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## NISEI ANALYZED AT NC-WNDYC SUMMER CONFAB

Dr. Kitano Comments  
on Japanese American  
History and Trends

BY MARIE KURIHARA  
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

**SQUAW VALLEY.** — Particularly impressive were the findings of Dr. Harry Kitano, asst. professor of social welfare at UCLA, who was principal speaker at the recent NC-WNDYC Summer conference here.

Currently undertaking a three-year study of the Sansei juvenile delinquency problems in the Los Angeles area as well as of the Sansei in the state, Dr. Kitano's presentation consisted of a historical analysis of Japanese American as a group and a short analysis of current trends.

Commenting that Japanese Americans have overcome major political and economic problems, Dr. Kitano said the Nisei does not know how to solve individual and social problems.

Some of the poignant questions he posed before the 50 Jr. JACLers and youth advisers at the conference were:

"Why does a Sansei, when he goes to college, realize he is also Japanese?"

"Why is it that a Sansei who attends a high school back east is then brought by his parents to the west coast?"

"Why is it that inter-ethnic freedom brings changes in its pattern when Sansei start dating?"

"Why is it that Sansei do not open up in intergroup discussions?"

According to Dr. Kitano, to be an American without being conscious of that fact means behaving freely and acting without self-consciousness. "Those of you who have a sense of being Japanese validate this knowledge with one's own group," he said.

### Risks Involved

Dr. Kitano suggested that "We need to take certain risks, of being pounced, of being criticized. But unless you take the risk, you will not be a participating member of this (American) society."

"Unless we are ready to validate this behavior — to take some of these risks — you will never proceed any further. The answer lies with your parents. Don't let us Nisei down and don't let your selves down either."

One of the most valuable aspects of the Kitano presentation was the open discussion that followed. Some of the more informative points discerned in the question-and-answer period indicated there is more "freedom" in Los Angeles, a finding reported by the JACL Japanese History Project, and more creative Japanese Americans come from Seattle.

There is also less delinquency in a tighter group, Dr. Kitano reported.

One suggestion Dr. Kitano made urged efforts be made to go beyond one's group, such as going abroad as American students to gain a better perspective and broader view of the world. He noted.

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## Portland Jr. JACler heads for Boys Nation

**PORTLAND.**—James F. Azumano, Portland Jr. JACler, who was voted Beaver Boys State governor, departed this week for Boys Nation July 17-24 at Washington, D.C. Before returning home, delegates will visit the New York World's Fair.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Azumano, both active 1000 Clubbers, he will be student body vice-president in the fall at John Marshall High School.

## SEN. KUCHEL PRAISES HOSOKAWA'S G-2 ARTICLE

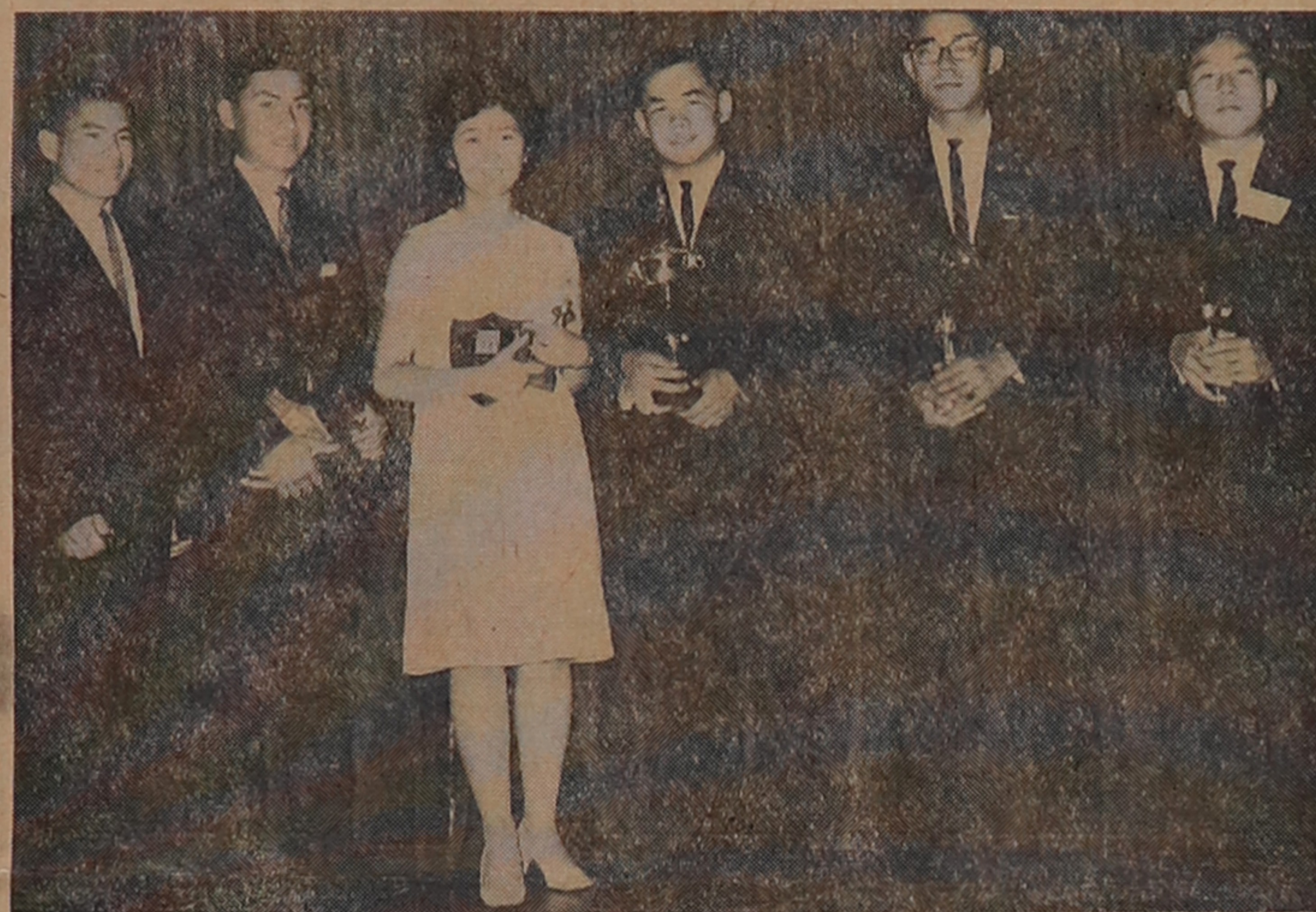
**WASHINGTON.** — "Our Own Japanese in the Pacific War," authored by Bill Hosokawa, associate editor of the Denver Post, for the July issue of the American Legion magazine, was placed in its entirety in the July 6 Congressional record under extension of remarks of Sen. Thomas Kuchel (R-Calif.).

The story, which relates the hush-hush military intelligence activities of the Nisei during World War II in the Pacific, was picked up by the Senator while reading the magazine over the July 4 weekend.

"The article is a moving description of how our fellow citizens who are Nisei by their wartime valor will occupy a very unique niche in America's Hall of Fame," Sen. Kuchel declared in the opening remarks.



**NATIONAL JACL officers** serving the 1964-66 biennium are (from left) Pat Okura, imm. past pres.; Hito Okada, bd. memb.; Kumeo Yoshinari, pres.; Joe Kadowaki, 1000 Club chmn.; Jerry Enomoto, 1st v.p.; Yone Satoda, treas.; and Tak Kubota, 2nd v.p. Missing are Mas Hironaka, sec. to bd., and Rupert Hachiya, 3rd v.p. — Tom Hashimoto Photo



**ORATORICAL CONTESTANTS** — Six young speakers who set the tone of the 18th Biennial National JACL Convention at Detroit recently with their addresses on "JACL and Civil Rights" were (from left) Martin Koba, PSWDC; David Ushio, IDC (2nd place); Libby Matsuhiro, MDC (3rd place); Percy Ota, PNWDC (1st place); William Nagata, CCDC; and Terry Taketa, NC-WNDYC. — Tom Hashimoto Photo

## Vandals smear anti-Japanese slogans on new half-million dollar Toho theater

**HONOLULU.** — Racist slogans and anti-Japanese signs were painted by vandals on the walls of a new half-million dollar Toho Theater here July 9.

The chairman of the Civil Rights Conference of Hawaii said he was "shocked and dismayed" at the racial vandalism.

The vandals—believed by police to be juveniles—used a spray gun to paint two foot high signs across the outside wall of the theater with words like "Dec. 7... Japs... Pearl Harbor... Banzai" and other more unprintable phrases.

One week ago the theater was the scene of a glittering premiere attended by Honolulu Mayor Neal Blaisdell and Hawaii Gov. John Burns who described it as "an oasis" for the promotion of East-West culture.

Toho's business manager, Satoru Tsunoda, said he was shocked by the vandalism.

"I know this vandalism does not reflect the feelings of Hawaii," Tsunoda said.

**Matsunaga Shocked**  
Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), home for a 10-day visit, was deeply shocked to learn that vandals had painted anti-Japanese obscenities on the walls of the theater.

"I am shocked to learn that such a thing could happen in Hawaii," he said. "We are supposedly the leaders of the nation in our international spirit and racial harmony."

Charles Campbell, chairman of the rights commission, said the signs were a reminder that the people of Hawaii cannot relax a minute in their fight against racial hatred.

"If we are not on guard," Campbell said, "it is possible that one day we will have to grapple with this problem on a large scale."

Campbell said he plans to call a meeting of the Civil Rights Commission.

**NC-WN executive session**  
OAKLAND. — The NC-WNDYC executive session, scheduled for last Sunday, will be held July 19 at the Oakland Buddhist Church, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to prepare for the third quarterly session being hosted by Berkeley JACL in August.

## Teacher named to Fremont human relations group

**FREMONT.** — Frank Nakasako, Newark High school teacher, is a member of the new 7-man human relations commission created by the Fremont city council recently. He was appointed by Mayor Donald Dillon.

**City Creates Rights Dept.**  
LOS ANGELES. — The Los Angeles City Council approved 14-1 an ordinance creating a City Human Relations Dept. and Commission on July 1. It would investigate and adjust civil rights problems among city employees.

The commission will consist of 17 to be appointed by the mayor and city councilmen with a paid staff of seven including an Executive director.

## GI claims he's victim of racial bias

**HONOLULU.** — Claiming that he was a victim of racial discrimination by his platoon sergeant, Pvt. Richard T. Aikala, 26, of Honolulu was in the U. S. Army stockade at Mannheim, Germany, this past week.

He surrendered July 8 to military police after going AWOL for the second time in five months, according to United Press International in Heidelberg.

Of Chinese-Hawaiian descent, Aikala said the Army refused him passes to visit his pregnant German girl friend and would not permit him to marry her.

In Heidelberg, the UPI said the racial issue raised by a 44-year-old doctor who sheltered Aikala touched off an uproar in the German press.

**Furor in Germany**  
Dr. Otto Rack released a letter he wrote to U.S. European Commander Gen. Paul L. Freeman Jr. which said:

"I feel compelled as a physician to give protection to a human being, regardless of his nationality, creed or color, against any inhumanity of his fellow men."

"As a West European I share responsibility for the fitness of NATO troops which could easily be impaired by racial hatred, mental cruelties and misguided justice."

Rack later told UPI he raised the racial issue to gain public sympathy and win Freeman's personal intervention. "Actually," Rack

said, "Pvt. Aikala's troubles are purely human problems, perhaps made more difficult by race."

Aikala said he went AWOL last February because he was repeatedly denied passes to visit his girl friend. "I was upset... I was trying to be a good soldier," he said.

Aikala has been in Germany for four years.

Aikala's aunt, Mrs. Mary Maquilina, said here she had never heard him complain of racial prejudice, either in the Army or here.

His sister, Mrs. Cecelia Giffard, said he was a friendly boy — "he gets along with everybody."

**Judge Sakuma files  
campaign finance report**

**SACRAMENTO.** — The committee to elect Judge Mamoru Sakuma to the Sacramento Superior Court this past week reported \$22,625 was spent in the recent campaign. It was the second largest sum spent in a county-wide campaign.

George Artz, unsuccessful Republican candidate for state senator in November, 1960, reported \$23,097.

The Sakuma statement revealed the Nisei candidate spent \$10,688 of his own money and received \$11,996 in contributions. By winning in the four-way contest in the June primaries, Judge Sakuma need not enter a run-off contest planned for the November election.

# California JACL committee against Prop. 14 starts push

**SAN FRANCISCO.** — Foundation for the most extensive statewide campaign to retain fair housing laws on the California statutes was initiated Sunday by the Japanese American Citizens League.

Under mandate of the recently concluded 18th Biennial National JACL Convention at Detroit to support efforts for "No on Prop. 14," the constitutional amendment initiative to repeal the Rumford Fair Housing Act and other laws concerned with non-discrimination in housing, representatives of the

three California JACL district councils and National JACL Headquarters met at a top-level coordinating meeting at the Hilton Inn's Burgundy Room.

Session began with preliminary reports of activities thus far in local areas to solicit Japanese American support for "No on Prop. 14."

The statewide JACL campaign committee was organized to coordinate Nisei activities, the principal task now being voter registration. In subsequent weeks, the commit-

tee will have information specifically directed to the Japanese American voter.

(Time Magazine, in its June 5 issue, reported the findings of two Univ. of Chicago sociologists, Donald Bague and Jan Dizard, who discovered more than 20 pct. of whites questioned in Chicago dislike living near Japanese. Their four-year study involved quizzing 721 Negro and 832 white families on their racial attitudes.)

Jerry Enomoto, nat'l JACL 1st v.p., is chairman of the statewide

JACL executive campaign committee. Still enroute home from Detroit, John Yasumoto, Northern California chairman, presided at the meeting. Other members of the executive committee are:

Dr. Frank Nishio, Central Calif. chmn.; Mas Hironaka, Southern Calif. chmn.; district supervisors—Tad Masaoka, NC; Mikio Uchiyama, CC; Wilbur Sato, SC; Eddie Moriguchi, treas.; Frank Chuman, adv.

Each district supervisor will appoint area supervisors to coordinate campaign activities and voter registration at the local level.

Tad Masaoka announced area supervisors for Northern California as follows:

John Enomoto, West Bay; Grant Shimizu, Southern; Joe Yazaki, East Bay; Bill Matsumoto, Northeast; George Matsuoka, Southeast.

Other district supervisors will make similar appointments soon in Central and Southern California.

Attending the initial meeting were:

No. Calif. — John Yasumoto, NC-WNDYC chmn.; Tad Masaoka, JACL Enomoto, Grant Shimizu, Wilbur Sato (chmn.), San Francisco JACL Comm. Against Prop. 14.

Central Calif. — Dr. Frank Nishio, CCDC chmn.; James Kubota, Fred Hirasawa.

So. Calif. — Mas Hironaka, PSWDC chmn.; Wilbur Sato, chmn., PSWDC Comm. Against Prop. 14; Frank F. Chuman, chmn., Nat'l JACL legislative comm.; Alan Kumamoto, PSWDC Hi-Co; Toshiro Yoshida, Japanese American Ad Hoc Comm. Against Prop. 14; Mike Suzuki, PSWDC civil rights comm. chmn.; Bruce Asakawa, area supervisor, San Diego.

National Hdq. — Mike Masaoka, Washington rep.; Masao Satow, nat'l dir.; Jack Mayeda, admin. asst.; and Isaac Matsushige, So. Calif. JACL regional director.

## NC-WNDYC launches effort to secure voting registrars

**SAN FRANCISCO.** — Immediate deputizing of JACLers in each chapter to become registrar of voters was urged this week by John Yasumoto, NC-WNDYC chairman, as a prelude to the JACL statewide campaign for "No of Prop. 14."

The appeal came in the wake of the first statewide JACL campaign committee against Prop. 14 meeting Sunday at Hilton's Inn here.

Prop. 14, on the November general election ballot, would abolish all fair housing laws in the state, if passed, Japanese Americans, some of whom have known discrimination in seeking housing of their own choice, should defeat the measure, Yasumoto pointed out.

As deputy registrar of voters, Yasumoto said they could appear at various community functions, such as church services, bazaars, club meetings and picnics, to register Japanese American voters.

Registration deadline for voters is Sept. 10 throughout the state.

"On the anti-housing proposition, our primary purpose is to defeat the constitutional amendment which would eliminate all fair housing laws in the state," Yasumoto added. "At a time when the civil rights programs are making great headway nationally, Californians will be going in the opposite direction if this initiative is passed."

"I feel that JACL will gain other benefits by undertaking this program: 1—an opportunity to secure more registered voters among our membership, 2—an opportunity to improve relations among other Nisei organizations within the community, and 3—an opportunity to improve the Nisei image in the community," Yasumoto noted.

## New veterans hall planned for Gardena Valley

**GARDENA.** — The Nisei Veterans Assn. will break ground in early September for its new \$80,000 memorial hall on the southwest corner of 162nd St. and Gramercy Pl.

The hall, being designed by architect Kazumi Adachi, is situated on the old Moneta Gakuen property, now deeded to the Gardena Valley Japanese Community Center.

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**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE**—The annual Marysville JACL scholarship was presented to Lani D. Yoshimura (second from left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Akiji Yoshimura, class valedictorian of Colusa High. She plans to continue her studies in the fall at Yuba College and then proceed to the Univ. of California at Berkeley. She is also recipient of the Bank of America Achievement trophy, DAR Citizenship Award, CSF life membership and the Colusa Rotary Schutz Memorial scholarship. Others in the photo are George H. Inouye, (left), scholarship chairman; Robert Kodama, chapter pres.; and Dr. George Egling, supt., Colusa School District.





