



Northwest Picture

By Elmer Ogawa

Membership Challenge

SEATTLE—It is a certainty that things are not quite as bad as they appear, and we should not be so disturbed over the local picture, here in the town which was the birthplace of the JACL movement back in 1921.

stration create an upheaval reflected in the present day box-score. In talking with local leaders, we are informed that the goal is a membership of 500, perhaps slightly higher than the best previous effort. But this city should have at least 1,000 JACLers on the active membership roster.

The time element in the preparation of charts perhaps may explain some of the story, and it could be said that things are not quite as bad as they seem, although they could be much better. The many innovations, changes, and reforms being made in Dr. Terrence Toda's present administration create an upheaval reflected in the present day box-score.

Calendar

- April 18 (Saturday) Long Beach Harbor "Oriental Fantasy" dance, Harbor Community Center.
April 19 (Sunday) PSW Hi-Co - 1964 Conference, Apple Valley Inn, Apple Valley.

NHONGO SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA TO ORGANIZE

State Board of Education Wholeheartedly Supports Statewide Organization

LOS ANGELES. - A statewide Japanese language school association is in the process of formation, under the guidance of a provisional committee headed by Dr. Yae-mitsu Sugimachi, veteran Gakuen instructor and leader.

The constitution for the proposed organization will be discussed on April 21 at 1218 S. Menlo Ave., Los Angeles. Representatives from 22 gakuen in Southern California are being invited.

The chapter has raised about \$7,000, some of it partly paid in dollars and the remainder pledged. It hopes that other members and contributors who were unavailable during the initial canvass would participate.

State authorities were equally enthusiastic of the proposal to have foreign language schools voluntarily organize to standardize teaching methods and material, Sugimachi added.

Financial assistance from either public or private sources to support the plan was also discussed by Sugimachi and state education officials.

Assemblyman Elliott further offered that he would be willing to introduce a bill in the legislature that would provide public school facilities on Saturdays for non-profit foreign language schools which are duly accredited.

The proposed association may also be allowed to give standard tests to determine student ability.

Science Fair Awardee SALINAS—Gail Kitajis, North Salinas High senior honor student, entered her project titled, "The Effect of Chemosterilants on Houseflies", at the Tri-County Science Fair at Hartnell College last week and won the special Army Science Award.

The Army judges were from the 6153rd Army Research and Development Unit, Sunnyvale. She is the daughter of the Robert Kitajis, active JACLers here.

He has served as the National Program and Activities Chairman, past Midwest District Council Chairman and past President of the Cleveland Chapter. An active member of the Al Koran Shrine, he is the head purchasing agent for the W.A. Jones Optical Co. and also an insurance agent.

In absence of Kaye Watanabe, MDC Nominations Chairman, the slate was presented to the MDC delegates by Dr. James Taguchi, National Nominations Committee Chairman.

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POCATELLO'S ISSEI NIGHT—Mikie Morimoto (left) and Mrs. F. Shikashio perform a Japanese dance at Pocatello JACL's annual Issei Appreciation Night at JACL Hall, Program, under chairmanship of George Sumida, including dinner served by Betty Tominaga and her crew, Jim Taketa, emceeing, travelogue on Japan, and entertainment chaired by Miyane Sato. Artificial flowers arranged with jeweled Easter eggs by Marianne Endo decorated the hall. Joanne and William Kawamura assisted with the dinner.

Downtown L.A. to wind up JHP fund drive

LOS ANGELES. - With impetus given by the recently announced \$100,000 grant to the JACL-UCLA Japanese History Project from Carnegie Corp. of New York, the Downtown L.A. JACL this week announced it would wind up its fund drive for the project.

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Jr. Baseball Clinic MONTEREY. - Monterey Peninsula JACL's junior baseball clinic is off to a flying start with 25 youngsters learning the fundamentals of the game on Sundays, between 1 and 4 p.m., at Jack's Ball Park. Ky Miyamoto, clinic director, says the program is open to boys between 8 and 15 years of age.

Boise Valley Jr. JACLers win college scholarship CALDWELL, Idaho.—Two charter members of the Boise Valley Jr. JACL will further their education in Washington and California next fall.

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