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meet the needs of our National program.) Whitt a committee chairman needs only to become knowledgeable of his particular assignment, the president must become knowledgeable in numerous areas in order to do an effective job.

Once the overall picture of JACL is obtained, it becomes easier to carry out my third suggestion, that is, to evaluate the Chapter program and activities on the basis of National goals and membership and community needs. This evaluation should be done annually.

Activities and services should be geared to meet the interests and needs of the membership and the community, and should be consistent with the National aims. It should take into account public relations, youth, civil rights, athletics, cultural heritage, and other areas of National as well as local interest for a well-balanced program.

The creation of a healthy atmosphere for the acceptance of JACL at the local level is extremely important and is dependent to a large degree upon the attitude of the Chapter leaders. Too often the Chapters are primarily concerned with activities which do not reach the general populations of the Japanese community. Too often Chapters try to go it alone instead of inviting or joining other organizations in functions which concern the community-at-large.

Chapters that have become an integral part of the community through their willingness to work with other organizations and have provided a diversified program of activities have invariably been very successful in their membership drives as well as other undertakings.

One program which is becoming increasingly popular is the health plan. I do not think it is proper for an organization such as ours to encourage membership solicitation by door-to-door agents whose primary interest is to sell health insurance. I strongly advise against such practices, lest JACL becomes stereotyped primarily as an organization to join for health insurance. My earnest recommendation is that it (the health insurance) be kept in its proper perspective. It should be considered as one of the many services and benefits offered by the Chapters to their members.

As such, each Chapter should assume the responsibility for servicing its policyholders including enrollment, premium collections, etc. The close liaison and contact offered at the Chapter level are greatly desired in creating a good relationship between the Chapters and its constituents. This influences the latter's attitude favorably toward other Chapter activities, as has been experienced by several Chapters in our District Council.

My fourth and final suggestion is to carry out the program effectively. This entails not only the assigning of responsibilities to various committees, but also of providing proper guidance and follow-up to ensure successful accomplishment of the assignments. Selecting the right person for the right job is especially important.

HAWAII'S REAPPORTIONMENT TASK TOUGHENED BY U.S. COURT ORDER

HONOLULU—If a House bill by Congressman Celler calling for equalizing congressional districts by population passes, Hawaii and New Mexico (which both have two at-large representatives elected) will be hard-pressed to draft districts in a contiguous, compact pattern.

In Hawaii, the problem is centered on the preponderance of voting strength on Oahu, which has about three-fourths of the registered voters.

Political observers here feel that a part of Oahu will need to be included in a second district which would include the neighboring islands.

Congressional Quarterly reports that 35 states would have to redistrict should the Celler bill pass.

State Reapportionment
Locally, a special three-judge U.S. District Court on Feb. 17 ruled that the State Senate must be reapportioned by constitutional convention.

Kazuhsa Abe, State Senate president, said he would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Legislators have been told by Attorney General Bert Kobayashi that the filing of an appeal will not automatically bring a stay of

execution of the court's decision. The court decreed that terms of all state senators would end in the 1965 elections, in which voters would name a new senate with half of the members elected for two-year terms and half for four-year terms.

The court also indicated it would reapportion the legislature if no action is taken by the legislature, convention or the electorate.

Million Dollar Sales
SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Katsumi Tokunaga, general agent in San Jose for the Franklin Life Insurance Co., has qualified for the 1955 Franklin Million Dollar Conference, to be held at the Americana Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico, this month.

Rep. Mink in 'maiden speech' in House supporting own 'GI Bill for Teachers'

WASHINGTON — Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) delivered her first speech in the House Feb. 17 in support of her bill to finance advanced training for elementary and secondary teachers.

Described as a "GI bill for teachers", it would set up a teachers sabbatical leave program under which federal grants up to \$1,999 for educational expenses and \$200 a month for living expenses would be available to teachers with more than 10 years on the job.

"As a nation, we cannot any longer merely praise our school teachers for their dedication and

expect that dedication alone will improve the quality of their performance in the classroom," she said.

"Revolutionary changes are taking place in the field of instruction in the basic areas of reading, language, mathematics and science and yet the majority of our teachers are left to their own initiative and very limited summer programs to continue their knowledge of these massive changes."

She is a member of the House Education Committee which will consider her bill.

In the determined but unsuccessful

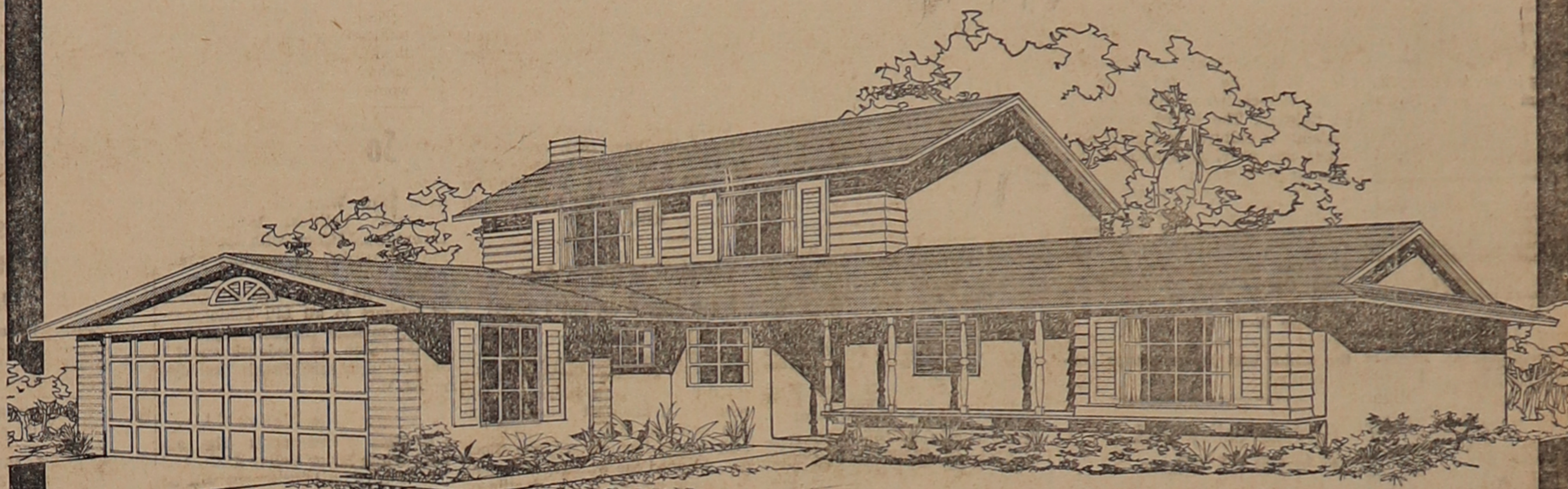
floor fight by liberal Democrats against the Committee on Un-American Activities Feb. 25, Rep. Mink said any attempt to classify thoughts and ideas as either American or un-American is "contrary to the most basic and fundamental rights of freedom."

BUAC Floor Fight

She declared her belief "in the strength and wisdom of the American public to be able to judge for themselves those within their own communities whose ideas should be rejected. I do not believe that America needs congressional censure regulating and determining for our citizens what ideas are American or un-American."

The House voted 358-29 to approve a relatively large \$370,000 appropriation to the committee.

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New Nihongo class opens Mar. 4 in Sun. Bldg.

LOS ANGELES — Yoshiko Tanaka, a 15-year teacher of Japanese language and culture, announced the Mar. 4th opening of a new evening class in elementary Japanese at the Sun Bldg., Room 309, 125 Weller St.

She has developed one of the most effective presentations of both spoken and written Japanese for beginning and advanced students. Her limited classes allow maximum personal attention and student recitation. The extensive Naganuma texts, supplemented by Miss Tanaka's own instruction and conversational loose leaf sheets, are used.

A graduate of Tokyo Women's

Limited credentials for language teachers asked

SACRAMENTO—Assemblyman E. Richard Barnes (R-San Diego) last week introduced a bill to grant limited teaching credentials for elementary school foreign language instructors. The measure would facilitate the mandatory program to have foreign languages taught in grade schools throughout the state.

Barnes pointed to refugees and other qualified persons in the state who can teach but lack some of the formal training required for a credential.

Christian University, she may be reached by telephone: MA 8-2469 or NO 3-9059.

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