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SENATOR FONG TO ADDRESS D.C. INSTALLATION

Chapter Inaugural Slated Jan. 25 at Naval Weapons Plant

BY EMILY SANO

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Senator Hiram Fong of Hawaii will be the principal speaker at the installation banquet of the Washington, D.C., JACL on Jan. 25 at the Naval Weapons Plant Officers Club.

It is expected that Senator Fong will discuss his work and views on civil rights, immigration laws, and other major issues. He will probably also comment on the participation of Oriental Americans in the general community of American citizens.

At the 1963 installation dinner, Rep. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii was the main speaker; in 1962, it was Daniel Inouye, then representative and now senator from Hawaii. Both have been invited again to be honored guests at this year's dinner-dance.

Senator Fong was elected to the Senate in 1959, the first U.S. Senator of Asian ancestry. He is now a member of several important senate committees: the Judiciary committee (which includes constitutional rights and immigration among its concerns), Public Works committee, Post Office and Civil Service committee, and the Special Committee on Aging.

Personal Background

Senator Fong was born in Honolulu in 1907, one of 11 children of immigrant parents. As a child he picked beans, shined shoes, delivered poi, and took on numerous other jobs to help support his family. He worked his way through the Univ. of Hawaii as a bill collector, correspondent for the Honolulu Advertiser, and tour guide. After graduating from the University, Fong went on to Harvard, where he received a law degree in 1935.

The Senator's first public office was that of deputy attorney for Honolulu during 1935-38. He served 14 years in the territorial legislature, including 4 years as vice speaker of the House of Representatives and 6 years as speaker. He was vice president of the Hawaii State Constitutional Convention in 1950 and an ardent advocate of statehood.

During World War II, Fong served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as judge advocate of the Seventh Fighter Command of the Seventh Air Force. He entered as a first lieutenant and was a major when he left active service. He is now a colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

Private Enterprise

As in his public service, Fong has been extremely successful in the world of private enterprise. He is founder of the cosmopolitan law firm of Fong (Chinese), Miho (Japanese), Choy (Korean), and Robinson (Caucasian-Hawaiian). He is founder, president, and chairman of the board of some eight corporations, president of Green View Cemetery, Ltd., chairman of the board of Highway Construction Co., Ltd., and a director in several other companies.

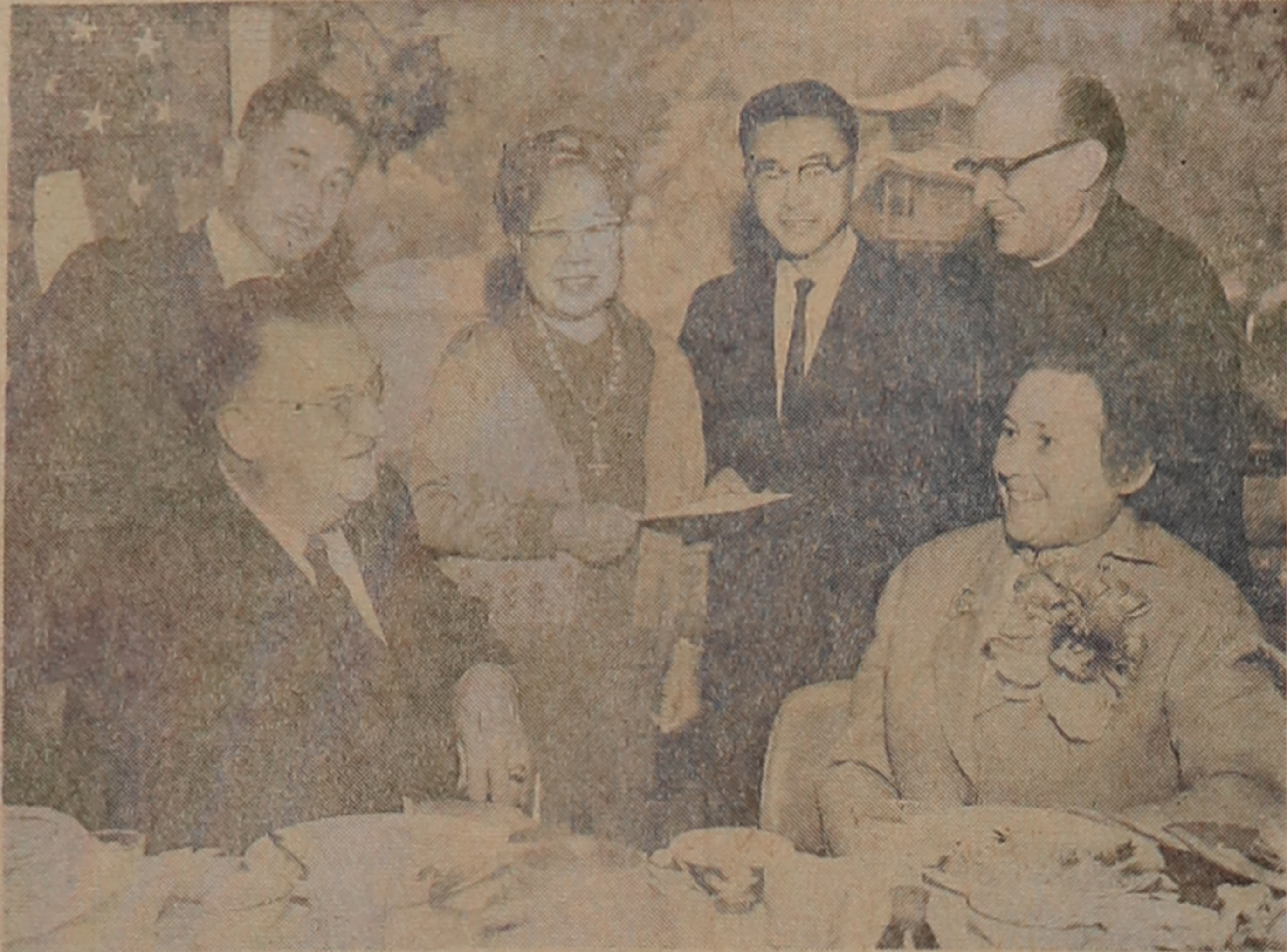
The Senator is married to the former Elynn Lo of Honolulu, a former school teacher. They have two sons and two daughters, all in high school or college.

The installation dinner-dance is the major annual event of the Washington chapter. The new board of directors, headed by chairman Key Kobayashi, will be installed by Kaz Horita, chairman of the Eastern District Council. Persons interested in attending this event, which includes entertainment and dancing on the program, may contact Edwin Mitoma, 11114 Dewey Rd., Kensington, Md.

Pasadena Nisei support non-repeal of housing act

PASADENA. — Over 30 Nisei are listed on the local Committee to Preserve Fair Housing Legislation, which is headquartered at 3836 E. Green St. It was revealed this past week. Many of them are recognizable as Pasadena JACLers.

And there were more than a dozen other Nisei signing a "statement of principles."



DOWNTOWN L.A. YEAR-ENDER — About 80 persons were present at Downtown L.A. JACL's final luncheon meeting of the year to hear Dodger president Walter O'Malley (seated at left). Seated at the right is his wife, Kay. Standing (from left) are Judge John Aiso, Mrs. Saku Shirakawa accepting the first prize \$500 "Operation Kozukai" check from So. Calif. JACL Regional Director Isaac Matsushige, and 1963 chapter president Fr. Clement. Mrs. Shirakawa, moments later, turned the entire check over to the chapter treasury. — Toyo Miyatake Photo

West L.A. JACL concludes first year under woman president

LOS ANGELES. — West Los Angeles JACL elected its first woman president, Mrs. George (Toy) Kanegai, for 1963 and what followed was a very active year and a vote of confidence in her leadership to serve at the helm for the coming year.

County Supervisor Burton Chace addressed the 1963 installation dinner in January at the Santa Monica Elks Club. The first general meeting several weeks later at the West L.A. Buddhist Church (found district health officer, Dr. Dean Gilman, relating the services being provided by the Health Center.

Mrs. Kanegai represented the Nisei point of view at a Brotherhood Week panel at Temple Emanuel in February. Topic concerned, "A City in Turmoil" with Negro and Mexican American representatives among the panelists.

Interest was shown in March to organize a youth group as a chapter committee, headed by Ruth Miyada, met with 18 students from Santa Monica and University high schools.

Dick Okinaga chaired the annual Spring picnic in April at Rancho Park. The Auxiliary provided Easter eggs for the picnic hunt. Ed Meador of the L.A. Rams recalled his playing career at the chapter's first dinner meeting at the Ivory Tower in April. The fact Meador only stands 5 ft. 8 in. should encourage Sansei to pursue a career in professional sports.

Relays Queen

Stephanie Fujino became the chapter's first Nisei Relays queen in May. A week prior, the chapter sponsored a junior track meet for local youths. About 100 youngsters competed with 50 parents assisting.

May 18-19 were "red letter" days for the chapter, which served as host for the eighth biennial PSWDC convention at El Segundo's Thunderbird Hotel. Akira Ohno and committee had labored for months to prepare for an event which saw a capacity crowd of 650 attending.

Among the honored guests were national JACL officers, History Project directors and Issei pioneers. Congressman Cecil King and the Rev. H.V. Nicholson were specially honored.

The fashions from Seibu attracted 450 viewers at the convention (finale sponsored by the West L.A. JACL Auxiliary with Mmes. George Nakao and Frank Kishi in charge of the show).

Jayne Tanimura was selected in June as Miss West L.A. for the Nisei Week queen contest. Some 200 members and friends witnessed the chapter coronation.

July Picnic

Picnic season in July saw 1,500 helping themselves to a good time at the community outing at Ladera Park. On the same kick, the chapter's annual splash party in August found 100 attending. A rock & roll band entertained pool-side and Nisei Week queen Helen Funa of Southwest L.A. and members of her court added to the gaiety of the family fun night.

The chapter co-sponsored with the Community Council a baseball night for youth. John Lindell of

the Angels and Frank Kelleher of 7-Up Foundation were the principal speakers.

Another dinner meeting in September at Bali-Hai featured Dr. Carrol Parish, dean of students at UCLA, speak on foreign policy.

In October, the chapter talent show involved 70 performers, including the UCLA Akatombo Chorus and a 28-member accordion band directed by Art Hada. Although no admission was charge, \$150 was donated and acknowledged by the chapter. Over 300 attended.

The final general meeting of the year resulted in the 1964 elections and showing of the film: John Glenn Story.

The year ended with the Nov. 16 installation dinner at Riviera Country Club. National Director Mas Satow was the main speaker.

Auxiliary completes equally successful year

LOS ANGELES. — The West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary, while it assists the chapter in various events throughout the year, has traditions and programs successfully its own.

Mrs. Shig Takeshita, 1963 president, and her cabinet were installed with chapter officers in January.

Past presidents of the Auxiliary were honored at a fifth anniversary dinner in February at the Ivory Tower.

UCLA co-ed Christine Leigh-Taylor related her experiences living with a Japanese family in Kofu at the March meeting. The Darses, Auxiliary sponsored girls' club, also attended.

Dr. Sol Baker, chairman of the county cancer committee for the L.A. Medical Society, and TV film star Bill Lundigan, district chairman for the American Cancer Society, spoke at the kick-off meeting of the Auxiliary cancer crusade in April. Taya Isono and Suki Uyeno co-chaired the campaign.

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All-time membership high of 20,000 sighted for 1964

LONG BEACH. — With nearly 18,000 members active in JACL this past year, Dr. David Miura, secretary to the National JACL Board and national membership chairman, this week announced a goal of 20,000 members for 1964.

"This increase of 2,000 members over 1963 is possible," Dr. Miura declared. "If we can get 100 pct. renewals of the 1963 membership."

The stress on 100 pct. renewals was based upon the fact that renewals in 1963 was 87 pct. over 1962. "The additional 13 pct. added to the new membership signed last year would have put us over 20,000," Dr. Miura explained.

The membership graph will again appear in the Pacific Citizen to keep track of the 1964 campaign, he added, giving due recognition to chapters for their efforts.

Chapter membership chairmen were reminded to submit their reports at regular intervals to National Headquarters.

The 1964 graph—unlike the 1963

chart which indicated percentage of quota met—will reflect the progress of the chapter in relation to its 1963 membership.

"While this will not reflect the efforts of chapters in relation to potential, previous effort and other aspects of a membership campaign, we do hope it will stimulate interest in membership to the point where every chapter will try to improve on its 1963 mark," Dr. Miura said.

He described the chapter membership chairman's job as "one of the most important positions" in the chapter and national organization.

Bowlers Signed: National 1000 Club Chairman Bill Matsumoto of Sacramento spent a week in the Hawaiian Islands signing up as Sacramento JACLers many Islanders coming to participate in the 18th JACL National Nisei Bowling Tournament March 3-7 at Country Club Lanes.

NEW RULES ANNOUNCED FOR 1964 PC'S SAKAMOTO MEMORIAL AWARDS

LOS ANGELES. — Rules for the 1964 Jimmie Sakamoto Memorial Award for outstanding examples of JACL chapter newsletters were announced this week by Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, Pacific Citizen Board chairman.

Several minor changes were necessitated to expedite the judging.

Rather than having nominations for various categories submitted through the PC district council representative, chapters are requested to submit a bundle of 10 copies of their issues as they are published to the Pacific Citizen office. These, in turn, will be forwarded to members of the PC Board for selection at the end of 1964.

The award will not be announced at the Detroit convention but sometime in January, 1965.

The contest period for the 1964 awards will be from January to December of this year.

Board members will select outstanding examples of newsletters in the following categories:

1. Local chapter reporting.
2. Editorial.
3. Personality Sketch.
4. Youth Section.
5. Women's Section.
6. Cartoon.
7. National Reporting.
8. General Appearance.
9. Local News.
10. Feature Story.

If in opinion of the judges, an outstanding example for a particular category is not selected, the award for that category will not be made.

The basis of judgment is unchanged since the awards were first made in 1962: accuracy, writing skill, public service, significance of event, subject matter difficulty, enterprise and originality.

The aim of the Sakamoto Awards is to cite outstanding examples of chapter newsletters in memory of the late national JACL president and editor, for whom the awards are named.

The awards are "perma-plaques", suitably inscribed and signed, to be hung on a wall.

Senate subcommittee to consider two proposals for changes in immigration law

WASHINGTON. — Sen. Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.) has announced hearings on proposed legislation to amend the immigration quota system will open Jan. 13.

Under consideration will be two bills: President Kennedy's recommendation (S. 1932) which Senator Hart introduced and the Hart bill (S. 747) which was introduced prior to the President's immigration message to Congress.

The two-day hearings will be conducted by the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee. Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) is chairman.

"Only sponsors of the bills will be heard," Senator Hart said. "Later hearings will be scheduled with interested organizations and government agencies testifying."

Hart has 36 co-sponsors on S. 747 and 25 on S. 1932.

The JACL is expected to be among the private organizations that will request an opportunity to be heard when the hearings are opened to the public.

Senator Hart requested early hearings on the bills in a letter to Senator Eastland in October.

Basis of Hearings

"I am happy we will be able to get to this important legislation right off in the new session," he said. "This will be the first time Congress has held hearings on immigration policy since the Immigration Act of 1952. It is certainly time that we reconsidered our policy in light of our new emphasis on the individual dignity of man."

Hart pointed out that the proposed bills would not alter significantly the number of immigrants annually.

"We want simply to abolish the concept that the welcome to our shores should be based on out-moded and out-dated notions of

racial and national origin superiorities," he said.

"We seek skills to supplement those of our people. We seek to ease the unification of families. And, we seek an immigration policy that will be an asset to our foreign policy."

"But basically, we must see that the argument is not over numbers or jobs but over dignity and respect for each man and for judging him on the basis of his own individual worth."

Chuman appeals for state peace corps

LOS ANGELES.—Frank F. Chuman, chairman of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, has suggested that California establish a domestic peace corps.

Chuman told a State Senate subcommittee on race relations here Dec. 6 that retired persons could volunteer for such a corps, which could train or retrain workers for better jobs.

Presidents re-elected

PASADENA. — Miss Kimi Fukutaki was re-elected Pasadena JACL president for 1964 as the slate presented by nominations committee chairman Ken Yamaguchi at the recent Christmas potluck supper was unanimously approved.

An overflow crowd enjoyed the supper, Santa Claus and showing of "The King and I" at the party held at the local Union Presbyterian Church.

LOS ANGELES. — Dr. Robert T. Ohi was re-elected president of East Los Angeles JACL. Plans are now being made for a gala installation dinner-dance Jan. 18 at the Shangri-La in Pico-Rivera.

CALDWELL, Idaho. — John Arima of Caldwell was elected 1964 president of Boise Valley JACL. He succeeds Yosh Takahashi.



FALL FESTIVAL SPLENDOR — St. Louisans are charmed at the JACL Fall Festival by Mrs. Candy Sieckmann, seen here interpreting a Japanese dance theme.

Fall Festival Remains a Hit

BY HENRY MIZUKI

ST. LOUIS. — After a respite of one intervening year, St. Louis JACL, under Chairman Dr. Jackson Eto, again presented the annual Fall Festival Oct. 12 in a "Fun for Fun" atmosphere at the Grace Methodist Church in West End, St. Louis.

The sparkling affair was brought to fruition when Chairman Douglas Hardie and his hard working Festival committee opened the doors to a capacity crowd of several hundred paying sponsors, their guests, and an uncountable number of offsprings.

Attendance of many Hakujuin friends and well wishers, students, locally based business men from Japan and their respective families, all enjoying an evening of festivities in an aura Japanese was enhanced by the colorful accents of kimonos worn by many women and children for the gala occasion.

Highlight of the evening was the display of local talent, Joe Tanaka emceeding with his native South St. Louis accent. Three classical

Japanese dances performed by Mrs. Candy Sieckmann reflected with utmost grace her professional-like ability. Her interpretations were extremely well received.

Dancing Among Diners

A bon-odori which wove in and out among the diners' tables gathering momentum, as well as participants, as it progressed through the audience was led by Mrs. Miss Midori Okuda, a student from Okashi, Japan, sang popular Japanese songs, as well as leading a young girls' chorus in several renditions.

A judo demonstration by Ronald Igami (a dental student from Hawaii) joined by some junior contemporaries, accompanied by the running commentary of Tom Sujiyama, a sandah judoist from Japan, enthralled the audience and brought the evening program to a slam-bang finale.

The intimate stage, designed by Dick Henmi, was screened with traditional Japanese shoji and was set off by Ikebana displays by

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Los Angeles slated for study project of Area Redevelopment Administration

WASHINGTON.—A promising new approach to federal assistance to aid local communities in solving their economic ills will be tried in Los Angeles, according to a joint announcement by four local Congressmen and the office of Sen. Clair Engle, stating that the Area Redevelopment Administration is scheduled to approve a two-part technical assistance study project in the near future.

The portion of Los Angeles involved is located within the four Congressional Districts represented by Reps. Augustus F. Hawkins, Edward R. Roybal, George E. Brown, Jr., and Charles H. Wilson.

The area principally is composed of the South Central, East Los Angeles and Lincoln Heights communities and the projects, budgeted at \$117,000, are designed to speed up economic development so as to increase job opportunity, according to the Congressional team.

"A very high percentage of workers living in the area are unskilled or semi-skilled, with the rate of unemployment ranging as high as 29.8 percent of the work force as compared to 6.6 percent for the city as a whole," the joint statement pointed out.

Congressmen Roybal, Brown, Wilson, Hawkins and Sen. Engle began work on the projects some months ago in attempt to provide ARA help to urban areas of high and persistent unemployment which are smaller than overall labor market areas.

"Twenty-five percent of the total number of Los Angeles' unem-

ployed workers are concentrated in this area, which also includes the lowest 25 percent in median family income," the statement continued.

Both the House and Senate Committees on Banking and Currency, which are considering amendments to the Area Redevelopment Act, have asked ARA to study the matter of smaller areas and submit recommendations as to how the problem can best be solved.

The Congressmen pointed out that the Los Angeles inquiry into the causes and remedies for concentration of substantial and persistent unemployment in sub-areas of metropolitan centers is consistent with the wishes of Congress in this respect.

The study will be divided into two portions, with the Institute of Industrial Relations at UCLA carrying out the research portion under a \$67,543 ARA technical assistance contract.

In addition, an "action program" to implement the UCLA study will be carried out by the Los Angeles Economic Development Agency, and will cost about \$50,000. This portion is the part that will be carried on in the 21st, 29th, 30th and 31st Congressional Districts represented by Hawkins, Brown, Roybal and Wilson, respectively.

Donating trees

SACRAMENTO. — Sacramento JACL is assisting George Oki of Oki Nurseries, who wants to donate a grove of trees to be planted in a local public park in memory of his father, a pioneer nurseryman.

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1964 PC 'CUT-OFF'

A new year means another membership campaign for all JACL chapters. Between now and March 15, nearly 80 pct. of JACLers receiving the Pacific Citizen will have their current year's subscription expire on March 31—which we regard as "the cut-off date".

Because we have been able to prepare for the cut-off date this year in a systematic manner, the delay encountered last year is not expected to repeat itself. The fact that the circulation department is staffed full-time now should make all of our readers happy because of the improved service it is able to render.

So that JACLers will understand how effective this "cut-off" will be after March 31, we shall explain the method being employed this year. We have a list of all PC subscribers as of Nov. 1, 1963. As each renewal for 1964 is received, his or her name is crossed out. Those names which are not crossed out (and therefore clearly legible) will be dropped as soon as possible by the mailers. The fewer names there are, the quicker the "cut-off" will be.

We have crossed out names of those whose subscriptions are expiring sometime after April 1. Majority of these are 1000 Club members, whose membership in JACL is for 12 months from the effective date of membership.

We shall repeat the "cut-off" warning from time to time. It is the least we can do to assure the general membership their PCs can be sent without interruption. It also imposes an obligation upon the chapter leadership to turn in the renewals and new memberships as soon as possible. We want to avoid inquiries from irate members who miss their PCs after paying for it through their membership dues because someone in the chapter neglected to forward the money and cards to National Headquarters.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

Eight of the most frequently asked questions by prospective members were answered in a memo prepared by Dr. David Miura of Long Beach, national membership chairman, to 1964 membership chairmen at the chapter level.

Believing that every member can help bolster the membership in general by knowing what these questions and their answers are, we reprint the memo en toto:

1. I'm too busy to go to the meetings and I don't participate in the local programs. Why should I join JACL?

If you cannot come to the meetings nor participate in the programs, then at least support the organization with your membership so we will have the funds to carry on local and national programs for the welfare of all those of Japanese ancestry.

2. Our major legal and legislative battles have been won. Why do we need a national organization?

In our fight for the major legislative battles, we have built an effective national organization which is the envy of many other minority groups. While it's true that the big issues of the time have been successfully gained, we have many smaller ones which are current and others that suddenly crop up. Also, a national organization like ours attracts political aspirants much more than individual scattered groups and we can work more effectively with them to our benefit. Also, in all major community programming for the better-

ment of the Nisei, such as the Japanese History Project, a coordinated national program is much more effective.

3. What is JACL doing to warrant my support?

JACL is the only organization working in the serious political field for the Nisei. Politics, even on a non-partisan basis, is something that affects our everyday life. We have a direct pipe line into Congress, the White House, State legislatures wherever our chapters are located. This is also true of our local governments.

Aside from the above all-important program, we try to fill the needs of the local community in other areas not covered by other J-A organizations which generally shy away from difficult jobs that face us. It's worth the few dollars we ask for your support.

4. We preach integration and promote segregation. Why should we have a Japanese American organization?

Because we are an identifiable minority, we cannot as individuals set ourselves apart from the problems of the rest of the group. Since we cannot escape being judged as a group it is important for us to have an organization that promotes the good image of the Japanese American. Public acceptance of this image results in more rapid and lasting integration as attested by Dr. Scott Miyakawa.

5. Aren't dues getting a bit high?

Many have complained that JACL doesn't do enough in one area or another. One of the reasons is that our dues structure is much lower than most national organizations doing similar work. This is why it is so important to have a large membership.

6. What is JACL doing for the youth?

It is JACL's belief that it can offer a unique contribution to the youth in the area of promoting good citizenship, respect and understanding of our cultural heritage, and encouraging the development of leadership potential, without discouraging participation in other activities. To this end we have recruited a staff worker to provide staff aid and leadership in the area of youth services, helped in the establishment of a national Jr. JACL organization, aided other youth groups such as the Hi-Co, and provided scholarships, oratorical and essay contests among other things. Rights on a permanent basis is to secure the rights of all Americans. It is to this end that JACL along with other minority organizations must work.

7. What is the JACL's stand on Civil Rights?

The only way to secure our America. The organization and its members shall uphold the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the land and of the several states.

8. What are the purposes of JACL?

The JACL organization shall promote, sponsor and encourage programs, projects, and activities which shall be designed to further and encourage every member to perform faithfully his duties and obligations to the United States of America. This organization shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian and shall not be used for purposes of endorsing candidates for public offices, nor shall it engage in any other political activity whatsoever, except when the welfare and or civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry shall be directly affected.

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Impressions

BY ISAAC MATSUSHIGE, PSW Regional Director

1963 - 1964

The warm cheers of Merry Christmas and the vibrant wishes for a Happy New Year still echo their ring.

Though Christmas sentiments were for the merriest of days, the New Year's greetings seemed to express one of happiness. While many Nisei are finding that with every new year, we pass from the noon day sun into the afternoon shadows of past middle age, a pressing reminder comes to us. Such happiness as we would like to say we possess has in reality escaped us. Successes and material gains have failed to assure that such happiness be ours.

During these early weeks of the new year, we think of our Issei parents and friends. These people, in spite of hardships and difficulties of yesteryears, still possessed this overflow of inward happiness which they so generously gave and shared with their families and friends. Perhaps it was this deep spiritual sense of happiness which they possessed that made us as Nisei, more worthy to stand among our fellow men today.

Architect named

OAKLAND. — Shig Iiyama is the architect of the west coast conference headquarters of the Teamsters Union at Burlingame. Unique feature is the interior court with a reflecting pool to help create an atmosphere of quiet and serenity as well as allowing light and air into the interior corridors.

It might be of importance to us, as well, to make some effort to seek and find this same sense of inward happiness which we too, in turn, may give to our children and friends.

May we as JACL members, families and friends, share in these truer expressions of happiness as we look forward to the new year 1964.

St. Louis—

(Continued from Front Page)

Mrs. Toki Ema and Mrs. Sachiko Eto, instructors in Japanese floral art.

Booths sponsored by the intra-club organizations catered to the whims and whimsies of the roving spectators who chose to try their luck at the many games of skill or make a contribution toward the club by purchasing home-made items. Popular booths were the ones sponsored by the St. Louis Jays, who were giving away fabulous prizes, and the Fude where Edwin Izumi was demonstrating his Japanese calligraphy.

Many choice items of Japanese cuisine superbly prepared under the experienced guidance of Mrs. Mary Maruyama were available throughout the evening to the irish man. Through the efforts of the many people involved the Festival was a financial success and the local chapter may be able to break even for 1963.

Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

1963 in Retrospect

WASHINGTON—As this is being written during the last week of the old year, it may be the appropriate opportunity to look back on the major events of 1963 in terms of their probable impact on those of Japanese ancestry in this country.

Without doubt, for all Americans, the top news story of the year was the tragic assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Because of his comparative youth, he was more identified in his life and times with Nisei Americans than any other Chief Executive in history. Moreover, more Japanese Americans had been actually involved in his successful campaign three years ago than in any other presidential election. And, of course, the unprecedented coverage given by television, radio, and the newspapers to the tragedy of November 22 served to move Japanese Americans emotionally more than any other similar episode within memory.

Coupled with the death of the 35th President is the story of President Lyndon B. Johnson's succession to the White House, with all its awful responsibilities. Because he too, like his predecessor, is a man of this century and has been associated with the momentous events of the past 40 years, Americans of Japanese ancestry feel a rather strong kinship with him, especially since he is from Texas and had much to do with securing Statehood for the long deserving Territory of Hawaii.

Test Ban - Civil Rights

Two other events that commanded much space in last year's headlines may, in historic perspective, have greater impact on the lives of those of Japanese ancestry, and most other Americans too, than even the death of President Kennedy. These are the ratification of the nuclear test ban treaty and the social revolution involving the civil rights movement of Negro Americans.

The former represents the first significant "thaw" in the "cold war" that has threatened East-West relations since the end of the "hot" World War II. The overwhelming treaty ratification, with most of the nations of earth joining, may well mean that this generation at least may be spared the horrors of an atomic, missile holocaust.

The latter, a century after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, may signal the beginning of the end to racial discrimination and strife in these United States.

Commemorative Services

The June 2nd Commemorative Services at Arlington National Cemetery, marking the 20th anniversary of Nisei military service in World War II, reminded another generation of Americans, including Congressmen and government officials, that Japanese Americans wrote a brilliant chapter in the annals of loyalty and war in spite of unprecedented questions, burdens, and experiences to which they were subjected in World War II.

Senator Hiram Fong of Hawaii, the first Asian American to be elected to the United States Senate, delivered a memorable address to his colleagues on the heroic service record of Japanese Americans in World War II, while Congressman George Miller, of California, led off a series of tributes to Nisei servicemen in World War II in an unprecedented two-hour session in the House of Representatives. More than 25 Congressmen, from both parties, and from all over the country, praised the loyalty, gallantry, and Americanism of Japanese Americans in World War II.

First Session: 88th Cong.

This past weekend should witness the final adjournment of the First Session of this 88th Congress. Convened on January 9, and covering some 345 days of legislative concern, in the opinion of most Capitol observers, this was a "lethargic" Congress.

Still, this Congress will go down in history for a number of notable accomplishments. One already mentioned is the nuclear test ban treaty.

Another is that it authorized more to advance the general cause of education than perhaps any Congress since the Land Grant College Act of a hundred years ago. Federal aid for a greatly expanded program for vocational education was approved, as well as for an amended National Defense Education Act to strengthen education in science, mathematics, and foreign languages. Then too, substantial funds were allocated for assisting in the construction of medical, dental, and nursing schools, as well as for both public and private colleges and universities.

Before adjournment, Congress was also expected to pass legislation for library construction and services for both urban and rural areas. Over the next few years, several billions of dollars will be poured into our "educational" efforts.

For the first time too, the Congress recognized the need for substantial Federal aid to provide mental-retardation research facilities and to build community mental health centers.

For most JACLers, the big disappointment in the congressional record include the failure to enact meaningful and comprehensive civil rights legislation, and the huge "slash" in foreign aid, especially to the newly independent and developing countries.

Civil rights and liberalized immigration legislation will probably be JACL's principal concerns in the next session.

Anticipating 1964

These were among the highlights of a busy and rewarding year for most Americans, including those of Japanese ancestry. And, in spite of the Nov. 22 tragedy, 1964 looms as another promising and constructive year for our nation and for all its peoples, including Japanese Americans.

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Vagaries

By Larry Tajiri

'Celebrity Register'

NOWADAYS it's much more of a status symbol to be in *Celebrity Register* (Harper & Row, \$25) than in *Who's Who*. The second edition of *Celebrity Register*, which is described as "an irreverent compendium of American quotable notables," has just been published and the new one starts with Aaron, Hank and ends with Zukor, Adolph. In between are short biographies of some 2,800 Americans who are prominent in entertainment, the arts, sports, politics and in public affairs and the listing includes at least five Japanese-Americans: U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye, Sculptor Isamu Noguchi, Singer Pat Suzuki, Actress Miyoshi Umekei and Architect Minoru Yamasaki.

Cleveland Amory, who is editor-in-chief of *Celebrity Register* and is a celebrity in his own right as author and sometime critic, notes that H.L. Mencken once defined a celebrity as a man with an unlisted telephone number. But that was a long time ago and a celebrity these days needs more than a silent number. A celebrity perhaps is someone who needs no introduction, who would not look out of place on the cover of *Time* magazine or who would get a nod from the maitre d' at such snob restaurants as "21" or the Chamber.

THE BIOGRAPHICAL paragraphs devoted to the persons listed in *Celebrity Register* are not mere compendiums of statistical information and career achievements.

The one on Pat Suzuki is typical: "I don't like it when she starts taking off like this," said her father of her role as the stripper in *Flower Drum Song* (1957). Of her nightclub singing style, he added: "Pat have very sweet voice when she little girl. I like better her singing when she young." Born Chiyoko Suzuki (Called "Chibby" which means "Squirt") in Cressy, Calif., 1931, of Japanese-American parents, she recalls of her childhood: "I was a kind of homey kid—I wasn't rah-rah-rah." She is married to photographer Mark Shaw (one child).

Shaw photographed the John F. Kennedys for *Life* magazine and his heart-catching photos of the President, Jackie and Caroline relaxing at Hyannis Port were published in *Life* in the issue following the assassination.

CELEBRITY REGISTER covers Minoru Yamasaki in these two paragraphs:

"From the Seattle World's Fair Science Pavilion to the gigantic \$270 million World Trade Center in Manhattan, the American-born Nisei (who, due to discrimination, although one of Detroit's most-celebrated celebrities, could not himself buy a house in the suburb of his choice) has all over the country worked his unique architectural techniques of 'delight, serenity and surprise,' a combination of Gothic detail and Japanese gentility. Deplored as an 'exterior decorator,' a 'cosmetician,' he admits that in the past he has 'built some rather shallow things—some real dogs.' His buildings have indeed become less ornamental, less 'slap-happy,' more disciplined and emphasizing 'structure (the bones, the basic structure of a building, must be evident, and they must be beautiful).' I hope," he said recently, 'I'm coming to my senses.' "Born December, 1912 in a

shabby, wooden Seattle tenement, whose eroded foundation gave the house a tilt, Minoru ("bearing fruit") Yamasaki (roughly, 'mountain ledge with great view') worked summers in Alaskan fish canneries at \$50 a month, sometimes from 4 a.m. to midnight, with only salmon (barely) for architectural study, but, exposed to anti-Japanese discrimination (a word I heard over and over again whenever there was an incident of slight was shikatanai, which means 'it can't be helped') he moved to New York and later, following Pearl Harbor, nearly lost his job. Moving back to Detroit, divorced from Teruko Hirashiki (three children), he has remarried. "We should have the wish," says the man who himself often has been left out of touch, 'mentally and physically to touch our buildings.' "

SENATOR DANIEL INOUE of Hawaii is described as being "in no way a conservative." "This Democrat from America's newest frontier is a thoroughgoing New Frontiersman," says *Celebrity Register*, and notes that he is the first Japanese American to be elected to the U.S. Senate.

"A shy, sensitive man, chubbily handsome, who used to raise pigeons and tropical fish as a boy, collect stamps and build radios, he left medical school after Pearl Harbor and volunteered in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. As a platoon leader, he led a group through two of the bloodiest weeks of the war—the dramatic rescue of the seemingly doomed Texas 'Lost Battalion,' for which he was made a second lieutenant on the battlefield. A few months later his right arm and his boyhood dream of becoming a surgeon were shattered but he went on to wipe out two German machine-gun nests . . .

After law school Inouye first became Deputy Public Prosecutor then first Congressman from Hawaii, "re-elected to that post by the highest number of votes ever cast in the islands, making him not only a shoo-in for the Senate but credited with carrying his entire ticket with him."

ISAMU NOGUCHI is described as a sculptor, architect, landscaper, stage, dress, interior, and furniture designer.

Noguchi was born in Los Angeles on Nov. 17, 1904 to a Japanese father and a Scottish-American mother. "My work is a kind of nude and frank art, even if it's not always optimistic . . ." Noguchi is quoted as saying.

MIYOSHI UMEKI, says *Celebrity Register*, is the "many-splendored actress of *Flower Drum Song* fame, whose wistful charm made a Hundred Million Miracles come true. She was born in Hokkaido, Japan, in 1930 and sang in Tokyo nightclubs before coming to America. Discovered on television, she won an Academy Award for *Sayonara*."

CELEBRITY REGISTER makes fascinating reading, though sometimes the writers overreach for their descriptive phrases, such as the one about Elizabeth Taylor ("she is a million-dollar crybaby in a wife-and-men-spend store"). But in the main the writing is sharp and the celebrities are synthesized in short, pithy paragraphs.



LONG BEACH INAUGURAL — Susumu "Cabby" Iwasaki, outgoing Long Beach-Harbor JACL president, congratulates Richard Hikida, 1964 chapter president.

Long Beach-Harbor installs '64 officers

LONG BEACH. — Richard T. Hikida was sworn in as the 16th president of the 25-year-old Long Beach-Harbor JACL at the impressive installation dinner at Elks Lodge.

His cabinet, the Board of Directors for the 1964 term and Jr. JACL officers recited the oath of office with Judge Martin DeVries of the Long Beach Municipal Court and a long time JACL friend, officiating.

Toastmaster Dr. Fred Fujikawa introduced visiting guests Dr. Robert Obi, president of East Los Angeles Chapter, Akira Ohno representing West Los Angeles, Mrs. Kay Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Shigekawa from Orange County, and George Shiroishi, long time adviser.

Guest speaker Dr. Melvin Casberg addressed the group of 100 on the "Challenge of Insecurity". Not only was his talk a great one, but he captured the entire gathering with his descriptive delivery. Those who were fortunate in hearing this very learned man departed with enrichment of their mind and soul.

Outgoing president Cabby Iwa-

saki honored five members who have been active in the community. Three were singled out for the Silver Pin Award, symbolizing dedication, service and performance. The 1963 awardees were Allan Kobata, Arthur Noda, and Jim Okita. They join five others who were so honored before them in the local chapter.

George Iseri and Dr. John Kashiwabara were presented with the beautifully framed scroll of the Japanese American Creed for their continued service to the community.

Mt. Olympus JACLers lose onions in warehouse fire

SALT LAKE CITY. — A 200-ft. warehouse containing 12,000 sacks of stored onions belonging to five Nisei was destroyed in an early morning fire Dec. 7. Loss was estimated at \$26,000.

The onions were owned by Isao and Torao Nakagawa, Minoru and Jim Matsumori and George Tamura. The building was owned by Western Products Co.

HATTORI BLDG. OKAYED AS 6-STORY STRUCTURE

SEATTLE. — Issuance of a zoning height-limit variance for the proposed \$1,750,000 Hattori Building, a six-story office and shop structure at 601 S. Jackson St., was approved by the City Council recently.

The site is in a general commercial zone where the height of new structures is limited to 60 feet unless a waiver is granted. Frank Hattori, president of the building development firm, had appealed to the Council from an adverse, split-vote ruling by the Board of Adjustment.

94-YEAR-OLD ISSEI RESIDENT DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO. — Yorozu Nakana, 94, of 1909 Bush St., believed to be the oldest Issei resident here, died Dec. 17. Two years ago at a San Francisco JACL dinner honoring the elderly Issei, he was the only one present over 90 years of age.

For many years, he lived at the Konkō Temple, helping with the maintenance of the church building and grounds.

Dr. Jiro Muramoto, 55: Long active in JACL and the Buddhist Church at Sacramento, physician for over 25 years, of apoplexy, Dec. 23. Survived by wife Yukiko, daughters Diane and Carol Onoda, mother Waki, two brothers Dr. Goro and Kay, four sisters—Chiyeko, Yaeko, Fusayo Kuroki and Haruyo Kitade.

Kiyoshi Hirasaki, 63: president, San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi, grower and shipper of garlic and vegetable row crops in Gilroy for more than 30 years, active in community affairs, on Dec. 24 in Gilroy. Survived by three sons Manabu, Hisashi, Shinobu and six daughters Joann, Mineko Sakai, Fumiko Uyemaru, Michiko Sakamoto, Aiko Nakamura and Midori Ohki.

Sakae (Sloppy) Oshita, 47: outstanding basketball player at Sacramento High prewar and at Sacramento State immediate postwar period, on Dec. 22 after auto collision in Sacramento.

\$60,000 columbarium dedicated at Colma

SAN FRANCISCO. — The new \$60,000 columbarium at the Japanese cemetery at Colma was dedicated Dec. 26. Building was designed by Roy Watanabe of San Francisco. The cemetery is operated by the California Japanese Benevolent Society, of which Iwasuke Rikimaru of San Mateo is president.

Kawakita returns to Japan, grateful for President Kennedy for release order

TOKYO. — Tomoya Kawakita, 42, who served 16 years in federal prisons for treason, arrived in Japan Dec. 13, expressing gratitude to the late President Kennedy who, in one of his last official acts, paroled him from McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary on condition that he leave the United States and never return.

Kyodo News described Kawakita as a "man of tragedy," asserting that the charges against him of mistreating American war prisoners in Japan during World War II were "groundless" and that he was tried "illegally" by the U.S. for his "actions while a Japanese citizen."

Kawakita went through immigration here without trouble because the Japanese government

decided to allow him to obtain Japanese citizenship. He is being sponsored by Takeo Miki, leader in the ruling conservative Liberal-Democratic party, who had been helped by Kawakita's father while studying in California.

On his way to the Seattle-Tacoma airport, Kawakita refused to say a word to waiting newsmen at the Stelacoom (Wash.) docks. He was still in custody of prison officials.

He was wearing slacks and a grey car-coat and carrying a small bundle, apparently holding most of his possessions.

Kawakita's release was held up for more than a week because he was not a citizen of either Japan or the United States. He lost his Japanese citizenship when he returned to California in 1946 and he lost his American citizenship when he was convicted of treason.

Nisei bank to open in Marina Harbor

LOS ANGELES. — Application to establish the Marina del Rey National Bank has been approved by the Comptroller of Currency James J. Saxon, it was announced this past week by Taul Watanabe, one of the principal organizers and chairman of the board.

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