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By Kumeo A. Yoshinari

President's Corner

Black Day

It is certainly a sad and black day for us in Chicago, and I am sure his many friends residing elsewhere will feel the same when they learn that we lost a wonderful man in Abe Hagiwara. Anyone who has had the occasion to meet Abe will certainly remember him for the rest of their lives for he was one of those rare individuals who possessed an effervescent personality—an unusual trait for the Nisei having been brought up to be rather retiring in our behavioral patterns. The contrary example of a truly extroverted individual was typified by Abe in reacting not only to his friends, but to strangers, as well.

In addition, Abe had the unique quality of constantly being concerned with his fellow men, especially those of us who were born of Japanese ancestry. Even the other day when I visited him at the hospital, he was asking me what the JACL could do to make the organization more dynamically attractive. I am sure all of you will agree with me that Abe's loss will be keenly felt by the Jr. JACLers. He had been closely associated with this movement for some time and the young people were naturally attracted to him because of his flamboyant manner in which he was able to talk their language, as well as understand their motivations.

GRATITUDE

At the beginning of this new year, I take this occasion to express the gratitude of the National Board to the outgoing 1964 officers, cabinet or board members at the various district and chapter levels. I wish it were possible to thank each of you personally.

We thank you for shouldering the burdens of your respective assignments during the tenure of your office and in so doing you have contributed to the ongoing progress of the JACL.

I hope you found self-satisfaction in serving your fellow members, because there is no finer group anywhere than those who constitute our membership. I know you feel amply rewarded for the time and effort expended by gaining new experiences and insight to enrich your own estimation of what it means to be a JACLer. I further expect that your new conviction will encourage you to continue dedicating yourself to help JACL in its meaningful role of entraining our members to become better Americans.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the incoming leaders, I extend sincere congratulations and best wishes! You command the esteem of your membership to be elected to this position of responsibility and honor. You will find a real challenge in upholding the past precedents as well as setting forth new goals of your own for the future.

Those of us at the National level offer to you not only the best wishes, but also our utmost cooperation. We assure you our talents and services which are available to you upon call. By working together in unity, we will add this

administration's share to the building of a better JACL. We wish you well as you begin to fulfill the duties of your office. Good luck!

GIRL FRIDAY

I offer orchids to one particular person for rendering meritorious service—she's my personal secretary, Mrs. Jean Sakamoto. It is with her assistance that I'm able to get out the reams of correspondence which is the big mandate of this office.

Jean is employed as private secretary to one of the partners in the well-known architectural firm of Perkins and Wills. Previously she worked several years as the secretary at the Midwest Regional Office. This background knowledge of the JACL equips her to be familiar with our organization and makes her services so much more valuable to your president.

My special thanks go to her husband, Jim, for permitting her to give time to help me.

CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

I deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness of some chapters that send me their newsletters. The following receive my thanks: Cleveland, Milwaukee, Long Beach-Harbor, Portland, and Downtown Los Angeles. It's always inspiring to know what a specific chapter is doing. Your house organ helps me to be so informed.

Not that I want to be solicitous, but if other chapters want to keep me knowledgeable, I certainly would welcome being put on your mailing list. To those who wish to see honor me, please address it to the attention of the Midwest Regional JACL Office. Thank you!

JACL IN 1965

Fortunately, at this moment, there seems to be no crisis confronting us in 1965, but the steady work of moving ahead on the committed programs of the JACL must go on—for example:

- (1) The Issei History Project must complete its basic research.
- (2) The organizational structure of the Junior JACL must be formulated. The urgent need of a full time director to assist the youth must be found.
- (3) The fulfillment of the National budget must be realized. More membership—regular and 1000 Club.
- (4) The activation of meaningful program and activities must be innovated, particularly at the chapter level.

(5) The participation in a significant manner in the area of public relations for good citizenship development is a must.

(6) We'll continue to work to eliminate unfavorable legislative enactments.

(7) We need to encourage the development of new leadership with hopes that they will bring in new ideas to further stimulate new progress.

In all, what the new year brings will not be a windfall or a matter of good luck, but because of what we make it to be. Let us now roll up our sleeves and begin the work that needs to be done!

ABE HAGIWARA, 47, SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

Respected Chicagoan Honored in 1956 as JACLer of Biennium



Services for Hagiwara, general manager of Bowlin in Chicago, were held Monday, Jan. 11, at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church of Hyde Park in the largest funeral services ever held here for a person of Japanese ancestry.

Over 800 mourners attended the funeral services. Congressman Sidney Yates was among those listed as honorary pall bearers.

Abe was currently assisting the National JACL Board as chairman of the 1960-70 Decade Planning Committee and the Interim Jr. JACL Board as youth chairman of the Midwest District Council.

While in Cleveland, Abe was instrumental in organizing the JACL Chapter, and in 1945 was their first president. In addition, he served in numerous capacities in JACL, among them as Chicago JACL president (two terms), MDC 1st vice chairman, MDC chairman, Chicago public relations director; on the National Recognition Committee, National Scholarship Awarding Committee, and trustee for the Chicago Chapter Reserve Fund.

JACLer of Biennium

A highpoint in his JACL career came in 1956 when he was honored as a co-winner of the "JACLer of the Biennium" award.

No one will feel his loss as greatly as the Jr. JACL group here with whom he had been long associated. His greatest joy was in working with youth, and served as consultant and adviser to numerous young people's groups.

A native of Ketchikan, Alaska, he came to Chicago in 1947 and became Associate Director of the Japanese American Service Committee. In 1950, Hagiwara was appointed Activities Director of the Olivet Community Center, and served in that capacity for 14 years. While at the Olivet Community Center, he founded the Neighborhood Problems to help prevent juvenile delinquency.

Prior to coming to Chicago, he was a recreational leader at the Downtown Boys' YMCA in Cleveland.

Recreation Director

Hagiwara first attended the Willamette University in Salem, Ore., and then went to the Univ. of Washington. His education was interrupted when the war evacuated persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. He served as recreation director at Minidoka Relocation Center, Idaho.

Abe received his B.S. at Fenn College in Cleveland, and did postgraduate work towards a masters degree in sociology, economics and psychology at George Williams College, Chicago.

Among the many other organizations he actively served were the Japanese American Service Committee serving three consecutive terms as its president and was recently elected President for the coming year, Uptown Chapter of

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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN None Like Him

JACLers were stunned to learn of the untimely passing of Abe Hagiwara this past weekend. He was an illustrious member and an outstanding Nisei leader who was widely revered by so many people.

Those who were fortunate to have known Abe will always remember him as one of those rare individuals who come but once in many generations. He possessed a distinct attribute of uninhibited sociability that enabled him to mingle with friend or stranger with an equal degree of warmth.

We'll miss his clear-cut articulation because he had the unique knack of precisely enumerating the points he wanted to emphasize. (His masterful resume of the 1960-70 JACL Planning Commission findings published in the last Holiday Issue is a vivid example.) This gifted technique of outlining his remarks in an orderly sequence made it readily understood as well as to follow.

His jovial countenance will be sorely missed because his presence in a crowd would never go unnoticed.

His spontaneous wit has turned many a dull atmosphere into one of animate gaiety and laughter. Yes, we'll all miss him as there will be none like him.

Our profound sympathy goes to Esther as she faces the future without her constant companion of these many years. Words are inept to fully express the depressing sorrow with which we extend to her our condolences. We offer to her our warmest friendship with hopes that it will help to lighten her load of bereavement and loneliness. —KAY.

TEXAS ISSEI PIONEERS IN FARMING HAD LITTLE THOUGHT OF 'HIKI-AGE'

HOUSTON—Some of the early Issei experiences in the State of Texas were recently related by Texans of Japanese ancestry to Dr. Masakazu Iwata and Joe Grant Masakazu, JACL Japanese History Project administrator, who visited with Nisei here in Houston and in Rio Grande Valley.

The 180 heroes of the Alamo at San Antonio, who to the last man resisted Gen. de Santa Ana's army of 5,000, were lauded in 1899 by Prof. Juko Shiga, a visiting professor from Japan, who subsequently in 1914 erected a memorial to them. The memorial to such heroes as Davy Crockett and James Bowie describes the Texas frontiersmen as having Japanese samurai virtues of "Yamato-damashi".

About this same time, the Houston Chamber of Commerce had approached the Japanese consul in New York to interest Japanese experts into introducing rice in Texas. The fourth president of Doshisha University, then on leave of absence studying in New York, became interested.

His son, Kiyoko Saibara, joined his father with a group of other Japanese and started extensive plantings of rice in nearby Webster County, continuing now for his 61st and last year.

Masaoka was here to brief local interviewers for the History Project. Meeting was held Dec. 17 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wat Sutow. Present were:

A. Roy Ando, Holly K. Onishi, W. W. Sutow, Mary H. Sutow, Ben Thomas, Betty Thomas and George Waki.

Rio Grande Valley

In the early 1920s, Japanese farmers from the west coast came to the lower Rio Grande Valley (some 1,800 miles from Los Angeles) to begin commercial vegetable production what was then swamp and delta land.

These Issei men and women cleared mesquite trees and heavy underbrush and fought against the primitive hardships of mosquitoes, snakes and loneliness to develop the irrigated row crop lands of the Rio Grande Valley in and around San Benito-Hidalgo, Tex.

Masaoka met on Dec. 15-16 to brief local area interviewers. They include:

Elsie Kawahata, Henry Kawahata, Kazuo Kozeki, Mary Narahara, Shig Narahara, Harry Shimotsu, Machiko Shimotsu, Tom Tanamachi and Isamu Taniguchi.

Prof. Masakazu Iwata, assigned by the Japanese History Project to cover areas where Issei have made notable contributions in agriculture, called on Henry Kawahata, owner and lessor of 700 acres who still finds time to be active in local politics and oversee his interest in gas wells.

The Japanese here introduced commercial production of green peas, lettuce, dry onions and other vegetable crops.

Dr. Iwata discovered that Texas Japanese were somewhat different from Pacific Coast Issei farmers in that their primary intention was to settle permanently with little idea of "hikiage", which quite likely contributed to their success.

A number coming to Texas were from "shizoku" (Samurai) background, also, Dr. Iwata was informed.

Dr. Iwata also noted the high level of land ownership and agriculture.

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History Project to review progress to date

LOS ANGELES—A special meeting of some of the JACL Japanese History Project executives has been called here for this weekend to assess progress and outline immediate aims.

Expected at the meeting are: Kumeo Yoshinari, nat'l. pres.; Shig Wakamatsu, proj. chmn.; Yone Satoda, nat'l. treas.; Frank Chuman, Mike Masaoka, Sim Togasaki, Mas Sutow, exec. comm.; Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa and Joe Grant Masaoka, proj. adv.

Another angle proposed to eliminate alien land law

SEATTLE—A constitutional convention to completely rewrite and modernize the State of Washington's basic governmental document was proposed by Dan Evans, who was inaugurated as governor Wednesday.

Evans, speaking last week before the Allied Daily Newspaper Assn., said the state constitution, created in 1889, contains "scores of anachronisms" that either hinder or prevent effective action by a governor and the legislature to meet the responsibilities of state government.

The Republican governor said he would ask the 39th Legislature, which convened Monday in Olympia, to set machinery in motion for a constitutional convention.

JACL interest over the proposal comes from the prospect of having the outmoded alien land law removed. In his speech, Evans cited this section prohibiting aliens from owning land among the many which are ignored or are outmoded.

Decision of the four JACL chapters in the state to try a third time to have the land law repealed by ballot is still pending.

Proposal for a constitutional convention requires a two-thirds majority vote of both houses of the legislature before being placed on the ballot at next year's election.

Evans said two major safeguards have been primarily responsible for preventing a complete overhaul of the constitution before.

These, Evans said, are the article which prohibits a state income tax, and the section that limits the property tax to 40 mills unless more is authorized by a vote of the people.

Evans said he does not advocate a change in those two provisions, but said other articles in the constitution should be changed.

"State government can never fulfill its responsibilities shackled by archaic restrictions that hamper effective action at every turn," Evans said.

He hinted that he would favor a change that would provide for a strong chief executive by eliminating some of the state officials who are selected by voters election day. "Article 3," Evans said, "calls for an inordinately large number of separately elected state officials and does not pair the governor and lieutenant governor as one team on the ballot."

Evans did not say how many officials should be elected. Evans vigorously opposed federal aid which carries with it federal control of programs at the state and local level.

He blamed much of the lack of imagination and action on similar programs on provisions of an outdated constitution which hamstring the governor and legislature.

Evans cited several sections of the state constitution—which he described as six times as long as

the United States Constitution—which have been ignored or are outmoded.

One requires a state census every 10 years in the year ending in "5."

Another prohibits legislators from running for state offices if the pay for the state offices has been increased during the individual's term in the legislature.

He said the article limiting the state debt to \$400,000 "obviously" has not been followed.

Evans cited other sections prohibiting aliens from owning land; over-loading the ballot by providing for election of state officials in presidential years; allowing man to run for U.S. Senate who is not a voter in the state; county government; home rule provision that hampers cities efforts to provide for their growing number of residents.

Reaction to the address included comment by Democratic Lt. Gov. John A. Cherberg and Rep. John L. O'Brien (D-Seattle), who will be majority leader in the House.

Cherberg said the calling of a constitutional convention would be like "opening a Pandora's box." A big problem would also be how delegates would be chosen, he added.

O'Brien said Democrats had supported proposals for such a convention in the past and he saw no reason why they would not do so again.

Japanese supplemental farm workers program in California jeopardized by latest U.S. Labor Dept. rule to remove braceros

LOS ANGELES—How the California farmers fare in the current labor crisis without adequate farm hands is viewed with keen interest by growers in other states.

Among the latest group to be concerned are the Japanese supplemental farm workers themselves, who have come under scrutiny of the U.S. Dept. of Labor. This past week an order was issued which would make it virtually impossible for the present Japanese nationals to remain.

Effective Jan. 1, Labor Secretary W. William Wirtz issued a new order specifying employers must pay all transportation costs for imported labor and such imported workers may work not more than 120 days per year in the United States.

According to Kogyo Yonegaki, California director of the Japan Supplementary Farm Workers Council, in Los Angeles, literal application of Wirtz's latest order places the kiss of death on the program initiated in 1958 as a result of negotiations between the California Farm Bureau and Japanese government. The council was organized in Japan to recruit farm workers (Tanno), up to 1,000 per year, under three-year contracts at prevailing farm wages. Transportation was advanced by the council and deducted from their pay.

Japanese seasonal workers were permitted to be employed if it was ascertained that domestic labor was not obtainable. JACL supported the program after a bitter debate on the National Council floor at the 1956 Convention.

Foreigners Not Needed

Albert B. Tieburg, California state employment director, said that some 1,700 Japanese and Filipino workers on California farms may find themselves without jobs because of this provision.

With the Mexican bracero program terminated by Congress as of Dec. 31, California growers had appealed to the U.S. Labor Department for help in harvesting winter crops.

Wirtz had ordered an immediate sign-up of domestic laborers in major California cities for these farm jobs. Tieburg said this program has been attracting an unexpected

heavy flow of Americans. He said the Americans are "still coming in for these jobs, and I seriously doubt that we will need any foreigners at all this month and maybe for longer."

He added that if jobs are not available for the Japanese and Filipinos they may still be allowed to remain in farm camps because of the great distances to their homelands.

According to Yonegaki, nearly all the foreign farm workers in California are Japanese. "Only 120 are from the Philippines and we are taking care of 1,186 Japanese," he reported.

Issei-Nisei Farmers

Yonegaki also revealed that 70 percent of these Japanese workers are employed by Issei and Nisei farmers, most of them comparatively small operators.

Of the 1,186 Japanese 275 are due to return to Japan this year when their three-year contracts expire. Another 903 are scheduled to remain until 1966. Only eight came last year.

It was reported Southern California navel orange growers are refusing to hire domestic workers because they are not efficient enough to do the work.

Other reports said that these workers are refusing to accept orange picking jobs because they are not able to earn enough.

This situation has resulted in a surplus of domestic workers signed up for farm jobs, it was reported in some quarters.

As the new 120-day order issued by Wirtz works a great hardship on the Japanese farm seasonal workers, Yonegaki said negotiations through diplomatic channels may be necessary to keep those now in the state until the end of their present contract.

Whether the entire program can be continued will also be another problem for diplomatic negotiations.

North San Diego

George Yasukochi, one of the leading growers in North San Diego County, noted that the true test of domestic labor cannot be proven until April when spring harvest becomes earnest.

"Frankly, we don't need the

number of men the State Employment Department is providing us today," he explained. The sudden methods employed by the government to replace braceros with inexperienced local help is not helping growers to maintain his business, he pointed out.

Yasukochi, during peak harvest season, employs about 50 braceros, 20 tanno and 30 domestic workers for his 200-acre farm. Such figures also hold true with at least five other Nisei growers whose fields are comparable in size in North San Diego County.

It was reported half of the 80 Japanese seasonal workers in San Diego county deprived of work were hired to pick dates in Coachella Valley this week, indicating that the crash state program to have braceros replaced by domestic workers is not succeeding in this particular phase of agriculture.

Orange County

At Huntington Beach, Yoshiki Yoshida, labor camp manager, has hired 114 domestic workers, some with no crop picking experience, as bracero replacements to work over strawberry patches. They are picking the leftovers from heavier harvesting of recent months.

A full complement of 885 pickers is expected by mid-March when the big vegetable harvest begins locally.

Labor camp operators take \$1.75 per day for food. There is no charge for the housing. Workers are offered group insurance, a small medical clinic on the camp grounds and, if they remain, work for an indefinite period, according to Yoshida.

HONOLULU CUSTOMS CLIPS

THREE JAPANESE FILMS

HONOLULU—U.S. Collector of Customs Ernest Murali decided three films from Japan as unfit for showing in the United States and the distributors have returned them to Japan.

Dr. Murali said he found one of the "art" films could be cleaned up by deleting a few scenes but the distributor decided to return the entire film.

Action came after the Hawaii Hochi, bilingual Honolulu newspaper, complained of the growing emphasis on sex in movies from Japan.

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PRESIDENT'S PROFILE

Another Lady Leads Hollywood

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Ichiro K. Watanabe, who has been invited by the White House to attend President Johnson's inauguration next week, will have one of her own Feb. 7 when the Hollywood JACL swears her in as president.

Known as Midori by her friends, she is a supervising teacher at California Colleges at Los Angeles and teaches at Cortez Elementary School, is currently engaged in graduate work at USC. She attended Gardena High School, Colorado Woman's College (B.S.) and Columbia University (M.A.).

Immediate chapter objectives for the coming year include a Japanese cultural lectures series, scholarship program, expanding the Jr. JACL program and an outing for the Issei.

She is also active with the Silverlake Democratic Club, on the board of trustees of Japanese American Community Service, and was appointed to Mayor Yorty's Citizens Advisory Committee last year.

Born in Hawthorne, Calif., she is the daughter of Mrs. Tsuta Kitazono, spent the war years in Heart Mountain, has two children: Chris, 17; and Mari, 6; and has been in JACL for 10 years. Gardening and outdoor sports like horse-

back riding, hiking and skiing are among her hobbies. She resides at 1672 N. Dillon St., Los Angeles.

(The Watanabes depart Sunday for Washington, in the company of about 500 local Democratic leaders who were invited for their part in the election of President Johnson and Vice President Humphrey. While at the Nation's Capitol, they will tour the White House, attend the Inaugural parade, the Golden State reception, the vice president's reception, the inaugural concert, the inaugural ball and many other activities. This is Midori's first trip to Washington; while her husband, in management work for General Dynamics at Pomona has been there previously.)

Semi-annual dividend

SAN FRANCISCO—The board of directors of the Bank of Tokyo of California has approved a semi-annual dividend of 40 cents a share payable to shareholders of record Dec. 24, according to president Tokinaka Takahashi. Dividend checks will be mailed about Jan. 15.

The Bank of Tokyo now has nine offices throughout California, and assets of over \$140 million.

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

THE GOODWILL CLOWNS—The Harlem Globetrotters made their annual visit to town last week and, since we hadn't seen them for several years, we went to take in their act. The act hasn't changed much, but it's great fun. Nothing sophisticated, nothing snide, nothing mean, nothing dirty, just some old-fashioned clowning and horseplay combined with some amazing ability to handle a basketball.

By their count the Globetrotters have performed in 87 countries, and if they could bring laughter to the millions who have seen them, they then are indeed ambassadors of goodwill. A bellylaugh is a pretty precious commodity these days. And it is a heartwarming thing to see what fun the Globetrotters themselves are having, the respect and admiration they reap as performers. There is nothing of the downtrodden, servile Negro about them. It would be nice to make the kind of income they take to the bank.

WHO IS SATCHEL?—Traveling with the Globetrotters this year is Leroy (Satchel) Paige, whose prowess as a baseball pitcher is legend. If anyone can be said to have been born too soon, Paige is he. He pitched for peanuts with itinerant Negro ball clubs, dazzling the Rubes with an assortment of curves and a smoking fast ball, all delivered with pinpoint control. I remember reading about him as a youngster, and that was a long time ago. He was in his fading years as an athlete when the Big Leagues finally lowered their color bar and hired him, and even then he was one of the best relief pitchers in the business. I guess he's still pitching.

Well, as part of the Globetrotters' show, Paige is introduced and he throws the basketball like a baseball pitcher, but for graybearded baseball fans, just seeing him is enough. A wave of applause rose as Paige stepped out on the floor, and when it died down I heard a feminine voice behind me ask: "Who is Satchel Paige?"

A logical question for a young girl. I turned around, without being too obtrusive, to see who had asked the question. It was a Negro girl, sitting there with two other Negro girls.

How fleeting is fame, and how the generations do drift apart! In my book Satchel Paige ranks with Jimmy Brown and Elston Howard and Bill Russell as an athlete. I suppose one of these days they'll be asking who Jackie Robinson was. Or Joe Louis.

On the other hand, I wonder how many Sansei kids would recognize the name of Jimmie Sakamoto, or Tommy Kono, for that matter.

PAIGE'S PRESCRIPTION—Satchel Paige amazed so many people with his ability to go on and on that once he was asked for his prescription for youth. He offered a memorable reply, and I think it's well worth recording here:

"1. Avoid fried meats, which angry up the blood.
"2. If your stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts.
"3. Keep the juices flowing by jangling around gently as you move.

"4. Go very light on the vices, such as carrying on in society. The social ramble ain't restful.
"5. Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."

Sound advice. The years are gaining on me, and I'll try to remember not to look back too often.

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LOS ANGELES AREA ORIENTAL GROUPS FORM COUNCIL

United Front Planned To Revise Present Immigration Law

WASHINGTON — President Johnson Wednesday asked Congress for an "equal immigration law" by abolishing the 40-year-old quota system. Except for technical refinements, the proposed legislation is essentially the same as the one sought by the late President Kennedy.

It is expected to be introduced Friday by Sen. Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.). The President asked that the promise of America be opened to foreigners on the basis of their skills and ability and on their relationship to relatives in this country so families could be reunited—not on the basis of a person's place of birth.

LOS ANGELES—Leaders of the local Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Korean communities see eye-to-eye as far as the need of staging a united front in making "Oriental American" voices heard in Washington.

In a meeting held Jan. 6, at the Grand Star restaurant, leaders of the four Oriental minority groups formed themselves into a non-partisan group called "Council of Oriental Americans." Its avowed purpose is to push or promote legislation that will seek to revise the present immigration quota system which is "highly discriminatory" against Orientals.

Under the present law, countries that fall under the Asia-Pacific Triangle—Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines and a host of other countries in the Far East—are allotted only 100 immigrants a year compared to the thousands allocated European countries.

Frank Chuman, representing JACL, revived the background of the present quota system before COA members. He referred to the present system as being "antiquated, unjust and should be changed."

Hiram Kwan, a prominent immigration lawyer, pointed out that under the present system countries covered by the Asia-Pacific Triangle are allotted a measly 1.53 percent of the total immigration quota. "And the peoples of the Asia-Pacific Triangle comprise about a third of the world's population," he said.

While all 23 leaders present agreed that "something has to be done" toward rectifying the inequitable features of the present law, the course of action was left to be mulled over until the next meeting, scheduled for March 3.

Further decisions by the Council with regards possible courses of action also await the outcome of the forthcoming Conference on Immigration scheduled for Jan. 18, at the St. Peter's Church.

Meanwhile, Conrad Salumbides, chairman of the National Filipino Council issued a "clarion call" recently to the member organizations of the Filipino Council throughout the United States. He called for nationwide drive by Filipino leaders to have the inequitable features removed.

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Immigration talk slated for Monday

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Conference on Immigration, believed to be the first such large community event in the nation to follow the introduction this week of the new immigration bill in Congress, will be held on Monday, Jan. 18.

Some 300 persons are expected at St. Peter's Church, 7045 N. Broadway, to hear the Rev. Vincent Monaco, director of International Migration Digest, tell why new immigration legislation must be enacted this year. He will be joined in a panel discussion to follow by Judge Philip Newman, attorney Frank Chuman, and Susan Adams, AFL-CIO community services director, all of Los Angeles.

Sponsors of the conference include organizations within the Community Relations Conference of Southern California, including: American Committee on Italian Migration, American Friends Service Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, Division of World Relief, Friends Committee on Legislation, International Institute, International Rescue Committee, JACL, Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles, Public Affairs Commission, Council of Churches in Southern California, the So. Calif. Baptist Convention, Christian Community Council.

Top Japanese dress designer exhibits in U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO — Noted Japanese fashion designer Hanae Mori will present her 1965 collection Monday at the Fairmont Hotel. Mme. Mori hopes to show annually in the United States. Models and industry figures in New York found her collection a beautiful blending of the rich cultural heritage of the Japanese kimono with functional and versatile ideas of westernized fashions. The timing of her initial showing in New York last week was regarded as perfect since no important changes from Europe or in America are expected.

Japan Report

(This is the concluding installment of Mike Masaoka's "Japan Report", summarizing his four-week visit of Japan from mid-November. First half was published in last week's Pacific Citizen.)

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Washington

While we were in Japan, among well known Nisei whom we met were Dr. Thomas Omori and his family Tom, who was honored with JACL's distinguished achievement award at the Detroit National JACL Convention last summer, is the Far East vice president for Aerjet-General Corporation.

Another was Dr. Robert R. Omata, assistant chief of the Pacific Office of International Research for the National Institutes of Health. Still another was Ben Nakao, now an accountant for DuPont of Japan.

At the American Embassy, we met Henry Goshio, Frank Baba, and Bill Hattori. Henry is head of USA for the Far East, Frank of the Voice of America for Japan, and Bill of the U.S. Feed Grains Council for the Orient.

We also met Dr. Kiyoshi George Togasaki, now an international vice president of the Rotary whom we expect to see elected the international president in the not too distant future, and Tamotsu Murayama, one of the founders of the JACL movement when he was a newspaperman in San Francisco in the early thirties. Tamotsu is so enthused about JACL's Japanese in America Research Project that he is working on his own, interviewing the remaining Issei pioneers of America who now live in Japan. He has just published a book on the Nisei in the United States as his contribution to "educating" the Japanese about the Nisei in this country.

Unexpected Meeting with Koda

Tragically, Sam and I chanced across Keisaburo Koda and his wife and niece in the Tokyo station. The next day, he suffered a stroke from which he never recovered.

We remember Mr. Koda with personal fondness and admiration, for to us he was one of the truly great of many Issei pioneers who contributed so much to California

and the Nation. Aside from his many and significant contributions to agriculture, especially rice culture, he personally became the leader of the Issei in the country generally and northern California specifically in the fund drives after World War II without which JACL's congressional and litigative objectives against discrimination could not have been achieved.

Much credit is due to Mr. Koda for the laws granting naturalization rights to all Issei and for repealing the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924, as well for the court cases outlawing the alien land laws.

Few Issei have contributed as much to the cause of equality and justice for those of Japanese ancestry in the post-World War II era. All America, and especially those of Japanese ancestry, have suffered a great and tragic loss in the death of K. Koda, a giant among the Issei pioneers.

We were also privileged to meet with United States Ambassador Reischauer and United States Minister John Emerson, and United States Consul General Thomas Murfin and United States Consul Harry Grossman, with whom we discussed many problems, especially those relating to possible immigration legislation in this session of the Congress.

Friends at Gaimusho

Among Japanese Foreign Office (Gaimusho) friends we met who are well known to the Issei and Nisei were three who served as Japanese Consuls General in California—S. Hogen in Los Angeles and Akira Nishiyama and Toshio Yamanaka in San Francisco. All send their personal regards to their many friends in this country.

Hogen, now the director of the Bureau of European, Afro, Middle Eastern, and Oceanic Affairs, is slated to be Ambassador to Austria in the spring, while Nishiyama, who also served as Japanese Minister at the Embassy in Washington, is now the director of the Bureau of Economic Cooperation. Yamanaka, the first Nisei to become a Japanese Consul General in the United States, is now director of the Emigration Bureau.

No report on Japan would be complete without some comment on JACL's friends in Hawaii, friends who helped raise funds in

the post-World War II days which enabled JACL to carry out successfully its legislative campaign in Congress for naturalization and immigration opportunities for those of the Japanese race.

Whenever we enter the United States through the port of Honolulu, we are constantly amazed at the tremendous improvement in the facilities and in the "welcoming" spirit there, especially in Customs, which is under the direction of Collector of Customs Dr. Ernest Murali, probably the highest ranking Nisei in public service at this time. Though he was not able to greet us personally as he usually does, he had asked Henry Oyasato, who served with us in the 442nd more than 20 years ago and who won a battlefield promotion in Italy, to greet us in his stead. Henry, as some may recall, was one of the stars of the MGM motion picture "Go For Broke."

One reason we cannot forget Dr. Murali is because he served as the Democratic National Committee man from the then Territory of Hawaii, when it was not popular to be a Democrat in then Republican Hawaii. During those difficult and poor times, he struggled to not only keep the Party together but also to encourage the young Nisei war heroes who were returning to Hawaii after securing their education on the Mainland under the GI Bill to cast their fortunes with the Democratic Party. To us, much credit not only for Statehood for Hawaii is due to him but also the current influential and controlling position held by the Democrats in the Aloha State. That Senator Daniel K. Inouye and Congressmen Spark Matsunaga and Patsy Takemoto Mink are now in the Congress of the United States are also a measure of the work he did during the lean years to make certain that the Democratic Party in Hawaii would come of age at the proper time.

For the first time in years, we decided to stay overnight in Honolulu. We stayed at the Waikiki

Grand, a new hotel operated by Mr. and Mrs. Kanae Kobayashi, who befriended us and welcomed Sam Ishikawa and Mr. K. Koda, among others, to Hawaii during JACL's fund raising campaigns of more than decade ago.

The Waikiki Grand

The Waikiki Grand is a modern, semi-luxury hotel only a block from the beach itself and near both the Zoo and the Aquarium. Overlooking Kapiolani Park, it is reasonably priced in "expensive" Waikiki. Its architecture combines both Japanese and Polynesian features, including a Japanese restaurant and furo (bathhouse), a bamboo forest surrounding a fresh water pool, and a replica of famed Akaka Falls in the garden foyer. We recommend it especially to JACLers and our friends, for the Kobayashis were most hospitable to us.

In Honolulu, we contacted, among others, Mas Doi, who though defeated for the majority of that city won respect and admiration for the campaign he conducted; Tetsu O. former executive vice president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce who probably did more for JACL's fund drives on Oahu than any other single individual and now a foreign trade consultant; Kats Miho, bar-

rist who did his undergraduate work at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and is now the senior partner of one of the largest law firms in the State as well as the one from which Hiram Fong went on to the United States Senate as the first American of Asian ancestry to be elected to that high body; and Hoover Tateishi, former administrative assistant to Congressman Matsunaga and now manager of a radio station.

Telephone Contacts

We telephoned Senators Inouye and Fong, as well as Congressman Matsunaga. Congresswoman Mink was not then in Honolulu.

We also telephoned to James Hirano in Hilo and Judge Ben Tashiro in Lihue, Kauai. Jim was most helpful in JACL's fund drives and he personally was responsible for over a thousand Issei who became naturalized citizens on the Island of Hawaii. Judge Tashiro

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O tempora; o mores!

Tardiness is an eternal operational characteristic in this corner, but here it is only couple of weeks after the appropriate time for a little reminiscing upon the calendar change. So why put it off another year? For some of us, time is always running short. The day, the week, the year is never long enough. And too often a lifetime is not long enough.

But all people experience many changes in the span of a lifetime. As Cicero said: "O Tempora, O Mores!"

Occidental-Oriental marriages are commonplace today, but go back to 1910 when the writer was 5, the family was embarrassed by the catcalls and snide remarks when it appeared on the streets of this city. When we went on a Sunday picnic at the end of Seattle's longest (Fauntleroy) trolley line, Mom and I with the one year old brother (the third hadn't arrived yet) boarded the trolley, basket and all, at one stop. Pop got on at the next.

In those days and for many years thereafter, Issei were more

or less goodnaturedly addressed as "Charlie" or John, Frank or George.

The whole nation, Seattle included, applauded the masterpiece 3-hour movie, "The Birth of a Nation," which depicted the Civil War and glorified the Ku Klux Klan, and purported to show not without a little emotion how the Klan restored law and order after the chaos of reconstruction in the South.

Some few years later the imported Polish actress Pola Negri appeared with some guy (Gilbert Roland?) in a hot flicker called "Passion." An Issei preacher who forbade his congregation to view the sinful movies had taken his own large sized family down to see the movie thinking it was the Passion play of Ober-Ammergau.

Incidentally, we saw them all, Bill Hart, Mary Pickford, Charlie Ray, Wallace Reid, Mary Miles Minter, Doug Fairbanks, Sr., etc. And in those days, Nisei were sent to the balcony in some theaters, but your reporter "passed."

Those were the days when the nouveau riche, the shipyard workers lounged around the corner in striped shirt shirts, and on some of the stripes were silk. The less affluent were a bit shabbier, although father invariably had a "good" suit. And a panama hat if he was getting up in the world. The lucky first son got some new clothes, too, but these were made over, patched up and handed down to the next in line. School boys had the scuffed up toes of their shoes patched up with copper plates, and on toe and heel wore iron pads like a tap dancer.

Maybe more than half dozen Japanese families owned passenger cars, and chief traffic problems were created by runaway horses or someone cranking a stalled car in the middle of the street. Troop 53 started turning out for the close order drill event in the Boy Scouts annual city-wide field day. Had a real army sergeant as instructor, too, to walk away with the event twice and it was abandoned. But this was the time that some irate woman wrote to a downtown daily something to this effect: "You can't tell me those Jap kids are not training for a future uprising! I heard one say to another on the street this afternoon: 'Are you going to drill tonight?'"

Many families, especially those with many kids, found meat on the table a rarity, and chicken only for Sunday if ever. One Nisei said to me recently, "Many a night we had fried potatoes and rice for supper." Today this guy's kids gripe to high heaven if mama runs a little short of breakfast bacon. And the clothes? They gripe about the proper tightness of the pants, the length, and the hip drape. To us a square was a geometric figure, but to the youngsters, it is some sort of odd reactionary character over 25.

The two or three Japanese bath houses we used to have in this town are all gone—gone. Some of the kids used to dive under the partition to get a look see at the women's section when no feminine voices could be heard. But some things, we'll bet, never change. Like with that 130,000,000 yen solid gold bathtub to be installed in a Japanese hotel, in which the customer can luxuriate at 1,000 yen per 2 minutes? With enough takers to pay expenses, we'll hire an investigator to testify the bather will have to be fully bathed before he enters the ridiculous luxury item; the same as the bather in the most humble furo-ya. In other words, there's no change in the water, we'll bet.

Mamoru Sakuma installed as Sac'to superior judge

SACRAMENTO—Mamoru Sakuma was at work as a superior court judge after having stepped up from the municipal court in a brief, informal ceremony this past week. He took his oath of office from Superior Court Judge Merle C. Shreck, whom he had succeeded. Irving H. Perluss, presiding judge, introduced both Sakuma and Shreck and noted that while he was sorry to see Shreck leave he was "pleased with his replacement."

Sakuma became a municipal judge in November of 1963 through appointment by Gov. Edmund G. Brown. He won the superior court seat in June primary after Shreck decided not to run for re-election.

Appellate Post
SANTA ANA—Judge Stephen K. Tamura of the Orange County Superior Court was appointed presiding officer of the appellate department of the Santa Ana court for 1965 recently. Judges John Shea and Warren J. Ferguson will serve with him.
The three-judge court will hear appeals from municipal and justice courts in addition to their regular duties.

Sparky to address San Francisco JACL installation, rescheduled for Jan. 16

SAN FRANCISCO—Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), will be main speaker at the San Francisco JACL's installation dinner on Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Fairmont Hotel Terrace Room.

This announcement was made this past week by Eddie Moriguchi, chapter president who was recently elected to a second term.

Moriguchi revealed he was notified by the Hawaii congressman that he would be in San Francisco on that date.

Rep. Matsunaga and other members of the Hawaii congressional delegation are slated to be in Mare Island on that date for the launching of the newest American nuclear submarine, Kamehameha II.

The chapter installation dinner had previously been scheduled for Friday, Jan. 29 at Kuo Wah.

It was reported that the vessel will be christened by Mrs. William F. Quinn, wife of Hawaii's ex-governor, and Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, (D-Hawaii) will be the main speaker at the launching ceremonies.

Among others expected to be at the launching, Senator and Mrs. Hiram Fong, Congressman Pat-ty Mink and husband John, Gov. John Burns of Hawaii, Sen. Thomas Kuchel and Rep. Phil Burton, have been extended invitations to the San Francisco Chapter Installation dinner.

"This will probably be the only time that the all Oriental delegation to Congress from one state

will be together in the Bay Area and we would like to share this auspicious gathering of national legislators of Oriental ancestry, all of whom are foremost in the minds of Americans as well as throughout the world," Moriguchi added in extending an invitation to surrounding JACL chapters in the Bay Area.

Jr. JACL elects Obana

SAN FRANCISCO—Russell Obana, pre-law student at San Francisco City College, was elected 1965 president of the San Francisco Jr. JACL. He and his cabinet members will be installed with the senior group at the San Francisco JACL installation dinner tomorrow at the Fairmont Hotel.

PC Board chairman to swear in East L.A. cabinet

LOS ANGELES—Dr. David Miura Pacific Citizen Board chairman, will install the 1965 East Los Angeles JACL cabinet headed by Hiro Omura at Stevens Steak House, 5532 Como St., tomorrow. Dinner will be served from 7 p.m. Omura succeeds Dr. Robert Obi, two-term president, who is assuming the first vice-presidency. Mrs. Pearl Mughishima, former PC Circulation manager and Regional Office secretary, is serving as 2nd vice-president.

Sam Furuta will emcee. Roy Yamadera is chairing the entertainment and Ritsuko Kawakami is dinner chairman.

Seattle JACL re-elects Dr. Terrance Toda

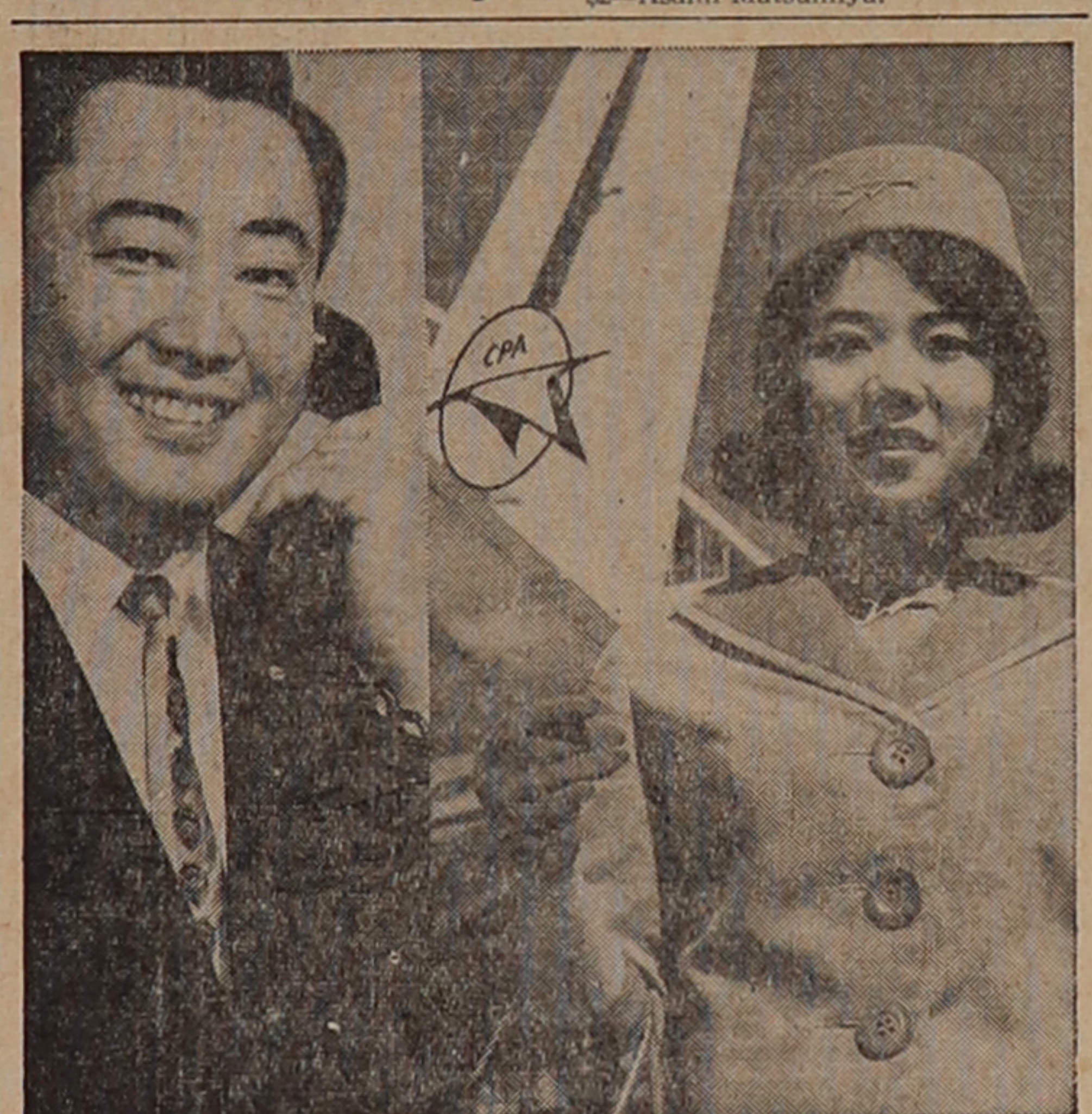
SEATTLE—Dr. Terrance M. Toda was re-elected president of Seattle JACL for the coming year. The chapter board is comprised of 40 members, including 10 officers, 15 elected board members, special and standing committee chairmen and special presidential appointees to the board. It is probably JACL's largest single chapter board ever organized.

A board meeting prior to installation of 1965 board members has been called for Wednesday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m., at the Jackson St. Community Council office, 417 Rainier Ave. South.

The installation is slated for Tuesday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m., at Bush Gardens with James Matsuoka in charge. Dr. Dale E. Turner, one of the outstanding Northwest speakers, has been engaged. Gov.-elect Dan Evans is also expected.

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In 1956, he was honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews as a recipient of the James M. Yard Brotherhood Community Award. The citation reads in part, "... he lives the spirit of brotherhood in firm friendships among every race and faith and background. We are proud of Mr. Abe Hagiwara."

The quotation under his photo in the Ketchikan High School annual, "My deeds and speeches, sir, are lines drawn from one center; what I promise to do, I'll do," can now justly serve as his epitaph.

Survivors include the widow, Esther, secretary of the JACL Midwest Regional Office; the mother, Mrs. Shima Hagiwara; a sister, Mrs. Grace Hiyama of Clawson, Mich.; and a brother, Patrick of Seattle.

Immigration—

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George L. Oh, representing the American Korean organizations, also promised to support the movement. Council officers are:

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Gardena gridders on all-Marine teams

GARDENA—Two Sanel football players who bolstered the center of the city championship winning Gardena High School aggregation were named to the center spot on the first and second teams for All Marine league selections by the Helms Foundation Board.

They are Richard Ito and Robert Takahashi.

Ito, who regularly filled in at guard and sometimes at center, is a 5 ft. 8 in. lineman, weighing in at 205 lbs. He is a senior at Gardena High School. He was named to the All Marine league first team.

Takahashi, who was named center on the second team, stands 5 ft. 10 in. tall and weighs 200 lbs. He is a senior. He played center and guard.

On the team which was led to the Marine League crown and then the City championship by player of the year Steve Sogge were Harvey Horikawa, defensive lineman, Dave Nakamura, linebacker and John Oda, second string center.

Figure skate finalist

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — Christy Ito, 13, of Portland outskated 15 entries from five western states to claim first place in the novice women's division of the Northwest Pacific Figure Skating championships concluded here recently. She qualified for the Pacific Coast championships to be held in Seattle, Jan. 14-16.

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Japan Report—

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was the first Nisei to be confirmed by the Senate to be a Federal Judge, being so confirmed while Hawaii was still a Territory.

Hirano, Tashiro, and Miho attended the National JACL Convention in Chicago and were personally honored by JACL for their aid in the fund drives in Hawaii which raised over a quarter of a million dollars for equality and justice in and under the law. Oj was specially honored at the National JACL Convention in San Francisco for his selfless work in the fund drives.

Of interest too may be the information that former Angeleno Jiro Iwanaga, who has brothers living in Sacramento, is the new Japanese Consul General in Hawaii's capital city.



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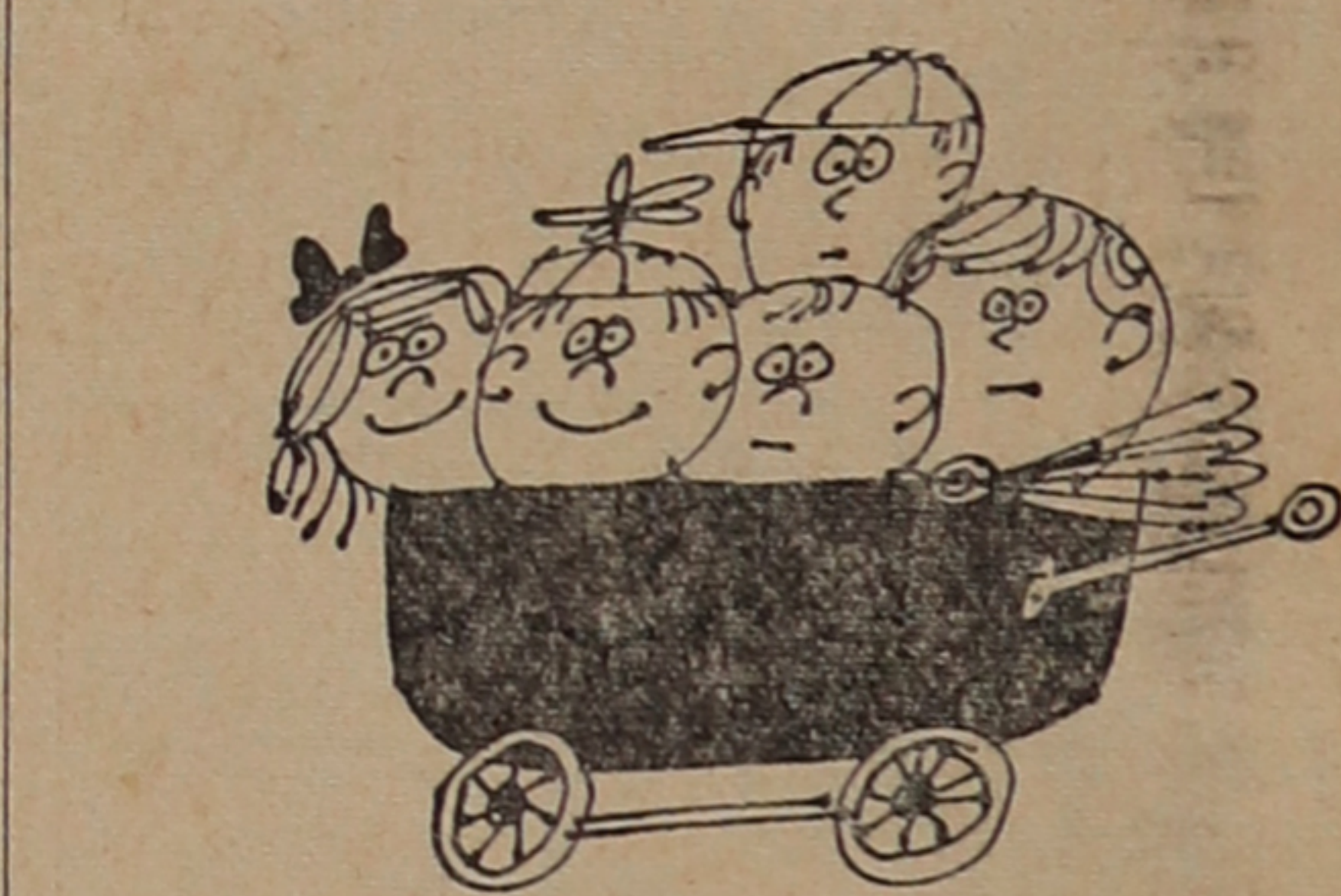
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