



By K. Patrick Okura

President's Corner

JACL Did Itself Proud

WASHINGTON. — JACL can be mighty proud of its participation in the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The Washington, D.C. chapter should be especially commended for the work in organizing its members to March. The initiative and foresight shown by the D.C. chapter is a good example as to what our chapters can do to implement our National Statement on Civil Rights.

The March will probably go down in history as the greatest assembly ever gathered for the redress of grievances that this country has ever seen.

As our small group gathered in front of the Red Cross Headquarters Bldg., there was an air of mixed feeling of dead seriousness on one hand and of a holiday atmosphere of attending some exciting function on the other. The city of Washington, D.C., took on the air of a Sunday morning or a legal holiday with all the shops and stores closed and very few people or cars on the streets. The only moving vehicles were taxis and buses that were making their way to the center of activities near the Washington Monument.

Every street leading to the area of the March was lined with buses of every shape and size that had traveled from all parts of the South, East and Middle West. Very few buses carried license plates of the Western States. As our band of JACLers (names are listed elsewhere in this issue) started walking to the assembly grounds at the base of Washington Monument, there was some feeling of apprehension as to just what would take place once the huge crowd gathered. The majority of us were attempting to wear a mask of nonchalance but underneath this mask were some real doubts as to whether we would be caught in the middle of an uncontrollable mass of humanity or not. (After the March, many confessed they had some fears about marching.)

After receiving our lapel pins, small pennants and large placards to carry in the March and as we were standing around waiting for instructions, we attracted a great deal of attention from the camera enthusiasts as we were the only non black or non white group. They all wanted to take pictures of our National JACL Banner which we were carrying in the March. We proudly displayed our banner and posed with it for all the camera bugs. As the order was given to gather in line and move toward the Line of March we fell in behind our JACL banner which was being carried by Todd Endo and Aki Sano.

The March down Constitution Ave. was by no means an organized, systematic march in formation but rather a slow walk at our own pace, at no time had the appearance of force or hostility or strength whatsoever. Again our JACL banner attracted more attention as we sauntered down Constitution Ave. in an atmosphere of a country fair. As we neared the Lincoln Memorial, the organ played religious and marching music.

Our position in the line of March did not permit us to get to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, so we settled down near the base of the steps just to the right of the long reflecting pool. Since it was near noon, we all had our lunch which each brought individually. For those from out of town, faith-

ful Mary Toda of the Washington office had prepared about a dozen lunches. The long two-hour wait before the program was taken up by some introductions and various entertainers who sang and played. The formal part of the program lasted slightly over two hours.

During the long wait before the program and even during the March, there was not one incident of discourtesy or ugliness—which was a great surprise to all of us. The police officers, the MPs, the special marshals were all very courteous and friendly and never once issued an order, or uttered a sharp command.

The speeches were pretty much in the same vein and were climaxed by the Rev. Martin Luther King who was the last speaker on the program who stated, "Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content, will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. . . . The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. . . . we cannot walk alone."

The remarks made by the ten leaders of this March were interspersed by musical and vocal numbers by such outstanding artists as Marion Anderson, Mahalia Jackson, Eva Jesse Choir, folk singer Odetta and Richard Lang-borne as well as the introduction of a number of celebrities such as Burt Lancaster, Harry Belafonte, Josephine Baker, Lena Horne, etc. As we stood, sat, stretched and laid down, listening to all the speeches we could see the great statue of Abraham Lincoln in the background through the huge columns of the Memorial. One could not help but think of what Lincoln might have said if he were addressing this huge gathering one hundred years following the Emancipation Proclamation. It was an inspiring experience and one I would not have wanted to miss.

We later learned that vice president Bill Marutani and myself had reserved seats on the speakers platform to be introduced to the assembly but the message and the tickets did not reach us until 5 p.m., after the March. At least the Leadership Conference had recognized our group by the reserved seats and an introduction.

I feel certain that this orderly, well behaved March did much for the advancement of Civil Rights for all. President Kennedy the following day stated that the March had advanced the cause of America's 20 million Negroes and made a contribution to all mankind. JACL is proud to have had an active part in this momentous March which will make history. This is only the beginning of the great struggle for human rights and equality for all.

Twenty-six donate to National JACL civil rights fund

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON. — Twenty-six contributions totaling \$365 have been received for the JACL Civil Rights Fund by the Washington Office, according to Joe Ichijima, treasurer. The largest contributions were for \$50 and the smallest were for \$5.

After a few small deductions are made for JACL's participation in the August 28 March in Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the balance will be turned over to the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, to be used by this coordinating organization in its efforts to secure meaningful civil rights legislation in this session of Congress.

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Thirty-five march under JACL banner in August 28 March for Jobs, Freedom

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON. — Expressing the concern and the support of Japanese Americans for civil rights for all Americans, 35 persons marched under the JACL banner in the historic August 28 March in Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Although the number of those with Japanese faces was small in the huge parade of more than 200,000 demonstrators, because they were identified by the huge and colorful JACL banner amid

mostly painted placards, they attracted much attention, not only from the other marchers but also from newspapermen and others covering the greatest mass civil rights demonstration in the nation's history. The JACL five-by-eight-foot and trimmed in gold, features the organizational seal in the center, with gold lettering on a dark blue field. The words "Japanese American Citizens League" are above the seal, with the national motto "For Better Americans in A Greater America" below.

The JACL banner was carried by Todd Endow of Oberlin, Ohio, the National JACL Oratorical Contest champion of 1962, and Aki Sano, Arlington, Virginia, of the Washington JACL Office.

All of the JACL contingent wore the official August 28 badges and ten carried white and black official March banners. Four placards, two in red and white and two in blue and white, were carried by the JACLers. The signs called for "Civil Rights Plus Full Employment Equals Freedom", "We Demand Decent Housing Now", "We March For Higher Minimum Wages For All Workers Now", and "No U.S. Dough For Jim Crow".

The only contingent representing Americans of Asian ancestry, the JACLers were led by National President Pat Okura, Omaha, Nebraska; National Vice President, Bill Marutani, Philadelphia; Eastern District Council Chairman, John Yoshino of Kensington, Maryland; Washington, D.C. Chapter Board Chairman Ed Mitoma of Wheaton, Maryland; and Washington JACL Representative Mike Masaoka.

The JACLers marched from the Washington Monument, down Constitution Avenue, to Lincoln Memorial.

Two of those who joined the JACL group were from Japan—the

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Nisei girl asked to appear before House committee

NEW YORK. — Wendy Nakashima, 21, of Atlanta, Ga., was among at least 10 of the American students returning from Cuba to receive papers Thursday night asking them to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington Sept. 12.

Miss Nakashima was served with the paper as she was leaving Idlewild airport, where she and 44 other students staged a sit-in demonstration because State Department officials tried to stamp their passports invalid.

Miss Nakashima told newsmen that the sit-in "showed the solidarity of our group."

"We refuse to be moved from our positions in so far as the travel ban is concerned," she said. "This is something which means very much to us. We are carrying out our responsibilities in bringing back the truth as we see it in Cuba."

She was the only person of Japanese descent or Oriental descent to make the trip. A former student at City College of New York, she said she was currently unemployed and not attending school.

Orange County JACL to turn down 'seal' on human relations council if offered

LA HABRA. — The Orange County JACL board, as the representative of the Japanese community in the county, will not sit on a human relations council if one is formed, it was decided at a recent board meeting.

The policy, as carried in the lead story of its official publication, the August issue of the Santa Ana Wind, stated that the stand was formulated at a recent board meeting at the home of chapter chairman Min Inadomi.

However, the Wind reported, Nisei may join a human relations group as an individual. The majority of the board also decided that taking part in demonstrations would not enhance the position of Nisei in the county.

Formulated After Briefing

The policy was formulated after its chairman, attorney Min Inadomi, attended the August 3 meeting in Los Angeles at which immediate past National JACL president Frank Chuman explained how the national statement on civil rights came to be formulated. Chuman was one of the national leaders who labored on the statement in Omaha, Neb., on July 20-21.

As to the policy statement itself, the board objected to that portion which states that the "JACL will

participate in the March in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 28," feeling that this action may result in adverse reaction from the general public. However, the board voted to ratify the policy statement.

Inadomi's Comments

In his President's Corner in the same issue, Inadomi stated that while JACLers sympathize with the Negro cause, he feels that "this is a problem which should be resolved as individual American citizens and not as a group such as JACL."

Inadomi stated: "Japanese Americans, except for their ancestry and heritage no longer have as many things in common as they might have had in the past. Their vocations and interests run the gamut, and North Beach is as comfortable to some as Carnegie Hall to others. This is not to say that one should be oblivious to the discriminations which are ever present, but it is to say that each of us should protest in the manner which we think most appropriate."

In his column, Inadomi stated that discrimination can be combated in the Japanese American Creed way and he quoted the pas-

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JACL answers Negroes' painful call for help, says Matsunaga



'COUNTED IN PARADE' — Shown leading the National JACL contingent in the August 28 March for Jobs and Freedom are (left to right) National President Pat Okura and JACL Washington representative Mike Masaoka. Over 200,000 persons marched from Washington Memorial to the Lincoln Memorial, it was reported.

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Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

That August 28 March

WASHINGTON. — Yes, Japanese Americans participated in the August 28 March in Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

True, we were less than 35 in that massive movement of more than 200,000. But, we were part and parcel of that greatest peaceful assembly in United States history to petition in the nation's capital for the redress of grievances in the historic tradition of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights to our Federal Constitution. We were there to join in the demand for the right of all Americans to live in equality in and under the law.

Two weeks earlier, at a special JACL meeting on civil rights, 21 had signed up for the March.

But we were apprehensive as to how many would actually show up, for there was much speculation as to how respective employers, including the Government would react to such participation. Even more challenging were the many news stories and other suggestions that mob violence and rioting could be the only consequence when so many gathered to press for certain demands that were being stoutly denied by so many others, including such acknowledged masters of strong-arm methods as those self-styled American Nazis and the White Citizens Councils.

Though there was nothing heroic about the small group that gathered appropriately enough at the

International Red Cross Building, at the appointed time, each comfortably dressed in dignified attire in spite of the hot and humid summer in Washington and each with a small lunch tucked away on his or her person, JACL can be proud that every one who signed up did show up.

From our meeting spot, we walked up the street several blocks to the assembly point on the Washington Monument grounds. There, we simply stood around, caught up in that great mass of humanity, until almost noon, listening to songs of freedom sung as only those who have never truly known freedom can sing about that simple right that ought to be theirs and to impassioned speeches by those who have served in the front lines of the battle for civil rights over the past half-century.

We were there among thousands of Negro and other Americans from all parts of the Nation, also milling about the vast Washington Monument grounds, whose mall stretches up to the Capitol of the United States where the Congress that must enact the legislation sits, and adjacent to the ellipse that backs the White House where the President of all the people lives

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Seattle rights commission asks jail for bias

SEATTLE. — The Human Rights Commission has unanimously voted for jail sentences and fines as penalties for violations of civil rights in an ordinance it will propose to the City Council.

The group decided that its version of the law will provide for a \$500 fine and six months in jail, or both, on conviction of discriminating against a person because of race in the sale or rental of housing.

This is the maximum penalty that Municipal Courts can levy under state law.

The action was taken after the group questioned Corporation Counsel A.C. Van Soelen on ways of punishing violators of the human rights ordinance.

Van Soelen said there is no way under present city authority to provide for redress of the person discriminated against. The only way of "putting teeth" in the law, he said, is to provide for penalties against the discriminator.

The city's authority for providing such penalties, he said, rests on the state constitution provision that the city shall have the right to protect the public peace, health, safety and welfare—the foundation of all city laws.

Chicago pastor to leave

CHICAGO. — The Rev. George Nishimoto, pastor of Christ Congregational Church, is leaving his post here Sept. 15 to become associate secretary for his church council in New York.

National JACL president Okura calls on Congressmen for civil rights support

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON. — Following his participation in the August 28 March in Washington for Jobs and Freedom, in which he led the JACL contingent in that historic demonstration, National JACL President Pat Okura of Omaha, Nebraska, called on a number of United States Senators and Congressmen to urge support of meaningful civil rights and immigration liberalization legislation.

He was accompanied by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

He first called on the two Senators from his State, Republicans Roman L. Hruska and Carl T. Curtis. Senator Hruska is a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Azumano to chair PNWDC convention

PORTLAND. — At a meeting of the Portland JACL Board of Directors on Aug. 26, George Azumano accepted the general chairmanship of the Pacific Northwest District Council Convention to be held here Nov. 9-10.

The highlight of the convention will be the coming of Senator Daniel Inouye as guest speaker for the convention banquet at the Benson Hotel. Special invitations will be sent to all the chapters in the PNWDC to send a delegation to this event. Dinner chairman is Walt Sakai.

tee and of its Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. He is also a member of the Appropriations Committee. Senator Curtis is a member of the Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, the Finance Committee, the Government Operations Committee, and the Rules and Administration Committee.

Okura also called on Republican Congressman Glenn Cunningham, a former Mayor of Omaha, who as a member of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee had just completed work on the legislation to prevent a national railroad strike.

He met with California's Senior Senator, Thomas Kuchel, the Assistant Republican Leader, and with Hawaii's Republican Senator Hiram Fong. Senator Fong is a member of the Judiciary Committee and of both the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights and the Subcommittee for Immigration and Naturalization, as well as a member of the Post Office and Civil Service and the Public Works Committees.

Okura also called on Congressmen George E. Brown and Ed Roybal of Los Angeles, California, both Democrats. He worked with Congressman Brown before World War II in the Los Angeles City Civil Service Department. He met Congressman Roybal after the War when the Congressman was a Los Angeles City Councilman.

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CLEVELAND. — JACL has answered the Negroes' "painful call for help," Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga of Hawaii told the EDC-MDC joint convention in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday.

"I am happy to note that it has," the dynamic ex-100th Bn. officer told the convention banquet audience at the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel.

He then cited the "strong, comprehensive and unequivocal statement endorsing the intensified actions of Negro Americans" which a National JACL ad hoc Committee on Civil Rights formulated July 20-21 in Omaha, Neb.

For the benefit of those who had not heard the statement, he recited the statement.

Was Against March

"I am happy to note too that the JACL actually did participate in the March in Washington, although I must confess that I was against the march due to a genuine apprehension that there would be violence and bloodshed, and as a consequence the civil rights fight would be set back many, many years instead of being advanced. I thank God that I was wrong."

Matsunaga stated that an even more substantial way in which the JACL has answered the call for help was in assuming an aggressive role to influence legislation.

"The statement of the JACL endorsing meaningful civil rights legislation, submitted on Aug. 3, 1963, to the Subcommittee on Civil Rights of the Committee on Judiciary of the House of Representatives, by your Washington Representative, Mike Masaoka, is a masterpiece. If any of you have not yet read it, I recommend that you do. Its title by title analysis of the President's proposed measure is the best I have yet seen. As members of the JACL, you can be rightfully proud of the fact that your organization, through its alert and spirited leadership, is at the forefront of the present civil rights struggle."

Matsunaga urged his listeners to write their senators and representatives in Congress to expedite action on the civil rights bill. Work through your churches or other organizations and make this a part of the "Wider World of JACL," he said.

Controversial Section

Matsunaga called Title II of the President's proposed omnibus civil rights legislation "the most controversial." The section which provides for non-discrimination in the use of public accommodations is opposed by many congressmen who would otherwise support the bill, he said. They argue that such a regulation would violate private property rights. They say a man has a right of control over what belongs to him, he said.

"In essence, I believe we can all agree that a man has a right of control over what he owns. But it is well recognized under our laws that property rights are not absolute; they are subject to limitations imposed by recognition of higher values. We may agree, therefore, that the right of ownership does not justify the use of property in such a way as to cause moral and psychological injury to other persons."

"In my humble opinion, Title II is the very heart of the bill. Exclusion of Negro Americans from lunch counters, theaters and other such public places has been the underlying cause of demonstrations in Southern and border states from Birmingham, Ala., to Cambridge, Md. As it was so poignantly stated by NAACP's executive secretary, 'the affronts and denials that this section, if enacted, would correct are intensely human and personal. Very often they harm the physical body, but always they strike at the root of the human spirit, at the very core of human dignity. . . . Negro Americans will be bruised in nearly every waking hour by differential treatment, or exclusion from public accommodations of every description. From the time they leave home in the morning, en route to school or to work, to shopping or visiting, until they return home at night, humiliation stalks them. Public transportation, eating establishments, hotels, lodging houses, theaters and motels, arenas, stadia, retail stores, markets and various other places and services catering to the general public offer them either differentiated service or none at all."

"The humiliation and affront to his personal dignity that the Negro is encountering today, not only in the South, but throughout too many sections of our country"

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HOLIDAY ISSUE KITS
Always a tremendous undertaking by the Pacific Citizen staff as well as our JACL chapters, the Holiday Issues spell the difference between profit or loss in the operation of this paper.

This week, the bulky and awesome Holiday Issue advertising kits were put in the mail so that most of the chapter presidents will have received them by the time this week's issue comes off the press. If the kits are not received by the end of next week (Sept. 14), let us know.

These kits are actually an opportunity for chapters to share in the profits of the PC for every \$5 solicited for Holiday Issue advertising. 75 cents is returned to chapters. This year, we are inaugurating "bulk advertising rates", which means even more funds for the chapter. On "bulk rates", the chapter stands to gain as much as 50 per cent of the solicited advertising dollar.

By the first weekend of November, we plan to publish our first PC Holiday Issue boxscore, listing the number of column inches and one-line insertions secured by the chapters.

Last year, making the first report were (in the order of the number of column inches submitted) Sacramento, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Tulare County, Wash., Lupton, Fremont, Seattle and West Los Angeles. Of course, the proof of this pudding is the standing at the end of series.

For 1963 - we'd like to top last year's gross of about \$11,800. We had 1,840 col. in. in display and 1,287 one-liners. It was among our better years. We know it could have been improved if we had a better percentage of "repeat" orders. Hence, we are stressing upon the chapters to secure greetings from advertisers who did so in previous years.

To impress how much Holiday Issue income means to the operation of PC, it provides a substantial source of income during those months (from October to December) when subscription income is the leanest.

In our particular case, advertising and subscription are split 50-50 percentage-wise in the income picture. Regular advertising is slightly higher than Holiday.

For 1962: Gross income - \$26,000 - Subscription Income - 13,000 - Regular Advertising - 12,000 - Holiday Advertising - PC returned some \$1,800 in commission to the chapters last year. The PD didn't net that much last year, the unaudited figures being about \$1,500. But, we're thankful that the figures are "black".

NISEI WEEK GIMMICKS
This may be too early to think about the 1964 Nisei Week Festival, but that's what the L'il Tokio Fourth Estaters did at dinner last week with Soichi Fukui, 1963 chairman, and his colleagues.

Archie Miyatake and Roy Hoshizaki, already named co-chairmen for 1964, are thinking hard about how to split their responsibilities. And if it goes well, it may be the answer to the perennial problem of selecting major donors needed to run this 10-day crowd pleaser.

In the course of trying to dream up "gimmicks" for '64, we wondered whether queen candidates and the public would like to see queen votes back in circulation. This contest was filled with excitement from the opening day in the effort to secure enough votes to get your favorite within the top five. Then the judges took over and selected the queen. But the contest developed some underhanded practices and the candidates backed out—public criticism also flared.

Queen votes were obtained from L'il Tokio merchants upon purchase of merchandise. The votes were distributed to merchants for a price without any limitation. It became so that queen votes could be purchased for a price from the merchants. (One year, queen votes were printed in the L'il Tokio newspapers. There was nothing to bar the papers from running off extra copies if a sponsor of a particular candidate placed a substantial order.)

It's been a good 10 years since L'il Tokio has had this trauma with tickets. What we propose is strictly off-the-top. We haven't looked into the technical or legal aspects which may rule such a proposition out-of-order. But it's our last wild pitch for the summer.

Let the public vote for their queen candidates with "trading stamps"—either color, green or blue. Tabulation will be on the "book" basis of 1,200 stamps per book.

If the books can become Nisei Week property, it would be with the understanding that items redeemable from trading stamps would constitute the queen's treasure chest. If the candidates are sporting, the total amount of trading stamps can be split five-ways - \$20-25-15-5-5.

If the books cannot become Nisei Week property, then what trading stamps are credited to each candidate will be given to the candidate as part of the treasure chest, even though she qualifies as a finalist or not.

We have no idea how many trading stamp books will be turned in—but the availability of these stamps throughout the state (and not within L'il Tokio) may not be supported by the merchants. And we don't know what controls are exercised by the trading stamp agencies upon the merchants.

But this is a "gimmick". We'd like to see the queen votes back. If the present crop of candidates are willing to be judged in bathing suits before the public eye, they have a chance to earn a bundle of trading stamp books for running in the contest and a chance to reign as Nisei Week queen besides.

Thirty-five march—

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Rev. Chikara Ose, who is studying at a seminary in the nation's capital, and Yukiko Kawamura, who is completing her fifth year at the University of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa, in the "heart" of the Old Confederacy and Dixieland. Also marching under the JACL banner were Kenjo Okuda of Seattle, Washington, en route from Karachi, Pakistan, to Nepal for the Ford Foundation; Edith Maeda from Boston; and Hoover Tateishi from Honolulu, Hawaii, the administrative assistant to Congressman Spark Matsunaga of the Aloha State.

Edward J. Ennis, now general counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union and a former counsel to the Washington JACL Office, drove down from New York to join the JACLers but, when he was not able to locate the group at the Washington Monument assembly point, he paraded with the Capital Area ACLU unit.

Harold Elstere, who still keeps his JACL membership with the Seabrook, New Jersey Chapter, marched with the JACL contingent.

Seven Philadelphians, led by National Vice President and Legal Counsel Marutani, participated under the JACL banner. They were, in addition to Marutani, Fred, Mary and Betsy Fuges, Philip Bregy, Felicia Foulkes, and Ralph Samuels.

JACLers from the Washington area who marched, in addition to Yoshino, Mitoma, Masaoka, and Sano, were Alice Endo, Dolores Cormeny, Rose Itano, Key Kobayashi, Don Komai, Andrew and Julia Kuroda, Robert Maeda, Lily Noguchi, George Obata, Emily Sano, Harry Takagi, Yasuo Takahashi, Carol Tamura, Yukio Tomimaga, and Mary Lou Yoshino.

Due to misinformation, National President Okura and National Vice President Marutani did not sit in the reserved seat section allocated to them at the Lincoln Memorial rally. Instead, they were seated with the JACL contingent near the reflection pool below the Lincoln Memorial to hear the formal program featuring the "petition for the redress of grievances" by the ten committeemen representing the major sponsoring organizations of the great August 28 March.

Lunches for the out-of-towners who participated with the JACL were prepared by Mary Toda, Washington JACL Office secretary.

It was obvious that several others of Japanese ancestry were participating in the March but with other groups. Among these were JACLers, the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Akamatsu of New York and the Rev. and Mrs. Min Mochizuki of Kalamazoo, Michigan, who marched with their respective church units.



By Elmer Ogawa

Northwest Picture

By The Numbers

SEATTLE. — How's for doing things by the numbers this week? That is an expression reminding one of the army days which will be mentioned again after a couple of paragraphs.

In these days of automation and electronic machinery, we have numbers for everything, and we stand in danger of losing all identity other than a string of digits. I first became aware of this creeping menace when each of us in the USA drew Social Security numbers back in the early thirties.

Today we have numbers for the bank account, tax purposes, payrolls, tax deductions, business tax, interest, and just about any business transaction. The post office added a zone number to our address and now comes the ZIP number. Where our phone number might once have been East 123, it then became East 0123, then East 3-0123, and in all finality (we hope) for long distance callers it will be 206-323-0123. Now if you want to try that number, go ahead, but you won't get your truly.

After Social Security, the next personal introduction to the numbers racket came with the army serial number, in this case, 12150211. The first digit indicated the creature was an enlistee, not a draftee, and the "2" indicated that he came from the 2nd corps area, of which there were 9, and the rest was just numbers. But there was another gimmick to that army serial number, and in all these years, I have never talked with anyone who knew about it, so it may be of interest to the readers.

Each company, battery, etc., of course, had its own roster made up of names, ranks, serial numbers and MOS numbers (Military Occupation Specialty). On the battalion roster which was published once a month, an additional digit was added. In my case, the serial number became 121502114. But every one else in my battery ended up with a figure "1" after the regular serial number. Aha! What gives?

Just about everything can be found in the voluminous files of Army Regulations. The figure "1"

appended to the serial number meant that the soldier was Caucasian; a "2" that he was colored; a "3" Chinese; and a "4" (you guessed it) Japanese. There were other classifications like American Indian, Filipino, and Puerto Rican, I believe, and number "9" was Miscellaneous.

Nothing much came of this special classification for a while other than the selection of the No. 4 to extra portions of Sunday KP and latrine duty during basic, usually with a G2 guy at the next sink or striking up a conversation in the barracks.

Nothing much until subject person was transferred from the 90 mm battery in the jungles to an automatic weapons outfit near the locks at Panama. New at this kind of duty, after being in charge of four 50 calibre machine guns, we didn't know much about the 40 mm automatic guns, let alone take command of one of them.

During the same shake-up, a battalion clerk was transferred from a Puerto Rico station to our outfit. Before we had a chance to get acquainted with the new surroundings and personnel, said clerk got on the tactical line and said: "How do you like your Jap sergeant, Gun X?"

After that little thing happened—sulkiness—intentional foul-ups on tactical inspection—and one guy called me a s.o.b. when I hollered at him to get to the alert on the double. He got six months at the Special Court, but served two. There followed a framed situation whereby high command tried unsuccessfully to prove the incompetence of Sgt. X.

Sequel to the whole business is that about a year after discharge, I met up with the only former army "buddy" I had ever become acquainted with during the war service. It was the court martial guy, right in the middle of Times Square, New York, and he came up with his paw extended for a handshake. After telling everyone that he'd be using a ball bat if he ever met me in civilian life. If such improbable things have to happen with it could be in the Irish sweepstakes or a long daily double at the track.

REGIONAL REVIEW

(The NC-WNDC is currently the only district taking advantage of the PC offer to space under "Regional Review". What the Monterey Peninsula JACL explains in this issue is a hint to why this chapter's membership keeps growing each year.—Editor.)

BY T. CLIFFORD NAKAJIMA
Pres., Monterey Chapter

MONTEREY. — The Monterey Peninsula JACL Chapter for approximately the past 15 years has sponsored the Blue Cross Hospital Insurance Plan for their members on a voluntary basis. Our chapter has found this hospital plan to be a very meaningful and much needed service to our members.

About 80 per cent of the total membership is now covered under the Blue Cross Plan through the chapter and those who have not subscribed through the chapter are members who previously have insured themselves through other hospital plans.

Our membership has increased yearly without much difficulty in renewal of annual membership mainly because the chapter has offered this health insurance.

The subscribing members are billed every three months by the treasurer of the chapter through the use of return envelopes billing, similar to the type used by the medical profession. The billing is done one month in advance of the due date to insure necessary collection to cover the premium due from the Blue Cross for the whole chapter.

Our chapter adds a nominal service charge of 25 cents to cover the postage and stationery to each subscribing family.

Coverage Up to 65

The Blue Cross covers all members and their family through the age of 30 days to 65 years. After a child attains the 19th birthday he or she must join the JACL as due paying member in order to continue the Blue Cross coverage.

Unlike Blue Cross Plan where employment is linked with health insurance plan, the JACL-sponsored plan only requires membership to our chapter.

The coverage of Blue Cross has been constantly expanded to the point where our chapter is now combined with the San Jose chapter and more recently to the Watsonville chapter as a group under the similar master contract.

Under this arrangement the benefits has increased to the sub-

scribing member, and as of Aug. 1 our chapter included a major medical coverage to the basic hospital plan.

Major Medical Plan

The major medical plan pays 80 per cent of the covered disability and medical expenses to \$10,000 per life time after \$300 deductible expenses is incurred by a subscriber. The deductible applies separately for each member and each dependent except where more than one member of the family incurs bodily injury in the same accident, in which event the \$300 deductible applies only once.

As an example of the reliability of the Blue Cross Plan, we have had 90 per cent of the medical expenses incurred when the member became ill and was hospitalized. The plan pay one of our member while visiting Japan. The member substantiated the claim by presenting to the Blue Cross receipts written only in Japanese which was then honored and paid without undue delay.

To all chapter who are interested in forming their individual Blue Cross Plan, we would suggest you contact your regional representative of the Blue Cross as each chapter must be rated in premium according to size of their membership.

JACL answers—

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try is not unlike the experience of the Japanese American prior to and during World War II. You will recall the case of Sergeant Frank Hachiya, and of Private Matsuda, a combat-disabled veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion, who at the close of the last war, although garbed in Uncle Sam's military uniform and walking on crutches, was thrown out of a barber shop in Hood River, Ore., because he wore a Japanese face.

"Even today, as pointed out by Mike Masaoka to the House subcommittee on Civil Rights, with all the vaunted acceptance that is supposed to be that of the Japanese American, there are swimming pools and beaches, motels and hotels, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation that are closed to persons of Japanese ancestry. As a matter of fact — recently — certain Maryland beaches which advertise in the daily newspapers wrote not only American citizens of Japanese ancestry but also officials of the Embassy of Japan... would be denied admittance at these beaches.

"America is a land where people from every nation in the world

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Masaoka—

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and works. Many of those passing by paused to take a second look at the beautiful JACL banner, nodding agreement that the motto "For Better Americans In A Greater America" summarized well the spirit and the objectives of the great March.

Just before noon, like a tiny stream moving into a wide and slow river, we eased our few participants into the mammoth line of march down appropriately named Constitution Avenue.

We didn't march; we just walked, setting our own pace and controlled only by those before and behind us. There were no martial bands to set the cadence; no straight and military lines by which to parade. Indeed, there were few spectators, and most of these joined the marching throng. From time to time, some of the slowing moving crowd would break out in songs like "Freedom, Freedom, Freedom" and "We shall Not Be Overcome".

And, in the line of march, there were all manner of men and women and even children—the old and the young, the newly married and the college student, the fat and the slim, the lame and the halt, the well-dressed and the obviously "this is the only party dress (or suit) I have" type. Some tried to keep some kind of step. Others just walked. Still others shuffled along. This was a cross-section of humanity, USA, on parade. This was America, in war and in peace, on display.

As in the past, organized labor marched with the Negroes.

For the first time, though, on August 28 the organized churches, Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish—also marched hand in hand with the Negroes, thereby confirming the brotherhood of man.

There had been no rehearsals; no printed instructions in advance. And, during the march itself, there were no shouted commands or bullying drill masters to set the pace.

This was not a sullen, threatening march of lonely Negroes; this was an almost festive outpouring of citizens of all races, colors, and creeds, secure in their knowledge that "right makes might".

There was a quiet dignity, a meaningful purpose, a certain rhythmic cadence that beggars description that all too clearly showed better than words the inner discipline that one so seldom finds these days, especially when three or more gather together nowadays.

This was not a regimented band of human robots ordered out to parade on command; neither was this the desperate demonstration of freedom seekers moving out against tanks and machine-guns firing at point-blank range.

This was humanity on the march; this was democracy in action; this was a confident people moving forward, with faith and vision and yet with courage, toward equality of opportunity and dignity.

And, even when this 200,000 were jammed before the Lincoln Memorial for more than four hours, without seating and other arrangements for comfort, this self-disciplined continued. People who bumped into each other accidentally, or had to move through especially packed sections, apologized. There was evident goodwill everywhere. There was no profanity, no threatening remarks. There were untoward remarks.

The songs and the speeches at the Lincoln Memorial rally were most impressive and eloquent, but even more impressive and eloquent was the conduct of the participants in the biggest civil rights demonstration in our country's history.

The newspapers, the radio and television commentators, and the many observers noted especially the decorum and the order of the marchers.

There are the cynics and the die-hards who insist that the March failed to change a single vote in the Congress of the United States.

It is still too early to hazard a guess on this objective, though we know that it is not too early to predict categorically that much and great goodwill come out of the March. In an early Newsletter we may treat with this evaluation.

But, regardless of what happens from here on out, we know as participants that we were privileged to share a unique, moving, thrilling, and inspiring experience that probably will never again be duplicated in this country.

The August 28, 1963 March for Jobs and Freedom may well mark the end of that tragic era when, not merit or qualifications, but race, color, and creed determined a citizen's right to opportunity, dignity, and justice.

We who marched are proud of our participation.

And, JACLers everywhere in the land, beneficiaries of this participation, should be proud too that their fellow Americans of Japanese ancestry proved that "Americanism is not a matter of race or ancestry, but a matter of the mind and the heart", in fulfilling the national ideal of being "Better Americans In A Greater America".



PC LETTERBOX: Challenge Before New York JACL

CHALLENGE BEFORE NEW YORK

Dear Editor:

On Friday evening, Aug. 23, about 30 JACLers joined at Suehiro's Restaurant in midtown New York for a scheduled dinner meeting, that turned out to be both a "Wake" and a "Rally".

(I know that John Yoshino, our guest speaker, will forgive me the trespass on his fine, patient leadership reflected thruout the meeting).

There was much praise before the attempted burial, fortunately shattered by the possibility of resurrection.

We measured the good we had done thru the years of our emergencies, but are we ready to close our books, satisfied with the score, and no longer interest ourselves in the challenge of everyday life and its problems?

Are we to close our eyes to the needs of others who are, or may be faced with the heartbreaking problems we have endured?

Or is it our continuous duty to make certain, that what happened to us, must not ever happen to anyone else. We can and should be the bridge of better understanding amongst all peoples. We can and should, as we look with pride to the heritage of our fathers, and pow to our own hard won heritage, be ever ready to stand up, and be counted when the rights of other minorities are threatened. We must not accept the attitude, that there no longer exists the need of a New York Chapter. That the National, and our individual affiliation with it, is sufficient support to our ideals.

The Scout movement, P.T.A., the Churches and its social functions, community organizations, etc. take all our time and satisfy our needs. We have merged; our acceptance is complete; our problems solved; go New York Chapter, rest your weary bones, and plague us no more!!!

It is true that our rights as people are now being respected; we are met with dignity and accepted in friendship.

But we must stand as guardians, safeguard and warn, not only our children, but all people, to be ever diligent, and jealous of its rights, liberties and obligation, in order to make our democracy work all the time, for all people, everywhere.

Today, the New York Chapter, "shall fold their tents, like the Arabs, and as silently steal away". Tomorrow, it may be another Chapter, and so on, and each in turn will shift its burden of responsibility to the National - (But truly not as the ballad sings, "And the night shall be filled with music, and the cares, that infest the day") but in sadness and regret, will the departure from our families of Chapters be marked, be it, New York, or any other Chapter.

We have met and survived, far greater challenges, than possible extinction of our Chapter, and therefore this challenge, we too, must hurdle. We may be preaching to ourselves, but preach we must, in order to rally the support necessary, to revitalize our Chapter, so it can again take its rightful place in the community of Chapters, that make up our National.

We are all involved. Any chapter's death diminishes me. And therefore never send me to know for which Chapter the bell tolls; it tolls for thee (with thanks and apologies to John Donne).

MURRAY SPRUNG
New York JACL.

of their numerical relation to a given community—as, for example, in the demand made by the Congress of Racial Equality in New York that 25 per cent of the workers on construction jobs be colored—is a will-o'-the-wisp kind of folly. It makes race the qualification for employment instead of eliminating it as a consideration; and it sets a ceiling on opportunity.

Besides, in multiracial communities, it is a prescription for chaos. President Kennedy was entirely right in rejecting the quota system as a way of helping Negro advancement in economic life. "We are too mixed, this society of ours," he said, "to begin to divide ourselves on the basis of race or color." Mixing, or integration, not division, or segregation, is the goal.

The idea of giving special help to Negroes to enable them to overcome the handicaps and hangover of discrimination in the past involves a problem of semantics. We share the President's distaste for the concept of "compensation" or "indemnification" of Negroes for the years they have lost and the opportunities they have been denied. These terms cast the situation in a false light. Restitution is impossible in any case. The need is to look to the future, not to the past. The President put the problem in perspective when he said, "What I think they (the Negroes) would like is to see their children well educated so that they could hold jobs, and have their children accepted and have themselves accepted as equal members of the community."

But if Negroes are to have anything like this within the measurable future, they are undoubtedly going to need a great deal of special education, special job training, special effort in opening up job opportunities. They will have to be given a break, in other words. The schooling patterns and the hiring patterns of the past will have to be changed. The National Urban League is thoroughly justified, we think, in challenging "the responsible leadership of our country to undertake a massive 'Marshall Plan' program of intensified special effort to close the wide economic, social and educational gap which separates the large majority of Negro citizens from other Americans."

Negroes now need special effort to make them capable of grasping opportunities as these are opened to them. The Urban League put this very well in regard to children: "The best schools and the best teachers are needed to prepare Negro children and other educationally disadvantaged youth to the point where they will have the desire for excellence in education and will be motivated to achieve and prepare to advance up the economic ladder with full realization of the rewards that will accrue in the process."

If genuine equality of economic opportunity is to be achieved in America, Negroes will have to be recruited and trained and encouraged purposefully to overcome the handicaps of the past and to develop their long submerged potentialities.

—Washington Post

CIVIL RIGHTS

Dear Editor:
Because JACL at the national level persists in seeing the civil rights struggle only in idealistic generalities, refusing to face up to the problems as it exists on the streets of our cities—the Nisei in general will continue to mouth the problems in generalities and go on blithely ignoring the Negroes' plights.

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

AUTUMN MADNESS — The mushroom season is full upon us. Each week, scores of automobiles loaded with individuals who trace their ancestry to the hills of Japan head for the northern Colorado Rockies, specifically the Roosevelt National Forest above Red Feather Lakes. There they disperse into the cool, moist pine woods in search of an aromatic variety of mushroom that, until fairly recently, had been believed to grow only in the Cascade mountains of the Pacific Northwest.

In a year of plentiful late summer rainfall, such as this one, the yield is enormous. The harvest for each party is measured in terms of bushels. We used to hear of such harvests in Seattle in unusual seasons, but mostly people like my father were happy if they brought home three or four dozen.

I don't know the scientific name for this particular variety of mushroom that the Japanese prize so highly, but one of these days I'll try to find out. Whatever its name, surely it must be queen of all forest fungus growths. Its flesh is creamy white, its texture firm, its aroma distinctive, its flavor delicious cooked in any number of ways. It is incomparable in sukiyaki, or fried in butter and seasoned with salt and pepper.

THE ELUSIVE FUNGUS — Searching for the mushroom compares in delight with the eating. Sometimes the mushroom stands boldly in the open, its umbrella spread, and one need but stumble on it to find it. But more often this variety of mushroom is half-hidden in the undergrowth, or it peeks coyly out of a bed of black forest humus. So vigorous is its growth that often the bud mushroom carries a layer of humus with it up out of the ground, looking for all the world like the nuclear submarine Nautilus just after it had emerged up through the North Pole's eternal icecap.

The only hint to the half-hidden mushroom's whereabouts is a flash of white seen among the fallen pine needles, underbrush and toppled logs. Often a patch of sunlight, a stray leaf, a bit of broken granite are mistaken for the fungus. But when the mushroom itself is discovered in a particularly difficult lie, the thrill of discovery is comparable to the thrill that sweeps the fisherman when a trout boils up out of the depths and strikes his fly.

Why else does a mushroom seeker dash to collect his prize, as though the mushroom were a mobile and elusive creature, rather than a bit of vegetable matter rooted firmly to the ground? It is the excitement of the chase, and the mushroom is the only immobilized thing I know of that is capable of stirring this sort of spirited action.

PREPARING FOR THE CHASE — The only equipment one needs for pursuing the mushroom is a good pair of eyes and a strong pair of legs. Most of the devotees of the sport are Issei; consequently the woods seem to be overrun with stubby figures in outlandish outdoors costume trudging with single-minded concentration up hill and down vale.

An ordinary long-handled dandelion digger is considered an ideal tool for capturing the mushroom. The steel digger enables one to pry the mushroom loose from the soil, which is quite a task sometimes since it has a way of nesting among the rocks and under the overhang of fallen logs. The long handle makes the tool handy as a walking stick, and as a probe for poking around in the humus and under the brush.

The appearance of so many dandelion diggers in the woods led one Caucasian to ask: "Going out to spear a few mushrooms?"

One other item is necessary for the successful mushroomer. It is a large freezer. For after one has shipped mushrooms via air freight, at enormous cost, to friends in California and Oregon and Washington and Chicago and elsewhere, given mushrooms to local friends, and eaten one's fill, there's not much to do but freeze the rest for consumption, savoring and reminiscing at some later time.

Chicago veterans to commemorate 20th 422 anniv.

CHICAGO. — The recently created 442nd Vets Committee and Chicago Nisei No. 1183 of the American Legion will jointly commemorate the 20th anniversary of the formation of the famed 442nd Central Postal Directory on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 6:30 p.m. when the latter organization holds its 15th annual installation of officer headed by Commander Carl K. Ogawa.

Honored guest and principal speaker at the dinner-dance in the Lakeside Room of McCormick Place, Chicago's fabulous new Lakefront exposition center, will be the Honorable Spark Matsunaga, congressman from Hawaii and a former officer of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Commander-elect Ogawa an active Chicago Chapter 1000 Club member served in Company F of the 442nd.

An added attraction during the evening's festivities will be the presentation of the JACL flag to the crack all-girl color guard of the Chicago Nisei Jr. Drum and Bugle Corp by Mark Yoshizumi, chapter board chairman.

The Chicago JACL chapter flag will be carried by the young Sansei goodwill ambassadors in their numerous appearances at parades and civic functions throughout the Midwest.

The smooth sound of the Les Waverly Band, direct from the world-famous Polynesian Village of the Edgewater Beach Hotel, will provide the dance music.

The public is cordially invited to join the two groups in honoring the 20th anniversary of this heroic all-Nisei combat unit.

Cost of the dinner-dance is \$6.50 per person or \$12 per couple. Reservations can be made by calling Tak Hirai, ED 4-1076; Richard H. Kawa, LO 1-1715; or Harry Yamamoto, MU 4-2704. Dinner-dance tickets may also be purchased from any post member. Dance only tickets are \$3 per person and can be purchased from post members or at the door.

Orange Co. JACL—

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... Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way; above-board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration. I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Inadomi stated, "Having been in-bred in the respect for the law, my own feelings run along this vein. We should wipe out whatever discrimination there is by positive means, showing we are worthy of equal treatment. It has always been the American heritage, whether it be in work, sports, or social matters, that one must prove himself worthy of whatever advancement, respect or treatment he is to receive."

NAACP attorney reveals store picketing in Fresno was action not authorized

FRESNO.—The two grocery store picketing actions, including a three-hour demonstration at Masao Kimura's Boys Market at Stanislaus and C Sts., were not authorized by the Fresno branch of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, according to the group's legal counsel.

Attorney Hugh Wesley Goodwin, a leader in the Negro community, on Aug. 28 sharply criticized the picketing action and statements by Guy Sherman, the branch president, in a letter to Mayor Arthur Selland.

Sherman, who was not specifically named by Goodwin, was out of the city on a vacation.

The picketing on Aug. 28 was halted when Mayor Selland announced the appointment of 65 community leaders to a human relations committee to investigate and seek solutions to problems of racial relationships.

Committee to Meet — Serving on this committee will be Gary Kadani, real estate man, and Rev. Norio Ozaki of the Japanese Congregational Church. The group will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m.

Goodwin declared in a letter to the mayor that he and others in West Fresno were not aware that picketing of business was being planned. He commented,

"My investigation since these events has led me to conclude that they were actions not authorized by the branch or any official organ thereof, in spite of the fact that statements by some of the persons involved indicated to the contrary."

"In my opinion this action resulted from poor judgments especially in view of the contemplated formation of the biracial committee, which partly resulted from our request and on the information of which we were consulted extensively."

Individual Action — "Some NAACP officials participated in the action," Goodwin said, "but it was the action of individuals rather than the branch."

However, news releases concerning the picketing were issued as coming from the NAACP unit. Goodwin said he does not "intend to imply that I am opposed to picketing" or other demonstrations but that he feels "the conference table is the most desirable place to effect solutions if at all possible."

He said "such direct action," should not "be turned on or off depending upon the whims of any one person or group."

San Francisco Jr. JACLers entertain handicapped group

SAN FRANCISCO.—Members of the San Francisco Jr. JACL traveled to the Lahonda YMCA Camp to entertain 30 handicapped children on Aug. 30. The camp program was sponsored by the El Portal PTA of the San Mateo County School for the Handicapped.

James Mita, one of the counselors from the Mission YMCA and a Jr. JACLer, was the master of ceremonies. The program was a "Japanese theme. A 'Hootenanny' session of Japanese and American folk songs was provided by Mike Fujimoto on the banjo and guitar, Roy Ikeda, the ukulele, Roy Omi, the bongos drums, Don Hata, Beverly Ito and Georgette Omi as vocalists.

Special Japanese dance numbers were presented by Yoko Murakami, student of Madame Roku-shige Fujima, and Yukiko Ogino.

Counselors from the Outer City Branch of the San Francisco YMCA under the direction of Fred Hoshiyama volunteered their time for one week. Henry Takahashi, director of the Mission YMCA, was one of the coordinators of this camp program. Carol Baba assisted as a counselor, also. JAL and Kikkoman, Inc. contributed happy coats for the campers.

L.A. children's home proposed as founder's memorial

LOS ANGELES.—A proposal to reopen the Shonien as an incorporated Kusumoto Memorial Japanese School was made this week by Dr. Yaemitsu Sugimachi, principal of the Japanese Language School Unified System.

Dr. Sugimachi revealed that a meeting with Japanese American Community Services president Tosh Terasawa and other members of the JACS board was held recently with Ryohel Iwamoto, president of the School System's board of directors, and Izuo Miyashita, vice president of the same body, also in attendance.

Dr. Sugimachi did not reveal the specific details of the meeting but in the event that JACS decides to sell the Shonien property, Dr. Sugimachi stated that he will ask for first priority consideration of a proposal to establish an incorporated Kusumoto Memorial Japanese School at the Shonien site, 1815 Redcliff St. in the Silverlake area.

On his proposal, he stated in part:

"Let us first consider the past. Here it is readily apparent that we cannot think of the Shonien as separate from Mr. Joy Rokuichi Kusumoto. Because Mr. Kusumoto lived, the Shonien came into being. I knew Mr. Kusumoto from his youthful days in Seattle when he was operating the Tama Children's Home there.

"When I was a reporter for a local paper, I used to see Mr. Kusumoto in an old pickup truck, driving around the Seventh and Ninth St. produce markets asking for donations of vegetables for the Shonien children. Gazing on his

retreating figure, I always vowed to do everything I could to help him. I am sure that the Issei who built up the Shonien lent him their help in the same spirit.

"In those days, his modest ambition to build a Japanese bathtub in which to soak away the stiffness from his burdened shoulders may have seemed a luxury that he should feel ashamed about. At any rate, since that time I resolved to make his practical philosophy my own, such was the inspiration of the man who devoted his entire life to the cause of caring for the unfortunate children. Truly, that was his life—a life devoid of conventional love or marriage or family or moneymaking, a life devoted only to helping unfortunate children. A memorial to the noble work of Joy Rokuichi Kusumoto, whose life was a constant sacrifice, would, I am sure, find many supporters among those who knew him.

"To sell the Shonien would mean that the money would eventually be spent without a trace. This is the anxiety and sorrow of all those

who knew the work of Mr. Kusumoto.

"He started the Shonien because of a fervent love for those unfortunate Japanese American children whom he wanted to bring up to be fine citizens. But times have changed. Where once fifty or sixty, and even seventy or eighty children at times, found shelter in his love, the Japanese community has improved with the times. And social work itself, its philosophy and techniques, have also progressed. Now the desire to raise the unfortunate children to be fine Japanese Americans finds no subjects. Such children are no more. Only the desire to bring up every Japanese American child as a fine citizen remains.

"As an answer to the question this poses, I would like to have the Shonien remain as long as there is a Japanese community, as an incorporated Kusumoto Memorial Japanese Language School, a monument to the self-sacrificing efforts of that pioneer spirit ...

"I hope for insight on the part of knowledgeable people."

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Impressions

By ISAAC MATSUSHIGE, PSW Regional Director

LOS ANGELES. — Several weeks ago, it was my pleasant experience to renew an old acquaintance. I recall that it was some thirty years ago when I first met this individual. I had just finished a high school in Central California and had come to attend a school here in Los Angeles.

I'm certain that regardless of location or climate, the hayseed traits of a country farm boy with straw sticking out of his ears are no longer the typical characteristics of our Japanese American country youth of today. Perhaps these less inspiring traits of our boyhood farm days were but the products of our own corn age era of yesterday.

I must admit, however, that with all these hayseed traits—I came to attend a school of my own choice here in Los Angeles in 1934. It wasn't long thereafter, that I suddenly sensed a need for some radical personal and social changes—or as some would say, adjustments. Living in a school dormitory and within a new city environment or whatever the other reasons may have been—I soon became aware that I had brought a needless amount of hayseed and straw with me to Los Angeles.

As farm folks say, there was a lot of plowing under to do and too much ground to walk to plow. Perhaps this is what some people say as being the trials and tribulations of "coming off the farm". In this regard, I am happy that there are no such problems confronting our farm youth of today. However, all was not tribulation for here too, we found blessings in disguise.

In choosing to not to walk alone, we sought the help of other youth. The youth to youth or student to student relations grew into a friend with friend endeavor. Within these friendships, I became less aware of the size of the field to plow or the distance to walk in following the plow—for I now walked together. The task became lighter while more achievements were accomplished.

One such friend, now representative for the California Council on Crime and Delinquency, dropped into our Regional Office to also renew an old acquaintance.

As his guest, I was also privileged to attend a luncheon meeting of the Southern Section of the California Council on Crime and Delinquency which was held on Friday, Aug. 23 at the Athletic Club here in Los Angeles. Frank Chuman, chairman of the County Human Relations Commission and also immediate past National JACL president, gave a most impressive and moving address on the current Negro struggle for equal rights at this luncheon meeting. Although Chuman gave a similar address to the luncheon delegates attending the Hotel Hollywood Roosevelt's most successful 3rd

quarterly PSWDC meeting held Sunday, August 25th, I noted that the word "compassion" as used in his address to the California Council on Crime and Delinquency luncheon meeting was not used for the PSWDC gathering. I do not know whether this was intentional or not, but I was very aware that it was this key word, "compassion" which moved and hit home to the people of this luncheon meeting while the word "concern" was used by the speaker for the PSWDC luncheon address.

There may be little point in making a significance of these two terms, but as I marched with some 5,000 people who participated in Los Angeles August 28th in support of the March in Washington of the same date, I felt more keenly that although we claim to have a concern for the Negro issues and to also march for an issue, I personally found that it takes this "compassion" to walk with a people and for a people—and to above all, walk together as their friend. I certainly do not intend to state that I have that "compassion", but I do know more clearly that I must have compassion.

As the PSWDC now moves with a special Civil Rights Committee, and as we have also reaffirmed the National JACL civil rights statement, may the PSW chapters and members now give support to this committee. May we also find a deeper sense of compassion for the Negro people in their titanic struggle for equality as we also remain mindful of those who gave us their concern and compassion in our days of need.

JACL answers—

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have come to find personal freedom and opportunity. American society can be true to itself, therefore, only as rights are accorded to every person because he is a person. Rights will be fully recognized only when every individual is recognized as the man he is," Matsunaga stated.

The convention which began on Friday, Aug. 30 and concluded on Labor Day was packed with meetings, luncheons, a fashion show, and a 1000 Club Whing Ding. In attendance besides Rep. Matsunaga were National President Pat Okura, Washington Representative Mike Masaoka and National Director Masao Satow.

Okura urged that individual members and chapters "make more meaningful the JACL Statement on Civil Rights."

He said that chapters and members can participate actively in all responsible and constructive programs which focus public attention on civil rights issues. These include orderly rallies, legitimate demonstrations, cooperation with citywide organizations both governmental and citizenry, writing to congressmen and contributing to civil rights funds.

"It is timely that this convention has chosen as its theme the Wider World of JACL, as it comes at a propitious time following our recent demonstration of our stand by having joined the March in Washington."

Masaoka said: "We, perhaps, have more feeling for the Negro's problem than any other U.S. nationality group, because we have experienced it all — bombings, lynchings, everything."

He said he planned to offer testimony before both the House and Senate judiciary committees on the type of civil rights legislation needed.

"Our testimony can be most helpful, as we can relate our experiences to every section of President Kennedy's civil rights bill," he said.

Masy Tashima was general chairman of the convention which attracted over 550 persons.

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San Jose — Baseball night, Candlestick Park
Sept. 14 (Saturday)
Detroit — Movies
Chicago — Dr. JACL bike ride
Oakland — Night in Hawaii, Jitsu, Castlewood C.C., Pleasanton, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 15 (Friday)
Philadelphia — Cabinet meeting, Tosh Kaname, res.
San Francisco — 1000 Clubbers "Little Casino" at 5:30 p.m. Buffet no-host affair at Nikko Sukiyaki.
East Los Angeles — 1961 Appreciation Night, Tenrikyo, 12:30 p.m.
East Los Angeles — Issei Night
Oakland — Lulu, Castlewood C.C.
Sept. 15 (Sunday)
Seattle — 1000 Club Jitsu
Seattle — PSWDC meeting
Sept. 21 (Saturday)
Chicago — Election meeting
Pasadena — Convention, Presbyterian Church bazaar
San Francisco — Auxiliary fashion show-luncheon, Fairmont Hotel

Twenty-six donate—

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Congress. An organizational contribution of \$2,000 has already been made to the civil rights body.

The JACL Civil Rights Fund was set up by the special JACL Civil Rights Committee which met in Omaha in June to chart JACL's latest policies and practices in the field of civil rights, with the understanding that all contributions received up to the time of the August 28 March, minus the expenses involved in JACL's participation in that successful demonstration, would be given to the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

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Ticket stations for San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary fashion show revealed

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5—Co-chairmen of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary Velma Yemoto and Emi Yokogawa, who are in charge of the fashion show luncheon scheduled for Sept. 21 at the Fairmont Hotel, announced this week their committee for the event:

Mrs. Char Dol, Sumi Naganuma, Louise Okubo, tickets; Mrs. Yo Hironaka, models; Mrs. Helen Lew, coordinator; Tess Hideshima, door prizes; Kiku Abe, program; Nancy Yoshihara, hostesses; Helen Horibe, special services.

Tickets for the show are available at National JACL Headquarters and also from auxiliary members.

1000 Club Report

Last Half of August: National Headquarters reports 56 new and renewal memberships in the 1000 Club as follows:

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By Tamotsu Murayama

Tokyo Topics

First Nisei decorated by Japan

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
TOKYO. — Chief Justice Wilfred Chomatsu Tsukiyama of the Supreme Court of Hawaii was conferred the Second Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Japanese government for his tremendous contributions in the promotion of friendly Japanese-American relations and his service to the people of Hawaii. He was invited to Japan in connection with the 95th anniversary of the first Japanese immigration to Hawaii by the Tokyo West Rotary Club.

His decoration is considered to be very high since the First Order may be given up to the rank of the Prime Minister here. Usually, the Second Order is given to the state ministers with distinction. During the height of the anti-Japanese fever in the United

States, Tsukiyama came to Japan in behalf of the dual nationality move to advise the Foreign and Home offices to amend the then nationality law, thereby permitting the Nisei in America to expatriate from Japan. The move 40 years ago was the first real step made by a Nisei group.

He was the first Nisei attorney in Hawaii and also the first Nisei political leader to attain presidency of the Hawaiian Territorial Senate.

In spite of his efforts to Hawaiian statehood, he was defeated in the first election for U.S. Senate because he was a member of the Republican party.

Governor Quinn then appointed him as the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii—a feat thought possible by few Nisei.

His contributions to friendly U.S.-Japan relations cover a wide field.

Tsukiyama's parents came from Yamaguchi Prefecture, where former Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi, his brother, State Minister Eisaku Sato, and other leaders come from. These Japanese leaders knew well what Mr. Tsukiyama has done, and they all vouched for him.

The cabinet session unanimously approved the decoration for the Nisei Chief Justice.

Mr. Tsukiyama will speak to Rotary clubs in Tokyo as well as other groups. Then he will go to Yamaguchi Prefecture to visit the graves of his ancestors including his parents.

It was also learned that Mrs. Tsukiyama will bring her mother's ashes to Hiroshima to be deposited with the remains of her deceased father.

I am grateful to the members of the Tokyo West Rotary Club who were generous enough to invite this prominent Nisei to Japan and also to honor the pioneers who had gone to Hawaii almost one century ago.

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Japanese mandolin orchestra to tour Pacific coast

Mitsuharu Fujisawa, student at Keio University and who is the manager of the Japan Students Mandolin Orchestra Society, arrived in Los Angeles Thursday to lay plans for the orchestra's tour in the Southland and the Pacific Coast.

Fujisawa, who will also be tour manager, stated that the orchestra will play five days in the Southland after engagements in Hawaii, Washington and Oregon are also on the schedule of the 25-day tour.

The orchestra is made up of students from various universities in Japan.

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In all his meetings, Okura stressed JACL's concern for a strong and effective civil rights statutes and a more liberal immigration law.

Because of his limited time in the nation's capital, he was not able to meet other Senators and Congressmen. Okura expressed the hope that when he returns to Washington in October, to attend the State and Territorial Mental Health Authorities Conference as Nebraska's Mental Health Planning Executive, he would be able to find the time to meet with the key members of Congress. October may be a crucial month for civil rights, since it may then be in the Senate after House passage.

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