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PSW CONVENTION AGENDA RELEASED FOR MAY 1-2

15 Wartime Friends of Japanese Americans To Be Honored

LONG BEACH—"Unity Through Service", theme of the PSWDC convention, will be evident when delegates from 21 chapters gather May 1-2 at the Edgewater Inn for their ninth biennial session.

Long Beach-Harbor District JACL is hosting the convention with Fred Miyake, chapter president, working with Richard Hukida, general chairman, and his committee.

Agenda for the two days was announced as follows:

Saturday, May 1
8:30-9:30 a.m. — Registration.
9:30-12 noon — Business, Empire room.
12 - 1 p.m. — Lunch, Riviera room.
1:30 - 4:30 — Business, same room as morning.
5:30 - 6:30 — Cocktail hour.
6:30 - 9:00 — Banquet, Empire room.
9 p.m. — 1:30 a.m. — Dance.

Sunday, May 2
Breakfast — on your own.
9:00 - noon — Business.
11:30 - 1:30 a.m. — Bowling tournament, Santa Fe Bowl, 2180 Santa Fe Avenue, Long Beach.
12 - 3 p.m. — Luncheon-Fashion Show (\$5), Door prizes.
The PSW youth assembly will meet concurrently with the JACL delegates. The schedule:

Saturday, May 1
9:00 - 9:30 a.m. — Registration.
9:35 - 10:00 — Orientation.
10:30 - 11:30 — Keynote speaker: Jerry Enomoto, National Youth chairman.
11:00 - 12:00 — Alan Kumamoto: National Youth Director.
Noon to 1:00 p.m. — Lunch - on your own.
1:00 - 3:00 — Panel Discussion: Kay Nakagiri, District Youth commissioner.
3:00 - 4:00 — Session without adults.
4:00 - 5:00 — Conclusion with advisors: Questions & Answers plus formulating future programs.
6:30 - 9:00 — Banquet with JACL (optional).
9:00 - 1:30 — Youth Dance.

Convention Highlights
Chapter scrolls of appreciation will be presented to 15 non-Japanese who were most helpful to persons of Japanese ancestry during the tragic war years and immediate postwar era at the convention banquet Saturday.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, will pay tribute to the honorees, five of whom are deceased. They are:

Downtown L.A.—John Anson Ford, 1934-58 supervisor, Los Angeles County.
Hollywood—Jack Sergel.
Imperial Valley—Roy Westmoreland.
Long Beach-Harbor Dist.—Janet Smith (1879-1961), Judge Lyman B. Suttler (1906-1963), Joe Moody.
Orange County—Judge Kenneth E. Morrison, Dr. Jessie G. Hayden (1887-1960), Anita Shephardson (1888-1945).
Pasadena—William C. Carr.
San Diego—John E. Penery Jr., Rev. (Continued on Page 2)



Alan Kumamoto

ALAN KUMAMOTO DESIGNATED NATIONAL JACL YOUTH DIRECTOR

SAN FRANCISCO — The appointment of Alan F. Kumamoto, 25, as National JACL youth director was made today by National Director Masao Satow.

An active Hollywood JACL board member, Kumamoto is currently the Pacific Southwest youth coordinator on a part-time basis since last December and employed by Mitsui & Co. as a steel representative.

The JACL youth directorship is effective May 1.

"Kumamoto will be starting his official duties with the youth section of the PSWDC convention May 1-2 and will attend the NC-WNDC youth adviser's workshop May 16 at Monterey," Satow disclosed.

"He will be working closely with the Interim National Youth Council as it moves toward a definite organization at the San Diego national JACL convention."

The interim youth council is slated to meet in Salt Lake City on June 26-27 to prepare for the establishment of a youth organization under National JACL.

The youth director is also administering the 1965 National JACL scholarship program and will be working out of the So. Calif. JACL Office.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kumamoto, Alan is graduate of sociology from Loyola University at Los Angeles and a candidate for master's degree in sociology at the Univ. of Southern California.

He has been active with many campus clubs, human relations workshops and is a member of the Maryknoll Young Adults Club and Community Relations Conference of So. California.

Alameda latest of chapters to reach all-time high mark

ALAMEDA — Alameda JACL became the latest of 22 chapters hitting all-time highs in membership this past week with 267 signed for 1965. The old record was 177 members last year.

Success of the local campaign was in securing a 95-plus percentage in renewals and the new Blue Cross group hospitalization plan for its members. There are 114 members enrolled in the health plan, according to Yosh Umene, membership chairman, and Haj Fujiimoto, Blue Cross plan administrator.

Other chapters with new all-time high records this year include:

PNWDC—Portland, White River Valley.
NC-WNDC—Contra Costa, Cortez, Eden Township, Fremont, French Camp, Marysville, Oakland, Placer County, Sacramento, Salinas Valley, San Benito, San Francisco, San Jose, Sonoma County, Stockton.
MPCDC—(None).
EDC—Philadelphia.

(According to the latest Chapter Membership Performance chart—see page 3—38 chapters have surpassed last year's membership. NC-WNDC, CCDC and MPCDC have also bettered their district totals.)

White River JACLers honored by PTA for outstanding work

KENT, Wash.—Two White River Valley JACLers were honored during Founder's Day observances here by being awarded PTA life membership and service awards.

They were Mrs. Mas (Amy) Kato, who earned life membership in the O'Brien Elementary PTA, and Mrs. Hiroshi (Sachiko) Nakayama, Kent Area PTA Council president, who was surprised with the service award.

Mrs. Kato is a Sunday School teacher at White River Buddhist Church, has been PTA treasurer for two years and a Camp Fire Girls leader for five. She is native of O'Brien.

Mrs. Nakayama, active in the local JACL on various committees since the chapter was reactivated five years ago, was presiding at her PTA area council meeting when the surprise award was made.

The Shamrockettes, a 4-H club Mrs. Nakayama heads, introduced the honoree, noting that she has been a club leader for 10 years, the Kent Business and Professional Women's Club's "woman of the year" in 1964, a member of the Marymoor Park advisory committee, and captain of local March of Dimes and Cancer Crusade campaigns.

Mrs. Nakayama, called "Scotty" by friends, has been in PTA through elementary, junior high and high school years of her two children, and with the Kent Area Council the past 10. She is also King County and District 10 PTA board club chairman.

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PTA Scholarship

LOS ANGELES—Suzanne Kato, 20, senior psychology student at California State College at L.A., was granted a \$200 scholarship by the California Congress of Parent-Teachers. She hails from Maui.

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2 Issei chosen for garden hall of fame

OAKLAND—As a prelude to the 33rd annual California Spring Garden Show May 1-9 at the Oakland Exposition Bldg., a show salute luncheon last week honored two East Bay Issei among 17 distinguished west coast horticulturists who were named to the show's hall of fame.

The late Kanetaro Domoto, who developed three peonies and hardy azaleas, and Mrs. Haruko Obata of 2430 Oregon St., Berkeley, the wife of UC art professor-emeritus Chura Obata who assisted in the popularizing of Japanese flower arrangement the past 50 years, were named.

Domoto was cited for introducing Japanese azaleas to California in 1912, which later took horticultural honors at the 1915 Pan-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco.

Other posthumous awardees include Luther Burbank of Santa Rosa and Alice Eastwood, botanical director of the San Francisco Academy of Science.

Kimi Fujii of Hayward is president of the 1st Dist. Agricultural Assn., which arranges for the annual garden show.

Auxiliary Cooking

FRENCH CAMP—Mrs. Nellie Pagnone demonstrated the preparing of chicken cacciatore at the April 9 meeting of the French camp JACL Auxiliary at the local hall. Mrs. Lydia Ota was chairman.

Mrs. Yoshiko Shiga also demonstrated the art of cake decoration. Auxiliary members also contributed 24 cushions for the hall.

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City View Hospital pilot project praised

LOS ANGELES—Picture of a Nisei nurse (Mrs. Eugene Hattori) in a recent Journal of the American Hospital Assn. called attention to the pilot study to improve patient care and nursing service sponsored by 80 Southern California hospitals.

The City View Hospital, where the Nisei nurse is employed, is a prominent member of the Commission for Administrative Services for Hospital, which sponsored the pilot study.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation has also contributed \$50,000 to continue this study.

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JACL scholarship nominees must be picked by May 28

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL chapters across the country were advised this week of the details of the 1965 scholarship program administered by National JACL.

There are seven scholarships available to high school students of Japanese ancestry graduating this year and who will be continuing their education this fall.

Top award of \$300 is in memory of Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka who was killed in action while a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe. His mother, Haruye, established the award in 1946 with a \$200 grant and in recent years Dr. James Mimura, co-recipient of the first grant, has supplemented the amount of the scholarship by \$100.

Two scholarships of \$250 each follow, which were established by Mrs. Tomoye Tsukamoto in memory of her husband, Col. Water T. Tsukamoto, who served as the Na-

tional JACL president during the 1936-38 term.

Four National JACL supplemental scholarships of \$200 each conclude the list of awards for a total of \$1,600.

Individual applicants should inquire with a local chapter as each chapter is allowed to nominate one candidate for the national scholarship program.

The chapter will submit name and address of its candidate by Friday, May 28, to the National JACL Scholarship Committee, care of Alan Kumamoto, So. Calif. JACL Regional Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

Upon receipt of nomination, the candidate will be asked by the committee to fill out an application blank, submit a transcript of his high school grades and letters of recommendation from the principal, school officials and someone prominent in the community. Chapters can be helpful in obtaining such letters in behalf of the candidate.

The final judging will be chaired by Dr. John Kanda, Pacific North-

west District Council chairman, of Sumner, Wash. Announcement of winners is expected to be made in midsummer.

Winners of the 1964 JACL scholarships were:

Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Scholarship—Thomas Y. Nakata, Portland.
Col. Walter Tsukamoto Scholarship—Ken Shoji, San Fernando Valley; Lucy Inouye, Boise Valley.
Natl. JACL Scholarships—Michael Kaku, San Jose; Jeremy K. Ota, Greesham-Troudale; Sylvia Sakamoto, Arkansas Valley; Kent Yamaguchi, Fresno.

San Francisco JACL scholarship plans told

SAN FRANCISCO—Qualified applicants are being recruited for the \$250 San Francisco JACL scholarship today by Nancy H. Yoshihara, chapter scholarship committee chairman. Application forms are available at all local high schools and at the chapter office, 1757 Sutter St.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a high school graduate either in January or June of this year, a San Francisco resident, of Japanese ancestry and must enroll in college upon graduation.

By the Board: Nat'l 'Chapter of Biennium' Urged

At the Interim National Board meeting we made these recommendations.

1. All the districts conduct a "Chapter of the Biennium" contest based on information from the P & A Reports. Each Council P & A Chairman would be responsible for this competition.

2. The eight district winners will then vie for the "National Chapter of the Biennium". The National P & A Committee will judge with outside help.

3. The "National Chapter of the Biennium" be recognized at the National Convention.

4. Inducive awards suggested are:

A. The winning "National Chapter of the Biennium" be given the choice of selecting an outstanding JACLer from their Chapter who would be given a free trip to the convention to accept the award on behalf of their chapter. The thinking here is that the person selected would probably be someone who has contributed greatly to the chapter record which enabled them to win.

B. The National make available to the winning chapter one of its scholarships to be awarded by chapter to someone of its choice.

4. The district P & A chairman from the reports submitted to him for the "District Chapter of the Biennium" screen the activities and send us a summary of the outstanding project within that district.

46 Nisei awarded California scholarship

SACRAMENTO—From nearly 21,000 applicants for the 1965-66 California State scholarships, 1,500 have won awards covering one year's tuition and fees not to exceed \$1,500—and 46 of them were Japanese Americans.

There were 53 Nisei among some 1,800 students selected as state scholars last year.

State scholars are entitled to apply for annual renewals if he maintains academic and financial eligibility under the state scholarship commission regulations.

The awardees are:

Northern California
Oakland—Eileen J. Oka, Castlemont High.
El Cerrito—Toshiye E. Yokota, Soquel High.
San Mateo—James T. Ishida, and Elizabeth N. Tsuji, both San Mateo High.
Los Gatos—Sandra Y. Ogata, and Edith S. Takaoka, both of Los Gatos High.
Campbell—Robert M. Kano, Campbell High.
Sacramento—Glen H. Murata, Encina High; Gary Tsuruda, Burbank High.
Loomis—Patricia A. Takahashi, Del Oro High.
Yuba City—Ken Goto, and Don I. Tokunaga, both Yuba City High.

U.S. agrees to pay Nisei family for personal effects lost in Dec. 7 bombing

HONOLULU—The Federal government has agreed to pay two Honolulu residents for their personal possessions which were destroyed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), last week said the U.S. Foreign Claims Commission approved payments of \$700 for Tony Seichi Oshiro and \$500 for his sister, Mrs. Colleen M. Erickson of Kailua.

"At the time of the attack the two claimants lived in an apartment house at McCully and King Sts.

"My kid sister (Mrs. Erickson) and mother were gone, and my father was in the kitchen fixing chicken soup," Oshiro recalled. "We lost our whole house—I just ran outside in my underwear.

"We saved an aloha shirt, a couple of dresses and a Japanese shrine."

Oshiro, who was 20 years old then, said anti-aircraft shrapnel destroyed the two-story house. He was injured during the attack and walked on crutches for a few weeks. Later he served in the U.S. Army in France and Germany.

Oshiro said he and his sister decided about three months ago to claim compensation for loss of their personal effects when she saw an article about the Claims Commission in the newspaper.

He said an earlier claim reimbursed him for his hospital and doctor bills resulting from the attack. However, the government rejected his mother's bid for compensation on household items lost, because she was not a U.S. citizen.

Nisei jurist hears anti-Birch case

SANTA ANA—Judge Stephen Tamura took under advisement last week a plea to declare a \$24 million damage suit against John Birch Society founder Robert Welch invalid, which was filed by a defeated state senate candidate Robert Battin.

Battin who lost in last November's election to State Sen. John Schmitz, is charging that the society, Welch, Schmitz and Frank LaMagna, a campaign worker, had conspired in his defeat.

The conspiracy consisted of having LaMagna making a citizen's arrest of Battin on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon the day before election day. Welch's attorney maintained the charge is not supported by evidence and that there was no conspiracy.

'OXFORD' DEFINITION OF AMERICAN UNSATISFYING

WASHINGTON—The Democratic congressman from the Bronx, New York, isn't happy with the definition of "American" as it appears in the Oxford English Dictionary and the Concise Oxford Dictionary, and he has let their editors know it.

Among definitions given for the word in the two volumes in question is this one: "a native of America of European descent."

In his letter to the editors urging a correction of "this egregious error" in coming editions, Rep. Jonathan Bingham wrote: "This definition, which may have been appropriate in the 18th century, is certainly wholly inaccurate today." He called the definition an insult to millions of United States citizens of African, American Indian, Asian, Latin-American, Polynesian and other origins.

Church group named agent for Denver insurance firm

DENVER—The Colorado State Insurance Commissioner has approved the authorization of the United Nations Insurance Co. to have the Tri-State Buddhist Church Dana Kai as a general agent.

A special insurance program for local area Buddhists has been arranged through Hirotsuke Ishikawa, United Nations Insurance president, to have cumulative approved commissions from policy sales paid to the Dana Kai, it was announced by Frank Nakata and Lee Murata, Issei and Nisei presidents of the church group.

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S.F. Nichibe Kai backs Walter fund

SAN FRANCISCO—The local Nichibe Kai, an Issei community group, voted \$100 last week as its contribution to the Walter Memorial Fund and called on all Japanese American community groups in Northern California to support the project.

Many of the present Nichibe Kai members were active in the Kikaken Kisei Domei and Civil Rights Defense Union, which were affiliated with National JACL in the successful legislative and legal campaigns between 1947 and 1952.

Shichisaburo Hideshima is the Nichibe Kai president.

HOME FOR THE AGED

Last fall in this column we made mention of the continuing problems of our aged Issei. In our area we have been exploring the possibility of Federal aid in setting up some kind of housing for Issei.

In our particular situation where the two major churches have just completed their building program another JACL sponsored building for Issei did not seem feasible.

At present, we are thinking of purchasing an older building which can be converted to a boarding house type of facility. In the course of researching the needs and possible reaction of Issei to our ideas, we have had our lighter moments such as some Issei preference for "miso shiru", sashimi, tofu, as opposed to some Issei preference to toast, eggs, meat, etc. Some of the Issei who have lived alone for years will find it difficult to conform to boarding house type of living.

Those interested in information about shelters for the aged will find it advantageous to contact Frank Franz, counsel to the Housing Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Aging; Dr. Morton Leeds, Director of the Senior Citizens Housing Branch, Community Facilities Administration, of the Housing and Home Finance Agency; and Senator Frank Moss of Utah who is chairman of the Housing Subcommittee.

You can contact these people through Mike Masaoka who also has some pertinent ideas about the Federal program for the Aging as it is related to the JACL.

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Semi-Ivy League cut

TORONTO — A recent Canadian Barber and Men's Hairstylist magazine cover features architect Raymond Moriarty, not for his professional talent but as a model for a semi-Ivy League cut that attempts to solve styling problems caused by usually coarse Oriental hair.

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