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President's Corner

Thoughts on Five Topics

Civil Rights
This column will be a composite of random thoughts which concern me, and I hope it does to you, because together it will determine the role which the JACL is expected to play in the following areas.

This past month national attention has been focused on Alabama where Negro Americans were redressing their grievances to the state for the bigoted treatment of their rights. The details need no emphasis here as the newspaper headlines have accounted for what happened there.

It is probably news to you to know that, at least, six Japanese Americans were reported to have participated in the various demonstrations. Our congratulations are expressed to these marchers because they not only dared to exhibit their courage and convictions, but they also helped to represent the moral concerns of the JACLers who are in accord with the Negro Americans and their struggle for recognition of first-class citizenship rights.

Let there be anyone who feels that Alabama is far away, or that it is excusably a Southern state and therefore we need not be directly involved, let me remind you that it wasn't long ago when our very rights were suspended too. If ever there is the right time to stand up for moral principle and be counted—it is now!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recently stated, "Demonstrations will have to come to the North on a scale that will grapple with the civil rights problems." This forecast may mean our home towns may be the future sites of protestation unless these cities now hurriedly get their behavior in order to welcome the new day of American equality and justice for all of her citizens regardless of creed, religion, or color. In this process, the JACL must play a leading part as enlightened citizens to widen the encompassing meaning of democracy.

Civil Rights Fund
The National Council approved the establishment of the National JACL Civil Rights Fund at the Detroit Convention. To date, I haven't

been successful in getting anyone to accept the chairmanship of the impending national drive to fill the coffers of this Fund. However, it is encouraging to note that voluntary contributions have been received so far from the following: Sequoia, Puyallup Valley, and St. Louis. I congratulate these chapters for their conscientious support!

I'd like to see some \$30,000 in this escrow so that money will be available to take specific actions in the following areas:

- (1) Assist the Pacific Northwest District Council in successfully passing the referendum to repeal the Washington State Anti-Alien Land Law.
- (2) Participate in the elimination of the miscegenation laws through legislative repeals or judicial invalidations.
- (3) Support the full administration of the Federal Civil Rights enactments.
- (4) Reimburse individual participant's expenses in approved civil rights projects or demonstrations.

I invite anyone who believes in the above-mentioned activities to remit their contributions to the nearest JACL office.

Cong. Walter Memorial Fund

A word of gratitude is expressed to those who are giving their time and effort to solicit donations in memory of the late Congressman Francis Walter of Pennsylvania. JACL is honored to have United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii and the very distinguished Issei pioneer, Yaemon Minami of Santa Maria, Calif., as honorary co-chairmen of this campaign.

The active committee is co-chaired by Takito Yamaguma of Los Angeles—Issei Division, whereas the Nisei section is under Mike Masaka. The PSW Regional Office is being used as the clearing house.

Congressman Walter is well remembered for his co-authorship of the immigration and naturalization bill known as the Walter-McCarran Act which enabled the Issei to become naturalized citizens. Mr. Walter aided the JACL in many other legislative matters.

Your donation to help express our gratitude to him for befriending

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MONTEREY JACL HITS NEW HIGH FOR 12TH TIME

Chapter Passes 311 Mark to Keep Alive Pacesetter Record
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MONTEREY—Congratulations were extended by the Monterey Peninsula JACL to its vice president George Oyeda and his membership committee for going over the top again this past week.

The latest figure was not available last year, the chapter had 311 members—the 11th consecutive year it has surpassed the previous year's high. Each year since 1954, the final count represented the chapter's all-time high, a performance unmatched by any other JACL chapter in the nation.

The chapter has Blue Cross coverage for its members.

Its record-breaking performance since 1953 reads as follows: 1953—96; 1954—136; 1955—163; 1956—194; 1957—207; 1958—215; 1959—225; 1960—230; 1961—258; 1962—272; 1963—310; 1964—311.

On the 1965 membership committee: Gary Gota, Dr. and Mrs. Tak Hattori, Tom Hatano, Eric Pickering, Kiku Kuwata, Sadayo Kanaya, Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Yamashita, Jimmie Oyeda Jr., Kenji House, Douglas Hagio, Mr. and Mrs. Fumio Yonita, Kyoko Royston, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hatashita, Dr. Eugene Tsujimoto.

All-Time High
SAN DIEGO—With 350 members, the San Diego JACL hit a new all-time high this past month. Its previous high of 348 was registered in 1962.

Ken Koba is membership chairman.

307 in Portland
PORTLAND—The ambitious goal of 300 members set by Mrs. Emi Sonekawa, Portland JACL membership chairman, last year has been met with 307 as of late March, not counting the 58 Jr. JACL members.

Many said it couldn't be done. The chapter had 208 last year which was its all-time high.

San Diegans Cited

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Dissenting judge hits Nevada land ruling

CARSON CITY—The Nevada Supreme Court rejected on Mar. 30 by a 2-1 vote the appeal of a Japanese American family over land foreclosure in Paradise Valley in Clark County.

Bill Kiyoy and Yonema Tomiya lost their case in trying to prove Richard and Audrey Golden and the Nevada Title Insurance Co. "conspired to take their land" from them.

District Judge John E. Gabrielli of Washoe County, replacing ailing

Federal jurisdiction sought for rights murder

WASHINGTON—Sen. Thomas Kuchel (R-Calif.) has become a principal co-sponsor of a bill providing several criminal penalties for persons who interfere with the exercise of rights assured citizens by the Constitution.

A new proposal, supported by Kuchel, would pave the way for death sentences to be imposed by federal courts upon persons guilty of murders, such as have occurred in the South during civil rights demonstrations and related activities to end discrimination against Negroes.

Under existing law, there is no federal jurisdiction over murders in such instances and prosecution must take place in state courts.

TANOMOSHI CUSTOM EYED BY INTERNAL REVENUE

SAN MATEO—Interviewers for the Japanese History Project report that investigations of gardeners have been underway by agents and auditors of the Internal Revenue Service.

One item which has caught the attention of the IRS have been deposits in bank and savings accounts deriving from bids won at tanomoshi meetings. As deposits they can be interpreted as income. But as tanomoshi proceeds they are loans to be repaid or the accumulation of monthly payments.

Agents point out that this custom of Japanese ought to be backed up with receipts from the tanomoshi group and kept with other financial records for at least three years.

PSWDC TO HONOR FRIENDS OF NISEI AT ELBEE CONFAB

LONG BEACH—At least eight chapters in the Pacific Southwest District Council will award the JACL Scroll of Appreciation to friends of Japanese Americans because of their outstanding assistance and dedicated efforts on behalf of Japanese Americans during the war years and immediate post-war years.

The presentations will be made during the 9th biennial PSWDC Convention being held at the Edgewater Inn here May 1-2. Chapters which are honoring distinguished citizens within their respective communities include Orange County, San Diego, Long Beach-Harbor District, Santa Barbara, Pasadena, Venice-Culver, Downtown L. A. and Hollywood, according to Dr. David Miura, recognition committee chairman.

Honorees include the Rev. Haris D. Rummell (posthumous) of San Diego; Prof. John E. Pentry, Jr. of Lemon Grove, Calif.; the Rev. Clyde L. Burnett of Venice; Jack Serger of Hollywood; and William C. Carr of Pasadena.

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BROWN SUPPORTS BROADER VOTER RIGHTS MEASURES

Anti-Bias Bill Against State Licensees Also Introduced This Week

SACRAMENTO—Governor Brown announced his support of a series of bills designed to broaden voter registration and participation last week.

One would prohibit challenges at the polls without reasonable cause made solely for harassment to deter voters, permit voters to register until 29 days before an election instead of the present 53 days and provide that the English language reading and writing requirement for voting wouldn't apply to persons over 50 years of age who have lived in the U.S. for at least 20 years.

He also favored the bill to extend the right to vote for President and Vice President to new California residents who had been denied this right in their former state of residence because of race, color or creed.

Anti-Bias Bill

State Sen. John W. Holmdahl (D-Oakland) has introduced an anti-discrimination licensing measure, previously announced by Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch before the Nisei VFW reunion at San Francisco.

The bill is designed "to insure that California residents of all races are treated fairly and equally by persons of whom the state has conferred the privilege of engaging in specialized and relatively exclusive callings." It would also provide suspension or revocation of state business and professional licenses for willful and continued acts of racial discrimination.

The licensees would have ample opportunity to comply with existing law relative to racial discrimination. Holmdahl stated, as well as having full procedural protections and rights of appeal in the event charges are brought.

The present civil rights code bars racial discrimination by any business establishment and allows for \$250 punitive damages recoverable by civil action. But the present law doesn't provide for licensee disciplinary action, Holmdahl added.

Under the terms of Holmdahl's measure, a state licensing agency first would issue a cease-and-desist notice to a licensee charged with acts of racial discrimination.

If the licensee ignored the order and continued to discriminate thereafter, the licensee disciplinary proceeding would be triggered.

Any license suspension or revocation would be subject to judicial review.

Other bills now pending before the 1965 Legislature propose suspension or revocation of license upon initial violations. They don't provide for the cease-and-desist order first.

Ikebana Intern'l to moot race bias

TOKYO—The rising popularity of Ikebana throughout the world, as manifested by the growth of Ikebana International, an organization founded in 1958 to promote Japanese flower arrangement overseas, has resulted in problems never envisaged by the creators of this art.

Ikebana International, now comprised of some 10,000 members (half of them in the U.S.), will hold its first world convention here May 9-13 at Hotel Okura to discuss various problems—among them the alleged discrimination against Negroes from membership to chapters in the southern United States.

Mrs. Hisako Komine, president of Ikebana International who was born in Sacramento, said such discrimination was contradictory to the organization's motto: "Amity, Unity and Harmony through Ikebana."

Other problems involve teacher certification, demonstration fees, organization of chapters and duration of Ikebana courses.

Nisei Week parade calls for glamorous costumes

LOS ANGELES—A glamorous Nisei Week end parade has been slated for Sunday, Aug. 22, in L.A. if community individuals and groups cooperate with the plans of the parade committee.

Ancient costumes of Japan have already been solicited from the Mayor of Nagoya Kiyoshi Sugita through Jr. Chamber president Goki Kinuya. The committee hopes that, for example, kendoists would enter a brykkotai march, the kumogata parade by Buddhist groups, the Ochigo parade by Buddhist groups,

Evacuation would be invalid under present court: Kido

LOS ANGELES—The U.S. Supreme Court decision of Monday guaranteeing the right of a defendant to cross-examine his accusers (the Pointer case) drew the comment from Saburo Kido, wartime National JACL president, that the constitutionality of Evacuation cases may be reversed by the present court.

Writing in his daily column appearing in the Shin Nichibei, Kido Tuesday said the present decision upholding the Evacuation "is a dangerous precedent which may lead to dictatorship unless the military powers are restricted under wartime conditions."

Kido was referring to the 1944 ruling in the Fred Korematsu case, which held by a 6-3 vote that mass evacuation was a constitutional exercise of war powers of the President. The court also ruled at the same time in the Mitsuye Endo case that loyal American citizens could not be detained in relocation camps.

The Endo case paved the way for the War Relocation Authority to push the resettlement program and closing of centers from early 1945, while the war in the Pacific was still raging.

Individual Rights

"We believe the rights of citizens should be guarded," Kido said, "so that there will not be an encroachment. And it seems to us that the right to face an adverse witness and cross-examine him should be one of the basic rights."

"Even though it may inconvenience the law agencies, it should be held sacred. It would be safer to even have a few criminals escape the punishment if many innocents are going to suffer as a result of the denial of the right to confront an adverse witness," Kido said.

Kido was moved to comment on the Evacuation cases by recalling the war years when the matter of security clearances was important. Many (Nisei) were unable to secure civil service jobs then because of reports that were unfavorable to them had been filed.

"We thought the person under investigation whose clearance involved his future was entitled to

confront the adverse witness in order to have his position cleared," Kido commented.

Unfair Handicap

He regarded it an "unfair handicap" for it permitted a cloud to remain on a person's record, jeopardizing his future and then being unable to secure witnesses to clear his name when needed.

"We often wondered why it has taken the Supreme Court to take so long to touch on these delicate questions," Kido continued.

"It seems that many crucial decisions are being made today."

The ruling in the Pointer case was a unanimous opinion, delivered by Justice Hugo Black who said the right contained in the 6th Amendment "is made obligatory on the states by the 14th Amendment", which requires all citizens receive due process under the law. The right of the 6th Amendment had always been afforded defendants in federal courts but not

necessarily provided in state trials. Previous decisions holding that the 6th Amendment does not apply to state criminal trials "can no longer be regarded as the law," Black said.

The court overturned the conviction in a Texas court of Bob Granville Pointer, convicted of holding up a food market and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Kido felt that "when it comes to criminal cases, the possibility of abuses which will infringe upon the rights of individuals should be of greater importance than the convenience of the authorities to convict a suspect."

This "doctrine of convenience," Kido added, also applied in the alien land law cases where defendants had the burden of proving whether they were citizens or not. But upon appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court in the Fred Oyama case in 1948, that court in effect nullified the alien land laws.

U.S. GROWERS MUST COMPETE FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS, SAYS WIRTZ

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz reflected the expressed intention of Congress when he told California farmers that the mass importation into this country of foreign labor to harvest American crops is ended.

Following a four-day tour of California's vegetable fields, fruit groves, and labor camps, Secretary Wirtz declared that agriculture will have to get its workers through direct wage competition in the domestic labor market.

A score of states—mainly in the West—have made extensive use of alien labor, chiefly the Mexican "braceros," imported annually by the tens of thousands on grounds of domestic labor shortages. The law permitting this importation expired last Dec. 31.

Following the law's termination some California growers have complained that U.S. citizens would not do the work which the "bracero" had done or that sufficient numbers of domestic workers were not available.

At the same time, the American farm workers protested that they were being turned away without explanation when they applied to

growers for farm labor. It was for these reasons that Secretary Wirtz decided to take a look at the situation.

Four-Day Tour

In four 18-hour days, the Secretary covered about 1,000 miles of California farmland, traveling on foot, by automobile, airplane and helicopter. He saw the asparagus ranches of Northern California, the citrus groves outside of Los Angeles, date groves around Indio and the lettuce fields in Imperial Valley.

Disgust expressed by Wirtz over some conditions he saw on his tour of California farm areas was echoed by the Council of California Growers.

Citing "the operators of filthy, disgraceful farm labor camps" and "growers who incredibly enough did not have toilet facilities in their fields," the Council said the displeasure expressed by Secretary Wirtz over living and working conditions was not "exaggerated."

"Most growers," the Council said, "know the need to see that decent conditions are maintained both in the camps and in the fields, but obviously some don't and it's up to us collectively and individually to see that the type of things that do exist that are wrong are made right."

In 'Transition'

Following discussions with hundreds of workers, employers, and officials, the Secretary said that he sees the problem mainly as one of "transition." "There is no question whatsoever," Wirtz said, "that we can end the anomaly, the paradox of there being 400,000 to 500,000 unemployed in California and there still being difficulty recruiting labor for farms."

The Secretary was quick to emphasize that improvements in working and living conditions for the farm laborer are urgently needed.

"I observed that the most serious reports of labor turn-over came from farm operations where conditions were bad," the Secretary commented, "and the fewest complaints from places that obviously were well operated."

Predicting that "even major increases in farm wages would bring only insignificant increases in retail food prices," Secretary Wirtz indicated that he was personally strongly inclined to press for a national minimum wage and unemployment insurance for farm workers.

The Secretary is also considering the development, under Federal-State auspices, of a national network of trailer parks, with full community facilities, as bases from which migrant farm-worker families following the crop cycle could live decently.

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WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY?

Tracy, Calif. To me, the stand of men like Clark Kerr, appears eminently reasonable and appropriate. Freedom without responsibility is intolerable and borders on anarchy, and yet just as intolerable is the idea of arbitrary expulsion of students, without due process.

In my opinion the arbitrary cancellation of a duly scheduled lecture by an administrator, based upon the alleged political leanings of the speaker, does violence to the concept of academic freedom, if not to some lot more fundamental principles of our American democracy. This seems particularly true when the action results from pressure.

It is disturbing to see so many Americans with a need to be "super patriots" on missions to "save" us from one threat or another. In so doing, such people often would deny us the right to hear about controversial issues, and indeed, have little hesitation in applying the vicious smear tactics of the extreme right in order to quash those who disagree.

Here in California, we are still seeing the struggles of a great University, torn by forces difficult for even the average thinking American to follow, but also unfortunately open to quick, premature and shallow interpretation by those emotionally eager to solve every controversy by applying the "commie" label. In my own backyard, I find the administrator of a state college arbitrarily canceling the scheduled appearance of a noted lecturer and author, because of her alleged political beliefs.

It seems to me that our responsibility, as Americans and JACLers, in this crazy mixed-up 20th century, is at once simple, yet complex. For Americans to whom it is "fashionable" to be for Negro civil rights, it is also reasonable to believe that the Negro shouldn't move quite so fast. A little bit at a time, they say, "You can't change things overnight." Sort of like being a "little bit pregnant".

Dedicated clergymen leave the safety of their pulpits for the streets of Selma and are injured, worse yet, one is killed. A white housewife devoted to the rights of Negro Americans is shot down in the night, in an incident that we would like to dismiss as a bad dream, but which is unfortunately another ugly reality of our times. News of this is greeted by comments that suggest that these people are "troublemakers", that they were where they didn't belong, that they don't deserve too much sympathy because they were "asking for trouble", etc. It reminds me of the loud cries of many fellow Californians, during the heated battle over Prop. 13, that the church should have no voice in morality. These are comments from the mouths of good Christian, middle class Californians.

Is there sound thinking behind the bit about "Why Vietnam and not Selma?" I think not. Even as a relatively uninformed average American, where international diplomacy and statesmanship is concerned, the logistics of our involvement in Vietnam does not seem reasonably equated with the merits of using federal troops in Alabama.

In the midst of the promise of the Economic Opportunities Act of 1964, I find fellow Americans quick to scoff at this newest of alleged attempts by the federal government to take over local prerogatives. People who have never read the Act loudly proclaim it to be another "welfare state". Others get on the cynics' bandwagon with shouts of "Democratic bid for votes".

How many of our solid, middle class citizenry know poverty exists, even when its in our own backyard?

I confess that I didn't really know first hand what it was all about, until I got directly involved, as a member of our county citizen body.

What do some of us Californians know about the so called "Free Speech Movement" at my alma mater, the University of California, aside from the picture of its ultimate and unfortunate symbol, Mr. Savio? Way back when, didn't I have something to do with students having the same right to advocate causes on the Berkeley campus, that they had as citizens anywhere? Is this whole issue one of "commies taking over UC?" Consider also the presence of several Sansei among the demonstrators—a point that personalizes the issues for a few Nisei parents.

I found Todd Endo's recent column in these pages uniquely significant, particularly so when we observe that Todd spent three days in Selma, Alabama subsequent to writing that column. It struck me that personal commitment is so often in direct proportion to how close we are to any issue.

Perhaps all of us cannot march in Selma, but let us hope that our commitments (whatever they are) do not wait for more martyrs like the Rev. Reeb and Mrs. Luizzo.

I like to feel that our individual and collective responsibility, in these troubled times, is to keep an open mind, think with that mind, and combine our minds and hearts in that brand of realistic understanding of our common problems that will promote real brotherhood. Perhaps in that way JACL can contribute its little bit to the emergence of the "Great Society" in our time.

Essay contest winner PASADENA—Sharon Matsumoto's essay on "Pasadena: A Unique City" won first prize at Washington Jr. High School last week in the annual Pasadena Historical Society's contest for junior high school students. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Matsumoto.

More than 1,500 students participated. There were six winners, each being awarded a \$25 U.S. savings bond and a medalion.

JACL MAJOR MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN

National JACL Council Recommends Due Consideration Be Given the Plan

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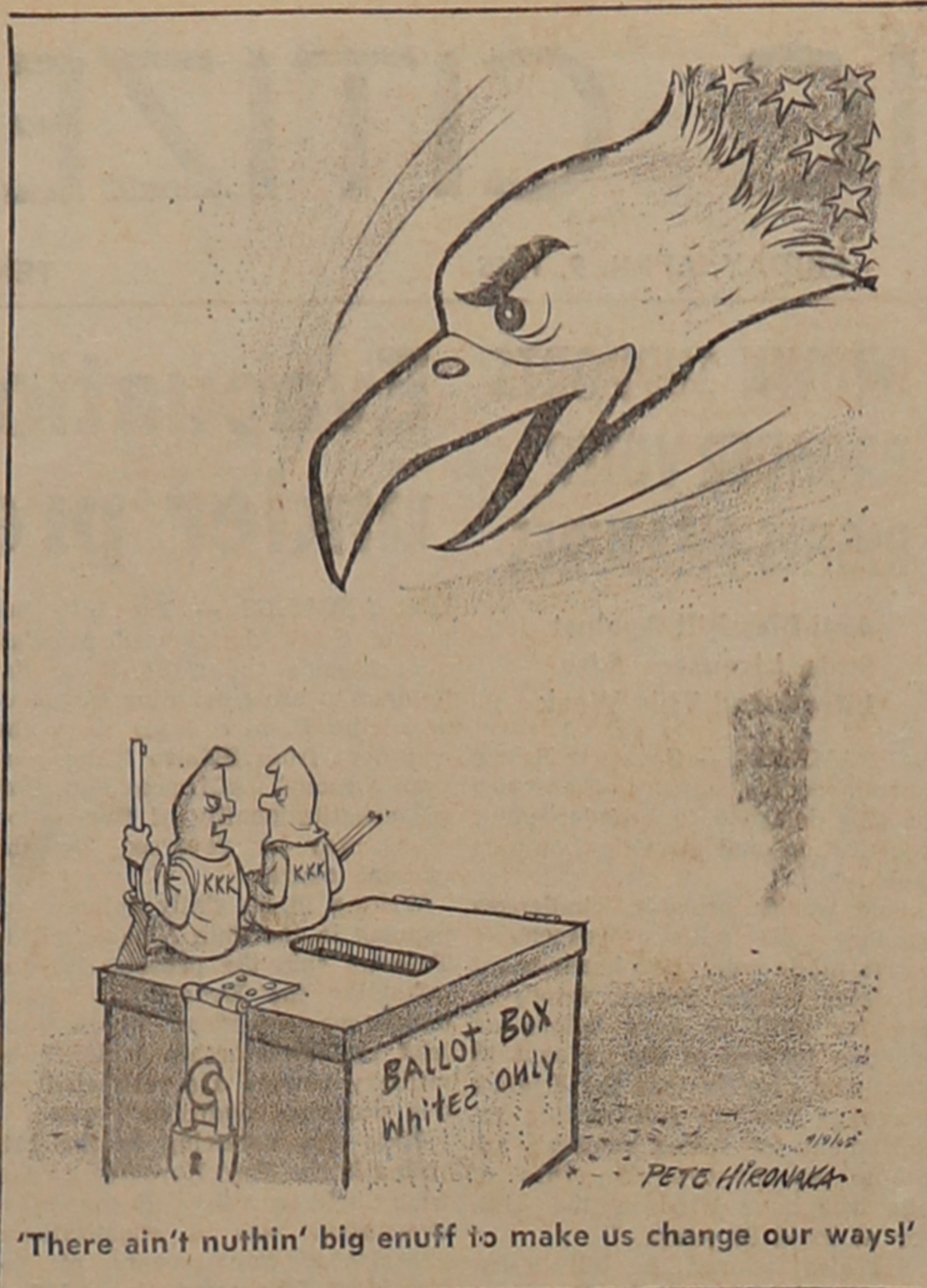
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Ashizawa's Photographic Plates

SAN FRANCISCO—George Riichi Ashizawa, retired art repair expert, has donated a valuable collection of interesting photographs and photographic glass plates to the JACL-UCLA Japanese American Research Project.

The plates were made by Ashizawa during his many trips throughout California some 50 years ago.

Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda, pediatrician with the Kaiser Foundation hospital here and local JACL chapter chairman for the Japanese History Project, sent the material, noting:

"Mr. Ashizawa has graciously consented to donate some of his old photographic glass plates taken during his many itineraries throughout California some fifty years. These I believe will be of special interest to us since they were taken by an Issei, and in many instances about fellow Issei in the U.S."

"Enclosed is a horse-drawn Yamato Laundry wagon at 112 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, taken in 1904. The Yamato Laundry employed about 40. Another is that of a mobile photo studio which Mr. Ashizawa used to travel up and down California during the years 1916 and 1917."

Well-Preserved Man

Dr. Uyeda said Ashizawa, now 83, still drives into San Francisco frequently to attend many social functions in the city from his home in Pacifica, just south on the coast, and "is truly a remarkably well-preserved man".

A description of Ashizawa's activities a half century ago were contained in the December, 1953, issue of Pony Express, a historical publication, which was also forwarded to the History Project staff. It said:

"Up to and during San Francisco's World's Fair of 1915, George

History Project—

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Jose JACL chapter chairman for the History Project, had called the meeting attended by:

Yoshiko Bertsch, Ken Kato, Yoshinaga Shishido, Tsuneo D. Nozaki, Phil Matsumura, Edwin Matsumura, Ken Maruyama, Kiyoshi Tokutomi, Muts Furuya, Ken Hanaki.

"The Japanese born genius has nostalgic memories as he gazes on the wall toward the picture of what was once his pride and joy—the 1916 model Studebaker Gallery which brought him a handsome income for many years. Later he sold it to a popcorn and peanut vendor, who used it many more years around Golden Gate Park, the Cliff House, and Civic Center, where thousands of children bought peanuts and popcorn to eat, and feed to the birds."

WHY do so many JACL members prefer BLUE CROSS?

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Big Week in Congress

This may be the most significant week thus far in this session of the Congress, for the Administration's legislative program. Every major item of congressional concern this week has special significance to those of Japanese ancestry in this country.

This is the week that the House Judiciary Committee hopes to complete action and to report out its voting rights bill.

House Republicans, led by GOP Leader Gerald Ford of Michigan and by ranking minority member William McCulloch of Ohio of the Judiciary Committee, are trying to write a "more comprehensive" measure than that drafted by the Administration in an effort to give that legislation a Republican imprimatur.

Meanwhile, liberal Democrats are also attempting to add provisions to the bill to extend its coverage beyond the six Southern States that have literacy tests and where less than half of the voting-age population was registered or voted last November. Under the Administration bill, in these areas the use of literacy tests would be banned and Federal registrars could be appointed to prevent discrimination in registering and voting of Negroes.

In the Senate, its Judiciary Committee is under instructions from the Senate itself to report out a voting rights bill not later than today, April 9.

In the Senate Judiciary Committee, as in its House counterpart, there is maneuvering between liberal Democrats and Republicans for a broader and stronger bill. The parliamentary infighting in Committee, however, is complicated by the effort of the Southern Conservatives, led by Chairman James Eastland of Mississippi, to "water-down" the legislation with amendments, and by the "moderating" influence of Republican Leader and ranking minority Committee member Everett Dirksen of Illinois.

It is to be recalled at this point that Congressman McCulloch in the House and Senator Dirksen in the Senate were responsible in the main for persuading most of the Republicans to vote for the Civil Rights Act of 1964 last year.

JACL is joined with the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in urging both Democrats and Republicans in the House and the Senate to adopt four basic amendments to strengthen and make more meaningful the Administration's voting rights bill. The four amendments being pushed by JACL are:

- 1—to eliminate the poll tax as a restriction on voting in state and local elections, as well as in Federal elections;
- 2—to allow prospective registrants to apply directly to Federal registrars, instead of first trying to register with state officials;
- 3—to extend coverage of the legislation to authorize any person wrongfully denied the right to vote anywhere in the country to receive the benefits of this legislation; and
- 4—to provide maximum protection to registrants and voters from all economic and physical intimidation and coercion.

While the congressional leaders are shooting for a voting rights bill by the end of the month, with the traditional Easter recess due to begin late next week, this

schedule seems too optimistic. But the votes for enactment of a voting rights bill are available in both the House and the Senate, so the only major questions relate to its final coverage and ultimate approval date.

Beyond this voting rights bill, many Congressmen and Senators are looking toward legislation to provide severe criminal penalties for persons who interfere with the exercise of the rights assured all citizens by the Constitution.

JACL will support such legislation.

Although the emergency situation in the Nation and the Congress that forced voting legislation to the forefront has delayed consideration of the Administration's bill to liberalize immigration opportunities, JACL is hopeful that the House and Senate Judiciary Subcommittees on Immigration and Naturalization will be able to resume their public hearings on this vital measure soon.

How can our Nation deny equality of consideration on an individual merit basis or family ties to immigrants seeking entry into our country at a time when we are striving to eliminate racial discriminations in our internal laws towards our own citizens?

JACL considers immigration to be a major civil rights issue too.

The Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee is expected to approve the bill recommended by its Education Subcommittee early this week, thereby enabling the Senate to consider Federal aid to education.

The leadership hopes that the Senate will pass the \$1.3 billion aid-to-education measure in the same form as that approved by the House, in order to avoid time-consuming and possible controversy in a Conference to reconcile differences in the versions passed by the two chambers.

President's Corner: Yoshinari —

(Continued from Front Page) us when his counsel counted so much will be greatly appreciated. The money will help to build a memorial hall in his name at the Moravian Seminary for Girls at Green Pond, Pa.

New Membership High

At the end of March, it was exhilarating to note that our National membership has reached 92,133 percent of last year's total. On the basis of this projection, we stand an excellent chance to attain a new all-time high for the post-war period. Every chapter is urged to pursue their membership drives relentlessly!

The NC-WN continues to amazingly reach a new high year after year. San Francisco leads the way with an unbelievable total of 1,613, followed by San Jose with 1,164. I congratulate the officers and the leadership of these two outstanding chapters.

I salute the 15 others which have achieved new all-time highs. There are others which are dragging their feet. May the latter not be the cause that we failed to surpass the 20,000 mark which should be easily attained this year.

What's National Doing About It?

In my visitations to the chapters, inevitably someone will ask, "What's National doing about it?" It is ironic that so many chapter

leaders seem to feel whatever shortcomings befall the chapter—it behooves the National to have the solution for its situation.

The National Board is the executive body of our organization, yet its membership is composed of lay members who at best can only give of their spare time to the fulfillment of their obligations to the organization. Under this type of operation the JACL works with a great deal of handicap, if not of inefficiency.

Today, we are sophisticated to know that we can't progress effectively under this sort of management. We need to employ experts in particular fields of pursuit. One that concerns me is the need for a professional in the realm of program and activities. We sorely need a person who can structure the areas of membership interests and to get their participation therein. We can use experts in other categories, too.

All this needs money to put these ideas into active functions which JACL can offer to its membership. In order to make this possible, the only immediate way is increase the budget appropriations. This is a forewarning to the National Council which convenes in 1968 in San Diego. One only gets what one pays for, so it will be in order to raise our membership dues in accordance to what we want National to supply in the way of services.

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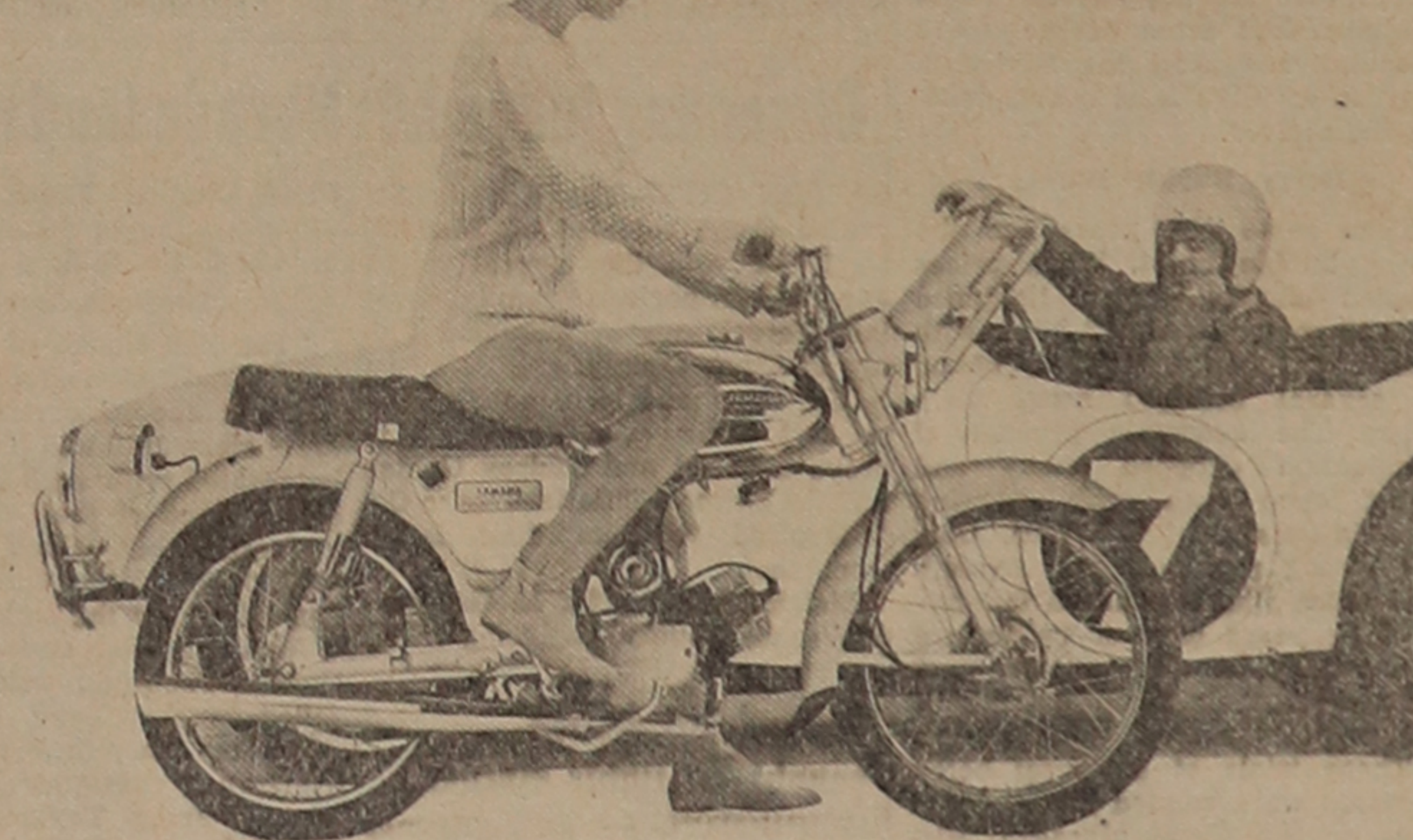
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From the Frying Pan

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WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED? — Simply as an exercise in conjecture, serving no useful or conclusive purpose whatever, let us project what is happening today in places like Selma, Ala., backward almost a quarter century. Let us suppose that in 1942 the more militant Nisei, led by a Christian minister, staged demonstrations protesting that their civil rights had been abridged by the evacuation order.

Let us suppose that these Nisei, affirming their complete loyalty to the United States and all its institutions, pledging to defend the nation against all enemies foreign and domestic, demanded as American citizens that they be permitted to live in their homes in the three Western states without harassment. Let us suppose that they marched on Gen. John L. DeWitt's military headquarters demanding that they be properly charged individually as required by law, or be given their freedom.

Would there have been Caucasian Americans, moved by the legal justice of the Nisei cause, joining them in their protest march? Would there have been prayers in the streets and men on horseback clubbing the marchers and expressions of horror from the White House? Or would there have been a nationwide wage of anger and hysteria, fanned by war fever, directed against the Nisei?

As it was, the Nisei demonstrated their loyalty by cooperating in their own incarceration. And partly as a consequence of this cooperation they won acceptance in their own country perhaps a generation earlier than if history had run its course peacefully. The difference is that the Negroes have been waiting a hundred years for their deliverance, and measured in the lifespan of men, that is a long, long time in which to be patient.

TELEVISION — Last Monday night, all 90 stations of the National Educational Television network broadcast the third program of the network's six-program examination of the world population problem. This chapter was titled "Japan: Answer in the Orient" and it told with considerable skill how educated Japanese couples decided to keep their families small—in their own interest and that of their children. It also told how the Japanese people, uninhibited by religious restrictions, brought about the fastest decline in birth rate ever recorded.

At the same hour in the Rocky Mountain time zone television stations carried Hollywood's annual orgy of self-adulation, the Academy Awards presentations.

Which program did you watch?

Maybe that's what's wrong with the world.

The ETM film, incidentally, was beautifully put together, handled the problem sympathetically. Among other things, it brought out that the average age at marriage for Japanese men is 27, almost 25 for women—nearly ten years higher than in India. And the average Japanese family has only two children.

BIG BUSINESS — I'm indebted to Joe Oyama of New York, the Japanese pickles and canned goods tycoon of Amsterdam Avenue, for a copy of the financial statement of the Bank of Tokyo Trust Co. which has two offices in Manhattan. The report lists George Yamaoka, Nisei attorney and former Seattleite, as secretary and director of the firm. The company also lists total assets in excess of 89 million dollars, which is a lot of yen even in this age of the inflated buck. All of which may give you an idea of how big business is these days, and the role some Nisei have in it.

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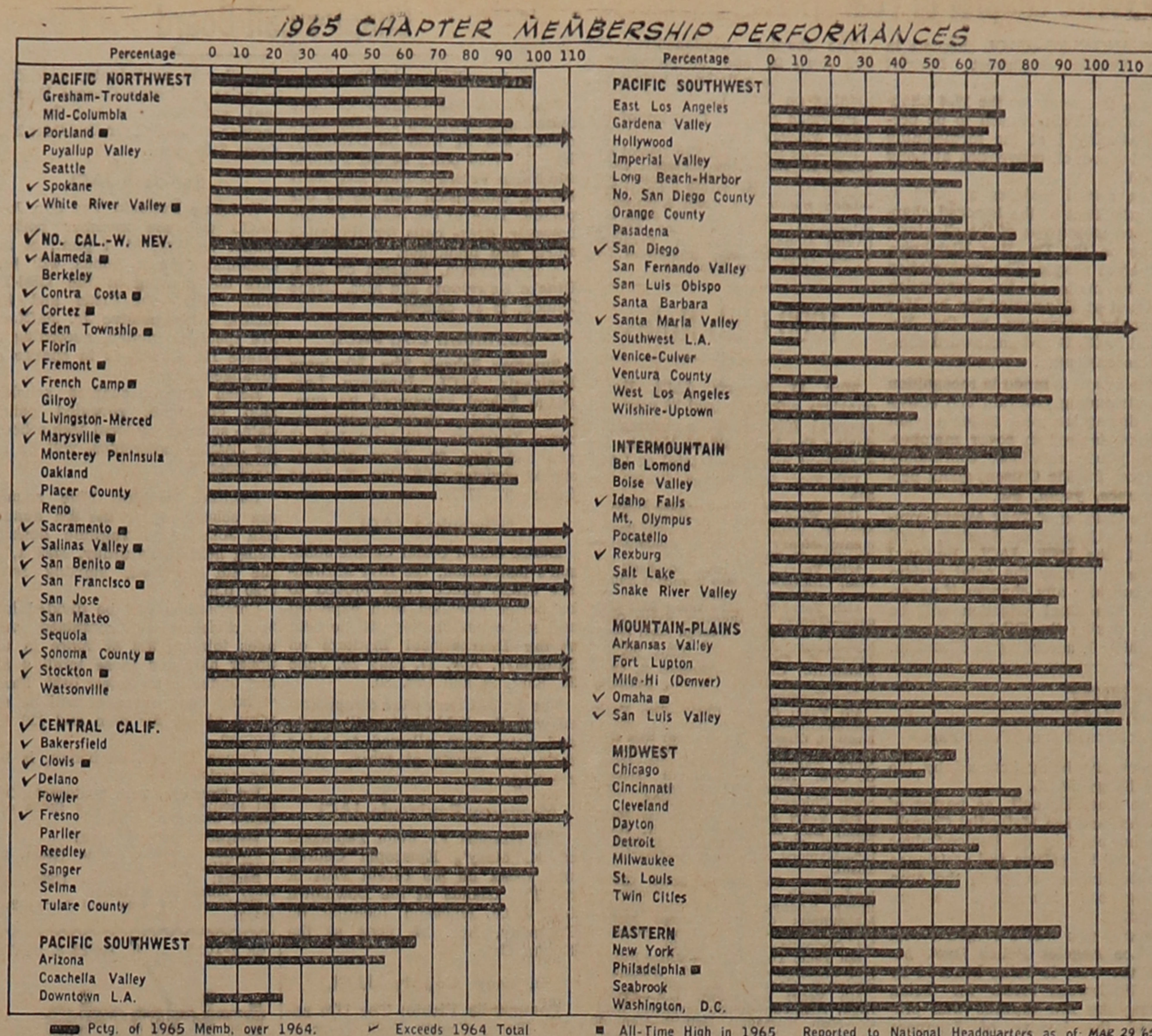
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15 enter San Francisco popular song contest

SAN FRANCISCO—Fifteen entries have signed in the Radio Li'l Tokyo Japanese popular song contest to be held April 11 at the Scottish Rite Temple here as the formal and judges were announced today. Contestants will sing two verses of their favorite song in the preliminaries starting at 6 p.m. The Shinsai Band will entertain between 7 and 8 p.m. while the judges select the finalists, who will be recalled from 8 p.m. While the final judging takes place, a guest artist will perform. Judges are: Hirobumi Taniguchi, leader of Shinsai Band; Michio Inara, manager, San Francisco Office of Japan Air Lines; Jack Kusaba of JACL and trust officer, Sumitomo Bank; Kazuma Ikezoe, Japanese editor, Nishi Bei Times; and Iwao Shimizu, editor, Hokubei Maichichi.

Five cash prizes, from \$15 to \$30, will be awarded winners. The San Francisco JACL, co-sponsors, announced gifts have also been received from:

Yamaha Peninsula, Japan Air Lines, Suntory, Nisei Jewelers, Kikkoman, Seki Bros., Ueki Sakai Co., Sumitomo Bank, Bush Garden, Nikko Sukiyaki, Yamato Sukiyaki and Cho Cho Benihana.

Tickets are available from chapter members at \$1.25 per person.

Nisei secretary lauded for 'card-index' memory

WASHINGTON — A unique honor was bestowed upon petite Eiko Narita, formerly of Los Angeles, at the annual meeting of the National Assn. of Alcoholic Beverage Importers in New York recently. She was formally designated "assistant secretary" after amendment of by-laws.

The status recognized her two decades of distinguished employment with the association. "Her card-index, encyclopedic memory contributes greatly to the orderly operation of the office," association secretary Maurice W. Fullius declared.

Miss Narita, evacuated to Heart Mountain WRA Center, came here to work in the liquor division of the Office of Price Administration in October, 1943. She left the OPA in December, 1946, to take the job she has held ever since with the importers.

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Monument dedicated in memory of Denver Issei

DENVER—A painstaking effort to learn of two early day Denver Issei whose remains are buried at Riverside Cemetery began this week following a dedication of a monument to their memory here. Gunichi Shimoda of the Tri-State Buddhist Church, in charge of the project, said Kiku Oyama was 25 years old when she died in 1894. Six years later in 1900, Daniel Hagiri, 56, died and was buried there. His initial search of cemetery records indicates that these two were probably the first Issei to be buried in that cemetery.

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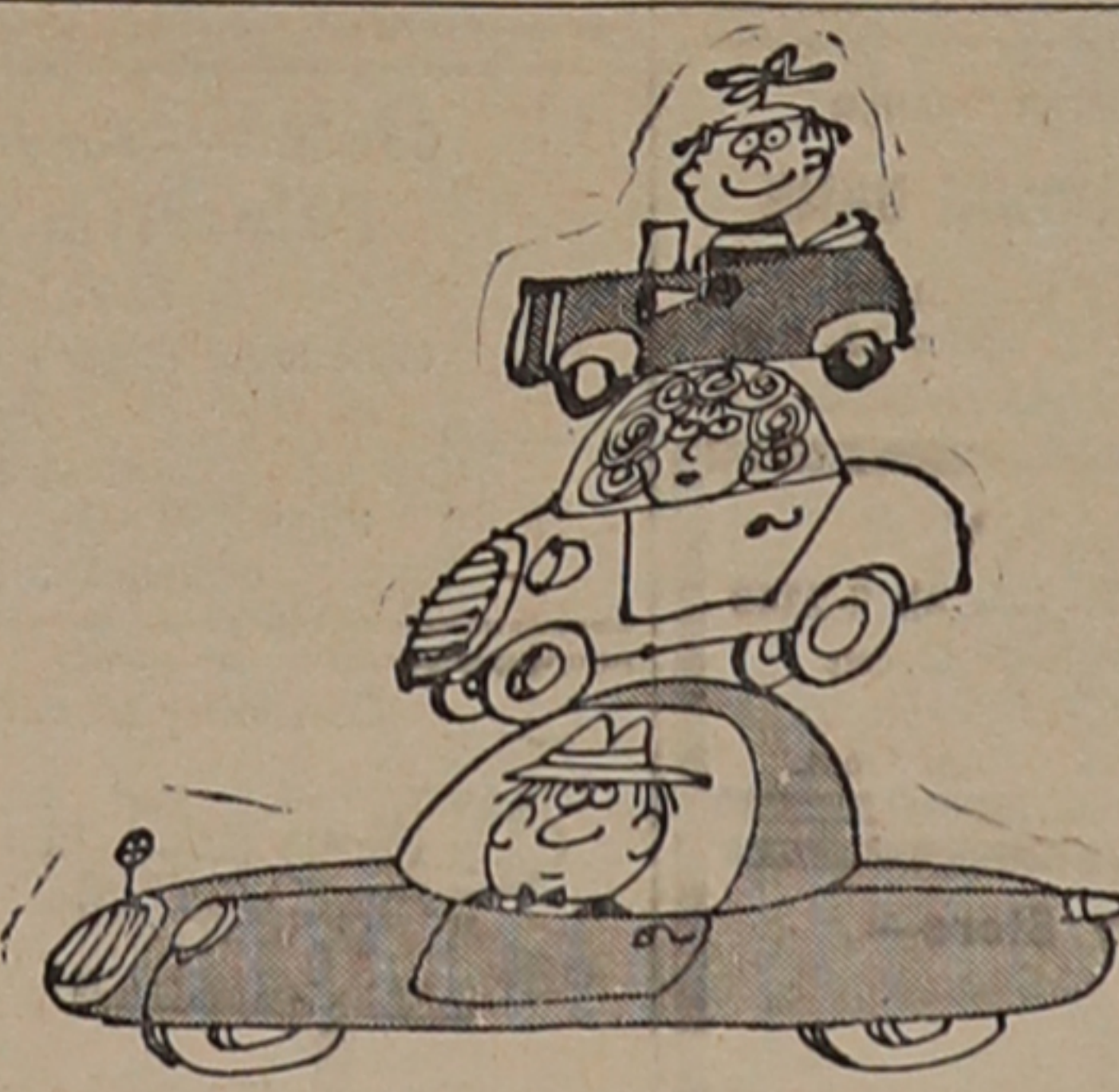
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The combined junior-senior class play, directed by Anthony Garofoli, included a host of other Sansei students on-stage and back-stage: Cast—Jill Taniguchi, Bob Teraoka, Laureen Honda, Ben Fukukawa, Byron Asakawa, Glenn Taniguchi, Jack Sakakaki, Eunice Kobayashi, Jeffrey Takeda, David Kawano, Earl Honda, Glenn Nakamura, Susan Miyake, Ann Toyoda, Pamela Shirakawa, Stage Crew—Vernon Mayhew, Maryann Miyasaki, Emily Hashizume, Kitaro Asakawa.

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What's wrong with anti-poverty program? —House task force to seek answers

WASHINGTON — Rep. Patsy T. Mink has been named to a special committee to find out what's wrong with the anti-poverty program.

Chairman Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.) of the House Education and Labor Committee has set up several task forces to study the 1964 Economic Opportunity Act.

Mrs. Mink is one of three members of the group which will look into the situation on the West Coast. Three other task forces have been set up to study local implementation of the program in other parts of the country.

Along with Reps. August F. Hawkins (D-Calif.), and Alphonzo Bell (R-Calif.), Mrs. Mink will interview local people involved in President Johnson's pet project to eliminate poverty.

Powell ordered the task forces because he feels the war on poverty is not being fought properly in some places.

The task forces will report to the committee with possible recommendations for changes in the 1964 act which must be renewed each year in connection with the annual

Hole-in-One

MONTEREY — Dream wish of every golfer—a hole-in-one—was realized by Yo Tabata Mar. 28 at the Pajaro Valley course. He swung an unerring 5-iron on the 152-yd. par-3 second hole that placed the ball onto the green followed by a gentle roll into the cup.

Angels' Home Stand

LOS ANGELES—The L.A. Angels inaugurate the 1965 American League pennant race at Chavez Ravine Monday night against Cleveland, followed by New York and Detroit in making it the biggest first stand ever for the local club. Continuing last year's policy, every Saturday will be Ladies Night and every Sunday Senior Citizens Day.

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Open Housing Bill Fizzles



The progress of civil rights legislation suffered a setback in Olympia last week when House Bill 200 died in committee. It is the bill which would prohibit real estate agents from discrimination in the sale or renting of housing.

It was first brought out of the House rules committee by the untiring efforts of Sam Smith, solitary Negro representative (37th District) in Olympia. The House moreover, passed the bill by a 72 to 22 vote, but once in the Senate Rules Committee, it languished, and interested parties failed in their efforts to get the bill out of committee and on the Senate floor before the deadline.

Sam Smith, a Democrat, is now in his fourth term in the Washington State legislature. He replaced attorney Charles Stokes, only other Negro to have served in the state legislature. Although HB 200 failed, it nevertheless attracted much attention, and most of the credit for what progress has been made goes to Sam Smith for his eloquence in behalf of the measure on the floor and on TV.

The 37th is one of the state's minority districts. Slightly more than half of its population is Negro, and there are substantial Oriental and Jewish segments also.

Transit Subsidy

The Governor's signature went on another bill that affects us all. It is the one that allows 10 of the larger municipalities of the state to levy a tax to subsidize transit systems. For years now, Seattle's otherwise excellent system has been suffering patronage losses

and curtailment of service with every raise in fares.

The bill would allow a levy of not more than \$1 a month on each household to subsidize the Seattle transit system and could result in a lowering of fares. Other thinkers on the subject allow that a tax of considerably less than a dollar will be sufficient to cover the deficit.

Another facet to transit subsidy planning would build a monorail south to Tacoma, and north to Everett. With freeways and super-highways becoming overcrowded as soon as they are built, the necessity for a stepped up rapid transit system is becoming apparent as a solution to the commuter's problem, and planners see the necessity to include transit facilities for the rapidly growing east side when the third Lake Washington bridge is to be built.

Seattle, Tex.

Just about everyone knows that Seattle got its name soon after the founding of the settlement in 1851, from a friendly Indian Chief Seattle, or, Sealth, as some historians record it.

But how did Seattle, Texas, get its name? Never big enough to have its own post office, Seattle, in Coryell County, Texas, was just a little more than a crossroads hamlet. Now a part of Fort Hood, Seattle is little more than a sign over a country-style general store. But it does have a telephone. Because a long distance operator got Seattle, Texas, confused with Seattle, Washington, and that's how the story came to light.

PSWDC Chapter of Year Awards slated

LOS ANGELES—JACL chapters in the Pacific Southwest District Council are filling out questionnaires this week for the 1964 Chapter of the Year Award to be presented May 1 at the forthcoming district council convention at Long Beach.

The award includes a gavel to the president of the honored chapter and inscription of the chapter's name on the Dr. Roy Nishikawa perpetual plaque. The presentation will be made at the convention banquet at Edgewater Inn by Mas Hironaka, secretary to the National JACL Board and award committee chairman.

The award is made in recognition of outstanding program and activities during the year under a point system devised to cover membership, public relations, community service, Pacific Citizen, quota performance, youth, etc.

The Chapter of Year Award committee will meet on Sunday, April 25, at the PSW JACL Regional Office to review the point system and consider any changes if necessary. The final selection will be made during the DC business session May 1, according to Hironaka.

PSWDC-

(Continued from Front Page)

Penery are being honored by the San Diego JACL.

The Rev. Burnett, as pastor of the Venice Free Methodist Church, is being cited by the Venice-Culver JACL for his efforts and assistance to returning evacuees in the area during the immediate postwar period.

Sergel, who was a sergeant with the Los Angeles Police Dept. before the war, is being honored by the Hollywood JACL for being among the few citizens who professed the loyalty of Japanese Americans during the war years in spite of attacks from the press. He also protected and maintained the property of evacuated Japanese stored in the Hollywood and Selman areas.

Carr was a member of the Pasadena Committee for Fair Play which acted in the firm conviction, despite personal pressures and economic risks, to assist evacuees, Nisei servicemen and resettlers. He was also a staunch supporter of JACL's program to remove the discriminatory alien land laws.

The Pasadena JACL, in honoring Carr, pointed out the Fair Play committee was subject of a California (Chester Cannon) legislative interim committee hearing during the war years for feeling that the Evacuation was an unnecessary injustice.

Carr also promoted early resettlement of evacuees, urging military commanders to remove the exclusion against persons of Japanese ancestry. The Carrs had a number of returnees stay at their home.

The Fair Play committee also conducted letter-writing campaigns to Nisei servicemen, mainly to let them know they were not friendless back home.

PSWDC confab bowlers

LONG BEACH—The third PSWDC convention bowling tournament will be held on Sunday morning, May 2, at Santa Fe Bowl, 2180 Santa Fe, according to Cappy Iwasaki, tournament chairman.

Competition is restricted to three teams per chapter with one to be designated for trophy play.

Entry fee is \$25 per team. Entries should be sent to Jim Okura, 2375 Fashion Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90801, by April 25. Checks should be made payable to Okura.

Mochi Report

MINNEAPOLIS—The Twin Cities Jr. JACL employed mechanical power to produce 600 pounds of mochi for their January fund-raising event, netting about \$300.

'Gazing at Love & Death' LOS ANGELES—A true story that was a best seller in Japan last year, "Gazing at Love and Death" now playing at the Toho LaBrea tells of a young girl who knew days were numbered and yet lived to brighten the lives of those around her, supported by the love of a college student.

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Mas Asakawa, assisted by Mrs. Umeko Kawamoto and Mrs. Grace Tsuda, is in charge.

Downtown L.A. JACL

Summer School: The Monterey Peninsula JACL Japanese Language School announced its summer schedule, stressing conversational Japanese, will start July 10 and end Aug. 28. New students should register with Rev. K. Ueno (phone 375-4777).

Milwaukee JACL

Dance Class: Under Connie Johnson's instruction, the first Milwaukee JACL dance class proved to be better attended than expected and subsequent classes will be held at the International Institute on Saturdays, Apr. 17, May 29, June 26, Sept. 25 and Oct. 30.

The Jr. JACLers were disappointed with the "old-fashioned" music and have been allowed to bring their own music at future class meetings.

Monterey Peninsula JACL

Fiji Islands: Fr. John Yamazaki of St. Mary's Episcopal Church will speak on his recent visit of the Fiji Islands at the Downtown L.A. JACL luncheon meeting on Thursday, Apr. 24, noon at the Bigiku Cafe.

Placer County JACL

Community Picnic: The 17th annual Placer County JACL community picnic this Sunday at the JACL Recreation Park (adjacent to the Penryn turnoff on Interstate 80) is expected to draw 5,000 persons, according to Frank Kageta, picnic chairman, who promises an afternoon of fun and frolic for all ages.

The 10 a.m. flag-raising ceremony will signal the opening of events which include races (prizes

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Hiraga, Minoru, 48: Long Beach, Mar. 18—s Fred, Arthur, f Sokichi, br Yoshiro, Shizuo, sis Mitsuyo Sasano, Matsui, Mrs. Suyeiro, 72: Pasadena, Mar. 21—s Yeiki, d Yoneko, Eiko, Akiko Abe, 6 gc.
Yanagisawa, Mrs. Eiko, 74: Mar. 18—h Tomotaro.

FRESNO
Hanada, Kay, 57: Orval, Apr. 1—w Enki, d Marian Tatu, Nancy Ballin, br Masato.
Negoro, Paul K., 38: Mar. 28—w Yoshiye, s Allan, Craig, d Pamela, m Nui, br George, Henry, sis Mary Yokoyama, Rose Sakai.

OAKLAND
Inukai, Mrs. Yasu, 95: Mar. 31—s Takashi, d Shizuo Yabuki.
Kido, Masako, 29: Mar. 29—m Yuri, Kimbara, Mokuichi, 82: Berkeley, Mar. 31—w Fusa, d Nao Yamamoto.

SACRAMENTO
Aoki, Katsu, 59: Stockton, Apr. 1—br Kikui.
Sasaki, Mrs. Emiko, 35: Mar. 22—s Glen, d Carol Yamamoto, Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Fukushima, br Akira, Masao, Takeshi, Satoru, Makoto, Yoshiaki, Jack, Dick, 1 gc.

CHICAGO
Hada, Jirokichi, 88: Mar. 6—w Makiko, s Roy, Isao, d Mrs. Shuzo Sumii, Mrs. Shigeru Nishiyama (Los Angeles), Mrs. Juichiro Hada (Japan), 10 gc.
Inaba, Hajime, 70: Mar. 28—w Hisako, d Mrs. Robert Murakami, br Harry Yamasaki, sis Mrs. Tom Norisada, Mrs. George Hosoda.

CHICAGO
Katsuno, Wataru, 82: Mar. 31—h Shojiro, s Yoshinari, Peter M., d Chitaka Yamaguchi, 9 gc, 3 ggc.
Kuranishi, Ootoshi, 82: Mar. 26—w Hisano, s Mauri, T. L., d Hideo Nakatani (Japan), br Masachi, 4 gc.

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CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS

Apr. 9-11
Los Angeles—PSWDC Hi-Co Conference, Presbyterian Conference Camp, Pacific Palisades

April 10 (Saturday)
Livingston-Merced—Installation dinner, Rulo-American Lodge, W. 18th and U St., Merced, 7 p.m.; Consul General Henry T. Shimanouchi, spkr. Orange County—Egg hunt, Irvine Park, Santa Ana, 11 a.m.

Apr. 11 (Sunday)
San Francisco—Radio Lili Tokyo songfest, Scottish Rite Auditorium, 6 p.m.

April 12 (Monday)
Long Beach—Egg hunt, Silverado Park, 1 p.m.

Monterey—NC-WNDC Executive Board meeting, Ginza Restaurant.

San Diego—Auxiliary Family skatefest, Sweetwater Roller Rink, 6-10 p.m.

Parlier—Community picnic, Oak Knoll "K" Kearney Park.

Placer County—Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park, Penryn turnoff on Interstate Hwy 80.

Apr. 12 (Monday)
Fremont—Board meeting, Frank Katsam's res.

Apr. 13 (Tuesday)
Pasadena—Board meeting, home of Harris Ozawa.

Apr. 13 (Wednesday)
Venice-Culver—Jr. JACL Sports Night with Hollywood Jr. JACL, Marina Jr. High, 7 p.m.

Apr. 15 (Thursday)
San Diego—Convention Board meet., JACL Office, 7:30 p.m.

Tulare County—Jr. JACL meeting, Dinuba Buddhist Church Annex, 7:30 p.m.; TV film: "Battle of Gothic Line."

Apr. 16 (Friday)
San Francisco—Bridge Club, Christ Episcopal Church social hall.

April 17 (Saturday)
Milwaukee—Dance class, International Institute, 8 p.m.

Chicago—Easter egg hunt, Montrose Park.

April 18 (Sunday)
East Los Angeles—Easter egg hunt.

April 19 (Monday)
Monterey Peninsula—Board meeting, JACL Hall, 8 p.m.

April 23 (Friday)
Hollywood—Kebana call, Flower View Gardens, 7 p.m.

San Diego—Board meeting, JACL Office, 2636 National Ave., 7:30 p.m.

April 24 (Saturday)
San Jose—Welcome Member potluck supper, Buddhist Church Annex, 7 p.m.; TV film: "Nisei: The Pride and the Shame."

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