

How best can JACL meet challenge of Voting Rights fight?

BY MIKE MASAOKA
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
WASHINGTON—This is the week of the historic march in Alabama from Selma to Montgomery with a federalized National Guard protecting the rights of demonstrators from throughout the land to dramatize their just grievance, that of being denied the constitutional right to vote.

And, Japanese Americans are among the marchers, even as some were in the tragic demonstrations of the week before in Selma and Montgomery. We Nisei can be proud that in this great hour of decision there are some among us who are willing to share the challenges of such demonstrations in this Negro Revolution, for by their participation, at the risk of injury to their persons, they are showing that we of Japanese ancestry are

also involved in the common struggle for dignity and decency for all Americans.

And, on the evening of March 15, in an unprecedented and most eloquent address to a special joint session of the Congress, the President summoned the assembled lawmakers and the American people to eliminate the bigotry and injustice that for a century has been an encumbering and crippling legacy.

He used the battlecry of the civil rights advocates, "We Shall Overcome", to express his faith that this Nation will soon rid itself of this cancer of prejudice and discrimination.

At the heart of his inspired message, probably his best thus far, President Johnson spoke of the "real hero of this struggle".

In calling upon "good men" from all sections of the country to "rally now together in this cause to vindicate the freedom of all Americans", and making this request "of every American", the Chief Executive emphasized that "The real hero of this struggle is the American Negro. His actions and his protests—his courage to risk safety, and even to risk his life—have awakened the conscience of the Nation. His demonstrations have been designed to call attention to injustice, designed to provoke change, designed to stir reform. He has called upon us to make good the promise of America."

And who among us can say that we would have made the same progress were it not for his persistent bravery and his faith in American democracy?

"For at the real heart of the battle for equality is the deep-

seated belief in the democratic process. Equality depends not on the force of arms or tear gas, but depends upon the force of moral right—not on recourse to violence but on respect of law and order.

"We will guard against violence, knowing it strikes from our hands the very weapons with which we seek progress—obedience to law, and belief in American values."

"We seek order. We seek unity."

"But we will not accept the peace of stifled rights or the order imposed by fear, or the unity that stifles protest. For peace cannot be purchased at the cost of liberty."

Jefferson described the elective franchise as the "ark of our safety". It is from the exercise of this right that the guarantee of our other rights flows.

"Unless the right to vote be secure and undenied, all other rights are insecure and subject to denial for all our citizens. The challenge to this right is a challenge to America itself. We must meet this challenge as decisively as we would meet a challenge mounted against our land from enemies abroad."

How best can JACL help to meet this great challenge of voting rights for all Americans that our President has put before all our citizens?

Is it by trying to arouse Japanese Americans to travel to Alabama and other battlegrounds to join in mass demonstrations there?

Is it by sitting-down in the White

House and the Department of Justice Building, in the halls of Congress and the chambers of the Supreme Court, or in lying-down in the streets of the Nation's Capital?

Is it in rallying Nisei and Sansei to participate in local community demonstrations, such as picketing, marching, etc.?

Or, is it in cooperating with other like-minded individuals and organizations in trying to persuade the Congress to enact as quickly as possible an effective and meaningful voting rights bill?

Given the circumstances of the continuing struggle for civil rights, and especially for voting rights, and given the practical realities of the Japanese American society, we are of the opinion that JACL can be most helpful to the common cause by helping to secure passage of a voting rights law.

This does not mean that JACL

discourages direct action movements, or Japanese American involvement or participation in them.

As a matter of fact, JACL paid the transportation of one JACLer who wanted to fly down to take part in the memorial services in Selma for the martyred Rev. James Reeb. Indeed, JACL welcomes such expressions of concern on behalf of all Americans of Japanese ancestry.

But, with our very limited finances and staff personnel, and with most of our membership and those of Japanese ancestry congregated out on the West Coast, we sincerely believe that we can contribute most to the cause at hand by working with the legislative representatives of other concerned national organizations in Washington to dramatize the honest concern of Japanese Americans to the Congressmen and Senators who

have Nisei and Sansei in their constituencies that meaningful voting rights legislation is approved expeditiously.

The unique experience of the Japanese in this country with the denial of voting rights to our Issei parents, by prohibiting them the privilege of naturalization, may explain the special contributions that JACL can, and is making to the congressional struggle for voting rights for all Americans today.

JACL's participation and contribution may not appear as dramatic and as significant as perhaps some would like them to be, but JACL is convinced that the realities of the situation are such that our most constructive and worthwhile contribution can be in helping to secure the objective of these many demonstrations—voting rights for all Americans, and especially Negro Americans.

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12-TEAMS HELP SAN FRANCISCO IN ALL-TIME HIGH

1,450 by March 31 Seen as Possibility by Committee Chairman

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SAN FRANCISCO—Though the announced goal for the year was 1,300, the San Francisco JACL anticipates topping the 1,450 mark by the end of this month, chapter membership chairman Ben Tsuchimoto announced this past week.

As of mid-March, Headquarters acknowledged 1,351 members to shatter the previous national all-time high of 1,226, which was set by San Francisco JACL in 1960.

The San Francisco chapter has been in the 1000 class since it first broke through with 1,159 in 1958. The annual membership records in review are as follows:

1956—1,159; 1957—1,050; 1958—1,061; 1959—1,206; 1960—1,226; 1961—1,095; 1962—1,408; 1963—1,021; 1964—1,022.

At the annual mixer Mar. 20 at Park-Resido YMCA, the chapter's first major activity (outside of membership), it was a victory celebration for the team which won in the 12-team membership race, and for individual leaders who signed up the most members and the most new members.

Scoring was based on 20 pts. for new 1000 Club members; 19 pts. for new regular members; and 5 pts. for renewals (1000 Club or regular). Team captain and members:

Team 1—Fred Abe (capt.), Jim Seki, George Teragawa, Todd Kamiyama, Dr. Harry Nomura, Team 2—Wes Doi (c), Steve Doi, Mary China, Louise Shimada, Tosh Kodama; Team 3—June Iyeda (c), Bill Nakahara, Yasuhiro, Osumi Sekino, Jack Kusaba, Hank Ohbayashi; Team 4—Nancy Yoshitake (c), Rieko, Jack Mayeda, Velma Yemoto, Don Hayashi MD; Team 5—Dick Yamashita (c), Jim Nishitani, Team 6—Yo Hirakawa (c), Himeo Tsumori MD, Ken Kiwata, Aney Aizawa, Yone Satoda.

Team 7—Louise Kake (c), Bea Sonoda, John Yasumoto, Eiko Aoki, Lucy Adachi; Team 8—Harlan Hayakawa (c), Chiz Satow, Bob Kawachi; Team 9—Yuk Iyoye (c), James Sakaki, Yukio Kikumoto, Mary Iyoye; Team 10—Mae Kuribara (c), Fred Hoshizawa, Steve Ihara, Roy Oni, Katherine Reyes; Team 11—Jerry Osumi DDS (c), Seiko Kikumoto, Koiti Ozawa, Will Nakamoto, Eleanor Osumi; Team 12—Yoshiko (c), Sumi Honami, Don Negi, Tad Ono.



DURING THE recent JACL National bowling tournament at Denver, the Mountain-Plains District Council met to hear reports of the interim National JACL Board meeting held in Los Angeles. At the far side of the table—(from left) C. Patrick Okura, imm. past nat'l JACL pres.; Lily Okura, MPDC chmn.; Sam Koshio of Ft. Lupton, 2nd v.p.; George Ushiyama, Arkansas Valley, Don Tanabe, Mile-Hi pres.; Em Nakadai, Omaha pres.; Mary Misaki of Omaha, cor. sec.; Natchi Furukawa of Denver, rec. sec. On the near side—

Bob Maruyama, Mile-Hi scholarship chmn.; Albert Nakata, Mile-Hi 2nd v.p.; Elton Nakamoto, Ft. Lupton pres.; Richard Yamaguchi, Mile-Hi sec.; Dr. Ben Miyahara, Mile Hi 1st v.p.; David H. Furukawa, imm. past Mile-Hi pres. and liaison for Nat'l JACL bowling tournament; Yvonne Kumagai, Mile-Hi 2nd v.p.; and Ben Kumagai, Mile-Hi bd. memb.

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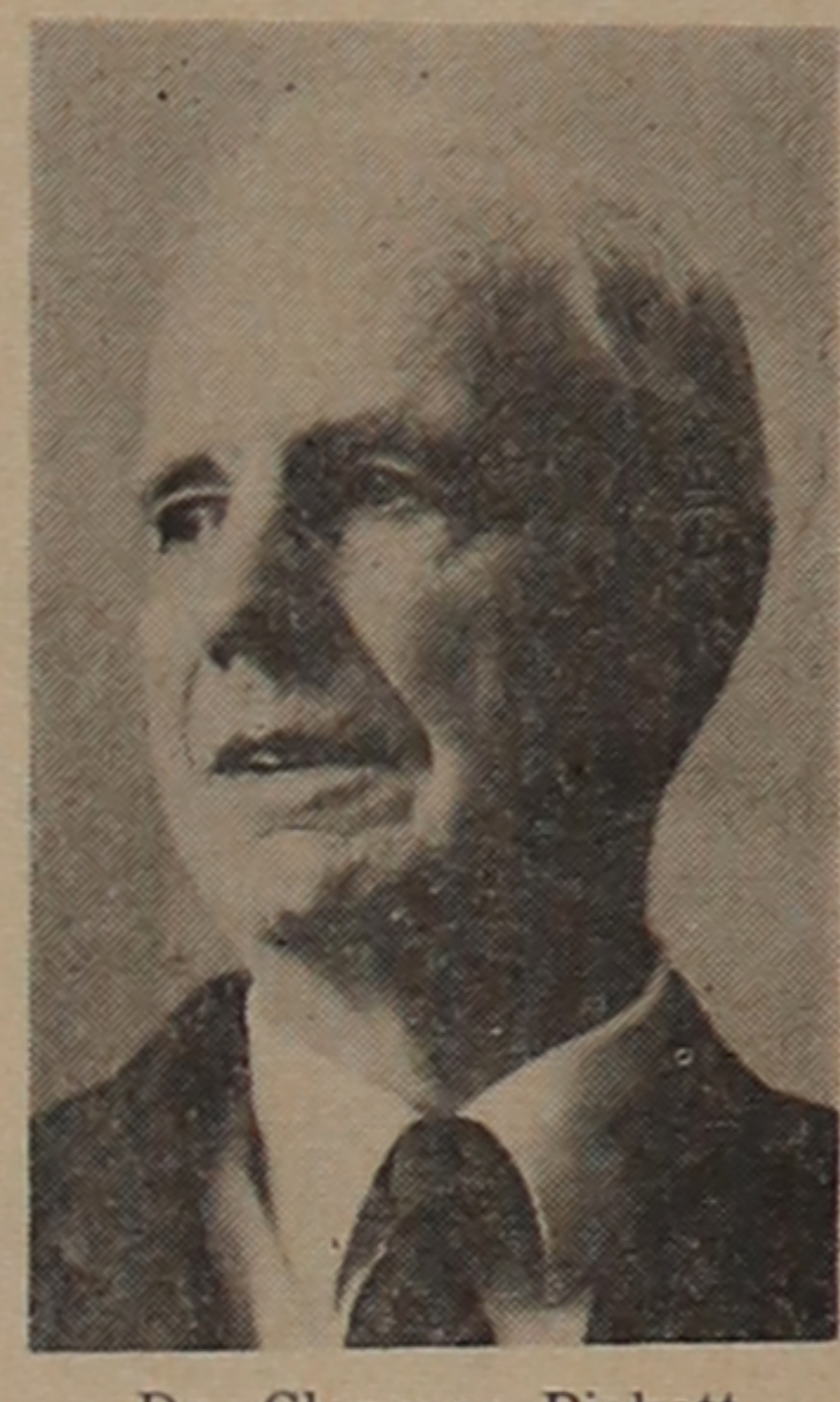
CLARENCE PICKETT DEAD, STOOD UP FOR NISEI IN WW2

Best Known for 22 Years Work with Quaker Organization

CHICAGO — The National JACL mourned the passing of Dr. Clarence Pickett. In a message of condolence sent last week to his widow, national president Kumeo Yoshinari recalled the Student Relocation Program instituted by Dr. Pickett.

Many of the students are now leaders in their respective communities, Yoshinari pointed out.

"All these people who personally benefited from Dr. Pickett's forethought of the necessity to complete their schooling (during the Evacuation) will be greatly shocked to know that their benefactor has passed on to a new world that lies beyond," Yoshinari declared.



Dr. Clarence Pickett

NEW OFFICE FOR NAT'L JACL CREDIT UNION

SALT LAKE CITY—The National JACL Credit Union office has moved to its brand new quarters at 242 S. 4th East. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone number is unchanged: 355-8040.

South Africa bends apartheid law for Japan businessmen

JOHANNESBURG — Keen on expanding trade and expanding Japanese capital to South Africa, Premier Verwoerd's government has made special provisions in the country's rigid apartheid laws for visiting Japanese businessmen.

As non-whites, the Japanese would normally be completed to use hotels, transport and theaters set aside for the non-white African people. But an unofficial government ruling has accorded Japanese businessmen "honorary white citizenship", allowing them full use of facilities reserved for the white race group.

This ruling was brought into operation when it became evident Japan was on its way to becoming a major trading partner with South Africa two years ago.

Financial experts predict Japan will soon become South Africa's second largest international trading partner after Great Britain.

HISTORY PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRES OFFER JAPAN TRIP

30,000 to Be Printed for Distribution Through JACL Chapters

CHICAGO—History Project Chairman Shig Wakamatsu praised the big boost given to the questionnaire program of the Project by an anonymous donor who pledged two free round trip tickets to Japan for the lucky Issei and Nisei returning the best filled-out questionnaires to the Project.

The questionnaire program is an addition to the Japanese American Research Project at UCLA, and was approved by the recent National JACL Board meeting after being recommended by the JACL History Project Committee.

Project administrator Joe Grant Masaoka was directed to avoid use of the Project budget but instead seek new means of underwriting this program. Consequently, Wakamatsu expressed his appreciation for the gifts by the anonymous donor which will help assure a large percentage of returns in the proposed mailing of some 30,000 questionnaires.

Prof. Robert A. Wilson, Project co-director, has deemed these questionnaires of great value as human documents for the History Project. He pointed out that in the past the deeds of kings, generals and statesmen were the stuff of history. Today, the life experiences of all strata of society are essential to gain full range, perspective and proportion to history. Thus, the amassing of many life stories of Issei still living by widespread distribution of questionnaires has been urged upon the Project by Wilson.

Questionnaire Program
The proposal for the Issei questionnaires call for a prestige type of booklet containing a number of questions in both English and Japanese with ample space for replies in depth.

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City Council candidate

LOS ANGELES — Jerry Nathanson, Hollywood JACL 1000 Club member and recording firm president, is a candidate for the vacant 13th District City Council seat.

Nisei nutritionist devises chart showing energy cost: calorie absorption per minute

CARBONDALE, Ill.—Sitting and thinking may be exhausting, but it can't match gardening or swimming, dancing or even ironing for burning up unwanted calories.

Frank Konishi, Nisei associate professor of food and nutrition at Southern Illinois University, has prepared a table of "energy cost" of various activities. It ranged from 4-10 of one calorie when lying at ease to 10 calories while swimming or running cross country.

One small cola drink (106 calories) will cost 35 minutes of walking, 11 minutes of swimming and 2,650 minutes of just thinking, he said.

To burn up the energy in an ice cream soda (255 calories) will require 255 minutes of playing cards, at a calorie per minute, or 64 minutes of golfing, or 26 minutes of trotting.

A piece of cake with fudge (icing represents 320 calories and it would take 80 minutes of gardening or 32 minutes of riding a bicycle to absorb it, Konishi said.

Just one martini totals 140 calories, but it can be eliminated from your weight system by washing windows for 70 minutes, ironing for 40½ minutes, or 350 minutes of al-

most six hours) of lying down.

Konishi's "energy cost" chart shows the following calorie absorption per minute:

Lying at ease, 0.4; sitting, 0.5; standing, 0.8; playing cards, 1; playing the piano, 1.5; driving a car, 1.8; cleaning windows, 2.0; dressing, 2.5; walking at 3.2 miles per hour, 3; ironing, 3.1; playing drums, 3.1; golfing, 4; gardening, weeding, 4; dancing, fox-trot, 4.2; rumba, 6; tennis, 6.1; swimming, 10; and running cross country, 10.

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Fresno JACL out to surpass 17-year-old all-time high membership mark of 250

FRESNO—The Fresno JACL, as of Mar. 18, had 218 members enrolled for the year and its energetic membership chairman, Jack Hirada, was quoted in the chapter newsletter as commenting:

"Tell them that as soon as I finish my income tax report, I am going after some more members. If anyone knows of anyone who wants to join, my phone number is 266-8826."

With 218, the chapter has exceeded its 1964 total and it is the highest in past 17 years. The chapter's all-time of 250 was registered in 1948, when its jurisdiction covered a greater area than now.

On the membership committee are:

George Takaoaka, Ken Mayeda, Bob Takabata, Frank Nishio, Teruo Tsurubuchi, Cora Goshiki, Chet Oji, James Kubota, Wally Yabuno, Shiro Ogi, Kenji Pakuda, Willy Suda, Hiro Kusaki, Tim Taira, Henry Mikami.

The menu featured Italian spaghetti with clams and mushrooms; tender beef with bell peppers; tossed salad; Armenian pedra bread, apple sauce cake, coffee, tea and milk.

The JACL-owned Prudential Life Insurance Co. film, "The Nisei: The Pride and the Shame", the Japan Air Lines travelogue on Hokkaido secured through Mikami Travel Agency were shown. Projector was loaned from Fresno Camera Exchange with Ben Nakamura as projectionist.

Mickey Kubota, Fusa Mikami, Setsu Hirasuna, June Toshiyuki, Tomiko Ishikawa, Betty Nakamura, Karen Nishio, Kazuo Iwatubo, Yui Takikawa, May Oji, Kay Ogi, May Kazato, Day Kusaki.

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BY ALLAN BEEKMAN
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
HONOLULU—Hawaii's most militant Buddhist, State Sen. Kazuhisa Abe, has introduced a bill in this session of the legislature to remove the requirement that children born in Hawaii be given a "Christian name."

The law requiring a Christian name, Sec. 327-2, Revised Laws of Hawaii for 1955, dates back to 1860.

The law reads, "They shall have... a Christian name suitable to their sex." Abe wants the law amended to, "They shall have... a given name suitable to their sex."

According to Abe, Hawaii has about 150,000 Buddhists, it is undesirable to give a Christian name to a Buddhist baby, and it would be unconstitutional to enforce the law.

The Japanese language press gave Abe's bill publicity, and James K. Murakami, City Council auditor, aired the bill bilingually on Radio Station KOHO's "The

People Speak" program. The resulting discussion shows great confusion exists about what the bill may be expected to accomplish.

"Christening" is another term for baptizing, which is another term for naming. Christian clergymen have said that as far as they are concerned, Kazuhisa is a "Christian name" and they would have no qualms in giving that name in baptism.

Use of Names

But toward the end of the 12th century, the Christian Church protested against the use of heathen names—that is, non-Biblical names—in baptism. From that time, names from the Bible, such as John, James and Mary, became popular.

Family names were not used by commoners in Europe at that time. When the missionaries came to Hawaii early in the 19th century, they found the Aborigines had no family names.

Of the 153 Japanese who immigrated to Hawaii in 1868, in the first year of the Meiji era—and, consequently, called "Gannen Mono" or "First Year Fellows"—most had no family name. The privilege of having family names was not extended to commoners in Japan until Sept. 3, 1870.

Probably the purpose of the Hawaiian law of 1860 was to provide for persons being born in Hawaii having at least two names, a given name and a family name, so that they might be more easily identified.

About the time of World War I, the local authorities seem to have begun to show dissatisfaction with Japanese given names. The cause of this dissatisfaction is obscure, but it seems to have been related to a wave of anti-foreign feeling that swept the country at that time.

School teachers and school principals began to give non-Japanese names to Nisei students. Some Nisei picked a non-Japanese name on their own initiative.

Conditions During WW2

World War II further increased the tendency to pick non-Japanese names. On the front page of its issue of April 22, 1942, in a column adjoining a story headlined, "715 Japanese Planes Down in the Pacific," the Honolulu Star-Bulletin carried an article entitled, "Anglo Saxon Names Taken by Japanese."

At present, most Nisei in Hawaii name to give their children a non-Japanese first name and a Japanese middle name.

Most Christians interviewed insist that the term "Christian name" has become simply a synonym for given name, and the dictionary definition supports this argument. Some also expressed pique over the action of Abe.

The fact that some Christians are chagrined by the Abe bill seems to indicate that he is right in his assumption that the law possesses at least some suggestion of religious significance.

If the law has a religious significance, it is, no doubt, unconstitutional. If the purpose of the law is simply to require that persons born in Hawaii have a given name, that is exactly what the law should say.

It seems to me that Senator Abe has brought light to bear on a murky situation.

MEMBERSHIP APPEAL
What JACL Has Meant to Me

(During the first three months of the year, the Pacific Citizen has published several articles under "Membership Appeal" as gleaned from chapter newsletters. The following appeared in the current Dayton JACL Hi-Lites issue, revealing what membership means.—Editor)

BY SUE SUGIMOTO

Dayton

It has been a good six years (how time flies) since we arrived in Dayton. During this time, I have learned much—thanks to the dedicated members, who have shown the way to many of us. I know now, JACL will always be a part of me.

Both Roy and I can still remember the "gracious" welcome we

received from the Chapter members. They were quick to see our need to be a part of "their" family. We feel it is a unique chapter and hope it will continue to be so.

As to my feelings toward the JACL, it would be repetitious to go on. Our Chairman Mas Yamaguchi and Vice Chairman Fred Fisk have aptly expressed my views in the past newsletters.

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THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Much will be said in the coming weeks about the "right to vote", now that Congress has commenced hearings on President Johnson's proposed voting law. This republic has grown from its original stretch of 13 colonies along the Atlantic coast to a sum of 50 American states. During the same period the right of franchise has been extended from the propertied classes to all freemen, then to the women and finally to all citizens.

The attention being paid currently upon the demonstrations in Alabama and the hearings in Washington is a manifestation of the will of an overwhelming majority of American people and of the American Congress that all eligible citizens of the United States have the right and opportunity to vote. Specifically, attention is being paid in those areas where artificial disabilities deny some of the right to vote for racial reasons.

A section-by-section analysis of the proposed voting law by Associated Press last week reveals the drafters' desire to close every possible vote-denying loophole. Section 3 is its "heart" for it denies to those states affected (not named in the bill explicitly but fitting the description are Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Virginia) the right to impose tests of literacy, education, knowledge, intelligence or morality on any citizen who wishes to register and vote.

How does the bill involve these states without naming them?

"... in any state or in any political subdivision of a state which (1) the Attorney General determines maintained on Nov. 1, 1964, any test or device as a qualification for voting (and where) (2) the Director of the Census determines that less than 50 pct. of the persons of voting age residing therein were registered on Nov. 1, 1964, or that less than 50 pct. of such persons voted in the Presidential election of November, 1964."

The same section defines "test or device" to mean any requirement that a voter "demonstrate the ability to read, write, understand, or interpret any matter, demonstrate any educational achievement or his knowledge of any particular subject, possess good moral character, or prove his qualifications by the voucher of registered voters or members of any other class."

This may mean that California's literacy test will stand since more than 50 pct. of those of voting age are registered and have voted in the last presidential election. (The 1964 census estimate shows 10.9 million of voting age; and there were 8.1 million registered for 1964, and 6.2 million voted.)

The proposed voting law shouldn't raise hopes of those naturalized Issei who feel the California literacy law might be nullified.

How advocates of the new law are going to clear the constitutional provisions giving the states the right to set voter requirements so long as these are not discriminatory may be explained in the weeks to come. While it is necessary and vital that Negroes everywhere attain their right to vote, it should be completely constitutional. Short of this, Section 2 of the 14th Amendment governing apportionment of representatives in Congress looks to us as the more practical avenue—now that U.S. Supreme Court has ordered the "one man—one vote" policy.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

A sequel to this "right to vote" struggle might be considered. Assemblyman Gordon H. Winton Jr. (D-Merced) thinks that California voters have the right to know who makes financial contributions to political campaigns. The staunch Republican newspaper here, the L.A. Times, supports him editorially though the Legislature has never had. The Times thinks the votes in Sacramento on Winton's bill should make interesting reading.

Winton, well-known among Northern California JACLers, is an 8-year 1000 Club member of the Livingston-Merced chapter.

At every general session since 1959, Winton has introduced "purity of election" bills calling for public disclosure of financial backers of candidates and how much they contribute. All failed, but Winton is trying again with the support of Gov. Brown.

"There is nothing evil about making or receiving campaign contributions," the governor said. "But the source of those contributions should be an open part of the public record."

Winton's bill calls for disclosure of contributions of any donor totaling over \$200 and listing all campaign expenses when the total paid to one person exceeds \$100. Candidates for all statewide administrative offices, the legislature, the U.S. Senate and House would be covered.

The Times saw significance in Gov. Brown's plea for "purity of election" laws coupled with a code of ethics for legislators for his support of higher legislative pay. The point he wanted to stress was that before bigger salaries are approved, the public is entitled to far greater knowledge of campaign contributions and possible conflicts of interests.

We thought fellow 1000ers across the country would be happy to learn of what one of its distinguished members is trying to do through this piece here.

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Letters from Our Readers

To Friends of Larry:

Dear Harry:
Can you thank, for me, the many wonderful friends who have written and wired me their condolences upon Larry's passing?

Their concern and generosity have been so moving. Neither Larry's family nor I will ever forget the kindness shown us.

Larry's feeling toward the JACL and the Pacific Citizen never diminished, though his direct connection ceased so many years ago. It was a great privilege to him to work for the organization, and his welfare was of concern to him always.

Please thank the many JACL chapters and officers who made known their concern.

GUYO TAJIRI

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Westminster, Colo.

1000 Club Life ideas

Editor:
Assuming that of the current 67 (69 now?) Life members in the JACL 1000 Club, less than 20 have enrolled since lump-sum contributions became \$500. I propose the Life 1000 Club memberships be separated into three categories, viz:

1-Life, Ordinary: \$250 prepaid while member alive. By returning to the original amount, we may pick up many who wish to be Life but were "priced out" at \$500.

2-Life, Perpetual: \$500 prepaid while member alive, but any Life, Ordinary could become Perpetual by prepaying another \$250 while living. Perpetuals would be carried on special honor roll forever while

the Ordinary would terminate at death.

3-Life, Eternal (or Memorial): \$500 lump sum after death of honoree by devise or by a second party. On honor roll forever.

4-Life, Memorial: This added separation could be made to differentiate between those honored after death by someone else from those Eternal who did so on their own volition through wills. On honor roll forever.

Upon study of this plan, many inherent incentives become apparent.

ED YAMAMOTO

1000 Club Life Member
Moses Lake, Wash.

Alabama struggle

Editor:
As a long-time member of JACL it is disturbing to note the apparent lack of interest and involvement shown by the general membership in the current voters registration struggle in Alabama.

Recalling JACL's active participation in the recent Prop. 14 issue, I am now prompted to ask this question: Is the JACL existing merely to protect the interests of Japanese Americans, or is it facing up to the challenge of our times—to make sure that every American is given the right to exercise full citizenship in this democracy?

Let us be reminded of our biennial theme: Human Dignity, Our Challenge. What better way to make these words a reality than to join with thousands of Americans across the land to lend our support to the march for human dignity now being enacted in Alabama.

KATHERINE REYES
San Francisco JACL.

Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama

Nisei Newsmen Prosper in Japan

TOKYO—It may seem foolish for Nisei to come to Japan to work but it may be one way to make the people of Japan recognize the Nisei and Sansei.

The employment situation in America today is not like the pre-war days when job discrimination against Nisei was common. Besides the positions in Japan can't match the pay scale in America.

However, those Nisei newspapermen who have struggled in Japan all these years are rising to prominence. One in particular is Roy Fumio Saiki, the Hawaiian-born writer who came here before the war to join the Japan Advertiser staff. He then moved to the Tokyo Reuters' Office and finally the Tokyo Yomiuri as a sportswriter after mastering the difficult task of writing news in Japanese.

Saiki is a standout among the Nisei who started almost from scratch to master the technique of Japanese newspaper-writing. He covered the Olympic Games in Rome, Helsinki and Melbourne. Just before the Tokyo Olympics, he was promoted assistant sports editor in recognition of his ability to organize sports coverage from many angles. His masterful strategy in presenting the Tokyo Olympics to the five-million readers of the Yomiuri was most thorough and as a result has been promoted sports editor.

Saiki should be commended for his accomplishment, being the first Nisei to earn an editorship on Japan's biggest newspaper.

Asahi Evening News

Just prior to Saiki's latest promotion, Kimpel Sheba, another Hawaiian-born journalist, was elected president of the Asahi Evening News. He worked with the Chicago Tribune and the San Francisco Chronicle before coming to Japan. He was Japan Times managing editor for a number of years before starting the Tokyo Evening News (renamed the Asahi Evening News). That the Asahi dynasty

chose to elect a Nisei to its top post was unexpected at this time.

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History Project—

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Portland, Ore.

THE SUN SHINETH—Let me take back every unfavorable thing I've ever said about the perpetual showerbath that is the Pacific Northwest. The sun shineth in Portland; in fact it had been shining for some three weeks in March at the time we pulled out. This was unusual enough to rate daily notice on page one of the papers. For a change, Portlanders were going about with their pants pressed, and the sunshine had done wonders for lawns and gardens. Jonquils were in their full golden glory. Flowering trees were in glorious blossom, lawns were richly green.

All this was a welcome sight to refugees from this year's Colorado ice age. As one of the family remarked, we'll enjoy spring twice this year—in Portland, and back home in Denver, if spring ever comes. The trouble with springtime in the Rockies, however, is that it usually lasts only a few days. Then suddenly it's summer.

Odd thing I noticed about Portland's television weathermen. They say a day is going to be "partly sunny". Back in Denver, the same kind of weather is called "partly cloudy". What do they say in your town, and does the expression have any significance?

CHOP SUEY—Each time we drive cross-country, we're impressed by the number of Chinese restaurants. Few towns are too small to have one, and one is led to wonder why the Chinese scattered out over the countryside with their saucepans and chopping knives while the Japanese immigrants tended to stick together.

For some reason which I haven't quite figured out, a Chinese restaurant usually is identifiable before one notices the signs that advertise "Chinese and American foods" or "Chop suey, steaks". Perhaps it is their name, which frequently includes some reference to dragons or pagodas. Or maybe it's the decorating scheme, which leans to reds and golds. And with surprising frequency, the Chinese-operated places appear (from the exterior, at least) to be among the town's better establishments, which is something that cannot be said about the Japanese-operated joints.

We were surprised, too, by the frequency with which we saw Honda, Toyota and Datsun signs in the towns we passed through. Who would have thought that one day Japanese automobile manufacturers would be bidding against the General Motors-Ford-Chrysler near-monopoly in the U.S. of A.?

FAMILIAR FACES—Even though we seldom have occasion to think about old friends, it's pleasure to see them again when we visit familiar territory. The years have treated them the way it treats all of us—kindly and harshly, with good fortune and ill, with prosperity and handsome maturity as well as the infirmities of age.

Some of those we saw, I'm sure, we'll never see again. But others will be blessed with much more happiness and pleasure and success, and our paths will cross. What a treat it was to see as many friends as we did, what a poignant sensation to say farewell before heading back across more than a thousand miles of countryside.

One Issei couple we visited complained, not entirely seriously, that their offspring have scattered to the nation's far corners, drawn away from the old homestead by economic opportunities. But then, they remarked philosophically, wasn't it the same way with them, when they crossed the Pacific to America to seek their fortunes? And America was much farther away, 50 years ago, than New York or Chicago, wasn't it?

Among the less familiar faces with which we became acquainted belonged to a young lady, all of six months old, named Ashlyn. It was a delight to get to know our first granddaughter. I think both she and her grandparents weathered the encounter remarkably well.

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PSW NISEI RELAYS ENTRY FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

May 17 Entry Deadline for June 6 Athletic Event at Rancho Cienega

LOS ANGELES—Entry forms for the 14th annual PSWD JACL Nisei Relays are now available at the JACL Regional Office, 125 Weller St., Relays chairman Fred Ogawara announced today.

The meet will be held at Rancho Cienega on Sunday, June 6 with weigh-in and registration starting at 8:30 p.m. Competition will be in four divisions: Open, Junior (Under 210 exponent points as listed on entry form), Midget (age 13-14), and Cubs (age 11-12).

While the meet is primarily for the Nisei, others may participate on the team if parents have been JACL members for at least three years. All participants must submit an entry form, athlete's release signed by parents or guardian, and entry fee by Monday, May 17.

Entry fee for the open and junior divisions is \$1.50 per person; \$1 for the midget and cub divisions. Team scoring will be based upon the first four places in individual events (10-6-4-2) and three places in relays (12-8-4). Trophies will be awarded to the high scoring team in all divisions and to the outstanding athlete in the open and junior divisions only. Medals will be awarded to the top three place winners and to members of the winning relay teams in the open and junior events only.

Individuals may only compete in three open or junior events plus relay. There is no individual entry restriction in the midget and cub divisions, but a team can field no more than six men per event and one relay squad.

In the midget-cub divisions, only tennis or flat-soled shoes will be allowed. April 30 is the "cutoff" date on birthdays on the age limitations. A midget entrant must be 13 or before April 30 and not have reached his 15th year on or before April 30. A cub entrant must be 11 or before April 30 and not have reached his 12th year on or before April 30.

The Nisei Relays events, unchanged from last year, are as follows:

OPEN—100, 200, 440, Mile, 70 high, 120 low, 4-man, 4-man, pole vault, broad jump, shot put, high jump.
JUNIOR—50, 100, 660, 120 low, 4-man 440 Relay, pole vault, broad jump, shot put, high jump.
MIDGET (Age 13-14 only)—75, 220, 4-man 440 Relay, broad jump, high jump.
CUB (Age 11-12 only)—50, 4-man 220 Relay, broad jump, high jump.

JACL nait'i journey ragtime doubles winners announced

DENVER—Winners in the ragtime and mixed ragtime doubles in the 19th annual JACL National Nisei Bowling Tournament held here Mar. 8-13 are as follows:

Ragtime Doubles

Ken Takahashi - Yosh Akiyama 1317,
Rex Yoshimura - Mas Yoshimura 1265,
Sho Torigoe - Wilbur Yoon 1265,
Sam Inai - Mas Nonaka 1262,
Gene Silva - Ken Kim 1254,
Ken Naminatsu - Ken Mune 1254,
Frank Noda - Mas Matooka 1240,
Dag Nakatogawa - Beaver Asano 1235,
Gary Yamauchi - Ken Uchida 1235,
Geo Otsuki - Tats Iwahashi 1234,
Ken Takahashi - Yosh Yoshida 1227,
Wat Misaka - Gene Sato 1225,
Mas Motooka - Al Yoshimura 1222,
Tom Matsumori - Lynn Kano 1221,
Toyo Kato - Floyd Okubo 1221,
Harry Kimura-Sanford Kaneshiro 1220,
Geo Ushijima - Mas Satow 1216,
Sam Sato - Shig Morishige 1214,
Ken Takahashi - Willie Hasegawa 1213,
Harley Kusumoto - W. Hasegawa 1213,
Bill Okubo - Jeet Yagi 1213,
Geo Ushijima - Rich Kurakazu 1213,
Bert Kikuchi - Ken Nakaiishi 1211,
Tok Ishizawa - Ken Matsuda 1210,
Ken Takahashi - Bill Yoshida 1210,
Ken Takahashi - Sam Inai 1210,
Larry Otagura - Harry Shibao 1209,
Shig Nakagawa - Tok Mukakubo 1209,
Jim Sakamoto - Kaz Sakamoto 1208,
Dan Ohashi - Koji Kanai 1207.

Mixed Ragtime Doubles

Mats Ito - Ken Takahashi 1321,
Dusty Mizunoue - Hal Fukumoto 1245,
Dusty Mizunoue - Geo Iseri 1236,
Geo Ushijima - Judy Lee 1228,
Doris Matsumoto - Dan Fujiwara 1225,
Sayo Togami - Mako Fujiwara 1224,
Sue Kojima - Ken Takahashi 1218,
Susan Tawara - Yosh Akiyama 1215,
Alice Fong - Pap Miya 1215,
Sue Kojima - Bill Yoshida 1207,
Helen Momono - Dubby Tsugawa 1206,
Abe Iven - Gene Silva 1206,
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Judy Lee - Ted Nakahara 1204,
Haru Furukawa - Tom Hasegawa 1204,
Alice Fong - Ike Oki 1204,
Joyce Nakashima - Fred Lum 1203,
Lois Yut - Fred Takagi 1200,
Sumi Kamachi - Ike Oki 1196,
Louise Oia - Ken Takahashi 1195,
Haruko Furukawa - Ben Goto 1194,
Alice Fong - Geo Iseri 1194,
Ellen Fujiwara - Ken Ishiki 1192.

Handicap double sweepers added to JACL pinfest

DENVER—Winners of the special JACL National Nisei doubles handicap sweepers, limited to bowlers 40 years and over, were Lil and Sarge Terasaki of Denver whose combined total was 1403.

In second place were Harold Kim and Wilbur Yoon of Hawaii who scored 1258.

Nakamura wins Seattle JACL men's bowling meet

SEATTLE — George Nakamura paced a field of 134 entered in the Seattle JACL men's handicap bowling tournament at Imperial Lanes, chairman Tom Namba reported last week.

Nakamura won with 657-51-708, and Hiro Hara followed with 651-40-691. The other 25 prize winners all finished with 632 and up.

HISTORY PROJECT: Evacuation Camp Paintings Donated

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) SAN FRANCISCO—Art critic Dean Wallace of the Chronicle quoted his colleague Herb Caen as saying that peace was becoming a dirty word and went on to say that Issei article George Matsusaburo Hibi was a "martyr to peace".

"Hibi learned the harsh lessons of peace by being forced into the wrong end of the war. He had come to this country from Japan in a search for peaceful existence and peace of mind. His idealism was rewarded by four years in a concentration camp (or as we called them, 'relocation centers,' another Orwellian euphemism).

"During his internment, Hibi went on painting. Some of his portraits and figure studies were hung in the Oakland Art Annual in 1944. But very few of the outstanding works at the Labaudt Gallery could have been shown then, for these mocked the forces to whom peace is, and always will be, an object of scorn.

"They included peaceful barack scenes, peaceful watch towers, long peaceful mazes of barbed wire fence, and the benign faces of military police who watched lovingly over the Japanese 'for their own protection.'"

"There was no conscious rancor in Hibi's art, he merely painted what he saw. I mention him for the benefit of those artists at Kaiser Center who have had a far easier time depicting peace than

this man who found so little of it around him."

(At the suggestion of Marie Kuni-hara of the San Francisco chapter of the JACL, his widow, Mrs. Hibi, presented these and other paintings, drawings, and wood block prints, to the Japanese American Research Project. Sim Togasaki accepted the paintings and forwarded them to the Project headquarters at UCLA.

Recently, Mrs. Hibi visited Japan and obtained for the History Project, many of the letters her husband had written to them. Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa, in accepting these documents, expressed special appreciation to Mrs. Hibi for her thoughtful interest and urged other Issei to contact their kinfolk in Japan for such letters which would be invaluable additions to the documents now being collected. These letters, diaries, and other records are essential for the project and will also become a part of the permanent Japanese American research collection which UCLA is establishing in the new Graduate Library.

Akiji Yoshimura, chapter liaison for the History Project, who viewed the paintings suggested that a showing would be nostalgic to the Issei and informative to the Saneis viewers. He expressed the hope that they will be on view at the next JACL National convention in San Diego.

Alaska Issei Sourdough Remembered

LOS ANGELES—Leads on the fascinating story of an Alaskan Issei sourdough, Frank Yasuda, were obtained recently by the Japanese History Project from the well-known documentary film producer Toge Fujiwara of New York and from Mrs. Charles Tatsuda of Minneapolis.

The Alaska Sportsman featured in its June, 1963, issue the story of "Frank Yasuda—Pioneer in the Chandalar", and the Fairbanks News-Miner also published a similar article July 17, 1963.

Prof. T. Scott Miyakawa, JHP director, requested that persons having leads to the lives of other unusual Issei to communicate with the Japanese American Research Project at UCLA so that the stories may be authenticated.

In his memo, Fujiwara wrote "I first noticed the name Yasuda on a pew in a log cabin chapel in Fort Yukon. Since it was a memo-

rial, I started inquiring about it. The memorial is for a daughter who is probably buried in the Hudson Stuck cemetery in Fort Yukon."

Preliminary information indicates Frank Yasuda was a noted trapper who founded the village of Beaver, and was known never to turn a person in need away from his trading post. But years later, when Japan-born Yasuda was put in a U.S. concentration camp, and when he finally returned to Beaver, someone had taken over his store. He baked bread for a while but was so enfeebled he finally died in 1958. There remained on his books thousands of dollars in credit from those who never paid him.

He is credited with the discovery of gold in the Chandalar.

He was described as a typical old-timer interior Alaskan sourdough. Since starting his store, he had been the mainstay and practically the banker of the Chandalar mining camp, grub-staking miners for prospecting and starting their mining operations, and supporting, during the unproductive winter months, those who had been unsuccessful. Most of his profits came from his fur trade with his Eskimo friends. He had been hard hit by new federal fur and game laws which greatly circumscribed the activities of alien fur dealers.

Basketball champions

SALT LAKE CITY—The Pee Wee '66 Service gained the Utah JACL basketball championship in the final game of the season over Syracuse. Individual scorers were paced by Paul Terashima for '66 Service and Max Hirai for Syracuse.

Judo at Univ. of Utah

SALT LAKE CITY—Under tutelage of Kiyoshi Miyazaki, the Univ. of Utah judo club has been organized recently with 60 students—both men and women.

Efforts are being made to incorporate it as a university class in physical education.

Grand juror

MARYSVILLE — Shurei Matsumoto, active JACLer, has been named to the 1965 Yuba County grand jury. Superior Judge Richard Schoenig disclosed this past week.

Kuroki speech at Commonwealth Club taped for JHP

LOS ANGELES—To capture Sgt. Ben Kuroki's famous speech before the San Francisco Commonwealth Club in 1944, described by Ruth Kingman as the turning point in Pacific Coast attitude toward Japanese American evacuees, the JACL-UCLA history project has asked him to record his talk of that fateful occasion.

Kuroki was cited by the National JACL at its last convention in Detroit with a tribute, which read: "As one of the first and most decorated Japanese American heroes of World War II, he participated as an Air Force staff sergeant in an unprecedented 58 bombing missions in both the European and Pacific theaters. Thereafter, he carried out his 59th Mission fighting prejudice and bigotry at home in the United States of America. Through public speeches and appearances he helped breakdown discrimination and hatred and contributed mightily to the acceptance and status of those of Japanese ancestry today."

Tape Recording Hints

Kuroki's talk is a part of the Oral History tape recordings now being undertaken by JACL chapters. The Japanese American Research Project this week issued hints to help the chapters on taking these recordings.

History Project administrator, Joe Grant Masaoka, recalled that General MacArthur had asked Roger Baldwin, then director of the American Civil Liberties Union, to look into civil liberties of Japanese in the occupation. Recently, the Japanese government asked Baldwin to tape record his impressions during his visit to Japan in the occupation period.

In the letter sent to the chapters, the History Project included these helpful hints: "Let's call it 'informal interview' since we want all parties relaxed and reminiscing rather than freezing up. Begin by telling a story about your parents or other Issei so he is prompted to recall his own stories. Or, ask about his most interesting, vivid, or important times. Or, start a dialogue. Or, tell him that today much history is taken from the words of participants, such as himself, by tape recordings."

The instructions also contained several don'ts: "Don't show or read from your outline or from the guideline until the interview is underway. Do not give the respondent a translation beforehand. Chapters which have done so have met with refusals. On paper, a translated guideline looks too formidable to the Issei, when actually the interview is only an informal conversation."

Public defender

SALT LAKE CITY—Atty. Jim Mitsunaga, recently appointed as Utah's first public defender, has now opened an office at 231 E. 4th South and has been assigned several cases. He is past Salt Lake JACL board member and a chapter legal adviser.

Seibu Store property on Miracle Mile up for sale, built in '62 at \$6-million

LOS ANGELES—The Seibu Dept. Store property on the southeast corner of Wilshire Blvd. and Fairfax Ave. on the Miracle Mile is up for sale, according to Akira Hioki, store vice president and restaurant corporation president.

The firm of Coldwell Banker is handling the sale, reported Hioki, who took over the ailing Japanese outlet in April of 1963.

Hioki said that the asking price is still unknown as the real estate company is in the process of appraising the block-wide building

and parking lot complex. He said the restaurant, operated by a separate corporation, will be continued, even after the sale of the property.

The plans for a Japanese trade center, announced after the close of the store in 1964, has been shelved due to a number of reasons. Hioki stated that the center involved cooperation among 40 or 50 giant companies in Japan and differences of aims and policies could not be surmounted.

Seibu opened on March 14, 1962 in a premiere that caused traffic jams on the Miracle Mile, made the pages of national magazines and required police to handle the crowd.

The plush store which offered only the best merchandise from Japan caused pride in the Japanese community but could not surmount the stiff competition.

Losses Costly

The four-story \$6,000,000 project, built from the ground up, had hard going from the beginning, losing an estimated \$3,000,000 a year before folding up. It catered mostly to the middle and upper income groups and was staffed by 95 percent Caucasians.

The penthouse restaurant, on the other hand, prospered, and initially reservations weeks in advance were necessary for dining there.

Prior to closing down, rumors of impending sale were rampant but each was denied by the company.

The store was the brainchild of the late Yasujiro Tsutsumi, who headed the vast Seibu enterprises in Japan, and saw it as a bridge between Japan and the United States.

House of Pancakes

LOS ANGELES—Former chemist for Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Daniel Kuwada, was named franchise owner of the new International House of Pancakes opening this week at Jefferson and Figueroa. He was born in Osaka, came to the U.S. as a student in 1951 and graduated from UCLA in 1959.

Marina del Rey

LOS ANGELES — Official dedication ceremonies for the county's Marina del Rey small craft harbor will be held April 10, 10:30 a.m. at the Harbor Administration Bldg. on Fiji Way, launching a 10-day Mardi-Gras festival.

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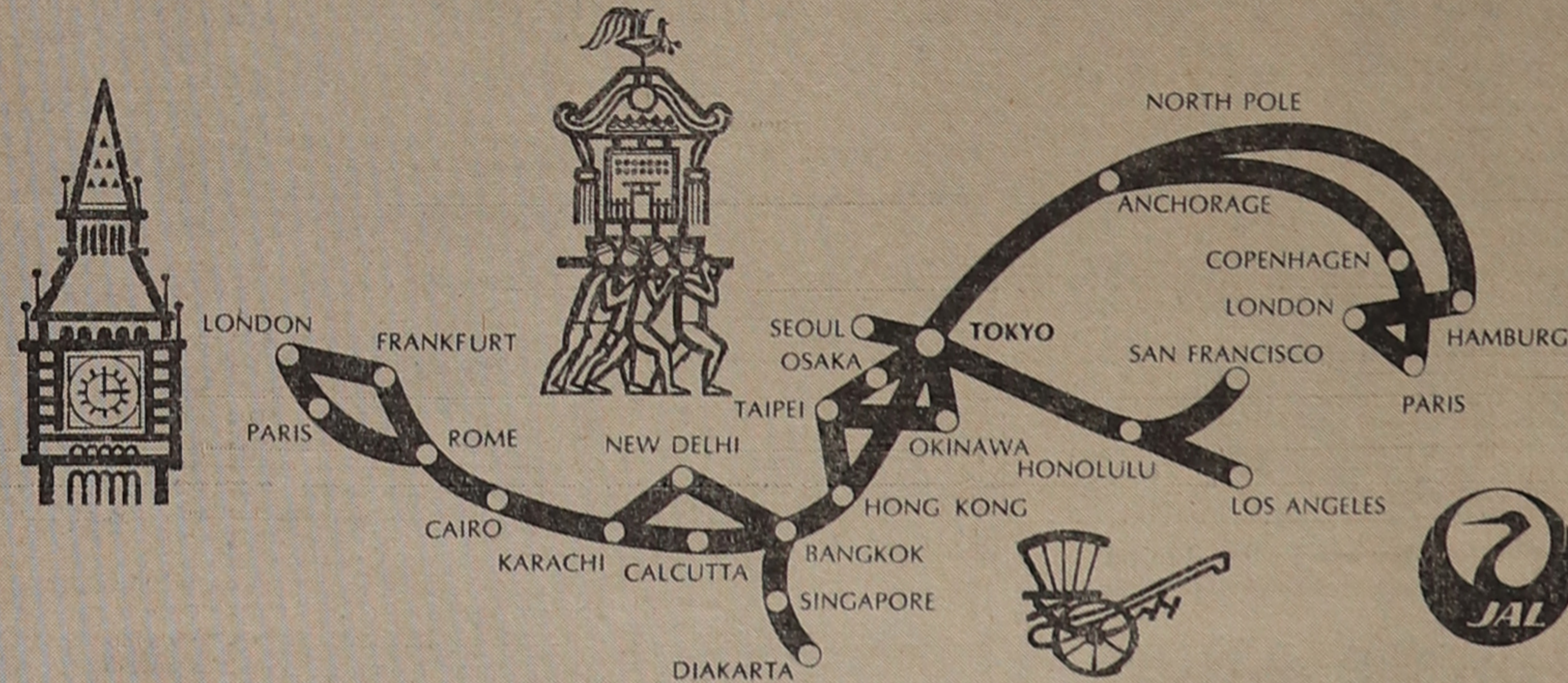
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By Elmer Ogawa

Northwest Picture

Spring, then Seafair

Now that spring is here, officially, and many of us are looking a little further ahead and planning summer vacations and such, we submit to your consideration, Seattle's great summer festival, Seafair, scheduled for July 30 through Aug. 8 in 1965.

It is without a doubt the most eventful week of the year, and an appropriate time for the many thousands of ex-Seattlites in far corners of the nation to re-visit the old home town.

This year Seattle will once again host the \$50,000 Gold Cup hydroplane races, the World Series of speed boating. Up to 450,000 people not including the TV audiences, have witnessed the event from the shores and hills surrounding Lake Washington.

Two evenings of Bon Odori in front of the Buddhist Church have drawn some 30,000 spectators and is one of the main Seafair events.

For the past five years, the Japanese community has been a constant winner at the day and night Seafair float competitions. The artistry and fine craftsmanship, for example mortised joints hand crafted with old time Japanese tools, have brought raves from the judges and national recognition.

Until 1962, the National JACL convention year, the local JACL chapter used to officially sponsor the float entry, but that year the activity was dropped under pressure of the Convention work load, but a float committee was formed consisting mostly of JACLers dedicated to maintaining the momentum and tradition developed in Seafair participation. The present Float Committee does an efficient job, and it's a case of the same old faces sporting a new name.

Of National Stature

The local community's activity contributes to a big time nationally recognized show that compares in stature with the St. Paul winter carnival and the New Orleans Mardi Gras. Fact is, we have a Mardi Gras night during Seafair sponsored by the Negro community, another Chinese community celebration with a parade that

draws up to 125,000. We are perhaps being redundant to mention the two-evening Bon Odori event again, but there is also Ballard's Scandinavian frolic, the Scottish Highland games, and the fiesta Filipina. And there are special daytime parades such as the University district parade for children in which the Japanese community float participates with a junior cast of characters manning the float.

Always in close contact with Seafair headquarters, prominent JACLer Frank Hattori tells us that the Japanese community is the only one that anticipates a scholarship and wardrobe fund for its community queen.

As the man behind the lens, we have observed the charming young ladies, some a little shy and self-conscious when appearing before the judges in the queen contest, but after a season of appearing before the public and participating in the city-wide Seafair queen competition, they emerge as such polished and poised young ladies.

'Ports of Call'

Each year Greater Seattle adopts a theme for all of us to follow in planning floats and community celebrations—this year the theme is "Ports of Call". Can you imagine what a glamorous float could be built around such a theme?

Last year the theme was "Diamond Jubilee" in honor of the 75th anniversary of statehood. That was a tough one and many of the float participants either ignored the theme or missed by a wide margin. After a long discussion in the float committee, our dedicated float designer, Roger Ford came up with his design called "Jubilee Spectacular" which was a prize winner across the board, if we may put it that way.

Speaking about themes, the "To bridge and to build" thought which was adopted for the 1962 national convention here, just nosed out a Reunion in Seattle slogan. Reunion is not a bad idea when we consider the huge success of the Nisei Vets reunion here last summer, so let's get aboard for this year's Seafair, huh?

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Salt Lake JACL

Monte Carlo: Repeating a wish for those who enjoyed Salt Lake JACL's first Monte Carlo Night last year, the chapter is staging its second action-filled night at the new Buddhist Church hall, 211 W. 1st South, on Saturday, Mar. 27, from 8 p.m., with program chairman Sam Watanuki in charge.

The Auxiliary committee will handle the refreshments concession. Al Ju and Pee Wee Kobayashi are in charge of arrangements.

New York JACL

Installation: Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will speak at the New York JACL installation dinner April 2 to be held at Longchamps Restaurant, 233 Broadway. Murray Sprung is chairman of the committee. Jack Ozawa was re-elected chapter president.

Dancing to the Mark Towers band will follow the dinner. Tickets are \$8 single, \$15 couple, \$5 students which include both dinner-dance and gratuities.

Dayton JACL

'Sunday in Japan': Dayton JACL's biggest public event, the "Sunday in Japan" festival, has been set for Sunday, May 2, which will include several types of cultural displays, Japanese garden, and Oriental gift and food booths, chapter president Mas Yamasaki reported.

Festival chairman Fred Fisk has called a committee meeting for April 11, 3 p.m., at his home, 2815 Moraine Ave.

Stockton JACL

Jr. JACL: Monthly meetings on the first Sunday have been scheduled by the newly formed Stockton Jr. JACL. It is open to local students who must be in the 9th grade or above. Dues are \$1 a year. The club will meet next on April 4, 7 p.m., at 1225 N. Hunter.

Placer County JACL picnic plan to attract youth

BY ROY YOSHIDA

PENNYN—Placing the accent on youth, this year's 17th annual community picnic under Placer County JACL sponsorship slated for Sunday, Apr. 11, at the JACL recreation park near here will feature many novel events particularly attractive for young participants.

This disclosure was made by picnic general chairman Frank Kageita at least week's progress report meeting of the various committee chairmen at the chapter headquarters.

However, Sumi Kozaike, program chairman, interjected that there will be as usual a full schedule of events for kiddies of all ages, while the more frisky adults will have ample opportunity to vie for the many prizes to be given away during the day. There will also be special events for exclusive participation by older folks, added Mrs. Kozaike.

Picnic co-chairman Al Nitta, who is supervising ground preparation and arrangement, reported that his group is showing satisfactory progress in its work to date and the entire picnic area should be in tip-top shape by picnic day. He stated there will be a general ground clean-up and repair work of various facilities on Saturday, Apr. 3, and final ground arrangement on Saturday, Apr. 10.

Russell Kusama is in charge of recruiting a team to play at the Berkeley JACL invitational basketball tournament this weekend.

Venice-Culver JACL

Annual Potluck Sup: The Venice-Culver JACL will have its annual potluck dinner on Mar. 27, 6 p.m., at the local Gakuen with a calorie-burner-upper square dance following and Izzy Weston as caller.

Betty Yumori and Mitsie Kurashita, co-chairmen, said no charge is being made for this chapter function.

However, those planning to come are expected to call Mrs. Yumori (VE 7-8587) to be advised on what to contribute to the potluck dinner.

Dodger Night: To allow for an even greater turnout of Venice-Culver JACLers at the annual Dodger night (set for July 23 when the Cardinals are in town), 100 tickets for a \$2.50 reserve seat have been ordered in a block, according to George Isoda, chapter president.

Unsold tickets are to be returned.

San Francisco JACL

Ikebana: Mrs. Harue Tanaka, professionally known as Koshun Tanaka in flower arrangement circles, will demonstrate various types of floral pieces for the home at the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary meeting tonight at the local Buddhist Church, according to Eiko Aoki, chairman.

Home Visit: Auxiliary members will visit Issei residents at Laguna Honda Home on April 25, service chairman Eiko Aoki announced.

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Auxiliary formed by San Diego JACL

SAN DIEGO — The recently organized San Diego JACL Auxiliary will assume hostess duties at the Balboa Park Japanese Teahouse throughout the year as a community service project, according to Mrs. Pauline Nakamura, president.

The group held its initial meeting Mar. 13 to approve its constitution and plan on calendar events. Immediate social programs include the family skating party, Apr. 11, at Sweetwater Roller Rink and assisting at the JACL luau May 15.

Hospital Plan

SALT LAKE CITY—John Taylor of Blue Cross-Blue Shield addressed the March 18 meeting of the Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Maureen Terashima. He explained the new plans for rating of hospital and surgical payments. Hostesses for the meeting were: Mrs. Saeko Amano, Smiley Amano, Iku Hirano and Mary Sasaki.

AUXILIARY TO FURNISH NEW FRENCH CAMP HALL WITH KITCHENWARE

FRENCH CAMP—To help furnish the kitchen of the new French Camp Japanese Hall, members of the French Camp JACL Women's Auxiliary have been asked to contribute utensils not in use at home at the April meeting.

Mrs. George Komure and Mrs. Fumio Kanemoto, in charge of kitchen furnishing, said they would then complete the list of needed equipment and shop for them.

At the Mar. 12 meeting, Mrs. K. Hamamoto demonstrated the making of kumogata and Mrs. S. Iwata demonstrated the making of konyaku. Mrs. Bob Ota was meeting chairman. Thirty-five attended. Members were asked to contribute one chair cushion for the hall. Issei ladies were also asked to assist in this project.

San Francisco issues scholarship call

SAN FRANCISCO — Applications for the sixth annual San Francisco JACL scholarship are now being accepted, chairman Nancy Yoshihara (SK 1-765

Frankly Speaking: by Carol Hasegawa Our Group Characteristics

Washington, D.C.

For several years, I've been trying to pin down what characteristics Japanese Americans seem to possess as a group. This was done both out of curiosity and in a search to find out if we do possess common traits. An objective such as this has its deep pitfalls because common characteristics are hard to delineate and harder to prove, and when attempted by a layman, the results are likely to be questionable.

In any event, these are some of the characteristics I feel we possess:

1. Sense of responsibility: This means responsibility as a family member to care for his own, as an employee to work hard and well, and as a citizen to carry out what is expected of him by society. There is little lawlessness, unemployment, community friction and few welfare cases among the Japanese-Americans, as examples.

2. Sense of honor and pride: This is manifested by feelings such as the need to keep your word, to do your best, to be honest, and the general desire to save face. To have others think well of us means a great deal and to disgrace the family or self is unthinkable.

3. Industriousness: This is demonstrated by high employment and the ability to work hard and conscientiously. Japanese Americans seem to rely on hard work as the basis for promotion and reward rather than on entrepreneurship, opportunism, crime, overt aggressiveness or initiative.

4. Cleanliness: This trait seems basic to the Japanese American for it would be hard to find any who don't bathe regularly and keep themselves and their homes generally clean.

5. Deep belief in education: This is a belief not in education as an intellectual endeavor, but as a means to a better life. The dearth of Japanese American scholars seems to bear out this functional appreciation of education. Our general literacy rate is extremely high as is our percentage of college-trained people.

In the near future, this matter of group characteristics will undoubtedly be just an academic question. As we are assimilated more and more into the American society, our interests change, our horizons broaden, our ethnic traditions disappear and our life changes. What was once our unique Japanese American identity will have become an American identity. I guess I can't accept the idea that our progeny will not know the distinction of being a representative, however peripherally, of two cultures. For the most part, our group characteristics are complimentary by any society's standards. I hope we don't lose them entirely.

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JACler Marches in Alabama

(This article was written before Todd Endo of Boston flew with a group of students from Massachusetts to spend three days in Selma, Ala., from Mar. 15 to 17. Todd was the 1962 National JACL oratorical champion, representing the Washington, D.C., chapter, and has contributed to the Pacific Citizen from time to time. Another article or two telling of his impressions in Selma will be published as these are received. —Editor.)

BY TODD ENDO

Boston

I knew Jim Reeb. Not very well, but I knew him briefly in Washington this summer while working for a community organization group which he chaired.

It was on Wednesday evening, March 10, that I first heard of Jim's injury. The paper carried a short statement that a Rev. James Reeb had been attacked and critically injured in Selma. The half hour news broadcast reiterated this fact—critically injured, near death.

Suddenly the civil rights movement became very personal. A person I knew had gone to Selma, been struck on the head, lay near death, and for all I knew was dead.

The civil rights movement was no longer a faraway happening. My useless, inactive concern was jarred.

With deep guilt I must confess that Jim Reeb's crushed skull stirred me to action in a way that the fight for the ballot, the campaign to eradicate tenements and "white only" signs, the smack of a police billy club, or even the violent death of Jimmy Lee Jackson did not.

Jim and I agreed on the justice of the civil rights movement. Yet, near death in Alabama lay Jim while I sat in comfortable detachment in Massachusetts.

A passage I recalled from the Book of James struck home: "So with faith; if it does not lead to action, it is in itself a lifeless thing."

On the 8:30 News

Yesterday the news spoke of the dying Rev. Reeb and finally on the 8:30 news I heard that Jim had died. Jim had died!

Sorrow, a muttered question "Why?", a silence, and a rising hate were my first responses.

But now, dying at least is the hate and righteous indignation in my heart.

Hate can never win, much less unite. More pertinent, perhaps, hate can only blind one to the "note in his own eye."

Hate casts all evil onto Sheriff Jim Clark or Selma or Alabama and blinds one to the evil deeds which he has committed and more importantly, blinds him to his lack of deeds in the fight to combat bigotry and discrimination.

As Dr. King said in answering his question, "What killed Rev. Reeb?" Southern hate killed Rev. Reeb, rule of violence killed Rev. Reeb, and those who by their silence allowed violence to reign, killed Rev. Reeb.

Hate can only blind me to the evils in my city, Boston, to the tremendous housing and education



Todd Endo

al discrimination against which Jim Reeb had been fighting here. Finally, hate only produces the falseness of self-righteousness.

Effect of Reeb's Death

As I sit here now, I wonder what effect Jim's death will have on me. I am afraid that it might have little.

I am afraid that like the assassination of President Kennedy I might return to my self-concerned life and forget—forget not Alabama nor civil rights, but my role in the nationwide struggle for "Better Americans in a Greater America."

This may be the same thing as forgetting about the civil rights movement.

I am afraid it might take a shock closer to home to shake me out of my complacency.

I resolve that this shall not be so.

But what can I do?

I could join the large group of Massachusetts residents who are going to Alabama to memorialize Jim.

I could go to Washington to urge Congressional and executive action. But these may neither be possible nor right for me.

I could give money. That I surely will do. But that alone seems too much like an easy conscience salve.

What then is feasible for me, a student in Boston with a limited amount of time and money?

I could see if additional help is needed in the low-income housing work which Jim began; or I could participate further, in countless ways, through my inner city church; or I could see what CORE, SNCC, NAACP, or SCLC are doing.

As I think about it, innumerable possibilities emerge for one with my limitations: tutoring, fund-raising, neighborhood organization work, political pressuring on a local, state, and national level, the simple effort of extending the hand of friendship to all people.

Do We Care Enough?

I hope that my thinking aloud echoes the thoughts of many readers, because I feel that we all should be seriously weighing the importance of the civil rights movement in our lives.

The biggest hurdle to our involvement is ourselves, for mountains of work are waiting for people of all talents, immense or meager, specific or general.

So the question is not, "What is there for us to do?" Rather, the question is, "Do we care enough to rise from our complacency and comfort?"

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Selma

The real heroes in Selma, Alabama are not the civil rights leaders, not the hundreds and thousands who came from all parts of the country to participate, but the Negro citizens of Selma.

Selma is a strategic battleground for the civil rights leader, a source of indignation and commitment for the outsider; but Selma is home for the Negroes there.

Civil rights leaders and outsiders will eventually leave, but the Selma Negroes will stay. Thus, the freedom movement in Selma involves the total self of each native Negro.

It requires total commitment because the stakes are high. And the Negroes there have responded totally. They are united and determined to follow Martin Luther King to "freedom land." They are courageous and spirited in their non-violent pursuit of equality.

Mar. 15 March

Quiet determination characterizes one side of the Selma Negro community. During the March 15 march to the Dallas County courthouse in Selma, I walked with two Negro women from Selma.

The woman on my left was a strong-willed, outspoken mother,

about 40, who told me about her repeated attempts to try to register to vote.

That morning, she said, she waited three hours to take her exam.

After she finished the clerk took one look at it, told her she had failed, threw her exam into the wastebasket, and advised her to come back again in three weeks on the next registration day to try again.

Forcefully and with determination she told me that she would try and try again until she passed.

Tear Gas Victim

The woman on my right was elderly, stooped, and apparently uneducated.

Haltingly, she quietly told me that yes, she had marched on Sunday and Tuesday to the bridge. Yes, she said, the tear gas was terrible. But she left it at that.

There was no hate, no bravado—just quiet determination to suffer what was necessary in the Negroes' march forward.

These examples were echoed again and again during my three-day stay in Selma.

You could never doubt that the next registration day would see a long, black line in front of the courthouse.

You knew that when Dr. King next said, "Let's march," they would march.

These examples multiplied countless times branded on my mind a vivid impression of the Selma Negro, best expressed in the ungrammatical profundity of the aged Negro lady who said during the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955, "My feet is tired, but my soul is rested."

Unified Community

Another way of describing the Selma Negro community is that it is united.

It is no longer a minority which is active in the march toward freedom.

Now most of this community has fallen into ranks behind Martin Luther King in this monumental campaign.

Unity can be seen in the ease with which the thousands of outsiders are transported, housed, and fed.

Unity can be seen in the thousands of Negro faces in the line marching to the courthouse.

Unity can be seen in the friendly way each one greets you as a welcome brother in the movement.

But this unity of purpose can best be seen in the effective economic boycott of Selma merchants. Negroes, with few exceptions, buy no longer from the white merchants.

chants in Selma. They buy instead from the local Negro establishments and, when necessary, pool shopping lists and go to Montgomery.

Four stores have already gone bankrupt in Selma and all merchants have been hit by this boycott.

No Hate Evident

Most striking of all, perhaps, is the fact that the Negroes in Selma are not hateful, vindictive, or rashly impatient.

Though they are denied the vote, study in inferior schools, live on unpaved roads, and move every day and in every way in an oppressive and crippling atmosphere, they do not hate.

They believe in and follow Martin Luther King and the non-violent philosophy.

The Selma Negro community is determined but not vengeful, courageous but not violent.

Each day the members of the community join together and sing and seem to believe the civil rights song, "I Love Everybody in My Heart."

Brown's Chapel

The mass meeting brings all these aspects of the Selma Negroes together and molds them into an effective force.

Whether held in Brown's Chapel, under the glowing eye of a state trooper at the "Berlin Wall", or on the steps of the Dallas County courthouse, the mass meeting symbolizes the spirit of this nationwide movement of the Negro for freedom.

Here the young and old of the community join with their white brethren and civil rights workers, renewing their determination to move irresistibly forward, together.

Perhaps this mood is best captured when all join hands and sway while solemnly singing "We Shall Overcome."

At that moment one could sense the love, the unity, the determination which pervade the atmosphere. At that moment one can never doubt that we shall overcome someday.

Heart of Movement

One can never doubt this because of the determination of people like the Selma Negroes to overcome.

The civil rights leaders provide guidance and the outsiders draw in the forces of national public opinion; but the heart of the movement is the strength and the faith of the Negro populace.

Without their wholehearted and active participation we shall never overcome.

CALIF. SANSEI DEMONSTRATING IN MONTGOMERY, ALA., CLUBBED BY POSSE

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—A 21-year-old Southern California Sansei, Steven Kiyoshi Kurokiya of Monterey, was among four college students treated for lacerations at the hospital here Mar. 16 after mounted sheriff deputies flailed away with clubs, canes and ropes to rout 600 white and Negro demonstrators.

They were parading toward the State Capitol and were stopped two blocks away.

Kurokiya, currently attending the Univ. of Pennsylvania studying architecture, was among a group of late arrivals, some 50 in all, carrying signs bearing the names of eastern colleges.

David Crosland, city solicitor, had directed the smaller group to disperse. But they left only when 15 mounted deputies approached with night sticks and ropes. Kurokiya backed against a brick wall of a house and was clubbed by a posseman, leaving him to fall bleeding from the head.

After being treated for his wounds at St. Margaret Hospital, he called his father, Hiroshi Kurokiya of 939 Royal Oaks Ave., assuring him: "Don't worry, I'm all right." Steven added that he was proud to have taken part in the demonstration and didn't regret it one bit.

Kurokiya was an honor graduate from Monterey High in 1961, is a member of the Student Peace Union and college NAACP chapter. He also took part in the recent sit-in.

ALIENS FROM 87 NATIONS REGISTERED IN HAWAII

HONOLULU—No fewer than 87 nations are represented by the 46,251 aliens who registered in Hawaii in 1964, the U.S. Immigration Service disclosed this past week. Nearly half are from the Philippines with 20,365. Japan follows with 17,446.

The tally by countries next drops drastically to 1,463 from Canada; 1,383 from China-Formosa; 973 from the United Kingdom; 880 from Korea; 585 from Ryukyu Islands; and 690 from Germany.

Aikido replaces dance for Shrine festival

LOS ANGELES—Prof. Koichi Tohei of Japan will demonstrate Aikido in the 18th annual International Folk Dance Festival Mar. 27 at Shrine Auditorium, producer Irwin Parnes announced this week. In the past classical Japanese dancers performed in the festival, which features programs from at least 18 foreign nations.

in at Independence Hall around the Liberty Bell.

That night, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., rushed from Selma to address some 750 persons jammed in a little church here urging that "we must march on the courthouse tomorrow . . . so this kind of action will never be repeated in Montgomery."

The police have no right "to use billy clubs and hoses on human beings as if they were wayward animals", Dr. King said.

Calif. legislative climate confused by reapportionment

SACRAMENTO—With the passage of Prop. 13 last year, it appears more repressive civil liberties measures have been introduced in the California state legislature than in present years, according to Coleman Blease, ACLU legislative advocate.

The question of reapportionment has also unhinged the stable relationships present in the Senate and has affected the Assembly, he added.

To highlight the differences, Blease noted that in 1963, ACLU advanced three priority measures: abolition of the death penalty; modification of the oath of non-dissolution; and a fair housing law. Only the fair housing law was passed—but Prop. 13 followed.

This year, there are no significant civil rights measures, Blease noted. The death penalty battle is at a low ebb and there is little chance for the oath repealer to reach the Assembly floor.

The repressive civil liberties measures include limitations on free speech, expansion of police powers and powers of local government.

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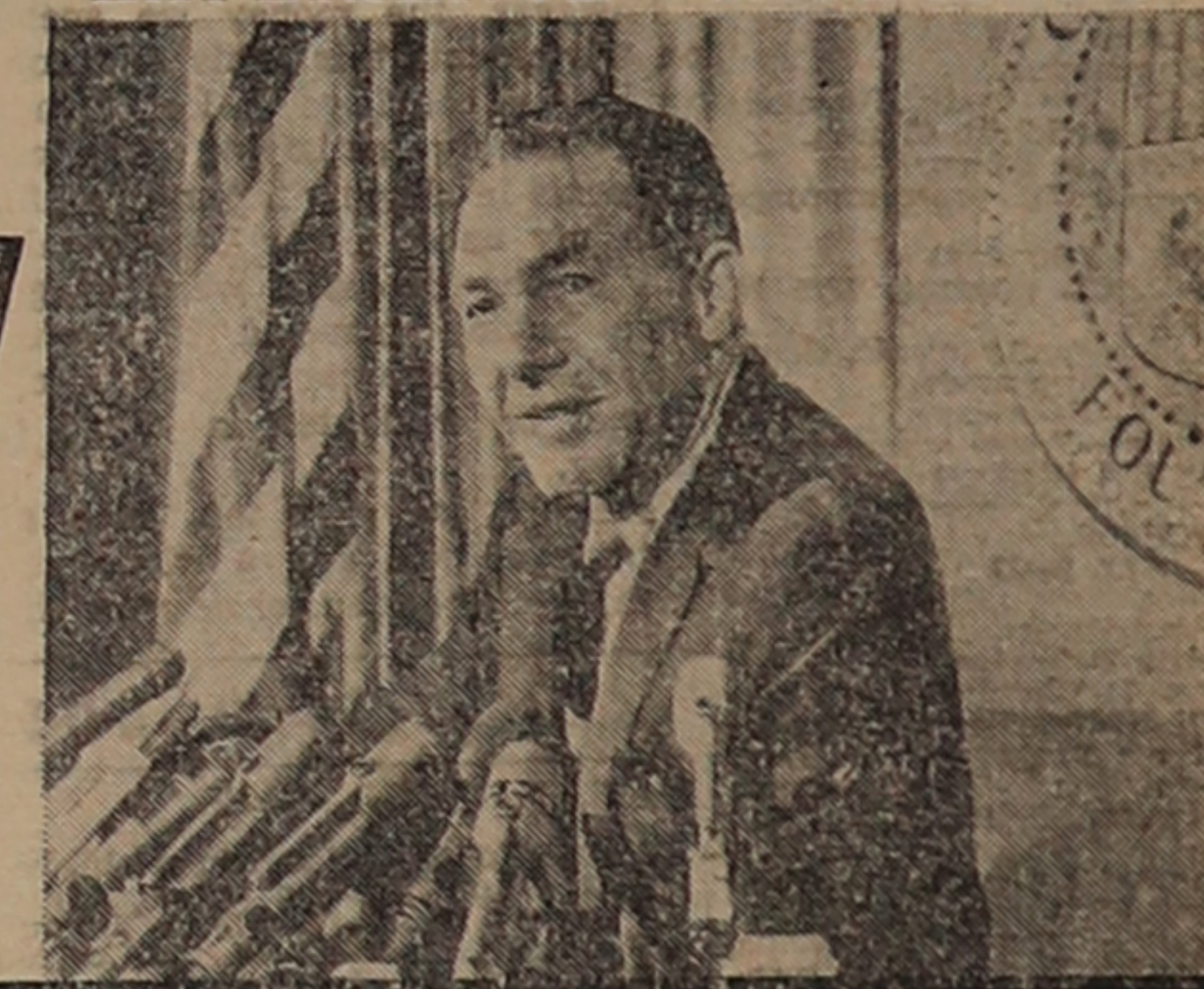
SALT LAKE CITY—Raymond T. Swenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Swenson, 4159 W. 5350 South, Kearns, won a George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., for his student essay on "What It Means to Be a Citizen of the United States."

Young Raymond, whose Japanese-born mother Fumie is a local JACLer, is a jr. high student. (The PC would be happy to reprint the essay.—Ed.)

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Orientation

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By Ken Kuroiwa

It would be totally inadequate to say that three years ago I was "extremely fortunate" to be able to go to Japan, for that one month in that country quite literally "re-oriented" my whole life.

My family life had not at all been lacking in Japanese "culture," such as it may be, but in Japan itself and all that it was little more than the name of a country and a distant archipelago across the sea from which my grandparents had come.

As the ship drifted down the Honshu coast, the rising sun was the appropriately symbolic sight. After only ten minutes ashore I was completely converted.

Never had I been exposed to so much that was so thoroughly Japanese. And the girls! Mmm! Need I say more?

One also notices new fragrances of fans and fragrances which seem to be delicately suspended in the air of houses and shops and in the streets, which can have a delightfully devastating effect on the unaccustomed senses.

It is these non-significant yet wholly essential features of a country and its culture which enable one to become totally immersed in the cultural context, which significant features such as language and customs alone cannot provide.

Most of us in the group tried to speak "Japanese." We tried. The early incidents in this respect were comical and actually quite instructive.

Resorting to the oft-used word

CALENDAR

Mar. 27 (Saturday)
Venice-Culver-Potluck supper and square dance, Venice Gardens, 6 p.m.
Saito Lake-Monte Carlo night, Buddhist Church hall, 8 p.m.
D.C. General meeting, Glenmont Recreation Center, Wheaton, Md., 8 p.m.
Dr. Kurt Leidecker, speaker, "Old and New Buddhism."
Fremont-New Member Welcome potluck supper, So. Alameda Buddhist Church.
Cincinnati-Potluck supper, 1st United Church of Walnut Hills, 6 p.m.; Dr. William Jenks, speaker, "Impressions on Japan."
Pasadena-Japanese movies benefit, Community Center.
Milwaukee-JACL Dance night, International Institute, 8 p.m.
Mar. 28 (Sunday)
Bakersfield-CDC meeting.
Dayton-Bowling party, Timber Lanes, 2 p.m.
Fowler-Community picnic, Kearney Park.
Portland-Jr. JACL party with Foreign Exchange Student.
Mar. 29 (Wednesday)
Idaho Falls-Auxiliary meeting, JACL Hall, 8 p.m.
Apr. 2 (Friday)
Chicago-Jr. JACL meeting.
New York-Installation dinner-dance, Longchamps Restaurant, 6 p.m.; Rep. Spark Matsunaga, speaker.
Apr. 3 (Saturday)
San Francisco-Miss S.F. Jr. JACL Installation dance, Nikko Sukiyaki, 9 p.m.
Apr. 3-4
Pasadena-IDC meeting.
Pasadena-Charter booth, Hanamatsuri Festival, Buddhist Church.
Stockton-Bowling Tournament.
Los Angeles-Hi-Co pre-conference rally.
Apr. 4 (Sunday)
Stockton-Jr. JACL meeting, 1225 N. Hunter, 7 p.m.
W. Sonville-Community picnic, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds.
Apr. 8 (Thursday)
East Los Angeles-Board meeting.
Philadelphia-General meeting, Marriott Motor Hotel.
Apr. 9-11
Los Angeles-PWCDC Hi-Co Conference, Presbyterian Conference Center, Pacific Palisades.
Apr. 11 (Sunday)
Monterey-NC-WNPC Executive Board meeting, Ginza Restaurant.
San Diego-Auxiliary Family skate-fest, Sweetwater Roller Rink, 6-10 p.m.
Parlier-Community picnic, Oak Knoll.
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Organizations in Hawaii should eliminate racial designations, says noted financier

HONOLULU—Financier Chinn Ho says that "the time has arrived in Hawaii that the name of any organization should eliminate its racial identification."

He made his plea in a speech last week before the Associated Chinese University Women's Club.

Cultural organizations should retain their racial designations, but others should drop them, Ho said. "Its membership may be restricted, but racial group identification should be eliminated," he said.

"Frank and open discussions on this subject in your meetings should be encouraged. And may you be the pace setters for our beautiful community."

For Broader Image

Ho told the women "such change will eliminate misconception and will create a broader image for the organization in purpose and program."

"You have planned and served well in the past," he said. "Go ahead and reach for the moon." Hawaii will thereby benefit from a high quality of objectives, he said.

In emphasizing Hawaii's needs for better culture, education, and government, Ho expressed confidence the group will be able to

meet the many challenges. He warned that conditions today have radically changed from that of 30 to 50 years ago.

Criterion for Success

"To change, we must all admit, is a difficult task," he said, "but the criterion for success today is to change and adjust."

Ho pointed out that what they have inherited, represents many years of struggles by many against groups who resisted change.

He said, "The transitional periods are not beds of roses, but require what we call 'sweat and tears'—sacrifice, dedication, and persistence, which have built for us all the America today, the most productive country in the world."

He noted the many changes that have occurred in the world since the women's group was organized 55 years ago.

More Changes Due

"In Hawaii, since 1930, you have experienced the transition of a near feudal system to a liberal democratic system," he said.

"You have seen the growth of unionism from one of distrust to one of gradual respect."

"Changes in recent years have been revolutionary and greater changes are yet to come."



'SAMURAI ASSASSIN'—Toho star Toshirō Mifune at a Los Angeles International airport press conference last week draws sword used in his latest film, "Samurai Assassin," which is Japan's entry in the Mar del Plata Film Festival in Buenos Aires. He made appearances this past week in Honolulu, Los Angeles and New York before heading for Argentina.

Pickett

(Continued from Front Page)

still parts of our country where native-born Americans are still experiencing deep trials and are denied recognition of their sense of integrity and decency."

Second Attack

Dr. Pickett suffered a heart attack in Boise on Mar. 5, his second in two years. He and his wife, Lilly, were visiting with her brother, Hubert Peckman. Death came in St. Alphonsus Hospital. Other survivors are Mrs. G. Macculloch (Rachel) Miller II and Mrs. Armand (Carolyn) Stalnaker and four grandchildren.

Pickett was born Oct. 19, 1884 in Cissna Park, Ill., a small Quaker colony 80 miles south of Chicago, finished high school at Glen Elder, Kan., and stayed on to help his parents pay the farm mortgage. He was graduated from William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1910, where he met his wife-to-be. After graduating from Hartford (Conn.) Theological Seminary in 1913, they were married.

After ministering at Quaker meetings in Toronto and in Iowa, he studied for a year at Harvard Divinity School in 1922 and next became professor of Biblical literature at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind. In 1929, he was named executive secretary of the Service Committee.

His 22 years of work as secretary is recalled in his autobiography, "For More than Bread" published in 1953. During World War II, Pickett worked with Selective Service to set up programs for conscientious objectors, enabling many of them to serve as non-combatants overseas.

In the later years of his leadership, he devoted much of his energy to improving race relations. He headed a committee that drafted legislation to create an FEPC in Pennsylvania.

New York playwrights eye Evacuation as theme

NEW YORK—Two writers here are interested in speaking with or hearing from people involved in or knowledgeable about the wartime internment of the West Coast Nisei.

Information will be used as a basis for a play about the Evacuation and will be kept confidential if requested.

Said Richard Herd, one of the authors, "Within the framework of historical fact, we are principally concerned to hear about personal feelings and experiences, especially from the legal viewpoint. Descriptions of camp life, its political make-up, creation, work programs, religious life, all will be most helpful to us and will be greatly appreciated."

Former evacuees or others with pertinent information to offer may phone or write to Richard Herd, care of Talent Exchange, 110 W. 47th St., New York City 10036, JU 6-6300.

Nittas contribute \$1,000 to JCC scholarship fund

LOS ANGELES—Mr. and Mrs. Shosuke Nitta, pioneer Orange County residents, have contributed \$1,000 to the Japanese Chamber of Commerce Centennial scholarship fund on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Nitta came to the U.S. in 1883 at the age of 17 and settled in Los Angeles in 1903 where he formed the Japanese Restaurant Assn. He is also a charter member of the Centenary Methodist Church, and an active JACLer.

Chicago Issei social center programs monthly

CHICAGO—The Japanese American Service Committee has organized the Issei Social Center under leadership of social worker Masaru Nambu to provide recreational and social activities for Chicago area Issei.

Programs are held monthly, the first one in January being a visit of the model farm at Lincoln Park and a discussion meeting last month on topics of varied interests. Next event with the Flower Show Mar. 24 at McCormick Place. JASC will arrange transportation for those who call DE 7-1076 by this weekend.

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Furukawa, Yoshio, 41: Santa Maria, Mar. 3—w. Sally F., s. Steve, d. Sandra, Susan, p. Mr. and Mrs. Kaneko.
Furumoto, Mrs. Saki, 68: Mar. 9—s. Takao, d. Yukiko Yamataka, Masako Yamada, Yoshiko Ishida, Shiroko Machida, Setsuko Watanabe, 19 gc.
Hara, Mrs. Miho, 61: Mar. 14—w. Frank Hattori, Walter S., 87: Mar. 7—w. Tora, s. Eugene H., d. Kimi Yuzawa (New York), Fumi Matsura, Amy Mizutani, Susie Narahara, 17 gc.
Hirai, Kay K., 52: Manhattan Beach, Mar. 14—w. Alice K., s. Ken, d. Arlene Ishibashi, Kent M., 2: Manhattan Beach, Mar. 14—p. Mr. and Mrs. Gary, br. Keith.
Inaba, John K., 1: Mar. 8—p. Mr. and Mrs. Shinichi, s. Mochi Mayumi.
Kawakami, Tom H., 76: Mar. 6—w. Chikuyo, s. Dr. George I., u. Lily Y. Hirashima, 6 gc.
Kitabayashi, Chofiro, 77: Mar. 11—s. George, James, Shiro, d. Takako Nishizawa, 3 gc.
Kozaki, Hideo, 69: Mar. 12—w. Haruno, s. Harold S., d. Michiko Kural, Sumiko Nishimura, 8 gc.
Mochida, Mrs. Seki, 85: Long Beach, Mar. 12—s. Tsuro, Kelchick.
Sakurai, Mrs. Yone, 73: Mar. 10—h. Yonezo, s. Isao, Takeshi, Satoshi, Sam O., d. Mae Yoshie Tomiyama, Yemiko Yamamoto, 10 gc.
Suzuki, Shigetane, 85: Mar. 12—w. Yu, s. Katsumi, Sato, Isamu Sato, George Sato, Tamotsu Sone, d. Shizu Itonaka.
Toyoshima, Oshie, 86: Mar. 6—s. Tom, Joe, d. May Munemori, 2 gc.

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Opuri, Mrs. Takar, Mar. 15—h. Masachichi, s. Yutaka, John, Isamu George Asanuma, d. Kimiko Yoshioka, Yoshiko Kaneshige.
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