a hundred times and more on Broadway.

THE Miyoshi Umeki role, that of the picture bride, is being played in Las Vegas by Romi Yamada, a young singer from Japan. Miss Yamada's only previous American theatrical experience was a tour in "The World Of Suzie Wong."

When Miss Yamada returns to Japan she may play Nurse Nellie Forbush in a Japanese version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific." At least Miss Yamada reports that negotiations are on to do the musical in Tokyo.

"I'll be a nurse from Tokyo, rather than from Little Rock, Ark.," she said.

All of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musicals, however, "South Pacific" would be the most difficult to transpose into Japanese. The reason is that the plot involves the war against Japan.

WORLD WAR II was responsible for a number of Chinese Americans obtaining steady employment in Hollywood, playing Japanese soldiers.

Now a musical comedy about Chinese Americans in San Francisco is responsible for enhancing the careers of at least three entertainers of Japanese ancestry, Soo, and Misses Suzuki and Umeki. In addition at least two dozen other Nisei have appeared in the various editions of "Flower Drum Song," in New York, London, on tour and at Las Vegas. For instance, George Young, Sop's stand-by at Las Vegas, is a Japanese American from Honolulu while Haruko Yamasaki of Hawaii played the leading role in the London production.

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Mrs. Shinno reappointed to Demo state committee

LOS ANGELES. — Assemblyman George E. Danielson (D-48th Dist.) last week announced that he has re-appointed Mrs. Mitsu (Marjorie) Shinno to the Democratic State Central Committee.

Mrs. Shinno, of 1832 Micheltorena St., has served on the State Committee continuously since 1960 when Assemblyman Danielson first appointed her. Active in Democratic party affairs for over ten years, her efforts have ranged from the grass roots level of organization to and including campaign coordination with local, state and national offices.

Mrs. Shinno is currently secretary of the 29th Congressional District Democratic Council, and membership chairman of the Silverlake Democratic Club.

Mrs. Shinno, and her husband, George, have been residents of the Silverlake area for 17 years; both were born in Los Angeles. Their son, Jon, is an MIT student. Mrs. Shinno, a graduate of UCLA, is a past board member of the Los Angeles YWCA, and division chairman for the Community Chest. She has served with the Women's Auxiliary of the Japanese American Community Services, and is currently on the membership committee of the Community Relations Conference of Southern California.

Nisei bank teller threatened by robber

SAN FRANCISCO. — Madeline Shimotori, 23-year-old teller at the Haight-Fillmore branch of Bank of America, was robbed of \$560 just minutes before closing time last Friday.

Since 1956, three other Nisei tellers have been held up by bandits locally. Teller George Fujimoto was robbed twice at the Fillmore-McAllister Bank of America branch and teller Michi Soda, who witnessed Fujimoto being held up the first time, was herself threatened in 1959.

Banana producer heads Samoan agriculture

HONOLULU. — Charles Shiraishi, 1949 Univ. of Hawaii agriculture graduate, was appointed by American Samoa Governor H. Rex Lee as director of the Samoan Dept. of Agriculture last week.

Shiraishi will be responsible for reorganizing the department to raise the island's agricultural economy. He is one of the leading banana producers in Hawaii, active with the Farm Bureau and prominent in community affairs.

PC Letterbox

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Civil Rights Statement was sent to members of the National Board with an explanation of the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and calling attention to Article VI, Section 2, a-4, under which authorization for the \$2,000 would be possible. A ballot was enclosed asking members of the National Board to approve or disapprove the appropriation. It was noted on the ballot to "Vote and return immediately."

By Friday, July 26, 12 of the 18 members of the National Board, constituting a majority had replied on approving the appropriation. The National Director felt that time was of the essence to support the JACL Washington Representative as a member of the Executive Committee on the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

A covering memo was sent to JACL Washington Representative Mike Masaoka with the check on July 26, copies of which were sent to Messrs. Okura, Chuman, Marutani, Yasui, as well as to Yoshinari as National Treasurer and Satoru as National Assistant Treasurer, in which the National Director pointed out:

"Technically, those of us who met in Omaha could only recommend a financial outlay subject to approval of the National Board. The Board gave approval to have a Special Committee draft a civil rights statement, but I do not think an approval for a financial com-

mitment of a large amount as this can be assumed."

In the subsequent days three additional members of the National Board sent in favors, making a total of 15 in favor with none dissenting. Three Board Members have made no response.

It is opined that Art. 6, Sec. 2, a-4 of the JACL Constitution "pertains only to inter-item changes in the existing budget, not to new items." The National Director believes that the budget item of "Washington Office" specifically covers this requirement.

The appropriation is in accord with JACL's civil and human rights statement adopted by the National Council at the 17th Biennial National Convention in Seattle in 1962. Refer to 17th Biennial National Convention Minutes, p. 66; the third paragraph of this is particularly pertinent:

"The Washington Representative should be directed to participate fully in all efforts to secure civil and human rights for all Americans, before the Congress, through the courts, by administrative action, etc. Furthermore, the Washington Representative should continue to participate in, and cooperate with, such organizations as the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, etc."

The JACL National Director takes full responsibility for the manner in which the appropriation was handled.

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JACL to assist chest X-ray survey in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO. — The fourth annual chest X-ray survey of the local Japanese American community will be held on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23 and 24 at Buchanan and Sutter Streets from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on both days.

Every member of the community over 18 years of age is urged to take advantage of this free service. A chest X-ray takes only a minute and no disrobing is required. Confidential reports are sent to individuals within two or three weeks' time.

The JACL Auxiliary and the Junior JACL will furnish volunteers to help register persons for free chest X-rays.

Buddy Iwata of Livingston was re-elected secretary of Allied Grape Growers, the huge wine producers cooperative.

JACL baseball league award dinner plans set

SAN FRANCISCO. — The first annual Bay Area JACL Baseball League awards dinner will be held at the Nikko Sukiyaki on Aug. 24, 8:30 p.m., it was announced today by Ben T. Tsuchimoto, dinner chairman.

Tickets at \$2.50 per person for the buffet supper may be purchased at the door or from San

Francisco JACL board members. Tad Ono, chapter president, will be toastmaster. John Yasumoto, NC-WNDC secretary, will present the awards with help from Karen Sukekane, Youth DC queen, and Georgette Oni, Miss San Francisco Jr. JACL. Entertainment will follow.

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Booster events will feature a tournament for golfing enthusiasts to be held at beautiful Glen Oaks golf and country club, where the management gives special attention to its Japanese American friends. The Motor City Golf Club will handle all details of this tournament.

In conjunction with one of Detroit's leading stores will be an out-of-this-world fashion show, of interest to both men and women. Card sharks—plan now to enter the bridge tournament.

And for plain sightseeing, there will be guided tours to places of interest in and about Detroit. A bang-up evening is planned for the 1000 Club whang-ding.

Aside from the planned activities, there are a multitudes number of things to see and do in Detroit... just to whet your appetite...

Calendar

- Aug. 17 - 24 Honolulu — JACL Invitational Bowling Tournament Stadium Bowl-O-Ace
- Aug. 18 (Sunday) East Lake City — Outing, Saratoga Resort 1 p.m.
- Sept. 1 — San Joaquin County Fair, "Japan Night", Band Shell, 9 p.m.
- Sept. 1 — Jr. JACL car wax, Palo Alto
- Sept. 1 — Japan Night, Washington Music Festival
- Sept. 2 — Cincinnati
- Aug. 23 - 24 San Francisco — Ched X-Ray, Buchanan & Sutter Sts. 12 - 4 p.m., 430 - 7,400
- Aug. 24 (Saturday) Fresno — Barbecue, Eucalyptus Grove, Redding Park, 1 p.m.
- San Francisco — Boy's Area JACL Baseball League awards dinner, 10:30-12:30
- Sept. 1 (Sunday) San Francisco — NE-WNDYWC workshop, Church of Christ, 1 p.m.
- West Los Angeles — Splash party, 520 S. Sepulveda, 6 p.m.
- Contra Costa — Barbecue, Alvarado Park, Richmond, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Hollywood — PSWDC quarterly session, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, 9 a.m., Atty. Frank Chuman, luncheon speaker, "Race Relations in L.A. Country"
- Dayton — Picnic, Triangle Park, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 27 (Tuesday) San Francisco — JACL meeting, Church of Christ, 8 p.m.; Ellen McGinty, speaker, "Miss Sister City"
- Aug. 28 (Wednesday) D.C. — "March in Washington"
- Sept. 1 (Sunday) Seima — CCDC meeting
- Aug. 31 (Friday) Long Beach — Harbor Community Center carnival
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2 Cleveland — EDC-MDC joint convention, Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel; Rep. Sport Matsunaga, principal banquet speaker, Sept. 1 (Sunday)
- Sept. 1 (Sunday) Santa Barbara — Fishing Derby
- Sept. 4 (Friday) Chicago — Jr. JACL meeting, Olivet Center, 8:30 p.m.
- San Jose — Baseball night, Candlestick Park
- Sept. 7 (Saturday) Detroit — Movies
- Oakland — Night in Hawaii luau, Cislwood C.C., Pleasanton, 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13 (Friday) Philadelphia — Cabinet meeting, Tosh Kanama, res.
- Sept. 14 (Saturday) East Los Angeles — Issei Night
- Oakland — Luau, Castlerood C.C., Sept. 15 (Sunday)
- Pasadena — 1000 Club luau
- Seattle — PNWDC meeting

PSWDC'S 1ST JR. JACL ORGANIZED IN LONG BEACH

Membership to Be Restricted to Youth from 9th to 12th Grades

LONG BEACH.—PSWDC's first Jr. JACL was organized by the Long Beach-Harbor District chapter at a youth jamboree on Aug. 3 at the Harbor Community Center. Forty youth attended.

They heard Mike Masaoka's address to the 1961 PSWDC Convention on tape and followed with election of temporary officers pending the adoption of a constitution.

Purposes of the club were written into the preamble, which reads: "We, the Junior citizens of the United States of America, in order to foster American democracy, promote active participation in civic, cultural and national life; secure justice and equal opportunity for persons of Japanese ancestry; and to give them an understanding of their heritage, do establish this constitution for the Long Beach-Harbor District Junior Japanese American Citizens League."

Temporary Officers

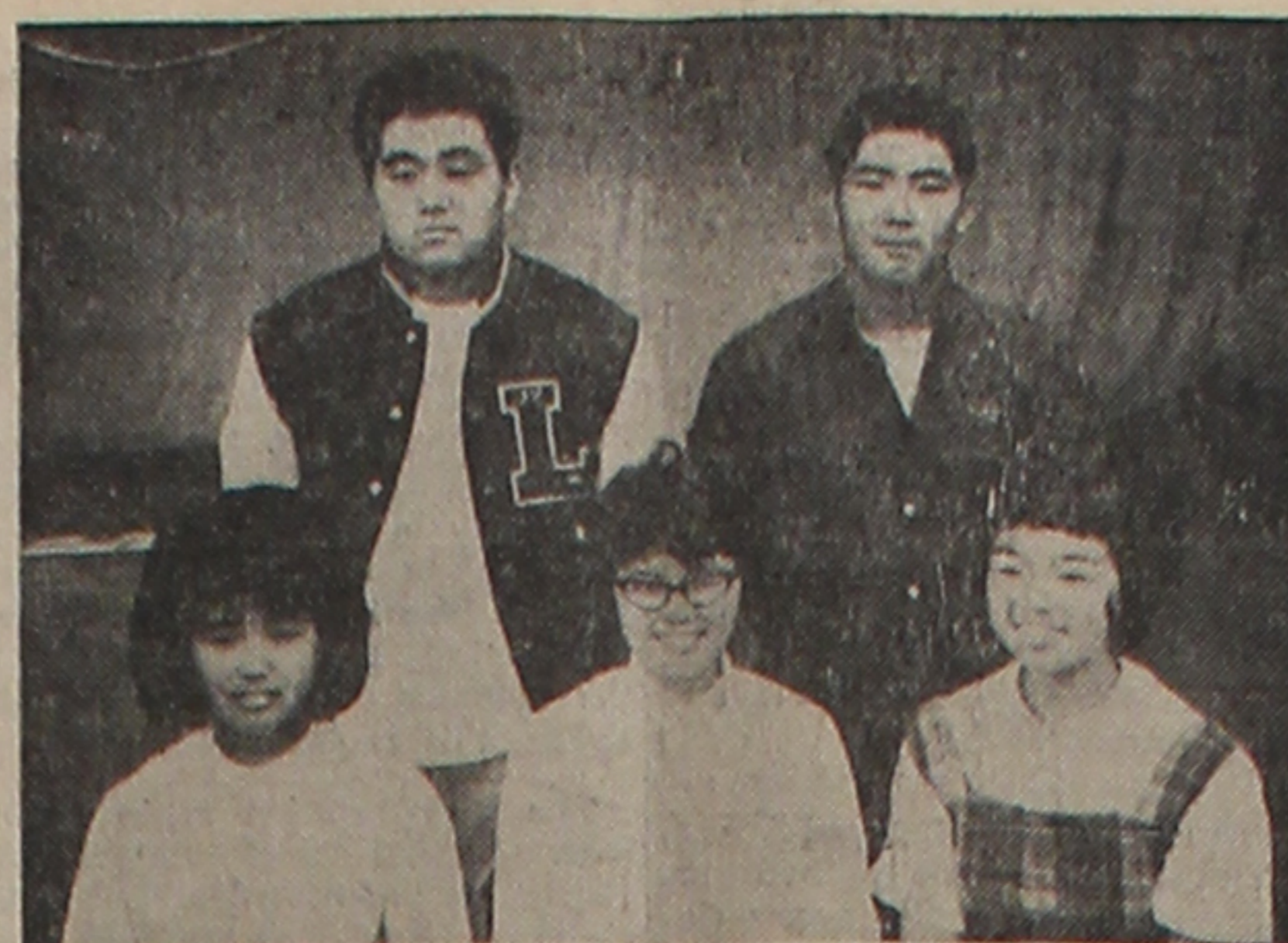
Miss Kay Kakita and Harry Manaka, Jr., were elected chairman and secretary, pro-tem, respectively. Committee chairman to help formulate Jr. JACL programs were also chosen as follows: Walter Kurata, constitution and by-laws; Jane Morihara, program; and Carol Ogawa, nominations.

Serving on the advisory board are: George N. Nakamura, youth commissioner; Richard Hanki, local attorney; Dr. John Kashiwabara, Toshiko Goto, teacher.

The accumulated fund of the Long Beach Hi-Co, now defunct, amounting to \$230 was transferred to the Jr. JACL. Learning that the wide age range as in the now defunct Long Beach Hi-Co created diversion of interests and concentration of leadership in the older members, the Jr. JACLers are to be composed of 9th through the 12th graders with special provisions for graduates. Most of the social-recreational activities will be concentrated during the summer vacation with more frequent meetings while the school months' activities will be limited to monthly affairs.

Forthcoming Events

Activities for the immediate weeks will consist of carnival booths, movies, beach-outing, skating party, installation of officers and business meetings. Community service, activity are being planned. All youths in the Long Beach Harbor area are invited to join. For further information, contact or call Miss Kakita (HE 2-8324) or Harry Manaka (HE 2-0259). Under the strong leadership of Clarence Nishizu, PSWDC Youth Chairman, and his committee, the Jr. JACL movement finally got handicapped, who develops into a virtuous under encouragement of his elder sister (Fujiko Yamamoto).



JR. JACL ORGANIZED—Long Beach-Harbor Jr. JACL has been organized for youth from the 9th through the 12th grades with special provisions for graduates. On the steering committee are (from left): front—Jane Morihara, program; Carol Ogawa, nominations; Kay Kakita, pro-tem; back—Harry Manaka, Jr., sec. pro-tem; and Walter Kurata, constitution & by-laws.

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San Francisco Jr. JACL
"Miss Sister City": Ellen Margaret McGinty, San Francisco's young goodwill ambassador to sister city Osaka, will speak of her recent three-week visit at the San Francisco Jr. JACL general meeting Aug. 27, 8 p.m., at the Church of Christ. George Omi, meeting chairman, said "Miss Osaka in San Francisco" will be screened.

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