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East Wind

WHERE DOES IT STOP?

Philadelphia
I do not recall that it ever happened to me before but I unashamedly admit that as I read this evening's paper, tears welled up in my eyes: it was the tragic account, the sinking impact of the incident, the indignant frustration of the utterly senseless murder of Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo on darkened Route 80 between Selma and Montgomery, Alabama. Mrs. Liuzzo, who surely had a great zest for life coupled with compassion and love for all peoples, murdered by cowardly night-riders. And then I see the bewildered innocence of her grief torn children she left behind, weeping...weeping over a lost mother they simply called a "good woman, a good mother."

And in a mixture of disbelief and anguish her husband asks: "Where does it stop?"

AND BEFORE THIS

It started long ago. It also started just a few years. Again it started a few days ago...before all this. It started when Negroes in the South were beaten, murdered, lynched—with impunity, while we stood by. It started when innocent little Negro girls were victims of a dastardly church bombing, while we stood by. It again started while three workers for human dignity in Mississippi were wantonly murdered and their decomposed bodies left in a levee, while we stood by. And more recently we saw on television the sickening spectacle of the brutal force of State power, mounted on horses, charging into the ranks of defenseless people who were peacefully exercising the cherished right guaranteed them under the First Amendment, "the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for redress of grievances," again while we stood by. And a Unitarian minister who sought to express his compassion and love for his "neighbors" is viciously beaten to death on the streets of Selma; and before that the wanton killing of a Negro educator on a Georgia highway by three Klansmen with the murderers being acquitted. While we stood by.

Where does it stop?

WHERE DOES IT START?

The murder of Mrs. Liuzzo started in the chubby hands of a pure baby, born into this world without yet knowing hate. Just ten years ago, when that little red-faced baby had become an eleven year old boy who was interested in nothing more destructive than model airplanes and a game of hide-n-seek, Mrs. Liuzzo's murder started. For among the four Klansmen arrested for the murder of Mrs. Liuzzo was that lad who today is 21 years of age.

What occurred to change that sinless red-faced baby of 21 years ago, that young American lad of eleven years ago, that today he rides with night-riders prepared to snuff out the life of a noble individual exercising one of the cherished rights of a citizen? How many more are there like him? There were many like him before. How many more will there be in the future?

Where does it stop?

IT'S LATER THAN WE THINK

As long as we continue to simply stand by, mouthing platitudes and during tragic incidents simply expressing disapproval and some sympathy, we will never see the answer to the question raised by Mrs. Liuzzo's husband: Where does it stop?

It is later than we think! Not simply in Alabama, or Mississippi or Georgia. Right in your own communities in the North, in your town, in your neighborhood; it is much later than we think. The time is long past for sympathetic discussions, subscription to broad and vague principles, rationalizing our way out of taking concrete and positive action or even taking an open and clear-cut stand.

The forces of bigotry and hatred have already answered the question, "Where does it stop?" for the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan just replied: "The Ku Klux Klan is on the rise. You've heard of the roaring 20's? Well, let's show them the roaring 60's." And the ilk of the K.K.K. does not parade in your community in white robes and peaked masks; he is in the business suit, in coveralls, in the respectable clubs.

Where does it stop? The answer is with you and it's later than we think.

Washington Newsletter: Voting Rights Legislation

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Washington
Congress responded quickly to his plea for immediate action. In the House, Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York, chairman of both the House Judiciary Committee and its Civil Rights Subcommittee began public hearings the day after the Administration Bill was introduced, hearings which will probably continue through this week.

In the Senate, a bipartisan group of 66 Senators—one less than the full number needed to break a filibuster under current Rule 22, two-thirds of the Senators present and voting—sponsored the Administration Bill.
Although referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, whose Chairman James O. Eastland of Mississippi is opposed to all civil rights legislation, 67 Senators—exactly the number needed to break a filibuster—

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SAN FRANCISCO JACL SIGNS UP 1,600 MEMBERS

Surpasses Previous
National All-Time
Chapter High of 1,226

SAN FRANCISCO—A total of 1,613 San Francisco JACL membership cards has been submitted to National Headquarters as of Mar. 29, Ben Tsuchimoto, chapter membership chairman, revealed this week.

Although the official canvass for members ended Feb. 28 with over 1,350 members, surpassing the 1965 goal for 1,300, another 250 plus were enrolled in March.
The tremendous increase was ascribed to the ability of the membership committee attaining a 95 pct. renewal of last year's 1,022 members and the new JACL-CPS health plan offered by the chapter this year.

More than 50 members were formed into 12 sign-up teams, Tsuchimoto added, contributing to breaking the previous national all-time high of 1,226 set in 1960 by San Francisco JACL. Commended for their magnificent effort were the team captains:

Fred Abe, Wes Doi, June Uyeda, Nancy Yoshinari, Dick Yamashita, Yo Hironaka, Louise Koike, Harlan Haya-kawa, Yuk Ioye, Marie Kurihara, Dr. Jerry Osumi, and Eugene Sasaki.
Wes Doi, June Uyeda and Yo Hironaka were singled out for special recognition in this year's membership drive. Awards were presented them at the annual get-acquainted mixer held on Mar. 20 at the Park-Presidio Y.

15 U.S. SENATORS ENTHUSIASTIC IN SUPPORT OF HISTORY PROJECT

WASHINGTON—A proposed research project to catalog histories and experiences of Americans of Japanese ancestry has drawn enthusiastic support from Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) and 14 Senate colleagues.

Kuchel was joined in a letter to Health-Education-Welfare Secretary Celebrezze by his California colleague, Senator George Murphy, and lawmakers from seven other States, mostly in the West, in urging approval of a \$197,000 three-year grant to the Univ. of California at Los Angeles for financing studies being helped by the Japanese American Citizens' League and the Carnegie Foundation.

The purpose of the investigation is to obtain information about the assimilation and role in American society of residents with Oriental background. Among phases to be probed are the places of origin of Issei (first generation) Japanese, prejudices and problems encountered by aliens and their descendants, World War II experiences, and inter-racial relations of the different generations. The study, to use questionnaires and taped interviews, will be, the 15 Senators said, "the only one ever undertaken of an entire ethnic group throughout the country, as well as one that involves more than a single generation."

Joining Kuchel and Murphy in seeking federal assistance were: Sens. Peter H. Dominick (R-Colo.), Hiram L. Fong (R-Hawaii), Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), Frank Church (D-Idaho), Len B. Jordan (R-Idaho), Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.), Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.), Wayne Morse (D-Ore.),

Maurice B. Neuberger (D-Ore.), Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah), Frank E. Moss (D-Utah), Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) and Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.).

Text of Letter

The letter of the 15 Senators said: "There has come to our attention that it is pending before the Division of Research Grants of the National Institutes of Health, an application from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for a research grant for the so-called Japanese American Research Project. The request is for \$197,000 spread over a three-year period.

"This project is well under way. The Japanese American Citizens League, the only national organization of Americans of Japanese ancestry, has contributed \$100,000, raised from among its members in 32 states. The Carnegie Corp. has also contributed \$100,000.

"As we understand it, this study is the only one ever undertaken of an entire ethnic group throughout the country, as well as one that involves more than a single generation.

"Census tracts covering the United States have been broken down scientifically so that representative interviews are being had with the Issei, the immigrant generation. These interviews in depth some 50-pages in length, will be followed by similar interviews with the Nisei, the first generation native-born American, and then the Sansei, the second generation na-

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Past national JACL presidents join in Walter Memorial appeal

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
CHICAGO—The eight living past national JACL presidents have joined in the appeal for contributions to the Congressman Walter Memorial Fund, Kumeo Yoshinari, current national JACL president, announced today.

The past national JACL presidents who have accepted the invitation to serve on the National JACL Committee for the Congressman Walter Memorial Fund are: Dr. Thomas Yatabe of Chicago, Saburo Kido of Los Angeles, Hito Okada of Salt Lake City, George Inagaki of Los Angeles, Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles, Shigeo Wakamatsu of Chicago, Frank Chuman of Los Angeles and K. Patrick Okura of Omaha.

"That all past national JACL presidents have joined together to urge JACLers and others of Japanese ancestry in this country to contribute to this memorial is unprecedented and testifies to the appreciation we all owe to the late Pennsylvania congressman for his leadership in securing so many beneficial national laws for our group," Yoshinari said.

Walter's Influence

Walter was instrumental in securing for those of Japanese ancestry in the postwar congresses:
1—Privilege of naturalization.
2—Repeal of immigration exclusion.
3—Admission of Japanese wives of American veterans and servicemen.

- 4—Reunification of separated families.
- 5—Suspension of deportation for Japanese treaty traders.
- 6—The Evacuation Claims Act of 1948.

Contributions, which will be used to construct a memorial hall at Moravian Seminary for girls, the oldest Protestant school for girls in America near Bethlehem, Pa., may be sent to the Congressman Walter Memorial Fund, care of Washington JACL Office, 919-18th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Contributions are tax-deductible for income tax purposes.
(Southern Californians may forward contributions care of T. Yamaguma, co-chairman, Bank of Tokyo of California, 120 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.)

Dr. Yatabe's Comments

Dr. Yatabe, the first constitutionally elected National JACL President in 1934, who practiced dentistry in Fresno before Evacuation and who continues that practice now in Chicago, issued the following statement regarding the late Congressman Walter:
"Those of us who have known the late Congressman Walter fully appreciate and are grateful for all his efforts in behalf of all Japanese Americans.
"For one who had known very few if any Issei or Nisei prior to World War II and became a counselor, adviser and champion of our rights at a time when we needed

it most bespeaks of the humanitarianism of this great Congressman.

"When it was unpopular to be on our side, he spoke forthrightly on our behalf and stood his ground. This took courage and a deep sense of justice and righteousness. Because of these qualities, he made life a little easier and gave us the moral courage to carry on.

"Because he was what he was, we Japanese Americans today can lift our heads high and enjoy the rights and privileges he so earnestly helped us attain.
"Let us not forget the past and remember that Congressman Francis E. Walter helped smooth the road ahead for us."

Kido's Observations

Saburo Kido, wartime National JACL President who served three terms during the period of greatest travail for those of Japanese ancestry in this country, was an attorney in San Francisco before the Evacuation. He is now publisher and editor of the Shin Nichi Bei daily newspaper in Los Angeles, as well as an attorney. Writing in his daily news column, Kido declared that "the campaign to raise a Francis E. Walter Memorial Fund has been launched. We believe that this is something that the Issei in particular, the stragdees (in Japan) who voted, as well as the war brides, should support without reservation. For that matter, all persons who have come to this country as permanent residents in the postwar period cannot overlook the fact that it was the Walter-McCarran Act which enabled them to gain such a status...
"The goal which has been set up for persons of Japanese ancestry is not exorbitant. If the majority of those who have been naturalized would contribute a few dollars in appreciation, it would amount to a substantial amount in building up this memorial fund.
"We have confidence that many will respond to the call...
"We believe that this is something that will help to show the American people that persons of Japanese ancestry will always remember the friend who helped to give them the privilege of becoming American citizens by casting aside the discriminatory provision which had set up race as a barrier."

George Inagaki Speaks

George Inagaki, a Sacramentan by birth but a Los Angeles nurseryman at the time of the 1942 Evacuation, is now an investment and real estate broker in Los Angeles. He is the only past National President ever to be named the Nisei of the Biennium, having (Continued on Front Page)

Nisei reporter covers 50-mile Alabama voting rights march

BY RICHARD GIMA

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
HONOLULU—Mrs. Tomi Kaizawa Knaefer, Nisei reporter who covers the health beat for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Hawaii's largest newspaper, is back at her typewriter after covering the dramatic civil rights march this past week in Alabama.
"Though I sit here in the Star-Bulletin newsroom some 5,000 miles away from Montgomery, I still well up with emotion when my thoughts return to the incredible week that just was in Alabama."
Giving an account of her trip soon after her return (Friday)

night, March 26, Tomi said, "The faces, the words, the songs, the feelings and the scenes of that week—these are indelibly etched in my mind, forevermore a part of me."
In addition to Mrs. Knaefer, a multi-racial five-man team made the trip to Alabama—Glenn Izutsu, representing the Associated Students of the Univ. of Hawaii; Dr. Robert Browne and Dr. Limus C. Pauling, Jr., Honolulu psychiatrists; Charles Campbell, a Negro, chairman of the Civil Rights Conference of Hawaii and a teacher at Kaimuki High School; and Mrs. Nona Springel, research assistant

in psychology at the university. Mrs. Springel originally is from Homerville, Georgia. Her grandfather was a Ku Klux Klansman.

Leis Interest Nuns

Soon after arrival in Selma, Tomi said, two white nuns came over. They were interested in the leis worn by the Hawaii delegation. "Are they really orchids?" one asked the other as they fingered the leis.
Campbell gave the nuns leis Hawaiian style. Which means he kissed their cheeks after draping them with the flower garlands. "The pinched white faces glowered," Mrs. Knaefer said. "One spat and glowered some more."
"One nun told Campbell, 'Be careful. They know you now. Don't ever walk by yourself. Don't ever ride around at night.'"
"The first view of Selma was unforgettable," Tomi recalls. "Thousands of people milled about on Sylvan Street, a dirty road that jumped into headlines all over the world a week before in conjunction with the Negro-white beatings."
Several were surprised to learn that Negroes live in Hawaii, Mrs. Knaefer said.

Dr. King 'Flabbergasted'
Dr. Martin Luther King was "flabbergasted," Tomi said, to see the Hawaii delegation. Tomi quoted King: "To think you came all that way. You don't know what this means to us."
"And Ralph Bunche, Undersecretary of the United Nations, told us: 'I'm thrilled to see this delegation coming from so far away to demonstrate so solidly for human rights!'"
"Marchers took turns carrying the now-famous banner, 'Hawaii Knows Integration Works.'" Mrs. Knaefer said. It was brought back to Hawaii Friday night in Dr. Browne's suitcase.
"The march is now history, but let Tomi tell in her own words its finale: 'In one of the most moving sights that I shall ever hope to see. The sea of proud faces triumphantly make good its goal.
"As they marched up to the steps of the capitol, singing proudly and more proudly still, holding the flags up high, a flood of emotion swelled in me."
Tearful Emotions
"I could not control the tears. I ran into the press center van and waited for the cooling off. I jotted down words onto a blank sheet.
"The tears stopped and I called the Star-Bulletin.
"The crescendo of emotion overwhelmed me again as I began to dictate the story. When it was over, I walked about until I could gain control.
"Later I learned that the emotion was as sweeping for many of the marchers. Even the eyes of men marchers glistened with tears as they heard Dr. King's inspiring speech ending with the singing of 'We Shall Overcome.'"

Nisei Ministers Also in March

SAN FRANCISCO—Any past, servile attitude of the Negro has disappeared in the Montgomery and Selma area, according to the Rev. Nicholas Ioyoa who returned from Alabama last week.
"Many are now willing to risk loss of jobs and other reprisals to stand up for their rights, in this case, in voting rights," he said Saturday.
"The local Church of Christ, Presbyterian pastor, was one of four ministers sent by the North Coastal Area Presbyterian churches to participate in the Selma to Montgomery 'Freedom march' which ended last Thursday.
Rev. Ioyoa noted that there was no bitterness against the Negroes against the whites, but "they are out to get their full rights."
He praised the Negro leaders of the Southern Christian leadership conference for this "fine spirit" displayed by the people in their current struggle.
The Rev. Ioyoa departed Tuesday last week for Montgomery and visited Selma the next day.
"It was like war," he said. "Armed guards were everywhere in both cities and on the highway. To fall in case of an attack by...
"We traveled by shuttle bus to Selma and were first taught how to fall in case of an attack by riflefire."
Four Ku Klux Klan members were arrested Friday by FBI agents for the slaying of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo of Detroit by shots from a high-powered rifle the previous night.
The white mother of five was killed by a sniper while ferrying Negro marchers back to Selma in her automobile.
Stayed at Negro Home
"The four of us slept on the floor in the parlor of a Negro home in Montgomery on Tuesday night. We were asked not to say where this home was because disclosure may lead to later reprisal moves," the Rev. Ioyoa reported.
He camped in a tent on the grounds of Roman Catholic City of St. Jude, outside of Montgomery on the following night.
That evening many thousands of marchers attended a rally at the camp which included entertainment by Sammy Davis, Jr., Harry

Belafonte, Tony Bennett and other noted stage personalities.
On Thursday, the local ministers were among the 25,000 persons who marched from the City of St. Jude camp six miles in to center of Montgomery for a rally at the Alabama State Capitol Building.
Met Another Nisei
According to the Rev. Ioyoa, the Rev. Paul Nakamura of Long Beach was the only Nisei he met during his Alabama stay. The Hawaii Nisei minister is currently with the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Long Beach.
Two Sundays ago the elders of the Post and Octavia Sts. church voted to have their minister accept an invitation to participate in the march.
(Among the 90 Coloradans joining the march the final morning into Montgomery was Canon Russell Nakata, Episcopal clergyman.)

Dr. Murai's job as customs collector abolished by LBJ

HONOLULU—Under a reorganization plan announced Mar. 20 by President Johnson, the job of Honolulu Collector of Customs now held by Dr. Ernest I. Murai has been abolished.
The Honolulu dentist said he wasn't surprised because "we knew this was coming and that the Treasury Department favored it."
President Johnson's bill to abolish 45 appointed collector posts and substitute six districts will regroup Honolulu and the West Coast states with San Francisco as the district office.
A long-time Democratic party campaign fund chairman, Murai was appointed in 1961 by President Kennedy, making about \$13,000 a year. President Johnson is giving all customs collectors an opportunity to remain with the bureau if they qualify under civil service laws.
Dr. Murai has no immediate plans for the future.

Racial groupings in Hawaii anachronism, ex-congressman tells 442nd veteran luau

HONOLULU — Former Congressman Thomas P. Gill spoke out against what he called "the anachronism of racial groupings in Hawaii."
Referring to racial chambers of commerce, banks and social clubs, Gill asked:
"Isn't it about time that we looked at the people of Hawaii as just that, the people of Hawaii?"
Gill was principal speaker at the 442nd Veterans Club luau held Mar. 20 at Font DeRussy.
Master of ceremonies was Masao Doi, former City Council chairman.
Gill joked that the last election where he ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate and Doi for mayor qualified them both for the title of "un-politician." He suggested his remarks of the evening might reinforce the title.
Hawaii, he said, has presented itself for too long on being a place

of racial harmony. By luck of circumstance, he suggested we all are in racial minorities—"the right thing happened for the wrong reasons; we shouldn't take credit for it because we inherited it."
Our goal now, he suggested, should be to perfect the racial harmony that we have and he urged the elimination of racial economic and social groups to this end.
Gill said Islanders also have held to an exaggerated conception of Hawaii's importance in the world and of the world's concern with Hawaii.
He urged efforts to make Hawaii truly important through intellectual excellence and by projecting attitudes around the world that will mean something to others than ourselves.
Neil Kosasa, 1965 president of the 442nd Club, presided at a cake-cutting ceremonies. The guests included some 500 members, friends and Gold Star families.

4 silver pins presented Detroit JACLers

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
DETROIT—Four JACL silver pins and other chapter awards were presented at the Detroit JACL installation dinner-dance at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel Mar. 13. The program was postponed from Feb. 27 due to a huge snowstorm that immobilized the Detroit area.
Highlight of the evening was the address by National JACL President Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, who spoke on "Miracles of Forethought."
Walter Miyao, 1965 chairman, and board members were installed

by Judge James Montante of the Wayne County Circuit Court.
Outgoing board chairman James Shimoura made the special presentations to chapter members: the Detroit JACLer of the Year to Shirley Satoh, the silver pin to Mrs. Doris Fujioka, Mrs. Toshi Shimoura, Roy Kanekeo and Frank Watanabe, and the chapter awards to Rose Ball, Mary Kamidoi, Jewel Omura, Lily Amano, Ed Shiroma, Tom Hashimoto, Marian Hewlett, Betsy Tagami, Kay Morey, Laura Miyoshi, Richard Fujioka and Al Hatate.

Nisei added to So. Calif. Walter Fund committee

LOS ANGELES — The So. Calif. JACL Committee for Congressman Walter Memorial Fund this past week announced a Nisei group to assist in the local campaign.
Named were:
Los Angeles County — Judge John Also, Seichi Fukui, Frank Chuman, George Inagaki, Saburo Kido, Tats Kubhida, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Frank Suzuki, Eiji Tanabe, Frank Tsuchiya, Taul Watanabe.
Orange County—Judge Steven Tamura, Henry Kanogae, Clarence Nishizawa, Hiroshi Nitta.

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1968 JACL CONVENTION

Until recently, the No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council was hard-pressed to situate the 1968 National JACL Convention (the 20th biennial). San Jose accepted the responsibility and is now hard-pressed trying to situate the convention site within the environs of the city.

For what it's worth, we reprint an editorial which appeared in the Sept. 10, 1942, Pacific Citizen:

Indefinitely Postponed

Barring war and Evacuation, the JACL's biggest national convention, the 1942 biennial meeting, would have been held last week in Oakland, California. Instead of delegates and boosters from the JACL's sixty-eight functioning chapters, there was not a single American of Japanese ancestry in Oakland last weekend.

We mention this in passing, for the Oakland convention was planned by the host chapter to have been the biggest meeting held by American citizens of Japanese parentage. But the Oakland convention has not been cancelled—and it can only be cancelled by a victory of the fascist aggressors. We know the Hitlers and the Tojos can't win, so we will meet in Oakland when victory is ours.

For the time being the Oakland convention is indefinitely postponed.

It appears to us victory is ours—and it will be about 25 years since the Oakland convention was postponed. We do not suggest that San Jose should give up its plans but we would propose that at least one event be held somewhere in Oakland to make good this PC editorial of a quarter century ago.

The Oakland chapter of 1942 was headed by the late Kay Hirao. Other cabinet members of that year included Frank Tsukamoto, 1st v.p.; Mikiko Hayashida, 2nd v.p.; Shochi Asazawa, treas.; Jimmie Nagata, asst. treas.; Hatsumi Hirao, editor; Kelly Yamada, Dr. Randy Mas Sakada, ex-officio; Betty Fujisaki, Dr. Tad Tano, Noboru Kaita, Fred Nomura, Mrs. R. H. WeHara, Tad Hirota, Haruki Kuroiwa, Dr. T. Hikoyeda, Hayaji Oda, Hiroshi Tatsuta and Joe Oishi, board of governors.

These names were found in another PC article announcing the transfer of \$1,000 of chapter funds to the National treasury in late 1942 to help "carry out effectively its program on behalf of Nisei and Japanese residents in the U.S."

AROUND THE TOWN

Consul General Henry T. Shimanouchi spent weekends in March touring and addressing communities in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, then returned to his alma mater, Occidental College, to be conferred the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from college president Dr. Arthur Coons, the consul's former professor in economics. . . . The "321 Bldg." up the street has been renamed Civic National Bank Bldg., its 10-story steel skeleton visible for miles around. . . . Isaac Matsushige has been helping the Yorty for Mayor campaign committee in recent weeks. . . . The L.A. city primaries come Tuesday. Vote early!

The city's new Children's Zoo in Griffith Park opened this week. The young animals were too scared the first day to frolic with the youngsters and their parents, but we understand the animals are not people-shy now. . . . The San Diego zoo is still our favorite—and '66 JACL conventioners should keep it in mind. Some of the exotic animals there are the only ones in America.

The So. Calif. JACL Committee for the Walter Memorial Fund with banker Takito Yamaguma in charge figures \$5,000 can be raised locally—and he should be in the know as any one. . . . Nationally, no goal has been announced. How much the persons of Japanese ancestry in America can raise for this memorial will be eagerly watched by those in Washington—for here was a man, with hardly a Japanese American constituent in eastern Pennsylvania, doing as much as he did for Japanese Americans in general. This is one time the generosity for which we have been known to have can be measured.

Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama

Hawaii Immigration Centennial

TOKYO—The Japanese Immigration to Hawaii Centennial committee have plans to ask President Johnson to dispatch Sen. Dan Inouye, Rep. Spark Matsunaga and Rep. Patsy T. Mink on a special goodwill mission here in 1968, it was learned this week.

The committee also plans to ask the Japanese Imperial Household Agency to send Prince and Princess Hitachi, younger brother of the Crown Prince, to Hawaii.

To mark the 95th anniversary of Japanese emigration to Hawaii two years ago, Chief Justice Wilfred Tsukiyama of the Hawaii Supreme Court and his wife were invited to Japan to tell of the struggles of the Japanese in Hawaii and how they have fared to date.

Tsukiyama created a sensation with his eloquent presentation of the Japanese in Hawaii.

JACL MAJOR MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN
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Something to Chirp About

History Project—

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five-born American, all of the same family where possible.

Oral Interviews

"In addition, there will be interviews of these three generations taped as oral histories but of Issei, Nisei, and Sansei selected for their achievements, or their leadership, outstanding contributions and/or their unique experiences.

"Then, thousands of questionnaires will be sent out to Issei, Nisei, and Sansei, selected at random.

"Finally, an effort is being made to secure all publications and books concerning the Japanese in America published up to this time, together with diaries, personal memorabilia, newspapers, and other historical documents and data, to be located at a Japanese American Center to be established at UCLA.

"The research will attempt to explain, among others, from what areas in Japan most of the Issei immigrated to the United States, why, where they entered this country, what they did, what prejudices and discriminations they faced and what they did about them, how they raised their children and what they tried to teach them as parents, their experiences during the Second World War, and so on. With understandable revisions, these same general questions will be asked of the Nisei and the Sansei, with emphasis on sociological and cul-

Youth Foundation

SEATTLE — Peter Ohtaki, active Cler and JAL district sales manager here, was elected a trustee of the Seattle Rotary Youth Foundation.

Masaoka—

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buster and to invoke cloture if the full Senate membership is present and voting—voted that the Judiciary Committee complete its hearings and report a bill to the Senate for consideration by Friday, April 9.

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At a special meeting of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, of which JACL is an active charter member, on Sunday, March 21, 90 national organizations that comprise the active membership of the Conference agreed that while the Administration's bill is an excellent one, it should, at the very minimum, be strengthened in at least four respects.

Roy Wilkins, chairman of the Leadership Conference and executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who was the 18th Biennial National JACL Convention banquet speaker last July 4 in Detroit, testified to this effect before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on March 24.

"The Administration bill introduced by the distinguished Chairman of the Committee, Congressman Celler, is a good bill. It goes further than any bill ever introduced on this subject and obviously it is an effort to correct disenfranchisement on a wide scale. However, in our opinion, the bill is

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"Japanese Americans constitute one of the most effective demonstrations of democracy in action that we have, for, using the tools of our system they have overcome great obstacles and today enjoy the equality, the dignity, and the opportunities of most other Americans.

"The nearly \$200,000 requested by UCLA is needed to complete the research in order that definitive answers may be had to many meaningful questions.

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Youth Foundation

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Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama

Hawaii Immigration Centennial

TOKYO—The Japanese Immigration to Hawaii Centennial committee have plans to ask President Johnson to dispatch Sen. Dan Inouye, Rep. Spark Matsunaga and Rep. Patsy T. Mink on a special goodwill mission here in 1968, it was learned this week.

The committee also plans to ask the Japanese Imperial Household Agency to send Prince and Princess Hitachi, younger brother of the Crown Prince, to Hawaii.

To mark the 95th anniversary of Japanese emigration to Hawaii two years ago, Chief Justice Wilfred Tsukiyama of the Hawaii Supreme Court and his wife were invited to Japan to tell of the struggles of the Japanese in Hawaii and how they have fared to date.

Tsukiyama created a sensation with his eloquent presentation of the Japanese in Hawaii.

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

TWO PERSONALITIES—If you stopped in your headlong pursuit of things long enough last week to peruse the public prints, you may have noticed Parade Magazine's cover story on Patsy Takemoto Mink, Democratic congresswoman from Hawaii, and the warm profile on Jack Soo, born Goro Suzuki, in TV Guide.

The combined impact these two stories had on what might be called the Nisei image is impossible to evaluate, but it certainly must be considerable. Through sheer volume of circulation, these publications attract widespread attention. Parade, distributed as a supplement by some 40-plus newspapers in all parts of the country, has a circulation of some 11,425,000 according to 1964 figures. TV Guide claims a weekly distribution of 9,315,000.

Both stories were friendly and sympathetic in tone if not profound, and recognized the peculiar position of each subject as a Japanese American who had gained position and recognition on his and her merits. Of Mrs. Mink, Jack Anderson wrote:

"In her own land of enchanting island, Patsy T. (for Takemoto) Mink is the most important woman in politics since Queen Liliuokalani was dethroned in 1893. She is the first woman of Oriental ancestry to be admitted to the Hawaiian bar, the only Oriental woman ever to be elected to the Hawaiian legislature. She not only is the first woman Hawaii has sent to Congress but the only new congresswoman to be elected last November . . ."

ROCKY OF VALENTINE'S DAY—The occasion for the profile on Jack Soo is his rousing successful arrival on the national television scene (after five years of knocking around in "Flower Drum Song") as Rocky in ABC's comedy series, Valentine's Day. Soo's background, his experiences during the war when he was evacuated to Topaz, Utah, and his feelings about racial stereotypes are chronicled in considerable detail. Reads one portion of the story:

"Although Soo carries no banners, he is a man sensitive to the racial nuance. 'I think it's a good thing, our show,' he said one day, sitting in a canvas-back chair on the Valentine's Day set at 20th Century-Fox in Hollywood. 'The public accepts Rocky. Now maybe they'll accept the fact that there are a lot of contemporary Orientals. We're not a bunch of ricky-ticky stereotypes who do nothing but wash shirts and cook fried rice. Me, I can't even cook sukiyaki. Most Occidentals have no idea what my role of Rocky means to the image of the Oriental, what it means to see a Japanese-American who isn't a door opener or a lawn cutter. And we aren't preachy.'"

IN THEIR OWN RIGHT—The point that should not be missed in reading about Mrs. Mink and Soo is that they are personalities in their own right, that through their accomplishments in their respective fields they have become legitimate objects of public interest, and it is just incidental that they happen to be of Japanese extraction. Congresswoman Mink and Actor Soo would be interesting human beings if they were of Irish or Swedish or German or whatever origins.

I am sure that Mrs. Mink's colleagues do not regard her as "that Japanese woman," but as the Representative from Hawaii, or more simply, Mrs. Mink. And that is the way most of us are regarded by our own associates—as persons with names and by the jobs we do, and not necessarily by our racial backgrounds.

The odd thing is that it is the Nisei themselves who underscore their Nisei-ness and acknowledge the fact of their difference, even to the extent of writing a column like this when one of their number wins national recognition.

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HI-CO CONFERENCE TO AID COLLEGE BOUND SANSEI

Registrations Due Tomorrow for 3-Day Student Get-Together

LOS ANGELES—To better prepare the college-bound Sansei to meet the initial challenges of a higher education, the 1965 Hi-Co Conference being staged April 9-11 at the Presbyterian Conference Campgrounds in Pacific Palisades will be centered on the theme: The College Years—a Beginning.

The PSWDC-sponsored conference will provide much information and material to answer questions like:

1—Which is better, a small college or a large university?
2—Should I pick my major in the first semester?

Ron Hirasawa, Hi-Co chairman, noted that one of the biggest problems among students in recent years has been the increasing number of college-caliber students who drop or are dropped out of college in their first year.

Some, because they are not prepared for a four-year curriculum, cannot keep up; and others, because they attend a junior college with a specialized field in mind, become disappointed or disinterested in their studies.

The Hi-Co committee hopes to meet this problem at the 1965 conference. Application and registration fees are due this Saturday, unless previously arranged.

Those planning to attend are expected to be present at a pre-conference rally tomorrow at Centenary Methodist Church, 3500 S. Normandie Ave., Los Angeles, from 8 p.m. Applications and fees will be accepted. A record dance will conclude the evening.

Further information about fees and the conference may be obtained from Carol Taniguchi (AN 2-9202) and Ron Hirasawa (AN 9-3495).

150 attend dinner for Matsushige

LOS ANGELES—A congenial group of 150 well-wishers attended the appreciation dinner in honor of Isaac Matsushige, erstwhile JACL regional director, at the San Kwo Low Sunday night.

Three past national presidents, Saburo Kido, Frank Chuman and Roy Nishikawa, praised Matsushige's two years in office, especially for his work in the larger community as well as strengthening the PSW chapters.

Others who spoke were: Tats Kushiya, Mayor Yorty's aide George Saiki, Frank H. Hirata, PSWDC chair. Kats Arimoto and Curt Moody, exec. sec., Community Relations Conference of Southern California. Alan Kumamoto, emcee, read telegrams from Kumeo Yoshinari, national JACL president, and Jerry Enomoto, nat'l 1st v.p.

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ual who believes in voting rights and civil rights write his or her Congressman and his or her two Senators and record his or her views.

There can be no excuse for any JACLer, or American for that matter, who believes in human dignity and decency, not to write now on this simple but fundamental constitutional right to register and vote for his or her representatives in the National Congress, in the State Legislatures, and in the local assemblies and councils, as well for the individual officials subject to elections.

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The annual crusade commences Monday, April 5.

JACL bowling tourney doubles score rechecked

DENVER — Double-checking of scores bowled at the recent JACL National Nisei bowling tournament here resulted in several minor changes in the men's doubles as follows:

Grand Prize—5th: Hank Hayashida-Hank Hara 1182 (was 1st. 7th: Squad). Squad Prize—7th Sq. Jun Makiyama-Jim Moriyma 1161. Speedy Shiba-Shig Kaneaga 1145. Hiro Nagao-Warren Hasegawa 1137. 8th Sq. Shun Nakayama-George Nagai 1183 (was grand prize 5th). Leslie Murakami-Eugene Silva 1153. Min Kato-Frank Tokunaga 1133.

Bridge Club meets

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco JACL Bridge Club directors will have its annual meeting to night to review and chart future events. The directors are: Bernard Hata, Eddie Moriguchi, Maganus Nagase, Bill Nakahara and Will Tsukamoto.

At the first masterpoint night of 1965 held Mar. 19, many interesting hands were noted. The results: Eisei Hinoke - Lura Kuhlman 60 pts.; Taya Hara - Alice Moriguchi 59½; Eddie Moriguchi - Rosale Tokunaga 58½; Bill Nakahara - Will Tsukamoto 57½; Don Moriguchi - Norman Moriguchi 57.

Next session will be held Apr. 16 at Christ Episcopal Church social hall.

Physical Fitness

WAILUKU, Maui—Tommy Kono, three-time Olympic champion weightlifter, will conduct a physical fitness program for Maui county residents, the Board of Supervisors announced last week.

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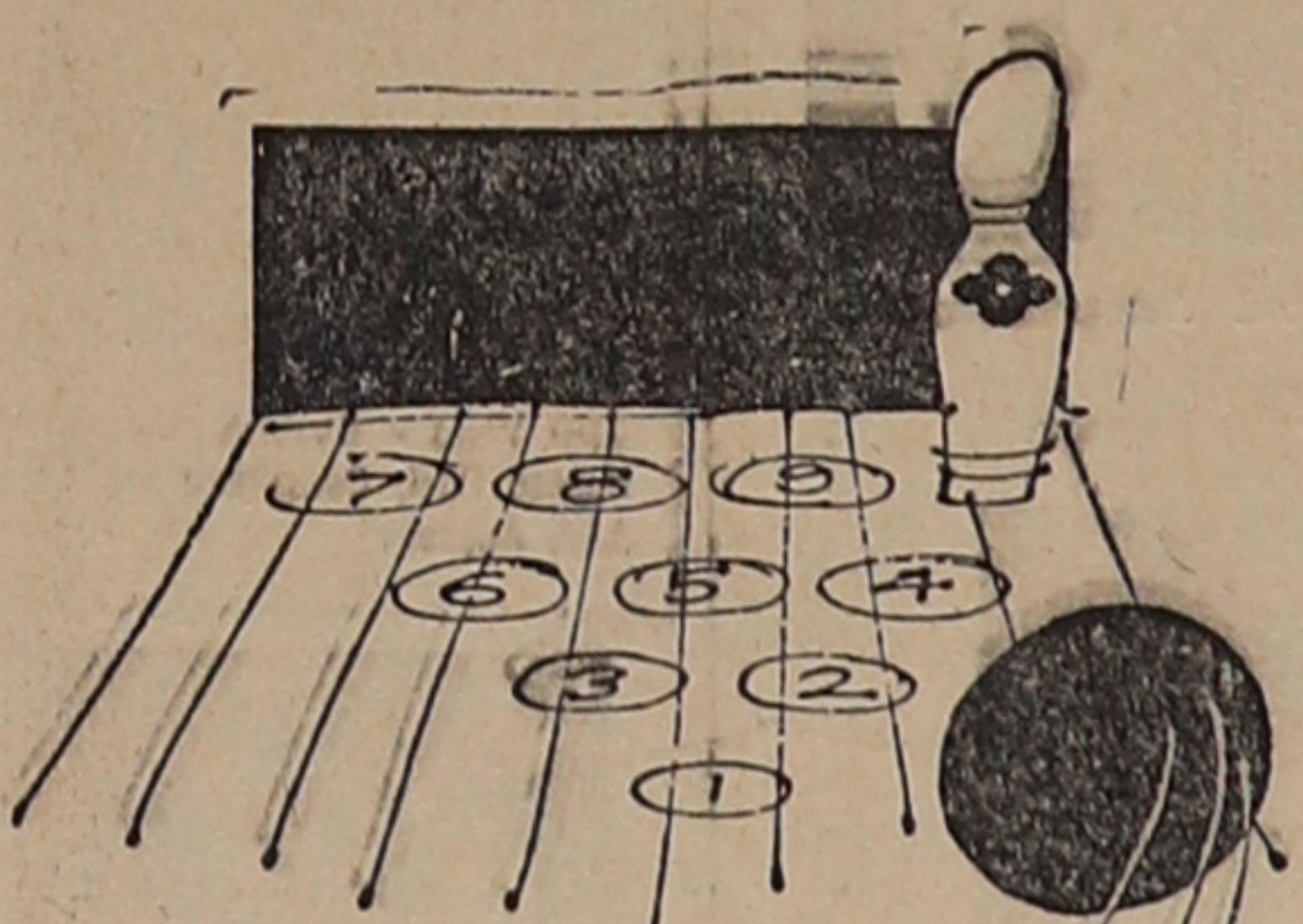
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gained that coveted honor for the 1955-1956 biennium. He is still a member of the National JACL Board, being the elected past National President to serve.

"Having held a number of national offices in JACL during the postwar period, I have had the privilege and pleasure of meeting the late Congressman Francis E. Walter on many occasions. I, for one, know from first-hand experience that it was with a genuine interest in the welfare of the Japanese American people that he spearheaded many legislative benefits to those of us of Japanese ancestry. Among them were such important ones as the granting of naturalization privileges, the Issei, the repeal of exclusion in immigration, and the Evacuation Claims Act.

"I know that he was a great friend and supporter of our JACL. It was always a pleasure to call on him because of the sincere concern he extended to us who were associated with the JACL."

"Both Issei and Nisei should join with other Americans in supporting the Francis E. Walter Memorial and take this opportunity to strongly urge all Japanese Americans to support it also. This is a welcome opportunity to show our appreciation to a great American who aided us so much in our postwar fight to gain our place in America."

Nishikawa Adds His Appeal

Dr. Roy Nishikawa is now an optician in Los Angeles. Currently, he is chairman of two highly important JACL committees, the National JACL Planning Commission and the Pacific Southwest Regional Office Administrative Committee. As the chairman of the "Pacific Citizen" Board, he is credited with making that membership publication the respected weekly newspaper that it is. As evidence of his interest in youth, the Nat'l JACL

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"His many activities on behalf of Americans of Japanese ancestry and JACL need not be repeated here. Suffice it to say that in my opinion, no single Congressman has been so outstandingly effective in representing our interests in the Halls of Congress. Much of JACL's successful postwar legislative program depended upon the good offices of the Congressman from Pennsylvania."

"A memorial in honor of Congressman Walter should be gratefully and enthusiastically supported by all Issei and Nisei."

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