



SACRAMENTO SET FOR 18TH ANNUAL NISEI PIN CLASSIC

Six Hawaiian Teams Included Among 154 Entered for Mar. 2-7 Meet

BY EUGENE OKADA

SACRAMENTO.—Preparations are rapidly nearing completion for the 18th Annual National JACL Nisei Bowling Tournament to be held March 2 through 7 at the Country Club Lanes in Sacramento. A total of 108 men's teams and 46 women's teams including 6 from Hawaii have been registered for this event being hosted by the Sacramento JACL and the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Assn.

(The Pacific Citizen will publish the names and averages of all teams entered in the tournament in next week's issue.)

Visiting bowlers will be greeted on March 2 at the Country Club Lanes with a "Welcome Mixer" under the chairmanship of Bubbles Keikoa. Japanese food prepared by volunteer Issei along with the traditional American style dishes will be offered at this buffet. There will be dancing to the music of June Derby and her Gadabouts, a popular entertainment group.

The Awards Dinner and Dance is set for March 7 at El Dorado Hotel under supervision of Bill Matsumoto and Dr. James Kubo. The affair is open to the public at \$6 per plate, including the dance. Cocktail hour from 5:30 p.m. will precede the dinner which will commence at 6:30 p.m.

Headquarters for the visiting bowlers will be the Caravan Inn. Visitors seeking information on other accommodations may write to the housing committee, care of Dubby Tsugawa, 4430 73rd St., Sacramento 20, Calif., for the list of motels and rates.

The weather in Sacramento is a bit chilly in the evenings, and rain can be expected. There is possibility of fog so that all drivers are cautioned to drive with extreme care. One can anticipate mild afternoons and chilly evenings in planning their wardrobe.

Camellia Festival

SACRAMENTO.—Out-of-town visitors to the National JACL Nisei Bowling Tournament are being urged by the Sacramento JACL Auxiliary to witness the 10th Camellia Festival being staged from Mar. 6-15.

Auxiliary members are helping the city to celebrate its fame as the camellia capital of the world. Judge Mamoru Sakuma is chairman of the Festival's international friendship committee. Japan is the particular nation being honored during the Festival.

Biggest turnout for JACL dinner expected in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Congressman William F. Mailliard (R-Calif.) has accepted the San Francisco JACL invitation to attend the National JACL testimonial dinner for Sen. Thomas Kuchel this Sunday at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, according to Don Negi, banquet chairman.

The dinner is being held in conjunction with the first 1964 quarterly session of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council that afternoon.

Response from the chapters has been good and the dinner honoring the senior senator from the state may be one of the largest ever held. Over 40 chapters officers and members are assisting on the advance sale of tickets.

Sen. Kuchel is being honored for his leadership in the passage of the no-tax legislation on evacuation claims awards. Donald Canter, San Francisco News-Call Bulletin reporter responsible for bringing to light the taxing of claims in the summer of 1962, will also be honored.

Rep. Cecil King, who exerted his leadership in the House on the same measure, was honored by National JACL last May at the Pacific Southwest District Council convention.

Youth work program

WASHINGTON.—A comprehensive federal-stage-local program to combat youth unemployment and juvenile delinquency in Los Angeles was recently approved. The project is primarily concentrated in the East and South-Central areas where disadvantaged families mainly reside and will be managed by the Youth Opportunities Board of Greater Los Angeles.



VENICE-CULVER INAUGURAL—Jack Nomura (standing at left) receives his past president's pin from Mike H. Shimizu. Seated are Mrs. Shimizu and So. Calif. JACL regional director Isaac Matsushige. The ceremony took place at the Sheraton Marina Jan. 25. —Steve Yagi Photo.

Cortez JACL planning community center

BY MRS. NAOMI YAMAMOTO

TURLOCK.—Kaname Miyamoto was installed as 1964 president of the Cortez JACL with his cabinet by Jerry Enomoto, nat'l 1st v.p., Jan. 31 at Divine Gardens.

Guest speaker Glenn Drake, judge of the justice court of Turlock, related the experiences of his recent trip to the Orient. He and Mrs. Drake assured themselves of "royal" treatment by heeding the advice of their son, Fred, by not acting like "American tourists" with bad manners.

The chapter, at its Valentine social meeting, approved plans to construct a community center. Hiro Asai, chairman of the building project committee, reported on the possibilities of erecting such a hall. Alan Boomer, manager of the Federal Land Bank here, entertained with a banjo solo. Mrs. Bill Noda was in charge of games and Mrs. Tak Yotsuya and Kajime Kajiwara in charge of refreshments.

The Cortez JACL Troop of the Year trophy was awarded to Turlock Troop 22 at the Yosemite Area Council recognition banquet recently by chapter president Miyamoto. The award is based upon achievements in camping, membership, advancement and service. Mayor Enoch Christoffersen addressed the 700 attending the Boy Scout Week dinner.

Civil Rights Speaker
PHILADELPHIA.—The Rev. Henry H. Nichols, president of the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches and minister of the James Memorial Methodist Church, addressed a well-attended Philadelphia JACL meeting Feb. 14 on the current Negro struggle for equal rights.

The Negro minister said one of the chief objectives of such groups as CORE, NAACP, etc., was to

Tad Hirota serving 3rd term at helm

BERKELEY.—Veteran JACL leader Tad Hirota was installed as 1964 president of the Berkeley chapter with members of his cabinet at a dinner held Jan. 25 at Rickshaw restaurant. Ken Kuroiwa, Berkeley Jr. JACL president, and officers were also sworn into office.

National JACL administrative assistant Jack Mayeda was the guest speaker and installing officer.

Hirota, who was NC-WNDC chairman in 1948-49, is heading a JACL chapter for the third time. He was 1940 president at Oakland and first president of the Eastbay chapter in 1947, when the JACL program was reactivated locally.

Hollywood JACL President
LOS ANGELES.—Mrs. Yuki Kamayatsu was named 1964 Hollywood JACL president this past week. She is on the Pacific Citizen staff as circulation manager.

Alameda Installation
ALAMEDA.—Shiro Takeshita was installed as 1964 president of Alameda JACL Feb. 8 at a dinner held at the Brass Rail restaurant here. Mas Satow was the main speaker and installing officer.

Growers Council to recruit domestic hands for bracero

LOS ANGELES.—The Council of California Growers meeting here Sunday said it would not seek an extension to the controversial bracero program, nor the expansion of the Japanese and Filipino supplemental agricultural workers programs.

The decision, according to spokesman John V. Newman of the council, was based on "what is reported to be the will of the American people as expressed by members of Congress."

The Congress extended Public Law 78 (which brings Mexican national farmhands under international agreement) last year until Dec. 31, 1964, by a narrow margin.

The council also saw "no hope for any other foreign labor program". It had been assumed that when the bracero law was ended, California growers would rely on a provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act (PL 414) which permits direct recruitment of farm workers by growers with foreign countries. But the U.S. Labor Dept. is cracking down on the use of this law, which is being used extensively on the east coast, because it is claimed to adversely affect U.S. employment.

The council intends to concentrate on recruitment of domestic farmhand to take the place of braceros and will ask the State Board of Agriculture for help. The council plans to stage a nationwide recruitment program, feeling that California's higher wages and varied crops would draw.

The state board will also be reminded of the problems which the influx of domestic farm workers from other states will bring and be prepared to solve the problem of the "distinct possibilities that the number of jobs will decline as agricultural mechanization develops".

The council also urges the state to study anticipated welfare costs which must be taken into consideration when the bracero program ends since agriculture is a seasonal industry and unlike foreign workers who return to their homes when work is completed, the new domestic work force will remain in the state throughout the year.

Uchida appointed U.S. Olympic judo team coach

SAN JOSE.—Yosh Uchida, judo mentor at San Jose State College for 17 years, was named U.S. Olympic judo coach this week.

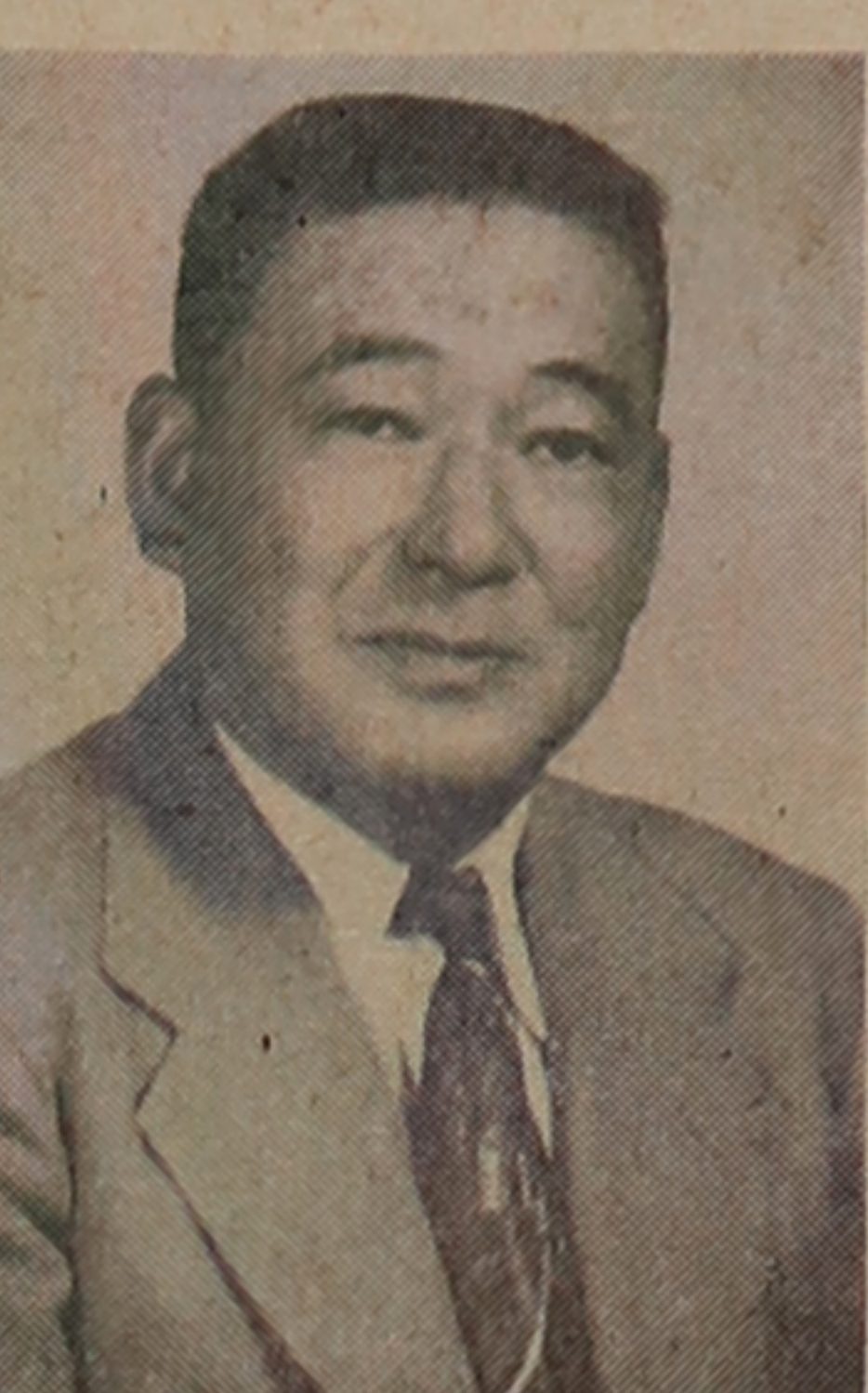
Team tryouts are being scheduled in June and official training will probably begin in early September for the Tokyo Games.



NEW OFFICERS of the White River Valley Chapter installed Jan. 10 at Earl's Restaurant, Auburn, are (from left): standing—Joe Nishimoto, treas.; Saue Shimojima (Auburn) v.p.; Frank Natsuhara, 1000 Club; William Maebori, social; George Sakita (Kent) v.p.; George Kawasaki, del.; seated—Midge Maebori, rec. sec.; Koji Norikane, pres.; Toki Nakai, cor. sec.; Tado Kanda, hist.

Norikane succeeds Hiroshi Nakayama as president. Waldo Carlson, president of the Auburn C. of C., was the main speaker. Auburn Music Academy pupils gave accordion entertainment. Installing officer was Tak Kubota, nat'l 2nd v.p. —Elmer Ogawa Photo.

Outgoing president Hiroshi Na-



Ray Yasui

Hatfield appoints Nisei to state board

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
HOOD RIVER.—Oregon Governor Mark Hatfield appointed Ray Yasui, a JACL Life 1000 Clubber and prominent orchardist here, to the State Board of Higher Education effective Feb. 17.

Yasui is the first Nisei to serve on the board. He replaces William O. Walsh of Coos Bay, the board chairman who resigned to become chairman of Governor Rockefeller's Oregon presidential campaign.

A fruit grower in Hood River since the prewar days, Yasui is currently president of the Apple Growers Assn., the largest of the fruit concerns in the Hood River valley. Better known to his friends as "Chop", he is a holder of the JACL Silver Pin and a former president of the Mid-Columbia JACL. He has also served in many other JACL offices including 1000 Club Chairman of the PNWDC.

Yasui, 48, and his wife, Mikie, another 1000 Clubber, have three children: Joan, 21, a Univ. of Oregon senior, who was Homecoming Queen in 1963; Tom, 19, a Linfield College freshman, who followed in his sister's footsteps by being elected Student Body President at Wy'East High School in his senior year; and Phillip, 16, a high school junior, who has been rated as one of the top Junior trapshooters in Oregon.

MILE-HI CONSIDERING 1968 NAT'L CONVENTION

DENVER.—Suggestions that Mile-Hi JACL host the 1968 National JACL Convention were raised at the January board meeting of the chapter, according to the Mountain-Plains AJA News.

The first postwar national JACL convention in 1946 was held in Denver.

FEDERAL AID IN HOUSING PERILED BY INITIATIVE

Attorney General Mosk Makes Public Letter From Housing Official

SACRAMENTO.—The future of federal urban renewal program in California may be jeopardized, according to Attorney General Stanley Mosk, if the proposed initiative to repeal the state's fair housing law succeeds.

Mosk made public a letter received this week from Robert C. Weaver, administrator of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency, who asserted:

"There is considerable doubt whether future urban renewal projects could be authorized and whether local agencies could be released from obligations to guarantee non-discrimination in housing."

Mosk revealed some \$237 million in federal funds earmarked for California projects are jeopardized by the initiative. "undoubtedly, the sponsors of the segregation initiative did not realize that it would have the incidental effect of depriving us of urban renewal programs, our major weapon against urban blight," Mosk commented.

Mosk Challenged

LOS ANGELES.—Attorney General Mosk is trying to "frighten the people" into believing the proposed initiative against the Rumford fair housing law is dangerous, according to H. Jackson Pontius, executive vice president of the California Real Estate Assn.

Referring to the Monday statement that urban renewal funds are jeopardized, Pontius Wednesday said: "The Attorney General is waggling a ghost before the people in an attempt to frighten them into believing something with no foundation in fact."

Model Agreement

WASHINGTON.—U.S. Housing Administrator Robert C. Weaver recently announced that a model agreement with Minnesota designed to put federal teeth into enforcement of the state's fair housing law.

It provides for federal sanctions for violations of state law, allowing the U.S. government to act where it is now powerless under the limited provisions of the executive order against racial discrimination in housing.

Weaver said the federal government expects to reach similar agreements with 11 other states that have comprehensive anti-discrimination laws including California, Colorado, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

Nisei continue to be named as grand jurors

MERCED.—Don Toyoda, Cortez rancher and Buddy Iwata, manager of Livingston Farmers Association, were appointed and sworn in as members of the 1964 Merced County Grand Jury by Superior Court Judge Donald Fretz.

Toyoda was manager of the Cortez Growers Association for about ten years until he went on his own farming recently. He is a director of Allied Grape Growers and vice president of the Cortez Chapter, JACL.

Iwata has been manager of the Livingston Farmers Assn. for the past ten years. He was the recent chairman of the Merced County Board of Trustees and he was recently reappointed for a four year term on the advisory board of Stanislaus State College. He also is a director of Allied Grape Growers as well as being on the Board of United Vintners.

On Stockton Grand Jury

STOCKTON.—Jun Agari, department store manager, was selected to serve on the 1964 San Joaquin County grand jury. He is active in community affairs and was 1948 JACL chapter president here.

Judge Sakuma seeks superior court position

SACRAMENTO.—Municipal Judge Mamoru Sakuma, appointed by Governor Brown last October to a newly created seat, is seeking election this June to Dept. 8 of the Sacramento County Superior Court.

Present incumbent Judge Murle Schreck this past week announced he would not seek re-election. At least one other candidate has filed for Dept. 8.

Whether he wins or loses in the coming election he will remain a judge as his post is not at stake this year.

Judge Aiso Files

LOS ANGELES.—Judge John F. Aiso was among the local superior court judges filing their declarations of intention to run for office this past week. He is the first Nisei on the mainland to be appointed to the bench.

Hum n Relations Council

STOCKTON.—Local photographer Richard Yoshikawa was elected one of five directors of the Stockton Human Relations Council at a recent meeting at the Univ. of Pacific campus.

Tops Incumbent in Primary

MOSES LAKE, Wash.—Jack Eng polled 920 votes over Fred O. Krueger, an incumbent with 374, in the local city council primary election Feb. 11. Being the only two for Position No. 4, the two names will reappear on the runoff ballot in March.

Councilmen are elected by the electorate-at-large for respective positions on the city council. Eng, co-owner of Elmer's Restaurant and Lounge, is a Chinese American. His place of business has been a site of many local JACL functions.

U.S.-Japan mayors

KOBE.—The seventh U.S.-Japan Conference of Mayors meeting here has scheduled its next session for Oakland, Calif., in 1965.

Socials not binding Jr. JACLers, says TC

MINNEAPOLIS.—The Twin Cities Jr. JACL is currently sustained in a period of transition, having learned through the process of trial and error that just being a social organization is not enough nor does it help in their goal to become aware of their cultural

TACOMA VOTERS REJECT HOUSING ORDINANCE, 3-1

Seattleites View Results Calmly, Own Law on March Ballot

BY ELMER OGAWA

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
SEATTLE.—Although Feb. 11 was a day for local primary elections here and in Tacoma, that city had its open housing law referendum on the ballot. The Tacoma open housing law which in most respects resembles that of Seattle, was defeated by a 3 to 1 majority.

All persons on both sides of the issue watched the development of the Tacoma vote with interest. Was it disheartening to Seattleites? Apparently not.

"Results in Tacoma were even better than I had anticipated," said Tak Kubota, Nat'l 2nd Vice President. "One prediction put the odds at 8 to 1."

Both sides agree that the Tacoma vote is no indication of what will happen in Seattle.

Phil Hayasaka, executive secretary of the Human Rights Commission in Seattle said: "Human rights organizations are stronger in Seattle. We began work a month sooner than they did and we have another month to go. I still think Seattle is going to adopt this ordinance. I detect a ground swell in calls to the office and reports from the citizens committee. On the other hand, nothing had indicated that Tacoma would adopt it."

Kenneth Colman, chairman of the Citizens Committee on Open Housing expressed similar ideas. "More and more people in Seattle are being convinced that what our housing referendum proposes is right for our city. We have had more time to inform the voters of the purposes of the referendum. Informed people are thinking people."

So far, 600 homes in Seattle have volunteered themselves as hosts to a coffee hour when a TV program sponsored by the housing commission will go on the air. A greater number of volunteers is expected and each will be the center for a discussion group.

The fly in the ointment? The real estate board has raised quite a sum amongst its members to fight the open housing issue.

County Ordinance OK'd

SEATTLE.—The proposed King County open-housing ordinance, while it contains a few flaws, was approved this week as to "form and legality" by Charles O. Carroll, county prosecutor.

He stressed that the state supreme court might hold it unconstitutional since the ordinance excludes single-family and duplex rental units.

The board had hoped to hold a hearing before the city's election on the open-housing issue March 11, but it appeared the board would not meet the deadline.

The proposed ordinance calls for enforcement by the License Dept. and a \$300 fine. Carroll said state law directs the sheriff to enforce county laws and limits fines to \$250 and not more than 90 days in jail.

JACL BRIDGE CLUB

TO GAIN ACBL FRANCHISE

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL Bridge Club will be franchised shortly by the American Contract Bridge League as an invitational club, according to Eddie Moriguchi and Wil Tsukamoto, co-directors. Notice that a regular franchise would be issued after a 90-day probationary period was received this past week.

The club, which meets every third Friday of the month, will not be eligible to issue rating points to winners. Club sessions will be open to all players, but only registered ACBL players will receive rating points. ACBL registration cost \$2 per year.

Tom Ito's father dies

PASADENA.—Chotaro Ito, 92, a naturalized citizen and father of active Pasadena JACler Tom, died Feb. 17 after a prolonged illness. Other survivors include five sons, four daughters, 24 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

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MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Announcement of a National JACL membership performance award is really one that's long overdue. Back in 1957, we felt that chapters that showed consistent growth somehow deserved more recognition than an "asterisk" on the Membership Bulletin. Chapters which seldom made the pages of the Pacific Citizen publicly were found to have enviable performances in membership and thus deserving of public commendation.

Our hopes then were to inculcate pride in the chapter. The new awards, to be presented from next year, will do just that.

One of the categories announced last week by National Membership Chairman, Dr. David Miura, who promoted the awards program, concerns the 5-year continuous growth. If we understand the rules correctly that the first awards are to be made in 1965, then those chapters which show 5-year continuous growth through 1964 will be honored with permanent trophies.

Looking over the membership performance chart in our files, the following chapters will be eligible—since they have shown consistent growth for the past four years:

1. Contra Costa (294)
2. Gresham-Trousdale (75)
3. Long Beach-Harbor (589)
4. Monterey Peninsula (810)
5. Portland (167)
6. San Fernando Valley (175)
7. San Jose (1,008)
8. Santa Barbara (120)
9. West Los Angeles (347)
10. Washington, D.C. (280)

Numbers in parentheses are the 1963 membership figures which must be topped to earn the 5-year continuous growth membership award.

Most significant performance to date is that of Monterey Peninsula, which has maintained its growth record for 10 consecutive years through 1963. The chapter started its skin in 1954 with 136, which then topped the 96 enrolled in 1953. Actually, the hot streak began has started in 1950, where it needed another 22 that year. No other JACL chapter in the national organization can boast of such a consistent performance.

Not far behind is San Jose with an eight-year continuous growth record which is still "alive", they having started theirs from 1955. This past year, San Jose reached the 1,000-member class for the first time and nearly nipped the perennial leader San Francisco. Southwest L.A. and Chicago are the only other chapters to have had 1,000 members on the rolls during a year. The all-time high for a chapter nationally is 1,227 turned in by San Francisco in 1960.

San Francisco JACL is in class by itself—having topped the 1,000 mark now for eight consecutive years from 1955. Selma JACL had a nine-year streak of consecutive growth between 1952-1960, starting from 75 members in 1951 and hitting its all-time high of 151 in 1960. Mt. Olympus boasts an eight-year continuous growth record from 1952-1959. Other commendable streaks in the past include the seven-year stretch by San Luis Obispo from 1950-1956, six-year stints by Marysville and Detroit between 1952-1957, and five-year marks by Mil-Hi from 1950-54 and Clovis from 1957-1961.

NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Some fine chapter newsletters have been reaching this desk in recent weeks, but only Idaho Falls, Monterey Peninsula and Downtown L.A. chapters have submitted a bundle of 10 copies for judging in the annual Jimmie Sakamoto Memorial Awards program. The bundle should be sent to us at the office as the newsletters are published.

Perhaps the editors of the news-

letters from the following chapters can be reminded to send us 10 copies (and to keep it up through-out the year):

Orange County, Dayton, Chicago (both Jr. and Sr. chapters), Portland, Pugetall, Seattle, Venice-Culver, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Sacramento and Salt Lake City.

Seattle JACL's "Reporter", edited by George Fugami, is a classy letterpress job with type set by machine, four pages of 8 1/2 by 11 inches, three columns to a page. Besides chapter news, it contains a President's Corner, high school and club news, sports and social items. Half of the back page contains a classified list of advertisers who support the publication at \$1 per issue.

Venice-Culver and Orange County also have a classified list of advertisers to help meet publishing expenses.

Now that space is dearer in the Pacific Citizen, the role of chapter newsletters will become more significant so far as local members are concerned. The chapter newsletter will keep the membership informed of what is happening on the "local" scene. The PC will try to keep the larger picture in view.

OSHO!

One of the rare sights of the world—those champions of Japanese sumo—appeared at the Olympic Auditorium here this past weekend. Normally an arena for boxing and wrestling matches, the Olympic replaced its canvas ring for a sand & clay sumo ring. The crowd was predominantly Japanese, who hollered "oi-sho!" as the sumoists went through their introductory rituals.

Staged as it is in Japan, the husky men attired in their "mawashi" slapped, tripped, shoved or swung each other out of the dirt ring. There was some question as to whether they would have to wear specially-made tight undergarments, the "mawashi" and it was the talk-of-the-town in Tokyo before the contingent of Japanese top 40-seeded sumoists including three grand champions deputed for their first goodwill exhibition tour to the mainland U.S.A.

There was nothing drab about the matches. Besides the action on the ring, there were exotic colors and sounds from other participants in the ring: the referee, announcers and assistants. The sumoists with their magnificent embroidered aprons during the "dohyo-iri" ritual presented a picture no American sportsfan has ever witnessed anywhere.

Perhaps in another year or two, another contingent will return and we hope more take the opportunity to see a bit of Japan that the average tourist even misses while in Japan.

PC Letter Box

Correction

Editor:

The PSWDC resolution on Fair Housing (See PC, Feb. 14) contains two typographical errors, to which we would like to call attention. In the first paragraph, it should read (in part): "has vigorously supported the principles of equality of opportunity for all persons in all areas of life, including housing, as fundamental rights of all Americans". In the second paragraph, it should read (in part): "would implement this principle by conciliation and education".

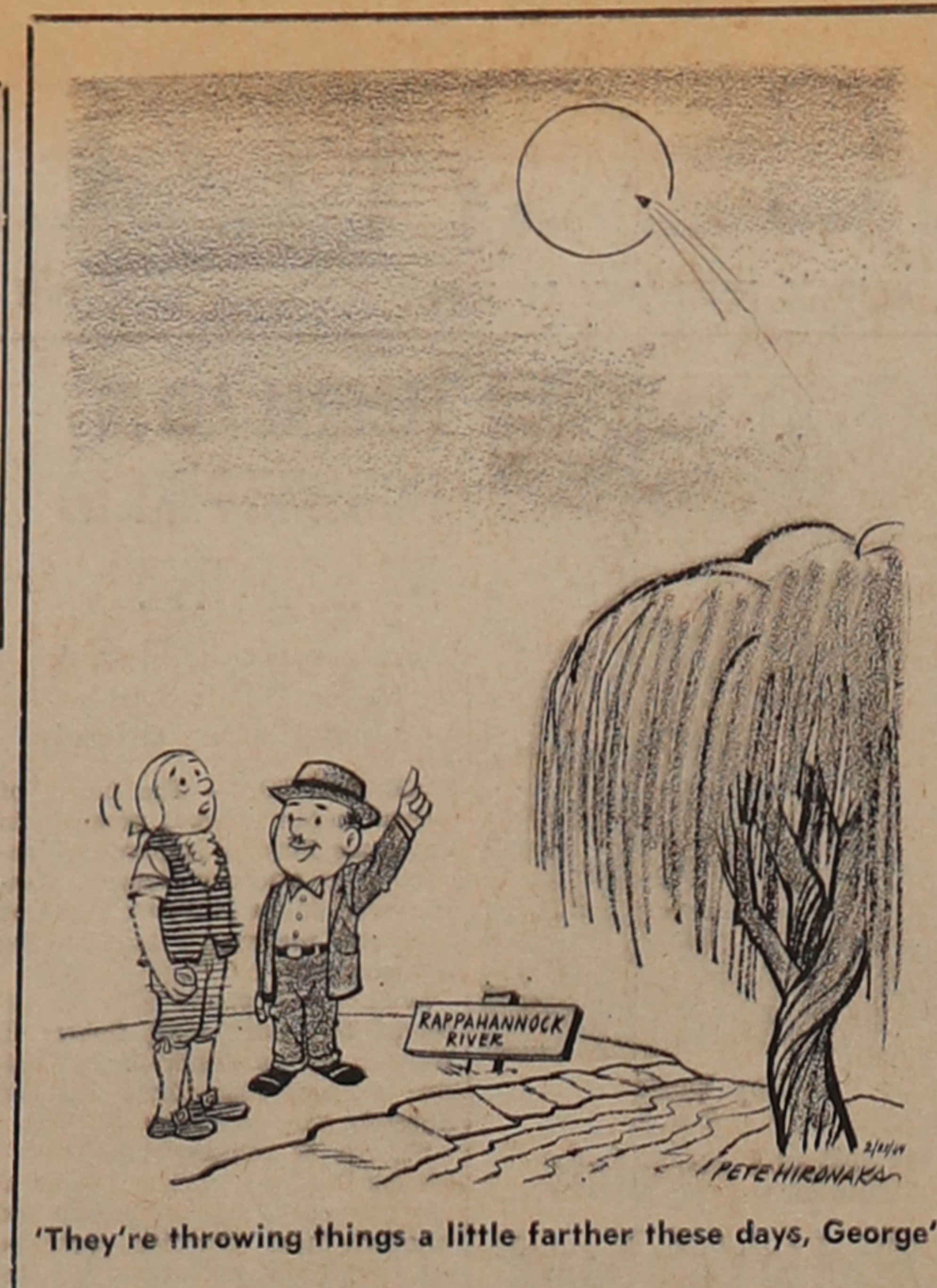
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Director's Report

BY MASAO W. SATOW

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

We had the pleasure of meeting with the first Junior JACL group in the Pacific Northwest, the Portland Juniors, some 40 strong, this past weekend. Dr. George Hara, Mrs. Sue Fujino, Rev. Waichi Oyana and Shig Hongo, comprise a strong youth advisory group. The Juniors are headed by Paul Tamura, son of Gresham-Trousdale Chapter 1000 Club Chairman Kaz. Current project of the young people is a money-raising one for funds to send delegates to the National Convention in Detroit.

Dr. John Kanda presided over his first PNWDC meeting with the thoroughness and patience of a medical practitioner which he is. How he finds time to devote to JACL is a mystery. As if this were not enough, he now finds himself on the Board of Directors of a bank just opened a week ago. The PNWDC meeting was well attended, and hosted by the Gresham-Trousdale Chapter. Spokane delegates got snowed in and were unable to catch a plane flight into Portland.

A special report was made by Ed Yamamoto who is the District Chairman for the Japanese Language Project. This particular project was endorsed by the National Council at the 1962 Convention in Seattle. To date it looks like Ed is the only one who has done something about the resolution to get the Japanese language into high schools as a regular foreign language course. It did not take him long to see that his Moses Lake High School got going on this.

ESSAY & ORATORICAL

We note a number of Chapters encouraging their young people to enter the National Essay and Oratorical contests. We trust such encouragement involves more than a few words of prodding.

We commend the practice of one chapter previously who sat down a number of long-time JACLers with the young people to brief them thoroughly on JACL and answer whatever questions arose. On this year's particular topic of "JACL and Civil Rights", JACLers would do well in furnishing prospective contestants with the following issues of the 1963 PC: June 21, 28; July 5, 26; Aug. 2, 9, 16.

1000 CLUB

A complete rundown on the 1000 Club members in their respective Chapters has been sent to 54 Chapter 1000 Club Chairmen whose names and addresses have been reported. We are grateful for the continuous memberships of our 1000 Clubbers which come in at the rate of five and six per day.

From the renewals thus far this year approximately 60 are in the ten to sixteen year category. Latest celebrity to add his name to the 1000 Club roster is U.S. Congressman Spark Matsunaga. We can boast quite a list of prominent public servants beginning with U.S. Senator Dan Inouye (3 yrs.), Superior Court Judge John Aiso (12 yrs.), Circuit Court Judge Theodore Bohn (8 yrs.), Judges Wayne Kanemoto (8) and Mamoru Sakuma (8), California

State Senator Ronald Cameron (Placer Co.), California State Assemblyman Gordon Winton, Jr. (Livingston-Merced, 8 yrs.), and Mrs. Winton, too.

Renewing for the 9th year this month was veteran movie and TV actor Teru Shimada (Downtown L.A.).

ORGANIZATIONALLY

National 3rd Vice President and Legal Counsel Bill Marutani was in Washington recently to confer with Internal Revenue Service bigwigs about including our Chapters and District Councils under the present National JACL tax exempt status. The matter is of increasing importance as Chapters set up their own scholarship trust funds and receive donations and bequests.

Jack Mayeda is currently compiling the summary of the 1963 Program & Activities reports and hopes to have them ready for distribution by the NCWDC quarterly meeting workshop.

Membershipwise San Jose holds the "Ichiban" Chapter distinction with 943 members. Salinas Valley reports a 32 percent increase over 1963 and the Chapter's all time high. Mid-Columbia and Sacramento have reported better than last year, while Delano has equalled its 1963 figure. Portland unofficially has surpassed last year and will most likely hit its all-time high.

Bids for the JACL 1966 National Nisei Bowling Tournament have been received from the San Francisco Nisei Bowling Association and the San Francisco Chapter for Downtown Bowl, and from the Southern California Nisei Bowling Association and Southwest Los Angeles Chapter for the Holiday Bowl. The 1965 Tournament is slated for the Walt Disney 80-lane Sports Celebrity Center in Denver.

Credit Union officers

SAN FRANCISCO. — James Nishi was elected president of the San Francisco JACL Credit Union at their recent Board of Directors meeting. The new president is a partner of Garcia & Erwins, CPA's, in Oakland. Those elected to serve as officers are: Ichiro Sugiyama, sec.-treas.; Edison Uno, educ.; new bd. mems.—Calvert Kitazumi, E. Uno, J. Nishi; holdover bd. mems.—Yasuo Abiko, Shig. Miyamoto, Mrs. Chiz Satow and Sumi Honnami.



Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

Civil Rights Act

WASHINGTON. — Now that it is possible to look back on the House debate and vote on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in some perspective, it seems rather clear that the legislation as approved by the House on Feb. 10 was somewhat more comprehensive and meaningful than had been expected, and that its prospects in the Senate have been improved by the impressive 290 to 130 margin by which it was passed by a bipartisan House coalition.

It can be stated that no substantial crippling amendments as such were added to the basic civil rights package. There is also some belief that the more than 80 amendments, of which only some four could be considered of major consequence, that were approved, perfected and strengthened the strongest civil rights bill ever passed by the House in this century. More than 140 amendments were offered to the various sections.

Practically every "northern" Democrat—152—voted for the measure, as did 138 "midwestern" Republicans. Only 34 Republicans joined 96 "southern and border state" Democrats in voting against the legislation.

Paying tribute to the bipartisan nature of the votes, President Johnson hailed the House action as "an historic step forward in the cause of dignity in America." It represents the culmination of months of hard work by men of goodwill in both parties. Now the task is before the Senate. I hope the same spirit of nonpartisanship will prevail there to assure passage of this bill guaranteeing the fundamental rights of all Americans.

Major Amendments

The four major amendments included:

1. Adding a new title authorizing the establishment of a community relations service to try to conciliate and mediate racial tensions and strife, a provision that was originally requested by the Kennedy Administration but dropped by the House Judiciary Committee on the grounds that such an agency could be established by a presidential executive order.

2. Providing that sex, along with race, color, creed, and national origin, may not be an excuse for discrimination in employment, the so-called women's equal rights amendment that may cause some administrative problems because of several special statutes "protecting" women.

3. Clarifying that the national statute will not nullify state and local civil rights laws, the so-called preemptive fear that federal laws might void stronger and broader state and local statutes and ordinances.

4. Recognizing the right of employers to deny employment to applicants who are atheists and communists and "subversives", a right that the bill as reported by the Judiciary Committee did not disturb.

The so-called sex amendment was the only amendment that was approved over the opposition of the floor managers for the bill, Democrat Emanuel Celler of New York, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and Republican William McCulloch of Ohio, ranking minority member of the Judiciary Committee.

Senate Action Indefinite

Because of the Lincoln Birthday recess last week and the Washington Birthday recess this week, together with consideration that the tax reform and reduction conference bill and the farm bill should be disposed of before the civil rights battle begins, the Senate battle plans for this historic legislation have not yet been drawn definitively.

Without doubt, however, the legislative struggle in the Senate will be far more difficult and time-consuming than it was in the House.

There is no question that the major credit for the dimensions

of the civil rights victory in the House should go to the bipartisan efforts of "northern" Democrats and Republicans, led by Emanuel Celler, Brooklyn Democrat, and William McCulloch, Ohio Republican, Chairman and ranking minority member, respectively, of the Judiciary Committee, who served as floor managers for the measure, and to their dedicated lieutenants. Credit should also be given to the White House and the Department of Justice for its strong and constant support.

But, credit should also go to the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, of which JACL is an active charter member, whose representatives manned the ramparts in the battle, otherwise known as the House galleries, during the nine days and three nights of the legislative struggle.

Lobbyists Recognized

Probably for the first time in any civil rights fight, the work of the lobbyists was recognized as it has been by both friends and foes.

Congressman Frank Thompson of New Jersey, a leader in the unofficial Democratic Study Group of liberal Democrats, paid tribute to the Leadership Conference by name on NBC News Feb. 7. Congressman Thompson headed the Group's "whip" system, which alerted supporters of the bill every time a vote came up on the floor. On the same radio-television program, Dixiecrat William Colmer of Mississippi, an implacable opponent of civil rights and the ranking Democrat on the House Rules Committee, grumbled about "galleries and corridors filled with representatives of organized pressure groups."

Dixiecrat James Haley of Florida was even harsher. In the course of floor debate on the fair employment practices section, he described the civil rights "watchers" in the galleries as "vultures", who were "controlling votes in the House or at least calling the turn on them. . . I do not think that you would have 25 votes for this monstrous bill (if a secret ballot could be taken)."

This same charge, in various forms, was repeated in the final hours of the debate by Democratic

and GOP opponents. E.P. Kenworthy, writing in the New York Times for Sunday, Feb. 9, gave as one of the compelling reasons that so many Congressmen were always on hand for quorum and votes on amendments was "the presence in the galleries of mental tellers from civil rights groups, labor organizations, and religious affiliates."

The authoritative Congressional Quarterly declared: "The bill has been the subject of some of the most intensive and effective behind-the-scenes lobbying in modern legislative history."

Leadership Conference 'Whip'

"The major groups that combined to back the bill were the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, consisting of major Negro rights organizations; the top industrial unions of the AFL-CIO, led by the United Auto Workers; Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish church groups; the liberal House Democratic Study Group; the White House; the Justice Department; and the little known but apparently effective Republican Legislative Research Association."

"Civil rights lobbyists used spotters in the House galleries to keep tabs on every member who might reasonably be expected to support the bill. Whenever a useful member's absence from the floor was reported, a call would go to the civil rights workers stationed on his floor of the House Office Buildings. Immediately, a visit would be paid to the truant's office to urge him to be present in the House chamber."

Since the House met as the Committee of the Whole House, as it does on all general legislation, to consider the package bill more informally than it would be possible in the regular sessions and to debate and vote preliminarily on all amendments, there were no roll call votes on the numerous amendments offered.

In these circumstances, voting was done by voice, where Congressmen simply shouted "aye" or "nay"; by division, where they stood up in "aye" and "nay" groups and were counted by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House; or by "teller vote", where they marched up the center

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Northwest Picture: by Elmer Ogawa Spotlight on the Board

From time to time this corner has attempted to run a little description of the newly elected chapter president. A personality sketch, it is called in some circles.

When we approached Dr. Terry Toda, he said, "Aw, I got no personality—what d'ya mean?" As we attempted seriously to describe our aims, he recommended that we not put the spotlight on him, but on the board.

Well, we had heard that before; like when Phil Hayasaka was chapter president, for example. But it suddenly began to become apparent that here was something to mention once again, in detail—that 19 member board of Toda's, 90 pct. of it is new blood.

To tie in with Terry's program of greatly increased JACL activity, each of the board members is prominent and active in a community organization. To wit: TEP TANIGUCHI (1st v.p.)—Buddhist Church leader, Bon Odori, chairman. EDDIE SHIMOMURA (2nd v.p.)—Methodist Church leader, city movie censor. GEORGE FUGAMI (3rd v.p.)—Nichiren Shoyukai president. BILL ISHII (Treas.)—CPA and treasurer of a dozen local organizations. MRS. KIMI NAKAMISHI (Cor. Sec.) and MRS. AMY BEPPU (Rec. Sec.)—both longtime, loyal JACL adherents. FRANK HATTORI (History Pro.)—nurt said. TERUMITSU KANO (History Pro.)—former editor now with Japan Air Lines. BOARD OF GOVERNORS: TIRO AOKI — Longtime JACLer, church leader at St. Peter's. HARRY HART — JACL Dance Club

chairman, prominent on Float Committee. MUTSUO HASHIGUCHI — Another longtime JACLer, leader of Bellevue Nisei Club. NATALIE HAYASHIDA—past president of one vaudeville, U.W. women's club. DICK ISHIKAWA—asst. prosecuting attorney. SAD ISHIMITSU — Nisei Veterans Committee, prominent on Float Committee. ROBERT KOBA—Baptist Church. MRS. JOE KOBAYASHI—prominent in bowling circles. CHET MURAKAMI—Rocka Ski Club. TOM NAMBA — prominent bowler. ABC official. GEORGE JAMESHIMA—Young people's leader. ROY SEKO—Float Committee leader. MIN TAI—Golf Tournament chairman.

IL TOMITA—JACL old timer and adviser of many groups. HARRY TOSHI — Youth movement leader. SAM YAMAGUCHI—president, Goh Club. There are also advisory councils of former board members. But the reader can see here that the present board is made up of active leaders in just about every organization in the community.

A bowling tournament is set for March 21-22, and a golf tourney will follow in July. Other events are planned for a full program of increased activity, but as yet no definite dates set. However from the foregoing one can see evidence of the rejuvenation of the Seattle JACL under leadership of Dr. Terry Toda.

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

RELATED EVENTS — A week ago, Frank Torizawa opened this area's first carry-out tempura house in connection with one of his retail fish markets. A few days after that I received in the mail a slim book called "Sounds from the Unknown," by Lucille M. Nixon and Tomoe Tana, and published by Alan Swallow of Denver. Though they may seem not to be, these two events are related in that they reflect in oddly different ways the ever-spreading interest in things Japanese in the United States.

Torizawa's is a simple commercial operation. He has girls deep-frying shrimp, scallops, oysters, clams and smelt dipped in Japanese tempura batter. There are no eating facilities in the store; the girls put the tempura in a box together with rice, cole slaw and Texas toast (of all things!) if you prefer, and you take it home or on a picnic, or out to the park for a pleasant lunch. Torizawa's theory is that the delicate tempura batter will win a good many friends and customers, and from the showing of the first week's business he's going to do very well. As a matter of fact, his carry-out business is likely to boost things for the several Japanese restaurants, for the tempura could well whet appetites for other Oriental goodies.

TRANSPLANTED CULTURE — "Sounds from the Unknown" is a collection of 132 poems written in the ancient, 31-syllable "tanka" form. The poems, composed by devotees of the art in Hawaii and the United States, are presented in Japanese script, in Roman-j, and in English translation. Many of the poems are fascinating in that this classic form, which goes back to at least the 8th Century, has been adapted to the American scene. Take, for example, the verse by Toshio Suda of Chicago. He writes:

How can we continue
To deny the young colored students
That which is basic?
And what kind of person
Is it who prevents this?

Or the touching poem of Kiyoko Nieda of San Leandro, Calif.:

Going steadily to study English,
Even through the rain at night,
I thus attain,
Late in life,
American citizenship.

And far from the green rice paddies of Japan, En Wata of Fort Lupton, Colo., wrote:

These miles and miles of ripened wheat,
Need no alien moonlight glow
To brighten up the darkness,
For by themselves they yield
An inner golden incandescence.

Likewise, the feeling for beauty has been transplanted in fertile ground by Masanori Toyofuku of Los Angeles, who writes:

At Redondo Beach
Where Mexican people dwell,
Ugly oil wells rise,
But on washdays,
Oh, the flaming reds
That flutter in the breeze!

The poems, one to each author, were selected and translated by Lucille M. Nixon with the assistance of Mrs. Tomoe Tana. Tragically, Miss Nixon was killed in a traffic accident just before last Christmas, the day after she had read the final proof of her book. Alan Swallow (his address is 2679 S. York St., Denver) specializes in publishing books of regional authors, or of regional interest. He has departed from format to publish "Sounds from the Unknown," but I am delighted that he did. For this is a warm and rewarding volume, one that conjures up many images and memories, as good poetry should.



REPORT TO NATION—Michael Michigami, 16, of Portland, Ore., represented the Scouts of Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana in the "Report to the Nation" during Boy Scout Week activities at the Nation's Capital. With him is Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon. The Sasei youth is an Eagle Scout of Explorer Post 711, junior class president at Franklin High and a youth leader at Mt. Scott Presbyterian Church.

City Hall approves Li'l Tokio rebuilding

LOS ANGELES. — Li'l Tokio's future as envisioned by the area's redevelopment association headed by Bruce Kaji and Katsuma Mueheda has been blessed by the city fathers in an unprecedented action last week.

The City Council on Feb. 13 approved in principle the master plan of the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Assn., which has strong support from the City Planning Commission. It was unprecedented in that the council has never favored any program "in principle".

Action of the Council stamped its approval of the gigantic 5-to-10-year plan for improving the physical appearance of First and San Pedro Street area by local merchants and reflected the urgency in which the city fathers would want the community to move ahead.

Task ahead now is to secure approval from the various municipal departments on specific projects within Li'l Tokio. Kaji pointed out, before any of the redevelopment can materialize. Among the first projects expected to gain city approval is the elevated parking facility at E. 2nd and Central.

The association is comprised of businessmen and property owners in the area, drawing no funds from governmental sources. Its method of operation has attracted attention from many chamber of commerce groups.

George G. Shimamoto, New York civil engineer and architect, was named general manager of Kelly & Gruzen, a firm which has engaged in large scale housing and

urban renewal projects on the east coast. He is a Cal-Tech graduate.

Organizers of International Savings & Loan Assn. have applied for a charter to do business in San Francisco's Japanese town. A public hearing is planned for April 3. Among the Nisei directors are: Dr. Carl Hirota, Frank H. Dobashi, Frank Ogawa and Tom Kabuchi.

Aizawa Associates, San Francisco advertising and sales development firm headed by Hatsuro Aizawa, has moved to larger quarters at 731 Market St., Rm. 308 in the Bancroft Bldg.

Dr. Bryan Mayeda, laboratory veterinarian for the Dept. of Agriculture at Sacramento and lecturer at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, was elected president of the Western States Poultry Disease Conference recently at the group's 13th annual meeting at Davis.

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Kasai's citation read: "Here is a youth-minded and public spirited man of whom it has been said by a top community leader, 'Henry Kasai claims only to be a layman and insurance salesman, but has been doing international public relations work without portfolio, to bring about significant, cultural, and educational projects to our city and state.' As a valued member of the Council Executive Board for the past 25 years, Mr. Kasai has represented an important segment of our cosmopolitan population. An active member of the Japanese American Citizens League, he has been related to all aspects of civic life. He is the champion of Americanism known far and wide as an 'International Citizen'."

He is believed to be the first Japanese American in Utah to be so honored.

Scouts at Sunday School

POWELL.—A special Boy Scout service was conducted at the new \$80,000 Fowler Buddhist Church on Feb. 9 with Troop 390 Scoutmaster George Teraoka, onetime JACL president here, delivering the sermon. About 200 attended, including parents of non-Japanese scouts in the troop.

Advertising error

The National JACL Credit Union statement of condition appearing in last week's Issue contained an error in the advertisement. Under the Balance Sheet assets, the line on loans to our members should read "Personal" instead of "personnel".

FIRST JAPANESE NAMED AS NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES COUNCILOR

NEW YORK.—Dr. Minoru Tsutsui, the Japan-born authority in organometallic chemistry, was elected councilor of the New York Academy of Sciences for 1964-67. He is the first Japanese to serve in this capacity since the Academy was founded in 1917.

Elected a fellow of the Academy last year, he is currently on the New York University faculty in the school of engineering and science and research division.

Naomi Yaginuma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Yaginuma of Naperville, Ill., was named outstanding 4-H member of DuPage County and received the 4-H gold key recently. She is a sophomore at Stout State College, Wis., well-known home economics college. Her mother has been a 4-H club leader for the past decade.

Tadao Hara, 37, Long Beach State College graduate student in educational psychology, was awarded the \$300 scholarship from the Japan America Society of Southern California this week. The grant assists students from Japan in financial need.

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NEW CHAPTER PRESIDENTS WRITES

Dear JACLers:

As chairman of the newly installed board of governors of the host chapter for the 18th Biennial National JACL Convention to be held here in Detroit, I wish to extend to each of you not only my personal and cordial invitation to visit our fair city, but also promise at this time that we will make your visit to Detroit a most pleasant and memorable one.

We here in Detroit, the convention board, board of governors, chapter members and friends, have been working very diligently to fulfill our obligations as the host chapter for the 18th Biennial National JACL Convention. However, for this convention to be successful, we need your personal attendance and active participation in the numerous activities we have planned for you.

The writers who have preceded me have explained in detail many of the physical attractions offered by our "Dynamic Detroit", however, as usual mere words are never adequate enough to transfer to another the warmth, the spirit, the pride, and the other intangibles

French Camp to dedicate new community hall

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — The new French Camp Japanese Community Hall at 515 Fifth St. will be formally dedicated in open house ceremonies to be attended by local and county dignitaries on Feb. 22, from 2 p.m. George Komure will be toastmaster.

The building, designed by Architect Yoshitaya and constructed by the building firm of John Saccione, is a multipurpose hall to be used by local religious, education and social groups.

Kokusai Theater

Kokusai Theater is now showing "A Woman Betrayed", an exciting story of the brilliant night life in Osaka and a pretty nomiyama madam (Ayako Wakao).

Calendar

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Omaha—Installation dinner, Schimel Inn, 8:30 p.m.; Fr. Austin Miller, S.J., speaker.
Feb. 23 (Sunday)
San Francisco — NC-WNDC quarterly session and S.F. installation, Sir Francis Drake Hotel; testimonial banquet for Sen. Kuchel and Donahoe Center, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago — Things Japanese series: History of Oriental Art, Palmer House, Rm. PFR 5, 2 p.m.; Fr. H. Vanderstappen, Univ. of Chicago Art Dept., speaker.
Feb. 24 (Tuesday)
Idaho Falls—Auxiliary meeting, JACL Hall, 8 p.m.
Mar. 1 (Sunday)
Chicago — Things Japanese series: Philosophy of Japanese Ethics, the Rev. Gyonay Kubose, Chicago Buddhist Church, speaker.
18th Annual JACL National Nisei Bowling Tournament
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Mar. 3 — Mixed doubles, tagline.
Mar. 4 — Sweepers, tagline.
Mar. 5 — Teams and Doubles.
Mar. 6 — Doubles and Singles.
Mar. 7 — Singles; Award banquet, El Dorado Hotel.
Mar. 13 (Friday)
Philadelphia — Board meeting, home of Herb Horikawa.
Chicago — General meeting, Palmer House, 8 p.m.; Alice R. Barman, speaker, "How Different Can We Be?"
Mar. 13-14
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Feb. 17 Report: The 1000 Club new and renewal memberships for the first half of February include the following:

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Twin Cities—Thomas T. Kanno.
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Portland—Dr. Matthew M. Masuko.
Orange County—Harry Matsukane.
Sacramento—Wataru Dubay Tsugawa.
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San Francisco—Dixie Hunt.
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da.
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Downtown L.A.—Teru Shimada.
EIGHTH YEAR
Sacramento—Edward Hayashi, Harry K. Masaki.
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Gardena Valley—Kiyoto Ken Nakagawa.
Crescent—Dr. Sumio Kubo.
Cincinnati—Yoshio Shimizu, Ben T. Yamaguchi.
Portland—Dr. Robert H. Shiomi.
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SEVENTH YEAR
Mid-Columbia—Mamoru Noji.
Arizona—Hatsue Miyada.
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Gresham—Troutdale—Ed Homma.
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East Los Angeles—Henry T. Onodera.
San Francisco—Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda.
Mid-Columbia—George M. Watanabe.
Sequoia—Tom Moriyama.
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Dayton—Pete K. Hironaka.
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Boise Valley—Masa Nishihara.
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Mid-Columbia—Charles Akiyama, Masashi Miraki, Harlin Shank.
Stockton—Dr. Kenneth K. Fujii, Dr. Onki.
Snake River—Nell Fitch.
Cincinnati—Takashi Kariya.
Arizona—Com. Kuryo.
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Chicago—James Ogata.
Feb. 24 (Tuesday)
San Benito County—Tony M. Yamaoka.
Placer County—Tadashi Yego.
Salt Lake City—Roy Y. Yokome.
SECOND YEAR
Boise Valley—Sam Fujishin.
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Arizona—George C. Onodera.
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Berkeley—Shigeru Jio, Tom Ouyee.
Hawaii—Louis Keim.
Downtown L.A.—David Fon Lee, Shu-ji J. Nozawa.
Chicago—Mrs. Yukio Odonaka.
Gresham—Troutdale—Roy A. Oguri.
Dayton—Yoshi Sato, Ken Sugawara.
Portland—Nobu Sumida.

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'High and Low'

Akira Kurosawa's latest masterpiece from Japan, "High and Low", has its west coast dual premiere at Toho La Brea and Beverly Canon theaters tonight. Starring Toshiro Mifune, the suspense film is based on Ed McBain's "King's Ransom", an American novel. The film was voted "best of 1963" by the Motion Picture Press Assn. and other film groups in Japan.

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aisle separating the Democratic and Republican seats in "aye" and "nay" groups and were tapped on the shoulder by "tellers" as they passed, to determine if they were for or against an amendment.

Because gallery rules strictly forbid spectators to read or consult any material, or take notes, Leadership Conference "tellers" or "watchers", including those for JACL, had to depend on their eyes and memories to establish who was voting which way. Confronted by the rapid and chaotic movement of the men and women on the floor, forced to view them from above, at a considerable height and distance, this was not a simple thing to do, especially when certain members did not want to be identified. But it was done.

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Once a North Dakota homesteader, Kitagawa now a spy 88

DENVER. — Eighty-eight-year-old Ben Kitagawa, spy and hearty, is probably the only Issei in town who once homesteaded a spread in North Dakota.

Surely livelier than many Nisei half his age, Kitagawa's current occupations and pre-occupations include mowing the lawn and tending his garden in summer, varied with occasional baby sitting for his dotting grandchildren. He varies this routine by attending the weekly infrequent local wrestling matches. The Issei also rotates visits in winter with his children and grandchildren in Nebraska and San Luis Valley.

Chapter Call Board

San Jose JACL

Blue Cross Information: A representative of the San Jose District office of Blue Cross will explain the major medical plan recently adopted by the San Jose JACL Board at a special meeting Feb. 28, 8 p.m., in the upstairs classroom of the Buddhist Church Annex.

Oratorio Contest: Youths between the ages 16 to 21 in the San Jose and adjacent communities of Mountain View, Los Altos, Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, Saratoga, Milpitas, Coyote, Madrone and Morgan Hill are being encouraged to participate in the San Jose JACL oratorical and essay contests. The chapter eliminations in the oratorical will be held in April. The subject matter is "JACL and Civil Rights". Further information may be obtained from Helen Mineta CY 5-3996, Bob Tachibana CY 3-5579, and Dr. Tom Taketa CH 1-1880.

Seattle JACL

Women's Golf Class: Seattle JACL is sponsoring a women's golf class at Jefferson Golf Course, starting on Wednesday, Mar. 11, 7 p.m. with Jeff golf pro Don Page as instructor. Min Tai and Kazie Sasaki, class chairmen, said instructions will be limited to the first eight to sign. Cost will be \$10 for 10 lessons.

Seinan credit union tops

\$1½-million in assets

LOS ANGELES.—Paul Saito was installed as president of the Los Angeles Southwest Japanese Credit Union (not JACL) recently, succeeding Ernest Fukuda. Larry Murayama was named manager, taking over from George Sakai who is now administrative assistant to Mayor Yorty.

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Ben's own children were born in Minot, N.D., where even today, a handful of hardy Issei and their families reside. His eldest child is now Sister Mary Bernadetta, English and history teacher at the Catholic High School in Dubuque, Iowa. The next child, Roy, was killed in action during World War II. His other daughters are married. Jennie is now Mrs. Edwin Tomoi in Mitchell, Nebr., and May is Mrs. Tom Mizokami in Blanca, Ben himself resides with his youngest son, Dr. Holly Kitagawa, at 3455 Columbine St.

Having faced his share of adventure, happiness and sorrows, the one-time North Dakota homesteader, now contentedly lives the sunset of his life in Denver.

His first wife died at childbirth when their daughter, now Sister Bernadetta, was born. He soon returned to Japan to bring back his second bride, by whom his other children were born. She died in 1936.

Raised 'Tokie' Slocum

Kitagawa also raised a nephew, Tokutaro Slocum, now of Fresno, Calif., the World War I veteran. Kitagawa was an eager 21 when he first left Japan, arrived at Vancouver, B.C., and headed down to Seattle. There he got on a Great Northern Railway extra gang which worked its way east-

Mukaeda re-elected head

of So. Calif. C. of C.

LOS ANGELES. — Katsuma Mukaeda was re-elected chairman of the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce recently. The electors were not moved by his plea to consider a younger candidate, but in firm belief that the L'I Tokio Redevelopment issue which bloomed during his year in office should continue to bear his brand of leadership.

Mukaeda, onetime Downtown L.A. chapter president, is an active 1000 Clubber.

Honorary degree

WEST LOS ANGELES.—The Rev. James K. Sasaki of the Community Methodist Church here was conferred the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at the Feb. 17 convocation of Ohio Wesleyan University for his achievements as an educator, scholar and pastor. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, Boston University and Iliff School of Theology.

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ward. Ben passed up western Washington and Montana, got off the gang work in Minot, N.D.
He soon latched on to a 640-acre section in Tioga, 70 miles west of Minot, where he homesteaded a wheat farm. Any 21-year-old Sansei game for homesteading?
Tioga is in the historically rich Badlands of western part of the state, north of mighty Missouri River, not too far from Ft. Abraham Lincoln. Gen. George Custer led his troops from that fort on his ill-fated campaign against the Montana Indians, and that not too many years before Kitagawa's arrival in the state. His big spread was also scant miles from Theodore Roosevelt's ranching operations begun, long before his Presidency, when he came out west from New York City, grieving the death of his first wife.

Within a couple of years, Ben was forced out of his homestead because of the then state laws forbidding alien homesteaders. Thereafter, he engaged in several activities, including a stint as chef at Minot's old Waverly Hotel. He retired in 1949 and came to Denver to live with his son, Holly.

—Rocky Mountain Jho

Nisei earns \$57,800 grant to study obesity

FT. LUPTON, Colo.—Dr. Frank Konishi, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Konishi of Ft. Lupton, received a \$57,800 grant for the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases for a three-year study of obesity's relations with metabolism of fat and liver tissues. He is associate professor in home economics at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

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Berkeley invitational cage series set Mar. 20-22

BERKELEY.—The seventh annual Berkeley JACL invitational basketball tournament for teenagers has been set for Mar. 20-22. Entry deadline is Mar. 7.

Preference for entries will be given to chapters which sponsored teams last year. The tournament is limited to eight teams, comprised of students in junior or senior high school living within the area of the chapter being represented.