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Miss Cherry Blossom named from among 15 contestants, style of selection surprises visiting beauty from L.A. Nisei Week.

BY RICHARD GIMA
HONOLULU—Ann Mayumi Suzuki, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Suzuki, of 99-355 Aiea Heights Drive, Aiea, on Saturday night, March 6, was picked Miss Cherry Blossom of 1965 from among 15 contestants at the Honolulu International Center Arena.

A total of 4,100 persons, including four visiting beauty queens from Los Angeles, attended the three-hour-long contest.

Named runners-up were the following:

1—First runner-up, Patricia Meko Yamane, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tadamichi Okamura, of 124-B Oneawa St., Kailua; Univ. of Hawaii sophomore.

2—Second runner-up, Lillian Toshiyoshi, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Yoshida, 2243 Kaneohe Ave., Honolulu; Univ. of Hawaii junior.

3—Third runner-up, Heather Chiyoko Miyahiro, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Y. Miyahiro, of 2237 Liliha St., Honolulu; Univ. of Hawaii student.

4—Fourth runner-up, Nora Akemi Morimoto, 19, daughter of Mr. Yutaka Morimoto and Mrs. Ota Miyahiro, 6 Kaena Lane, Honolulu; a Univ. of Hawaii student.

To Visit L.A.

Winner of Miss Popularity award was Trudy Junko Narikawa, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shoro Narikawa, 2136 Aulii Street, Honolulu.

Miss Narikawa, a Univ. of Hawaii student, will accompany Queen Ann to the 25th Annual Nisei Week Festival in August, 1965.

Winning the Miss Congeniality award was Sharon Lea Matsumoto, 19, daughter of Mrs. Gladia Kikako Matsumoto of 2512 Rooke Avenue. She is a student at the College of Commerce, Honolulu.

Other contestants were:

Elaine K. Izumi, Gail A. Kugita, Susan O. Patricia Omura, Kathleen S. Saito, Janice L. Tanaka, Loreen M. Tanaka and Jane C. Tomita.

The judges were:

Bruce Bolton, Jinshi Murashige, Dr. Ernest Mural, Postmaster George T. Hara, C.J. Gavanagh, Mr. Herman Lemme and Mrs. Violet Nishi.

The first Cherry Blossom Queen.

George Arakaki is chairman of the 13th annual Cherry Blossom Festival; Norman Hashimoto, queen contest chairman.

Li'l Tokio Visitors

Four visiting Sasei beauty queens from Los Angeles are guests of the Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce for its Cherry Blossom Festival.

Arriving Saturday, March 6, on a Pan American plane for an eight-day visit are:

1—Sandy Toyoko Saito, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Saito, a student of Los Angeles City College; Miss 1964 Nisei Week.

2—Irene Hideo Kobayashi, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kobayashi and a senior at the Univ. of Southern California. Miss 1964 Personality.

3—Genia Akemi Sakai, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sakai of Bakersfield, California, and an employee of Charter Life Insurance Co. of Los Angeles; Miss 1964 Tomodachi.

4—Jean Junko Komai, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Komai, and a hairdresser at Greener's Hair Fashions, Long Beach, Calif.

Miss Sakai, a native of Rohwer, Ark., is a graduate of Belmont High School, Los Angeles.

In addition to winning the Miss Nisei Week queen title, Sandy has won three other beauty titles—

NISEI WEEK PARADE TO

FEATURE OLD COSTUMES

LOS ANGELES—Historical Japanese costumes of the Heian (795-1185 A.D.) and Sengoku (16th century) periods will be paraded in the 1965 Nisei Week parade, thanks to Nagoya Mayor Kiyoshi Sugito.

Festival general chairman Mitsuhiko Shimizu credited Goki Kinuya, Japanese Jr. Chamber official, who recently visited L.A.'s sister city of Nagoya and top leaders of the Nagoya Jaycees, with initiating the negotiations which resulted in the acquisition of period costumes.

Gardena Valley JACL

elects George Chogyoji

GARDENA—George Chogyoji was elected 1965 Gardena Valley JACL president. He and his cabinet members will be installed Mar. 13 at Man Jen Low in New Chintown.

Los Angeles City Councilman Tom Bradley will be guest speaker. Dinner will be served from 7 p.m. and dancing to the music of Norm Elbrac will follow. Tickets are \$6 per person for the dinner and \$3 per gentleman for the dance. Ladies will be admitted free at the dance.

Architect hospitalized

DETROIT—Architect Minoru Yamasaki is reported recuperating in Ford Hospital from a stomach operation. His mother, who lives with him at 3077 Livernois, Troy, said he was admitted Mar. 5 and underwent surgery last Sunday. She said he is "doing well."

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ALMOST 1,500 IN JACL-CPS HEALTH PLAN UP NORTH

Detroit Contributes WRA Documentary Film To Assist Evacuees

SAN FRANCISCO—Almost 1,500 have enrolled in the JACL-CPS Health Plan in the first month of active enrollment. Edison Uno, chairman of the JACL-CPS Committee, announced Monday.

Uno stated that the response was overwhelming and was more than double the originally estimated goal of 600. "This is evidence that this program endorsed by our District Council will serve a great need for many members of our organization."

CPS has already reported claims being processed although the plan went into effect officially only on March 1.

Membership cards will be issued in the very near future but until that time JACL-CPS participants are informed that their Group Number is 1900.

Although the enrollment period was extended until March 15, many of the chapters have requested the opportunity to continue because of a late start. Therefore, the open enrollment period will be extended until April 15. All those enrolled by March 15 will have April 1 as their effective date of membership. Those enrolling after April 15 will be covered beginning May 1.

Foundation to honor memory of Tajiri in awards program

DENVER—Formation of a foundation to honor the memory of Larry Tajiri, nationally known drama editor of the Denver Post, was announced Saturday.

The foundation will issue Larry Tajiri Memorial Drama Awards to persons in the Rocky Mountain area who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of community theater.

John Eby, advertising executive and chairman of the Tajiri memorial committee, said the awards will be in the form of medals to be presented annually at a banquet in Denver. "Larry had an intense interest in the community theater, and we felt his memory could best be honored by bestowing awards in this field," Eby said. "We would hope that an honor of this kind would help further the cause of community theater."

A wide representation of the entertainment world comprises the Tajiri Medal Committee, including: Helen Bonfils, sec.-treas., Denver Post, hon. chmn.; Russell Porter, chmn., Denver U. theater dept.; author Ralph Martin, representing the New York theater; Marvin Goldfarb, dist. mgr., Walt Disney Productions; John Roberts, adv. dir., Wolfberg Theaters; Velma Andrews, Andrews-Garner Attractions; Tom Watt, KOA; Bill Hosokawa, asso. ed., Denver Post; Del Carnes, TV. ed., Denver Post; Walter Saunders, Rocky Mountain News; Marion Tajiri; Daniel L. Ritchie, comm. treas.

Persons wishing to make contributions to the foundation may send them to Tajiri Memorial Foundation, care of Daniel Ritchie, president, Columbia Savings & Loan, 16th Ave. and Broadway.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS SHINE AS P.R. AGENTS

ST. LOUIS—The St. Louis JACL can boast presidents who are public relations agents in the highest sense.

Dr. George Uchiyama, 1965 president, recently appeared in a group picture making a presentation at the St. Louis Orthodox Education and Research Foundation awards ceremony.

The same week, immediate past president Dr. Jackson Eto, well-known pediatrician, appeared in a panel discussion elsewhere in St. Louis.

Rotary Club President

FT. LUTON—Jack Tshura was elected president of the Ft. Luton Rotary Club this past month.

JACL chapter certificate of appreciation for local presentation now available

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) SAN FRANCISCO—JACL chapter certificate of appreciation to non-Japanese who have been especially helpful to the chapter as well as to the Japanese Americans locally is now available as a form certificate, National JACL Headquarters announced this week.

The certificate form was drafted in response to periodic inquiries from chapters for a special scroll of recognition at the local level. National Headquarters will have

them prepared, provided the full name of the recipient, the specific language personalizing the citation to be added to what is already on the form, and the date of presentation are submitted at least on one-month notice.

The finished certificate will be matted to 11 x 14 inch standard size. Cost is \$7.50. The chapter must provide the frame. A 1/2-inch walnut frame is recommended.

The certificate is printed in red, blue and gold.

Orange County Japanese become millionaires as land value rise, but hard times strike growers in Imperial Valley—JHP learns

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) TUSTIN — Los Angeles County's population explosion has spilled into neighboring Orange County in recent years causing a spectacular land boom, say local Japanese residents.

Returning evacuees grumbled at paying \$2,000 an acre for Orange County bare land which, before Evacuation, was obtainable at \$500 an acre. In recent years, many sales at \$20,000 per acre and over have been reported, and some dozen Issei and Nisei have become millionaires.

Some Issei celery farmers forced out by the growth of sub-division in Los Angeles County and re-establishing themselves in Orange County found their land values had sky-rocketed.

In the early 1900s the Issei established a celery industry here, and Orange County became known as the celery capital of the U.S. However, celery diseases forced abandonment of this crop until post-World War II when the Japanese again started in celery growing.

In prewar years Japanese homes had gold fish ponds. Travelers who stopped by asking for a drink of water noticed those gold fish and bought them from the Japanese.

This was the start of the famed gold fish industry in Orange County. Issei began the propagation of gold fish and also imported them from Japan.

Shacks on Skids

The Issei also predominated in the growing of strawberries in Orange County in prewar years. They were known as mobile farmers because they leased land for about three years and then because of the multiplication of soil pests, moved to new land. These farmers lived in shacks mounted on skids which they pulled to the new locations. Land owning farmers regarded them as transients.

Other Issei farmers grew vegetables and were truck farmers for the burgeoning Los Angeles population.

These highlights were noted before the Orange County JACL sponsored History Project briefing session held at the home of Hitoshi Nitta on Feb. 21. Joe Grant Masakoka, History Project administrator, conducted the session. Present were:

Min Inadomi; Charles Ishii, Fred Morita, Mura S. Muraoka, Frank Nagamatsu, Clarence Nishizu, Hitoshi Nitta, Bill Okuda, Noboru Tamura, Mas Uye-sugi, Henry Yamaga.

DOCUMENTS FOR HISTORY PROJECT GAIN IN VOLUME

LOS ANGELES — The Japanese American Research Project headquartered at UCLA is receiving increasing volume of documentary materials. Among the newest contributors was Dr. Florence G. Cassidy of Detroit who was cited by the Detroit JACL chapter at the 1964 National JACL convention together with other Detroiters for outstanding contributions to the evacuees during and after World War II.

The shipment of various records included a copy of the War Relocation Authority's documentary film entitled "Challenge to Democracy" (Continued on Page 2)

Paper Caps Introduced

EL CENTRO—Once known as part of the "Great American Desert," farmers in the Imperial Valley dug wells and brought water into the Valley by the Great American Canal from the Colorado River.

Hay ranches, pastures, and cat-cow industry were started. Issei were welcomed around the turn of the century and started truck gardening. To hasten production, they were credited with the practice of using paper caps to protect tender young plants. They pioneered in early tomatoes, summer and Italian squash, green peppers, egg plant, cabbage, spinach, and bunched vegetables.

Later, vast acreages were devoted to the growing of lettuce and cantaloupes which they started.

The Evacuation destroyed this Issei farming economy in Imperial Valley. During their absence, anti-Japanese groups were formed. A rally protesting the return of Japanese was held in the Brawley High football field. Because of this so-called "poison area" of public feeling, only 10 percent of the prewar 1,600 Japanese population have returned to Imperial Valley.

Currently, hard times have beset the local Issei farmers. The operation of huge corporate farms versus Nisei family-type farms, the recent

importation of Mexican-grown vegetables, and the termination of the bracero program make this a depressed area for the Nisei.

Gov't Ruling on Water

Other problems beset Imperial Valley farmers. Heretofore, farmers had brought in their own water so were able to farm vast acreages. Now, with the Department of Interior bringing in additional water the applicable Federal Law of 160 acres per man or 320 acres per man and wife may compel the

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VENTURA COUNTY LEMON GROWERS AUTHORIZED LIMITED 'TANNO' USE

LOS ANGELES—Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz late Sunday authorized the Ventura County lemon growers to use 600 Japanese and Filipino farm workers for a three-week period only.

In the first break in the prohibition of use of foreign farm workers, the labor secretary gave one of his sharpest rebuffs to California growers, in the form of a letter to Governor Brown.

Wirtz, in a six-page letter to Gov. Brown, spelled out his continued opposition to the use of foreign workers and demanded:

1. Both California growers and State Department of Employment must make far greater efforts to recruit Americans both in and out of the state.

2. A more substantial effort must be made to make wages and working conditions attractive to American workers.

These conditions are prerequisites to having Mexican farm workers brought in, Wirtz said. Growers complain that Americans are not available to do farm work and urge return of foreign workers.

The secretary noted that by blocking foreign workers so far, 10,000 more Americans are now working at farm jobs in California than at this time last year.

The permit to have growers hire Japanese and Filipinos in the Ventura lemon groves leaves some 400 Japanese idle and it has been learned they may be used to pick asparagus—the next crop where labor shortages are anticipated.

The secretary refused to authorize foreign workers for Coachella Valley date growers, saying too many conflicting reports of the situation confuse the situation.

Wirtz also declared his conviction again that Americans will and can do all farm jobs once done by braceros if they are assured of "decent conditions" by American standards. Farm workers in this country earn less than half the income of other workers whose jobs are often far easier, he added.

W.J. Bassett, head of the Los Angeles County Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said the turning over of the Japanese workers to lemon growers "would cripple and probably destroy the domestic recruitment drive."

"California growers produce 96 percent of all lemons grown in the United States and so have been able, through their virtual monopoly, to double the price of lemons since they started their phony charges that there is a labor shortage," he said.

The labor secretary's retreat from his firm opposition on the (Continued on Page 2)

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Gov. Mark Hatfield reappointed Ray "Chop" Yasui, a Hood River orchardist, to a full six-year term on the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. The appointment has already been confirmed by the State Senate.

Yasui, a life 1000 Clubber, was first appointed to the Board in February 1964 to fill the unexpired term of William Walsh, who had resigned to direct the Rockefeller presidential campaign in Oregon.

Yasui is also president of Diamond Fruit Growers, Inc., the largest fruit cooperative in the Northwest. This co-op was formerly known as the Apple Growers Assn. An active orchardist, he somehow finds time for his favorite sport, trap-shooting. This led to his election last year as president of the Pacific International Trappers Assn. which consists of some 3,000 members from all of the western states.

Rev. Toriumi heads church federation

LOS ANGELES—The Rev. Howard Toriumi, pastor of the L.A. Union Church, is the first Nisei to be elected president of the heretofore exclusively Issei administered So. Calif. Japanese Church Federation.

Election took place recently at its 51st annual meeting. For the first time, 20 Nisei ministers were invited to the sessions. The group also resolved to aid the majority of 1,100 distressed Japanese supplemental agricultural workers.

The Rev. Toriumi is a member of both the Downtown and East Los Angeles JACL chapters.

Nisei assumes command of U.W. Air ROTC group

SEATTLE—Terry Sao, son of Mr. and Mrs. Torachi Sao of 2117-31st Ave. South, this week assumed command of the 910th Air Force ROTC cadet group for the spring quarter at the Univ. of Washington. A senior majoring in political science, he graduates in June and will enter active duty as a navigator after being commissioned a second lieutenant.

USMC 120-day Delay

LOS ANGELES—Pvt. Toru Takahashi, son of Mrs. Sumie Takahashi of 2962-4th Ave., enlisted in the Marine Corps' 120-day delay program this week and became the first Nisei to be accepted for the corps' challenge platoon.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER ENROLLS 1,385 MEMBERS

Group Health Insurance Enrollment Boosts Membership Performance

SAN FRANCISCO—As of Mar. 1, the San Francisco JACL had an active membership of 1,385—a new all-time high for an individual JACL chapter, according to Ben Tsuchimoto, chapter membership chairman.

(National Director Mas Satow last week indicated that National JACL membership will be over the 20,000 mark for the first time in the history of the organization. The first of the 1965 chapter membership performance charts, showing enrollment percentages attained this year over 1964 membership, is printed elsewhere in this week's PC.)

And with the JACL-CPS insurance enrollment period extended to Mar. 15, the committee is angling for 1,500.

The previous all-time high was 1,226 recorded in 1960 by San Francisco.

(National Headquarters' latest membership bulletin, upon which the graph appearing in this week's PC was based, shows San Francisco in second place at 1,017 behind San Jose's 1,083.)

Tsuchimoto said that another 317 memberships were turned in by various local drive team captains over the Feb. 28 weekend. He said the new Cal Neva JACL-CPS group health insurance plan was an important factor in the increase. Major effort was also exerted to secure renewal of last year's membership of 1,022; only 80 are missing.

Tsuchimoto's original goal for the year was 1,200. A month ago, he raised that to 1,300 with the JACL-CPS plan attracting much interest.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Portland JACL became the first chapter this year to scale its previous all-time high with 251 members thus far. National Headquarters reported this past week.

Eleven others have surpassed last year's membership. They are: NC-WDC—Cortez, Eden Township, French Camp, Livingston-Merced, San Benito County, Sonoma County, CDC-Bakersfield, Fresno, PSW DC—Santa Maria Valley, IDC—Rexburg; MPDC—San Luis Valley.

Matsushige resigns regional office post

SAN FRANCISCO—The resignation of Isaac Matsushige as of this past month as So. Calif. JACL regional director was announced with regret this week by National JACL Director Masao Satow.

Matsushige has been regional director since February, 1963. He devoted much time and effort to servicing various groups and organizations both in the Japanese community as well as the wider community in the tradition of the Southern California JACL Regional Office ever since it was re-opened postwar in 1945 by the late Scotty Tsuchiya.

During the two years of Matsushige's service as regional director, the Pacific Southwest District Council adopted the Capitol Life Insurance Co. group health insurance plan, which has reflected in increased membership in the district.

The reactivation dinner of the Santa Maria Valley JACL scheduled in May is evidence of his quiet and patient efforts in building JACL's strength in Southern California.

Matsushige was also instrumental in coordinating campaign efforts against Prop. 13 last fall which saw Oriental Americans (Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Korean) united for the first time in any civil venture in Los Angeles.

In Los Angeles, the PSWDC Office Advisory Committee chairman, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, of 234 S. Oxford Ave., said efforts are being made to secure a successor with background and experience in social group work. Those interested may call him.

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MORE ON BRACEROS

Use of Japanese farm laborers on a limited basis in Ventura County lemon groves is a breakthrough on the farm stand against use of foreign workers on U.S. farms by the U.S. Dept. of Labor.

But it does not mean Secretary of Labor Wirtz has weakened his stand against use of braceros in the U.S. who have been barred since Dec. 31.

Wirtz's stand on the foreign labor issue in general has confounded not only growers but those who support him. Some growers have theorized that part of the reason is his desire to enhance his liberal image among union leaders, possibly tarnished by recent disputes. But others are convinced he is sincere that American workers will do any job required of them if the job is reasonably good in terms of wages and conditions.

Growers who have been beseeching him to allow the return of Mexican workers contend not enough Americans are available who are able and willing to do farm jobs vacated by the braceros. Many Republican and Democratic congressmen from California are said to be in support—including the two Senators.

Eight congressmen Tuesday met with Wirtz, congratulating him on his stand against return of braceros. Four were from California: Ed Roybal (Los Angeles), Don Edwards (San Jose), Phil Burton (San Francisco), Jerry Cohelan (Berkeley). Others were Spark Matsunaga and Patsy Mink (Hawaii), John Fogarty (R.I.), Don Fraser (Minn.).

The group meeting was even critical of the use of "tanno" in Ventura, according to press reports. Some union leaders are understood to be perplexed that Wirtz has been able to stand firm against such heavy pressures. They blame him for prolonging the maritime strikes on the East and Gulf coasts; others have complained about his stand on such issues as minimum wages for young job trainees on which he differed with labor.

There was also debate with AFL-CIO President Meany over Wirtz's plan (later withdrawn) to replace Undersecretary of Labor John F. Henning. One source said nearly 40,000 letters and telegrams were sent from unions and others urging Henning be retained.

All these arguments between Wirtz and the union leaders, according to growers, have caused the Labor secretary to seek some issue which would improve his

image with labor. And the growers feel he found it in his refusal to let Mexicans come in under present immigration laws (PL 414).

But the argument is weak in view of the latest move as well as his long-standing position that use of foreign labor is basically wrong when there are millions of unemployed and under-employed Americans.

The government's current crash program against poverty is a step toward whittling down the unemployment picture and all kinds of experiments in area redevelopment, job training and apprenticeship programs are underway.

The question of deciding when foreign workers are needed is a difficult one. The State of California, in the Ventura County instance, certified use for about 1,900 foreign workers; but union officials have protested the growers did not make every possible effort to recruit American help. And when Wirtz and his aides investigate these complaints, the growers merely feel it to be another union-sponsored move to delay approval of foreign workers.

Growers have insisted they should have the right to turn down men who are made available to them through the state employment service. As one put it, some are "just fat and sloppy, and we know from long experience they will not be able to work all day."

This is but part of the picture pointing to the dispute raised by the bracero program. There is also the international angle. The State Department had expressed concern over the idling of Japanese farm laborers.

Another aspect is economic. The present minimum wage of \$1.25 which must be paid before California growers can even be eligible for foreign workers, will be raised to \$1.40 from April 1 and the union are pressing to hold off any certification for use of foreign laborers until then to see if the \$1.40 rate will attract more Americans. This explains the 3-week use of the "tanno" in Ventura County.

Added to all this are the political ties of labor with the Administration, which must be considered in probing this problem. The National JACL Advisory Committee on Agriculture, when organized, will require members with a keen insight of politics, labor, economics and international relations as well as agriculture. It might include members who are not farmers at all.

'SNOOPY'S' PEDIGREE NAME LONG AS HIS BODY

St. Louis
When the Sam Terasakis of Denver went to register their dachshund "Snoopy" with the AKC, the man at the desk was amazed.

"Surely, he has another name besides 'Snoopy'. We must have his real name to put on the registry," he said. Poor Snoopy! He had no other name; but after a moment of thought he was in fine shape.

"Kiyoshi No Nagai Inu," they said. That sounded pretty pedigreed, all right.

What the man didn't realize was that the name is Japanese, and translated into English: Kiyoshi's long dog. Dean Kiyoshi is the Terasakis' 10-year-old son.

Foreign Student
WATSONVILLE — Lars Gramstad of Norway, currently an exchange student at the local high school under the American Field Service grant, addressed the Watsonville JACL meeting here Monday.

Donna Tsudama, who spent the summer in Denmark last year under the same program, also spoke of her experiences.

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BY "WILD" BILL MATSUMOTO

Sacramento
As in any other event a curtain raiser is always necessary. This week as the PC Chairman of our district (NC-WNDC), I would like to play such a role.

In the following issues of the PC we hope to have news from somewhere in Northern California each week to bring you up-to-date on what's going on as well as what's going to happen in a given community. Details and stories about the event, who are responsible, and the outcome of these programs will be reported.

We hope to create a little more interest in our paper and at the same time use this as a vehicle of exchanging ideas on chapter programs and activities.

We have heard often from delegates at our DC meetings asking: "What can we do of interest for our members and community?" We feel that this question can be partially answered in this exchange ideas.

For instance, if a chapter has a particular event annually or semi-annually that is extremely successful write and boast about it, since many of us would like to hear about it and perhaps try it if it is feasible.

Another suggestion would be to write about a particular individual who has always worked hard in the background and has never been recognized. This would be a splendid way to give these people the kind of recognition they deserve.

GETTING 1000 CLUBBERS

To start the ball rolling, I'd like kick off this column by telling you why we here in Sacramento are successful in getting 1000 Clubbers to the tune of 20 percent of our membership.

Each year for the last 11 or 12 years we have sponsored a talent show as a benefit program. We call it: "Your Stars of Tomorrow", featuring mostly the smaller children.

Admission to the show is by "tifu" or donation. At this time, which is early in November, the 1000 Club Chairman and others contact every 1000 Clubber for renewal or new membership. In this way it eliminates the task of soliciting later in the regular membership drive. When the 1000 Clubber give his \$25 we also put up on the "Bira" (poster) that this person has given \$25 the night of the Talent Show.

By using this method we have

Farm labor—

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use of foreign labor, was prompted by a special report Saturday from Kenneth Robertson, western representative of the Department of Labor, who said that lemon picking was 12 percent below the average of the past years and 4 percent below last year.

Another reason was a possible touchy diplomatic issue with Japan. The State Department has expressed concern since Japanese workers have been stranded since the bracero program was ended.

USAF Lawyer Recruitment

LOS ANGELES — The U.S. Air Force is surveying lawyers to determine the number of persons qualified and may be interested in its Judge Advocate General program. Atty. Frank Chuman reported this week.

Appointments are made in the grades of 1st Lieutenant and Captain, must be between 21 and 39½ years of age, physically qualified, a citizen, graduate of an accredited law school (or a senior within 90 days of graduation), and in good standing at the bar of a federal court or the highest court of a state.

found that we have very few drop-outs and continuity is extremely good, as we find people are willing to help if asked.

Your chapter could do the same, and find it quite rewarding. As you know our National office does need our help to promote the programs and activities that we have asked for, so let's all do our part by asking your friend or neighbor to join the 1000 Club when the opportunity arises.

Next Week—Alameda Chapter.

History Project—

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large farmers to sell off their excessive holdings.

These views were mooted at the History Project briefing called by the Imperial Valley JACL chapter on Feb. 23 at the home of Dr. Hitoshi Ikeda, San Diego State College educator. Joe Grant Masaka, History Project administrator, conducted the briefing session. Present were:

Mary Hoshizaki, Hitoshi Ikeda, Geo. "Slim" Kato, George Y. Kakuuchi, George Y. Kodama, Harry Kodama, Oscar Kodama, Hatsu Morita.

200 in Coachella Valley

INDIO—Publicized as California's winter playground and for its annual date festival, Coachella Valley is the home of over 200 Issei and Nisei. Indio is adjacent to the fabulous Palm Springs and Palm Desert resort areas.

Local Issei and Nisei are principally farmers growing a wide variety of crops. After the army exclusion order was lifted a friendly feeling was reported, and the pre-war population of Japanese returned.

Local Japanese grow mainly Italian and summer squash, tomatoes, egg plants, peppers, China peas, Thompson seedless grapes, grapefruit, tangerines, and dates.

Tom Sakai, Nisei farmer and shipper, supplies substantial amounts of China peas to the New York market. The Sakemi brothers and Elmer Suski operate a busy and popular garage. The Rev. Mr. David T. Kagiwada is pastor of Disciples of Christ Church, a predominantly Caucasian congregation. These and other Nisei are well known and are well regarded in the Indio community.

Population Boom Sighted

Nearby Palm Desert is rapidly expanding toward Indio. Sand dunes which were, until recently, \$300 an acre are being cleared and leveled, and selling as potential homesites for \$3,000 an acre. Local residents expect their population will be doubled within the next eight years by the influx of residents for the retirement communities and the numerous golf courses for the affluent.

Some local Nisei may become beneficiaries of this expansion, according to Joe Grant Masaka, History Project administrator, who conducted a briefing session here on Feb. 24. Those present were: Rev. David Kagiwada, Toru Kitahara, Joe Mochizuki, Yoko Nishimoto, Yas Miyake, Tom Sakai, Bud K. Sakamuro, Chiyoko Sakamoto, Charles Shi.

Membership campaigners

POWELL — Ten board members under chairmanship of Haruo Yoshimoto are concluding the annual Fowler JACL membership drive by the end of this month, it was announced. The campaigners are:

Tom Kamikawa and George Tanaka, City of Fowler; Tom Mayabe and Masao Satou, Fowler; Tom Nishimoto and Jim Hashimoto, Northwest; Ray Nishi, Fowler; Ikuo Ito, Northwest; Joe Yoshimura and Hiro Asakawa, Southeast.

VOTER REGISTRATION campaign must not be confined to only the JACL members, but to every eligible voter of Japanese ancestry in the entire community.

Sen. Kuchel's Ordeal

Washington

As most readers of this Newsletter are aware, this corner has long been a strong and vocal Thomas H. Kuchel fan, one who believes that the Senator from California is one of the great and courageous public servants of our times, who has always been willing to stand up and be counted on matters of principle, equality, and decency.

As the effective and able Republican Whip and Assistant Minority Leader of the United States Senate, but more as the articulate spokesman for the American West, we know that he is constantly subjected to all manner of attacks, many vicious and personal, especially from the radical right which despises his eloquent advocacy of the moderate-liberal cause. And we know him as the political "pro" that he is, taking most such attacks in stride, discounting most of them as the awful price that public servants have to pay.

Last week, with the disclosure that a Los Angeles County Grand Jury had returned an indictment charging four men with conspiracy to commit criminal libel, a felony,

against the Californian, we were forced once again to shudder at the extreme depths to which political campaigning in the United States has sunk.

At the same time, once again we were proud of the attitude and the action of Senator Kuchel.

Many, if not most, public officials would have chosen to try to ignore the smear that these four conspirators leveled against him, hoping that it would never come to the attention of the general public, for publicity would bring greater heartbreak for the Senator, his 94-year-old mother, his lovely wife, and his college-student daughter, as well as possibly wrecking his public career as a United States Senator probably destined for even higher national office.

But Senator Kuchel chose to demand a police investigation, followed by a Grand Jury indictment. By so doing, he wanted to serve notice that those who spew poison deliberately to slander public officials for political gain will have to answer to the law, that they no longer can be protected within the privileged sanctuary of politics.

At the same time, he wanted to encourage capable citizens to seek public office in spite of the vilification, slander, and libel to which they may be subjected by demonstrating to them that there are laws and procedures that will serve to protect men of honor and goodwill.

We believe that Senator Kuchel, by raising the problem of legal liability for smearing public officials, is rendering a significant public service. Certainly, other public officials and those who may in the future seek public office are watching these proceedings with the greatest interest for they may open new avenues for the protection of the dignity and the decency of responsible men in government.

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The indictments charge Francis A. Capell of New Jersey and John F. Ferguson, Norman H. Krause and Jack D. Clemmons of California with conspiring to "maliciously defame the honesty, integrity, virtue, and reputation" of Senator Kuchel to hold him up to "public hatred, contempt, and ridicule," and with the use of the Senator's name "willfully and wrongfully in a manner that will and did affect and did have a tendency to affect his moral reputation generally and in the estimation of the person or persons to whom it was so used."

The attacks on the Senator were based on an affidavit by Krause, a former Los Angeles policeman, who alleged that he had helped arrest Senator Kuchel and another man in a drunken-driving-homosexual incident in Los Angeles in 1950 and that this case never came to trial. His policeman partner was Clemmons, a police sergeant who resigned after 15 years on the force.

Police investigators quoted Krause as telling them, after they had shown him fingerprints and other records in the 1950 case, that "until I saw those reports I honestly believed the man I arrested was Kuchel. Now I can only guess it wasn't him." Clemmons also told the investigators, after seeing a photograph, that the Senator was

not one of the men involved. This affidavit was widely circulated among the right wing and was included in several publications, one of which printed under a Washington dateline heading "Leftwing Senator May Get Jenkins' Spotlight". One copy of the affidavit had even been submitted, without the Senator's knowledge, to the Senate Judiciary Internal Security Subcommittee.

The police inquiry developed that the two men who were arrested are still living and the younger of the two is 20 years older than the Senator. They were booked on the charge of drunkenness and both were fined. The police records contain no mention of a morals charge.

Both men were employees at the time of the Office of State Controller, which was then under now Senator Kuchel. Both have furnished statements that confirm the findings of the police investigators and the fingerprint experts.

The police attributed to one figure in the investigation the statement that the purpose of the affidavit was "to get rid of" Senator Kuchel.

Curiously enough, the Senator did not know about this smear campaign until last August 28, when a retired Army intelligence officer in Springfield, Virginia, wrote his office, demanding "details of how your case was quashed, the identity of the principal who exercised the power, and the terms or conditions under which exercised."

The letter, which was shown to the Grand Jury, stated that "I, and many others, now know all the details of your police record as entered on the blotter of the Wilshire police station in Los Angeles in 1949. Hence, if that record was, or is, being used to coerce you, it has now lost its potency because of having become common knowledge. I am interested in why your case was never brought to trial."

Although baffled by the letter at that time, the Senator and his staff became cognizant of the affidavit on October 19, when three young men left a copy in the Senator's Office. The next day, the Senator requested the Los Angeles police to make a full investigation of the document that falsely accused the Senator of an arrest that never took place and of a revolting act that also never took place.

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About a year ago, at a testimonial banquet in San Francisco, the National JACL honored Senator Kuchel for his courage and his leadership in making the American dream more meaningful to all Americans, and especially those of Japanese ancestry.

Today, JACL can be prouder than ever that it honored such a man, for he is fighting to eliminate character assassination as a political weapon in America, thereby bringing closer that day when men in public office, as well as elsewhere, may be secure in their person in dignity and in decency.

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

CHERRY STREET REVISITED—Some years ago, about the time the youngsters were beginning to need more room in which to stretch their legs than our home on Cherry Street offered, we began to spend our Sundays driving around in the suburbs looking for a lot on which to build. After a good many such excursions we finally did locate a site that seemed to have more advantages than shortcomings. We put a little money down on it and began to doodle sketches of a house that some day might be erected thereon.

About that same time a newly affluent group of Negroes, searching for better housing in a better neighborhood, began to drift out from their ghetto toward Cherry Street and beyond. As it happened, the year we finally decided we were ready to build, the first Negro family moved into our block.

The consternation, indeed the panic, that some housewives in the block fanned up in each other at the prospect of having a Negro family for neighbors was frightening to behold. For Sale signs popped up like mushrooms, and other Negro families moved in. By the time we were ready to move out to our new house in the suburbs, there were several Negro families in the block.

At the far end of the block, however, were three solid, church-going Caucasian families, long-time residents of the area, who refused to panic. They took the attitude that their houses were their homes, they liked the neighborhood, and they'd be darned if they'd run away just because some Negroes were moving in. And so they stayed.

That was six years ago. The other night we went back to Cherry Street for a visit. Things had changed in those six years. One of the staunch Caucasians had died, and his widow had to sell their home. Whites weren't interested in the neighborhood. She sold to a Negro family. The For Sale signs were up in front of the other two houses, too. In one family, the children were grown up and gone and the house was too large for just a couple. The other family had equally valid reasons for seeking a new home.

And so, before long, Cherry Street will be Negro from one end of the block to the other. And even though the homes are nicely kept and comfortable, the lawns green and the shade trees handsome, Cherry Street will be a black ghetto, just like the area from which the new residents had fled in seeking a better life for themselves and their families.

HOW TIMES DO CHANGE—Just two short decades ago, almost every American knew what "banzai" was. In the popular understanding, it was the word that preceded the word "charge" and was used to describe the desperate suicide attacks of Japanese soldiers, and few cared that they shouted the cry in fealty to the emperor before leaping into the jaws of death.

At a dinner party a few nights ago someone happened to ask the meaning of banzai.

"I know," volunteered a gentle, white-haired, blue-eyed matron, the kind one associates with flower arrangement classes and garden clubs. "Banzai is the little miniature trees the Japanese train so beautifully."

And the odd thing is that everyone seemed to be quite satisfied with her explanation.

BEATING TAXES—A chance remark I made to Bob McCabe of Japan Air Lines about the high cost of gasoline in Japan started him investigating the possibility of mixing gas with industrial alcohol as a money-saver. Gasoline in Japan costs 50 to 55 cents per gallon, of which 30 cents is tax. But alcohol costs more than \$4 per gallon, of which \$3.17 is tax. No dice.

To get around the taxes, McCabe learned, Japanese cab firms are switching to LPG (liquefied propane gas), which is not taxed. Result: Gasoline consumption is down 10 per cent. Prediction: Japan shortly will begin taxing LPG.

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100TH, 442ND DESIGNATIONS TO BE RETAINED

HONOLULU—Combat veterans of the 100th Infantry Bn. and 442nd Regt. Combat Team were happy this past week to learn from Sen. Dan Inouye that the names of their famed WW2 units are being retained.

The senator, a member of the 442nd, said Mar. 2 in Washington that the reserve units of the Nisei outfits have survived the Defense Dept.'s reorganization plans for the Army Reserve.

The Defense Dept. proposes to designate one battalion of the 29th Brigade of the Hawaii National Guard as the 100th Bn., 442nd Regt., in tribute to the men who fought across Italy and France in World War II. The battalion will have about 500 men.

Many veterans had expressed fears to Sen. Inouye that the 100th and 442nd would fall victims to the reorganization plan which will transfer Army Reserve units into the Guard. Details of reorganization are still not known except that more than 600 men will be trimmed, probably from reserve units that train at Ft. DeRussy along with the 100th, 442nd.

The 100th Infantry had a strength of 1,300 men, an oversized battalion, early in the war before becoming a part of the 442nd. The 442nd, at its peak, numbered in excess of 4,000 men.

S.F. judges set up Prop. 14 validity test for high court

SAN FRANCISCO — Municipal court ruling set the stage last week for a final test of the constitutionality of Prop. 14, which wiped out portions of California fair housing laws.

A three-judge panel Mar. 1 dismissed three civil actions filed by Negroes who charged landlord with racial discrimination.

But presiding Municipal Judge Robert J. Drewes said the panel "entertains serious doubts" about the constitutionality of Prop. 14, passed by voters last November. The court recommended that the plaintiffs appeal.

The cases then, without hearing could go to the state Supreme Court at the latter's invitation.

In expressing "serious doubts," the municipal judges cited what they called "the plain language" of the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This declares that all citizens shall have the same right "as is enjoyed by white citizens" in owning and occupying property.

Bozo Wakabayashi, star pitcher, dies

TOKYO—Tadashi Bozo Wakabayashi, 57, who was voted into Japan's baseball hall of fame, died Mar. 5 of intestinal ulcers at the Musashisaki Red Cross hospital here.

The Hawaiian-born star played 16 years in Japan as a professional and four years in the college ball.

Clambake next item for Sonoco JACL Sportsmen

PETALUMA—The Sonoma County JACL Sportsman Club will have a clam digging contest and clambake tomorrow, it was announced by Jim Miyano, club president. Charlie Yamamoto is chairman.

Other events coming up include a bass derby in April, trout fishing in the Shastas in May, benefit striped bass derbies in September and October and steelhead derbies in November and December. The fall benefit is to raise funds for the JACL scholarship.

At the perch derby held at Point Reyes in January, Raymond Morita was winner with an 18 oz. catch. Dr. Roy Okamoto was contest chairman.

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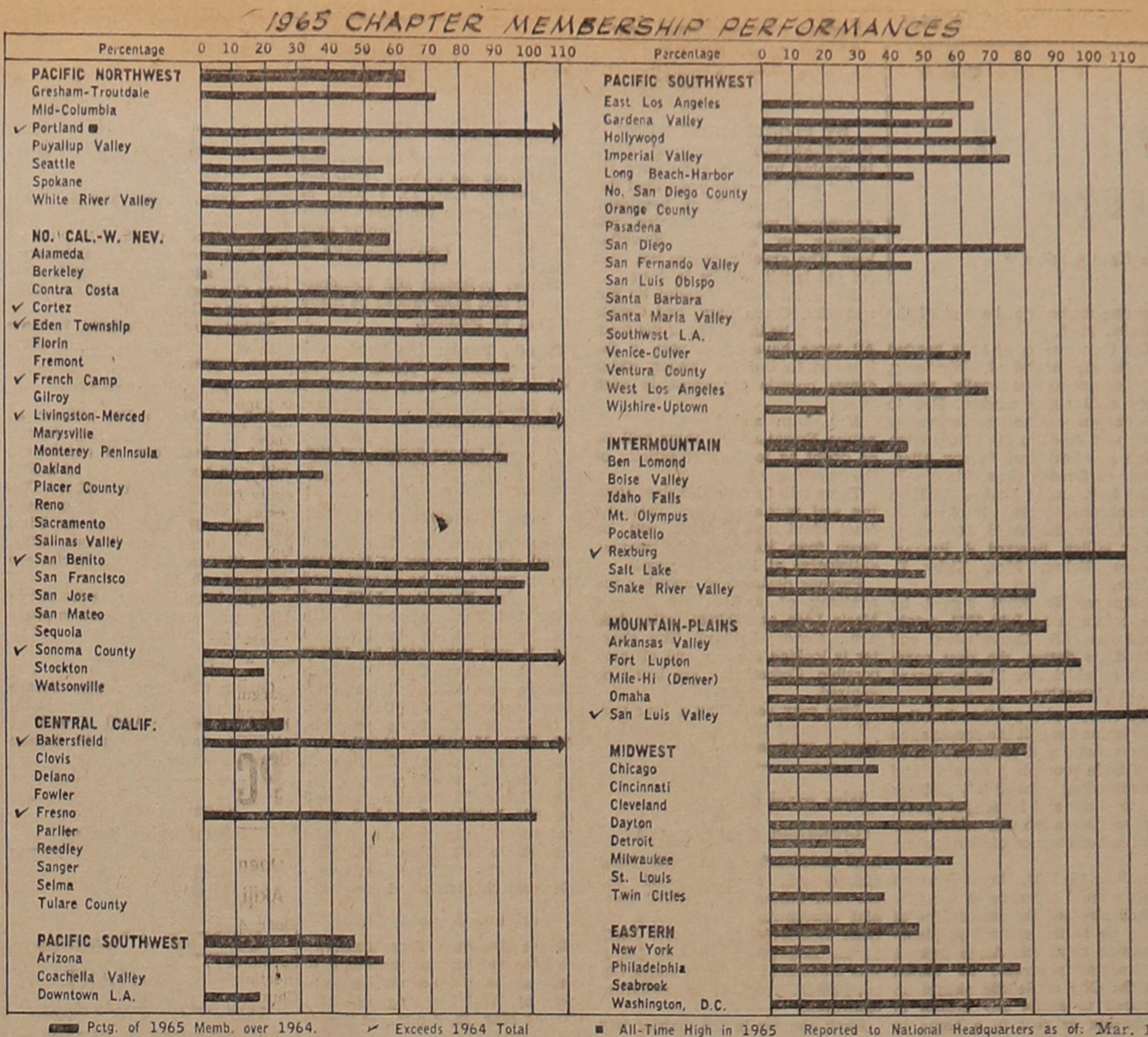
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San Francisco Japanese cultural, trade center groundbreaking rites set Mar. 18

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Japanese dancing lessons for Jr. JACLers planned

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Possibility of Japanese dancing lessons being taught by Mrs. Kiku Namba was reported by vice president Stan Fukui at the Feb. 21 meeting of the Mid-Columbia Jr. JACL at the Pine Grove Community Grange Hall.

The group also plans to go ice skating Mar. 12 at Portland. Maxine Hamada, president, appointed Linda Tamura as club reporter. Meeting concluded with movies on Japanese history and the Imperial family of Japan.

said this past week.

The developers, National-Braemar Inc., and general contractors, Haas and Haynie Corp., last week executed a contract for construction of the \$15-million project on a three-block area bounded by Laguna, Post, Fillmore and Geary Sts. Completion date is about 18 months away.

Plans for the elaborate center call for a 14-story, 172-room hotel, a Kabuki theater-restaurant with

Li'l Tokio street improvement plan bared

LOS ANGELES—A \$375,000 street improvement plan for Li'l Tokio Redevelopment Assn. was announced this past week by the City Engineers. Proposal would include a new street, lighting and parkway trees.

About \$328,000 (or 90 pct.) is earmarked for the new street, presently Moline Alley connecting E. 1st and E. 2nd St. just west of Central Ave.

Plan also calls for trees to be planted on both sides of E. 2nd St. between San Pedro and Central, on both sides of San Pedro between 1st and 2nd, on the south side of 1st between Los Angeles and Central, and the east side of San Pedro between 2nd and Azusa Sts.

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Human Rights Commission

The time is appropriate for a recap on the activities of the Seattle Human Rights Commission, to which Phil Hayasaka was appointed director when the commission was activated in July, 1963.

A lot of us felt that the Commission took quite a slap in the face and that its very existence might be threatened when Seattle's open housing ordinance was defeated 15,627 to 54,448 in the March 10, 1964 city elections. This voters' tally came about despite the dedicated work of thousands of volunteers. Although activities concerning the proposed housing ordinance had taken a great amount of the Commission's time during the first 7½ months, the Commission did engage in other activities, and still had a future.

Just after that election, Hayasaka told some of us at a meeting that the Commission created by then Mayor Gordon S. Clinton was formed as a permanent wing of the executive branch of City government, and would continue in its work. Since, under the administration of Mayor J.D. Braman, John C. Eichelberger has been appointed assistant director. Competent and personable secretary Lois

Fleming makes up the rest of the staff.

The Commission of 12 is headed by attorney Alfred J. Westberg, an outstanding nationally recognized civil rights worker. Due to resignations some replacements have been made in the Commission which now includes, Johnny Allen, Elliott N. Couden, Rev. Lincoln P. Eng, Rev. A.L. Leahy, William S. Leckenby, Rabbi Raphael H. Levine, Rev. Samuel B. McKinney, Elmer Miller, Howard P. Pruzan, Charles Stokes, Mrs. Kirby D. Walker.

Ordinance No. 92191 signed by Mayor Clinton in July 1963, established the H.R. Commission and defined its duties, the first paragraph of which, we like to regard as the Preamble.

"To carry out a public education program and solicit the cooperation of individuals and organizations in the City in promoting equality and understanding among all citizens . . . to study and investigate problems arising in the City which may result in tensions or discrimination . . ."

On June 15, 1964, Mayor Braman in his annual message to the City Council stressed the importance of facing up to the critical problems in human relations. Aside from a job training program, he stated that the City of Seattle should be prepared to assist any citizen in purchasing or rent in a home in any part of the city on a voluntary basis. "The City's part in these programs must be implemented by the Human Rights Commission, which indicates that there is a real need to enlarge its staff." The Mayor recommended that the office staff be increased to three staff assistants and three secretaries, but there budgetary requirements reared the ugly head.

The Mayor further stated that "The Human Rights Commission is unlike almost any arm of the city government. It is dedicated to going out of business. The goals set forth by the commission members and their staff is to work for the day when no person's rights will be diminished because of his race or creed. This goal deserves the voluntary support of all our citizens."

Other charts, maps, in the supplemental reports of the Commission reveal facts that we'll say are not surprising. For example the median for school years completed shows Japanese at the top, in 2nd place, Caucasian, and then the other minority groups. In combining male and female incomes in the evaluation of minority incomes, we believe the statistics to be a little misleading because of the wide divergence between the sexes among some groups, but the Japanese head the list among the minorities.

The Human Rights Commission meets frequently, and the meetings are open to the public. Watch for notices in the local press.

Mar. 12-13: Beneficent Japanese Society, Nishiki Memorial Hall, 7 p.m.

Mar. 13 (Saturday): Pocatello-Jr. JACL meeting, JACL Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 14 (Sunday): St. Louis-Japanese dinner, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6 p.m.

Mar. 15 (Monday): White River Valley - JACL-YABA Bowling tournament, Hillside Lane, Auburn.

Mar. 16 (Tuesday): Ken Teramura res. Ken Teramura res. Ken Teramura res.

Mar. 17 (Wednesday): 30th Anniversary dinner, House of Chung, Redwood, Jerry Enomoto, spkr.

Mar. 18 (Thursday): Garden Valley - Installation dinner-dance, Man Jen Low, 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 19 (Friday): Philadelphia - Installation dinner-dance, Cincinella Country House, Cherry Hill, N.J., Rep. Patsy T. Mink, spkr.

Mar. 20 (Saturday): Philadelphia - EDC meeting, Marriott Motor Hotel, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Mar. 21 (Sunday): Portland - Jr. JACL meeting.

Mar. 22 (Monday): Portland - Panel discussion: Responsibilities of Sex Education, Nichiren Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 23 (Tuesday): Fowler-Dinner meeting, Bruce spkr.

Mar. 24 (Wednesday): West Los Angeles - Youth meeting: "New Approach to Japanese" by Dr. Miko Han, Stoner Ave. Playground.

Mar. 25 (Thursday): Mar. 19-21: Pocatello-Food concession Cutter Races.

Mar. 26 (Friday): Pocatello-Jr. JACL meeting, JACL Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 27 (Saturday): St. Louis-Japanese dinner, home of Joseph Tanaka.

Mar. 28 (Sunday): Orange County - Meeting, Stanford School, Garden Grove, 8 p.m.; Dr. Steven Abe, spkr., "Sexual Behavior of Nisei".

Mar. 29 (Monday): West Los Angeles - Board meeting.

Mar. 30 (Tuesday): St. Louis-Jr. JACL benefit movie, Kirkwood YMCA Palm Room.

Mar. 31 (Wednesday): San Diego - Board meeting, JACL Office, 2636 National Ave.

Mar. 32 (Thursday): Cincinnati-Potluck supper, 1st United Church of Walnut Hills, 6 p.m.; Dr. William Jenks, spkr., "Impressions on Japan".

Mar. 33 (Friday): Pasadena - Japanese movies benefit, Community Center.

Mar. 34 (Saturday): Milwaukee - JACL dance night, International Institute, 8 p.m.

Mar. 35 (Sunday): Mar. 28 (Sunday): Portland - Jr. JACL party with Foreign Exchange Student.

Mar. 36 (Monday): Chicago - Jr. JACL meeting.

Mar. 37 (Tuesday): Longchamps Restaurant, 6 p.m.; Rep. Spark Matsunaga, spkr.

Luau organized for Portland chapter

BY FLORENCE HENJOYI

PORTLAND—The Portland JACL is coming up with some very exciting activities this year. Just this week Dr. George Hara, president, announced that the chapter will sponsor an authentic Hawaiian luau. The exact date has not been set yet but it will be in June.

The event will be headed by Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Lam, and Gerald Wong will be in charge of the food. All three have taken part in the luau at the Univ. of Oregon, which draws crowds of thousands each year.

Mrs. Lam and Wong are both native Hawaiians so there will be no doubt as to the authenticity of the program.

There will be hula dancing, singing and music plus a fantastic feast (food and flowers will be flown from Hawaii). The chapter anticipates at least 500 people.

Persons desirous of learning the anatomy of a luau should call Merle Lam at 232-3466 (after 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday). The chapter is looking for any and all help possible. Committees are being organized.

June may seem like a long way off but most luau are planned at least a year in advance.

Miss Nisei Relays coronation site changed

LOS ANGELES—Miss 1965 Nisei Relays will be introduced and crowned during the PSWDC biennial convention being hosted by Long Beach-Harbor District JACL at the Edgewater Inn May 12, it was announced today by Akira Ohno, PSWDC program and activities chairman.

Each chapter in the district will be eligible to nominate one candidate, who must be of Japanese ancestry, at least 17 years of age and be present at the Nisei Relays to be held June 6 at Rancho Cienega.

Bank of Tokyo sponsors Japanese radio program

SAN FRANCISCO—The Bank of Tokyo of California this past week-end inaugurated half-hour Japanese musical programs broadcast on Saturday and Sunday evenings from AM-FM classical music stations in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

A wide range of compositions, ancient and modern, will be featured on this continuing feature. A folder outlining the origins and evolution of Japanese music is available by writing to the Bank of Tokyo of California (see adv. for addresses). The radio schedule: No. Calif.—KCHI (1550 kc), 7-7:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun. So. Calif.—KFAC (1330 kc), 7-7:30 p.m. Sat.; 5-5:30 p.m. Sun.

Bank Director
DENVER—Minoru Yasui, active JACLer, was recently elected a director of the Metropolitan National Bank here.

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LOS ANGELES—Shizuo Kunihiro, who joined Cal-Western Life in July 1963 after 20 years of military service, was named assistant manager of the company's Wilshire agency, under direction of Harry M. Fujita, Kunihiro's oldest son. Dean, 20, is a cadet at West Point.

Insurance Honored
MIAMI BEACH—The Equitable Life Assurance Society this past week honored William Y. Kashiwagi of Sacramento at its five-day National Leaders conference here. He is also a member of the Equitable President's Club, an honor requiring sales of at least \$1 million of life insurance during each of two consecutive years.

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Fowler JACL

Worry Worts: Walter Steinhauer of the Fresno Toastmasters will address the Fowler JACL dinner meeting Mar. 18, 7 p.m., at Bruce Lodge on the topic: Worry Worts or Mountain Climbing over the Mole Hill. Tom Kamikawa is meeting chairman.

Chapter president Bill Hashimoto urged that reservations be made as soon as possible.

Chapter Picnic: The Fowler Japanese community picnic will be held at Kearney Park on April 4 with Harry Honda as chairman. Assisting him are:

Irene Hayama, Superintendent, Fowler Buddhist Sunday School; and Mrs. William Kobayashi, Fowler Free Methodist Church, prizes; Haruo Yoshimoto, fin.

San Francisco JACL

Japanese Songfest: The second annual singing contest of Japanese popular music will be co-sponsored by the San Francisco JACL and Radio Li'l Tokio at the Scottish Rite Auditorium on April 11, 6 p.m., it was announced by James G. Nishi, co-chmn. Over 30 contestants are expected in a talent show to be emceed by Matao Uwate, host of the Radio Li'l Tokio program, with Elko Matsui, currently appearing at Imperial Gardens in Hollywood, as accompanist.

The Shinsai Band and singers will entertain between 7 and 8 p.m. Contestants may secure details from Radio Li'l Tokio (WA 2-2808 or SK 2-5715). Tickets are available from chapter board members.

West Los Angeles JACL

Dance Sessions: Kay Hankawa has been retained as instructor of a new series of dance classes sponsored by West Los Angeles JACL starting Mar. 12, 8 p.m., at Stoner Playground.

George Kanegai, program chairman (tel. GR 7-1782) said fox trot, waltz and Latin dances are to be

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St. Louis JACL

Jr. JACL Movie: The St. Louis Jr. JACL's "movie of the month" presentation Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Kirkwood YMCA will be star-studded color film, "Pepe", starring Cantinflas, Maurice Chevalier and Bing Crosby.

Tickets are \$1.50 adults, 75 cents children and includes a light after-show supper.

Cincinnati JACL

Talk on Japan: Dr. William F. Jenks, head of the geology department at the Univ. of Cincinnati, will give his impressions as a Fulbright scholar in Japan at the Cincinnati JACL potluck supper meeting, Mar. 27, 6 p.m., at the First United Church of Walnut Hills. Jane Murata and Grace Narita are program chairmen.

Jenks taught a year at the Tokyo University and went there to study volcanoes.

Delano JACL

Community Picnic: The Delano JACL's annual community picnic has been set for April 11 with an alternate date of April 25. Saburo Okino is picnic chairman.

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Kidoguchi, Harry K., 72; Mar. 3—br Shiroo (Hilo), sis Margie Yamashina; Kubota, Takejiro, 66; Buena Park, Feb. 24—Kiyoshi, Noboru, d Reiko Kageyama, Hiroye Okamoto.

SAN FRANCISCO

Uyeda, Gokuchi, 79; Monterey, Feb. 16—Ayame, s Minoru, Susumu, Sakae, Yoshio, Kazuo, d Haruo Mori, Fumiko Menda, Miyeko Nakasako.

SACRAMENTO

Sunahara, Mrs. Shizuno, 81; Mar. 5—Satori, d Akiyo Hitomi, Haruyo Kawamura, Kinoko Hashimoto, Yamada, Mrs. Kimi, 86; Lodi, Feb. 14—s Henry, Ted, d Shizuko Miura, Alice Goto, Ayes Mori, Yuki Hosoda, Barbara Matsuo.

SEATTLE

Ishihashi, Fred Y., 74; Mar. 4—w Isao, s George, d Mrs. James Demise, sis Mrs. Hisao Kimoto (Japan). Nakamura, George T., 84; Mar. 2—w Fumie, s George "Rhino", d Mary Ishii (El Monte, Calif.), Setsuka Oshima (El Monte), 6 gc.

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Hatasaka, Sam, 63; Feb. 18—s Henry

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Yanagida, Tadashi, 64; Feb. 2—w Shizue, s Takashi, d Masako.

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