



Issei-Nisei success stories in Midwest-East recollected

LOS ANGELES—Enroute to and from the joint EDC-MDC Convention held in Philadelphia over the Labor Day weekend, History Project administrator Joe Grant Masaoka talked to the various JACL chapters on the JACL-UCLA Japanese American Research Project and came across many stories.

In the Midwest and East Issei and Nisei recount numerous stories. Some have been published, others have appeared in theses and dissertations and still others are passed along by word of mouth.

There was Dr. Hideo Noguchi, discoverer of the cure for the tropical scourge, yellow fever, who was passed over as a candidate for the Nobel Prize in medicine because his associates could not nominate a non-citizen of the U.S.

There was Kotaro Suto of Miami Beach, Fla., who was recently enshrined in the city's Hall of Fame for his contributions to city beautification.

There was Dr. Jokichi Takamine, discoverer of vitamin B. There were Issei who were manufacturers of brushes and wire products. An Issei headed the sales promotion of McGraw publications before the war.

Masaoka was accompanied by Alan Kumamoto, National JACL Youth Director, who also spoke to the youth and advisers at chapter meetings. Masaoka addressed the Issei at the Washington, Cleveland and Minneapolis meetings in Japan.

Pacific Citizen editor Harry Honda also accompanied the duo to Seabrook Farms, New York City and Washington, D.C. where he spoke on the League's official publication, Mas and Chiz Satow were also present at the New York and Washington, D.C. meetings during the course of their vacation.

East of the 'Mighty Miss'

In his stopovers for the JACL chapter meetings Masaoka learned interesting facts about the Issei and Nisei east of the Mississippi. He noted that the onetime evacuee population of Chicago had not diminished as had Denver and Salt Lake City when the west coast was opened up on Jan. 2, 1945. The Chicago area where many of the relocated evacuees had originally settled has now been converted from a blighted slum to a refurbished Greenwich Village in the style of the "Gay Nineties".

In Milwaukee to ask for Budweiser beer are fighting words Miller's beer established the city. A Nisei "brew master" is a quality control engineer with Miller's.

The Cleveland JACL sponsors annual excursions for the Issei including visits to the local cheese factories, the Washington Monument in the nation's capital where one 72-year-old Issei in the party climbed the 700 steps of the Monument to the summit.

The story of the Japanese in Seabrook Farms unfolds a success story of how the resettled Issei, Nisei and their Issei offspring started as laborers and where the most of the still remaining Nisei are in supervisory positions and practically all of the Issei are going off to colleges and trade schools.

In New York City Nisei are dispersed throughout the metropolis and their occupations are as varied as the Dictionary of Occupational Titles. Dick Akagi, former JACL regional director, is in sports promotion with Look Magazine; Mitsu Yasuda, local History Project director, is with Voice of America.

In Washington, D.C. a visit to Arlington National Cemetery's Memorial to the Battleship Maine shows the names of seven Issei Navy men who perished when the ship was blown up by Spanish bombs in Cuba and triggered the Spanish American War.

In Cincinnati the name of Dr. Tashiro, long time professor of biochemistry at the Univ. of Cincinnati is honored. His two sons and daughter are all doctors and one thoracic surgeon son is a professional football player.

In Dayton, birthplace of the air-

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Murayama to stopover

LOS ANGELES—PC correspondent Tamotsu Murayama of Tokyo will stopover in Los Angeles this Saturday enroute to Mexico City. He will arrive at 10:10 p.m. aboard Japan Air Lines flight 72 and continue his flight southward at Sunday noon.



JAPANESE BRUSH painting entitled "Glorious Struggle" valued at \$1,000 is presented to the Japanese History Project by its artist Prof. Chiura Obata (right), a Berkeley JACLer and professor emeritus of art at the Univ. of California. Frank Oda, NC-WNDC History Project chairman, accepts. — H. Akagi Photo.

MDC-EDC continue support for youth aims

LOS ANGELES — National JACL Youth Director Alan F. Kumamoto returned to Los Angeles this past week following a three-week chapter visitation tour of the Midwest and Eastern District Council areas.

Of the Midwest region Kumamoto reported:

"As one of the instrumental areas to initiate a youth program back in 1954, the Midwest still reflects strong youth interest. Last year's National Convention in Detroit was a big boost to the youth delegates but due to some unfortunate situational difficulties, communication and enthusiasm became a little lax. However, following the joint EDC-MDC convention last Labor Day in Philadelphia, youth spirit and drive are far exceeding expectations. This enthusiasm toward a youth program appears to be headed toward a climax in San Diego next summer. San Diego is the site for JACL's National Convention in July of 1966.

"Eastern chapters," according to the youth director, "are holding their own with only one youth group at present." Yet this small district with only four adult chapters has gone on record to recognize their youth potential and has voted to support a youth program within their area. Potential groups are now forming in Seabrook, N.J. and Philadelphia, in addition to the already existing Jr. JACL in Washington, D.C.

After a one-month office-tending interlude in Southern California, Kumamoto is scheduled to travel again to Northern California-Western Nevada district in early November with a journey to the Intermountain area at the end of that month.

In December a visit will be made to the Pacific Northwest to investigate possible formation of a district youth council.

Fully aware that absence from Headquarters for a couple of weeks would mean an accumulation of paper work greeting our return, nevertheless we decided to take advantage of our jaunt to the EDC-MDC Convention by combining pleasure and official business and to make like tourists in Philadelphia, New York and Washington, D.C. We compounded the sin by taking along Headquarters Office Secretary Chiz, which was undoubtedly the reason JACLers in these parts went out of their way to spoil us with their generosity and warm hospitality. For Chiz it was a welcome opportunity to match familiar names with faces, and for us a chance to get acquainted with some of our members beyond their activities as JACLers.

We tried to sneak into Philly a few days prior to the Convention, but there was Convention Chairman Dick Horikawa waiting for us at the airport. By the time the Convention got under way, we were already deeply "Osewa" to Convention "braintrusts" Dick, Kaz Horita, Mary and Warren Tanabe. Because of Bill Marutani's insistence that we make use of the Volkswagen, we were able to relieve some of our Nation's history at Independence Square and Valley Forge.

We looked longingly at the Marriott Motor Inn swimming pool between Convention sessions and even thought about crashing the Junior JACL splash party on the pretext of togetherness with youth. Fortunately, taskmaster Kumeo Yoshinari adjourned the post-convention meeting of national officials shortly after noon on Labor Day, so we were able to dunk confidently in Dr. Tom Tamaki's pool, confidently because Susan

Sasagawa was the life guard. Jr. JACLers would have gotten a kick out of some has-beens trying to relieve their youth with a football in Tom's spacious backyard.

We were looking forward to our first train ride in many years into New York, but Joe (Olagiri Mercantile) Harada saved us from fighting the holiday homebound crowd with a lift into New York. A good group of JACLers gathered there to hear reports from PC Editor Harry Honda, enthusiastic National Youth Director Alan Kumamoto, and History Project Administrator Joe Masaoka who brings the project to life. Hard working and conscientious New York President Jack Ozawa, long time JACLer Tom Hayashi and George Yuzawa who transplanted his Vermont Florist in Los Angeles to Park Central Florist via resettlement, took the Satows in tow at various times for a look-see of Manhattan and the World's Fair. 1000 Clubber Dick Hirai who befriended this west coaster when we first visited New York when the Empire State Building and the George Washington Bridge were still abuilding, hosted us at his Fujii Restaurant.

Despite his busy-ness, Mike Masaoka as usual gave us the VIP treatment in Washington. While out of town JACLers go from one office to another on schedule, they often overlook this is possible only because Mike sets these up assisted by efficient Washington Office Secretary Mary Toda, since waiting to see legislators is a common thing. We recall the late Senator McCarran remarking he was going to send Mike a bill for wearing out a certain chair in his outer office.

Harry Honda has referred in a previous PC to our making the rounds on "the hill" and Congress-

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SENATE PASSES IMMIGRATION BILL 76-18

WASHINGTON—The Senate late Wednesday passed the Administration's immigration bill by a vote of 76-18, which for the first time since 1882 has eliminated race as a prerequisite.

(Full details of this historic action will follow next week.)

Sen. Kuchel support asked by JACL for immigration bill

WASHINGTON — As the Senate neared a climax in its historic debate on immigration legislation, Washington JACL Representative Mike Masaoka addressed a letter to Sen. Thomas Kuchel of California urging "active leadership and vote" for the immigration bill pending in that body.

In that detailed, nine-page summary, Masaoka noted that "both the principle and the objectives of the immigration bill are consistent with the statesmanlike view which you have so courageously articulated and implemented over the past quarter of a century as a dedicated public servant."

The Washington JACL representative observed,

"After all, except for Hawaii, California has always had the largest population of Asian Americans of any State. And, California, specifically, and the Western States, generally, have in the past been most responsible for influencing national legislation and federal activity relating to those of so-called Oriental ancestry in this land." JACL's explanation for endorsing this legislation was explained on the grounds that this bill "finally and completely abolishes racism as an accepted principle and practice in American immigration law."

After briefly tracing the history of racism in United States immigration law, the letter submits documentary evidence of the effect on Japanese and Oriental immigration of this racism, refutes the notion that enactment of the bill will result in a "flood" of Asian immigration, reviews the outdated allegations used in the past to excuse and explain immigration discrimination against the Japanese, and then summarizes the reasons for JACL support.

(Text of the letter will be published in next week's issue because of limited space this week.—Editor)

High court test of Prop. 14 scheduled

LOS ANGELES — The California State Supreme Court set Oct. 25 for hearing arguments here on seven cases testing the constitutionality of Prop. 14.

Seven cases arising in Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Fresno, San Francisco and Sacramento have been consolidated for the arguments.

Principal effect of Prop. 14, adopted by the voters last November, was to nullify most legislation designed to attack racial discrimination in housing. Opponents contend its enactment constitutes racial discrimination in violation of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

IMMIGRANT DOCUMENTARY BEING FILMED IN HAWAII

HONOLULU —With the cooperation of Kekaha Plantation, Taro Higa and cameraman Shigeru Yamashiro are filming a documentary on Okinawan immigrant life. The scene is the Island of Kauai, the actors of Okinawan descent.

The Okinawans recently celebrated the 65th year of their immigration to Hawaii. With the documentary film they hope to preserve a record of immigrant frugality and the way their forbears performed "hapai ko" (cane carrying) and "kachi-ken" (cane cutting).

Promotion in IRS

SALT LAKE CITY—George Kato of Bountiful was recently promoted group supervisor with the local Internal Revenue Service district office.

So. Calif. JACLers implement civil rights at grass-root level

BY HARRY HONDA

Los Angeles
Our PC files covering Civil Rights are fat with news clippings, JACL news releases and source material. Included is the JACL civil rights statement of July 21, 1963, promulgated at Omaha by then National President K. Patrick Okura. It reads in part:

"We call upon our members, and all other citizens, to actively participate in every area of responsible and constructive activity to (obtain civil equality, social justice and full economic and educational opportunities as a matter of fundamental right for all Americans regardless of race, color, creed or national origin)"

On July 2, 1964, President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act which assured all citizens equal rights in voting, in access to public places, in education, in federally-assisted programs, and in employment.

Racial Tension

Still racial tensions exist. Riots have broken out in Harlem, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, Rochester (N.Y.) and Los Angeles as well as in the cities of the old Confederacy.

Japanese Americans doing business in the south Los Angeles area were directly affected by the so-called Watts riot last month. Press estimates held losses up to a \$1,000,000.

It brought into focus the enigmatic situation of Negro-Japanese race relations in Los Angeles, and JACL, along with other Nisei-oriented groups, have been working quietly in recent weeks to lessen tension between the two ethnic groups.

JACL has been bothered by this predicament since in many urban areas in which Japanese Americans live, there are also Negroes. In some areas, Japanese are welcome but not Negroes — and this also pains JACL.

Grass-Roots Communication

The So. Calif. JACL regional office this past summer has been closely working with the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations to improve communications between the Negro and the Japanese at the grass-roots level.

The rationale here was that if respected leaders in both communities became better acquainted, whatever racial tension arising could be minimized through organized efforts.

The Nisei community in Los Angeles became aware of the Negro-Japanese race problem in early June when the local Kasu Mainichi reprinted a Herald-Dispatch (Negro weekly) story headlined with "Negro Ministers in anti-Japanese Talk".

Substance of that story was that a Negro mortuary interested in setting up business across from Crenshaw Square (Oriental shopping area in southwest L.A.) had paid \$25,000 to Negro ministers to rally support for the mortuary by discrediting the Japanese, who were accused of being "white" and "didn't want the Negroes around."

Mortuary Issue

Opponents of the mortuary on this issue, in fact, stayed clear of race in their actions against a zoning variance from the outset at city hall. The race issue only came when ex-Governor Knight spoke in favor of the mortuary and has since remained quiet on the subject.

The mortuary issue is now before a Los Angeles Superior Court and both sides feel optimistic about the outcome.

While JACL felt assured that Negro-Japanese relations in Southern California were improving because of the groundwork spaded by its recent regional director Isaac Matsushige, the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations was asked last June 18 to investigate the serious charge published by the Negro weekly edited by Mrs. Pat Alexander.

Ten days later, the Commission replied that after its investigation it may be true that some "payoff" was made but not to the tune of \$25,000 and that ministers were asked not to make anti-Japanese remarks but quite possible that such remarks were made.

With help of the County Commission, the first of a series of exploratory meetings between Nisei and Negro leaders was undertaken on July 29 at which time problems and issues confronting both communities were to be listed to indicate possible areas of mutual concern.

The commission was also asked to list programs or projects now available which would be of direct benefit to both groups as an aid to implement some of the matters discussed at the exploratory meetings.

Racial Stereotypes

Present at the first meeting were W. A. Robinson, a realtor, of the Urban League; William H. Bailey, director of human relations with the L.A. City Schools; PSWDC chairman Kats Arimoto, Atty. Wilbur Sato, PSWDC civil rights committee chairman; John Buggs and Leon Smith of the commission, and this writer, subbing as acting JACL regional director.

Robinson felt both sides ought to meet to eliminate racial stereotypes each side as of the other.

School "dropout" was an area of mutual concern, suggested Bailey.

Housing and juvenile delinquency were other areas mentioned. Common concern was also suggested in the Crenshaw area in business and job opportunities, the bad name Negro prostitution gives to the area, and job discrimination.

In fighting discrimination, the Nisei is apt to be more individualistic and shift for himself rather than turn toward organized assistance, Arimoto said.

The Nisei from Hawaii, however, are more aware of discrimination and will holler, according to Sato. This is perhaps due to the fact that the Japanese are the largest of the ethnic groups in Hawaii.

To expand communications at the grass-roots level, Bailey proposed that Negro and Nisei with common interests meet, such as educators, professionals, businessmen, etc.

Sato felt a fact-finding committee should be organized to explore

the various problems facing both to their abilities," Hartsfield believed.

Japanese an Enigma
"The Japanese are an enigma to most Negroes," according to the Rev. Hargett, who was once stationed in Hawaii as associate pastor of the Honolulu Church of the Crossroads. "There's no hate, but there's no love either." He attributed the popularity of things Japanese today because of current U.S. defense policy.

The articulate minister also regards the Japanese as being more important in the U.S. strategy of world affairs than the American Negro. This high-powered alliance, he felt, would be regarded a detriment in the American Negro community. Such alliances and affluence of the Nisei, he added, would create division.

The Rev. Hargett further compared Negro and Japanese attitudes on integration, noting that the Negro has a more outward, candid frame while the Nisei were inward or indifferent. He also viewed the Negro as seeking integration more than any other ethnic group whereas other minorities hang on to their cultural heritage.

Hartsfield also pointed to incidents, he felt, contribute to a growing anti-Japanese hostility among Negroes. One instance concerned a Negro child in grade school being very friendly with Nisei classmates but being wholly ignored in junior high and high school.

A possible exchange of columns in local Negro and Nisei newspapers was suggested as an outcome of the second exploratory meeting. Problems of mutual concern, current activities and comments would be featured.

Third Meeting
The third exploratory meeting Sept. 15 turned out to be a soul-searching session for the Nisei. The JACL was singled out as the proper organization to spearhead Nisei community efforts in the area of civil rights and human rights. It was also brought out that Nisei generally lack a positive attitude on the problem of race relations, hence the problem of making Nisei more "social-action" minded is aggravated.

Mike Suzuki, state social welfare official, suggested that if a start were to be made in this area, the Nisei must declare their own prejudices so that the Negro community understands precisely what the problem is. "I would feel uncomfortable about engaging in a dialogue on race relations with the Negro community under the present circumstances," Suzuki explained.

Referring to the recent protests against the ABC-TV "FBI Series" episode, Suzuki added, "We haven't stood up with others in similar cases. So it's hard to ask them now to support the Nisei cause."

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\$12,000 contribution to Walter Memorial acknowledged; will pay for one classroom

BETHLEHEM, Pa.—The \$12,000 contribution gathered through JACL for the Francis E. Walter Memorial Hall at the Moravian Seminary for Girls was acknowledged this past week by its fund director, J. Russell Raker, Jr.

The amount will pay for one of the classrooms in Walter Hall. A bronze plaque will be placed in the room to read:

"This classroom given by Japanese American Citizens League to memorialize the meaningful contribution to democracy of Congressman Francis E. Walter."

Raker said, "This memorial means much to our board of directors, faculty and staff, and to the entire student body; not just as a building, although that in itself is important, but as a meaningful memorial to a statesman and servant of so many."

Raker hoped that a Japanese American girl would be one of the students at Moravian Seminary in the near future.

In Washington, D.C., Mike Masaoka, national co-chairman with Takito Yamaguma of Los Angeles, stated additional contributions to the fund have been received since the check was presented to Mrs. Ruth Miskell, longtime secretary with the late Pennsylvania congressman, at Philadelphia on Sept. 5. These shall be forwarded to

the Walter Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 144, Bethlehem, Pa.

Sen. Dan Inouye, honorary national co-chairman with Yaemon Minami of Guadalupe, Calif., was especially pleased to note that JACL committee had "oversubscribed the objective in the amount of \$12,000" and congratulated those who worked so diligently on the committee.

NISEI BACK AT BOOKS AFTER SPENDING SUMMER AT VIETNAM AID MISSION

WASHINGTON — William Kinaka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Kinaka of Lahaina, Maui, returned home this week for a short visit before continuing with Ph.D. studies at American University this fall. It was announced by Rep. Spark Matsunaga today.

Kinaka, who worked in Matsunaga's office on a part-time basis while attending American University, where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in International Relations, volunteered to go to Vietnam under the AID-sponsored U.S. operations mission this summer.

Matsunaga said he was impressed with Kinaka's observations on the situation faced by the Vietnamese during this trying period in their struggle for freedom. Matsunaga further stated that he would recommend, without reservation, Kinaka for speaking engagements to those groups who have been theorizing on the situation in Southeast Asia, while being many thousands of miles distant.

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We are grateful for the newsletters that the various chapters are good enough to send. It is always of interest to read JACL news on the local level. The benefit to chapters that publish a newsletter is so numerous that the National Planning Commission has consistently recommended all the chapters to publish some kind of an internal public relation medium to keep their members informed. Having been associated with our local endeavor for years, I have a long list of memories connected with the birth and development of a chapter paper.

Newsletters Help Greatly

Membership drives used to be unpleasant at times years ago as we had to listen to complaints that the chapter was not doing anything. We realized that there was a definite need for a publication to let the membership know what was going on. It is my belief that the newsletter is one of the reasons that membership drives have become increasingly successful.

After years of cramped fingers from hand addressing and typing, Rose Kanzaki pushed us into buying an addressograph machine. Not too expensive—this machine is a blessing for a large membership.

Another advance was accomplished when Mas Yano, chapter legal adviser, took the steps to incorporate the organization.

Bulk Mailing Privilege

One immediate benefit was that we could apply to the U.S. postal service for Bulk Mailing (third class) privilege. An annual fee of \$30 plus a \$15 fee for an imprint mailing permit will enable a chapter to send a rather large edition for 14 cents. This is a substantial saving over a year's time.

One condition of bulk mailing is that strict packaging rules are enforced. We received a lecture this week upon submitting 400 newsletters to the Post Office.

Ichiro Doi, chapter 1000 Club chairman, strolls into the "mailing room" (Kasai's kitchen) and announces that he has 100 1000 Club brochures to insert. This left 300 slightly lighter in weight. This did not daunt our packagers who proceeded to separate into city, out of city, out of state, etc. When the postal clerk was informed that there were 100 heavy and 300 light 14 mixed up and bundled, he was most unhappy.

My dejected face at the thought of separating and bundling the ones with the 1000 Club information and the ones without must have touched his heart for he reented and accepted the lot.

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starting a newsletter, don't delay. Get into action; sooner the better. If we can be of any assistance, let us know!

Chapter Incorporation

Another comforting angle of chapter incorporation is the protection in case of a lawsuit. Should a judgment against the JACL chapter be assessed as a result of an injury during a chapter function, an incorporated chapter would be liable only for the amount in its treasury. A non-incorporated chapter faces the problem of having all the members assessed until the judgment is satisfied.

Since incorporation is rather expensive and the benefits are many, it is a idea for all chapters to consider this step.

Chapters are advised to consult with an attorney in the local area since incorporation laws vary from state to state. The National JACL Legal Counsel, William Marutani, 8112 Algon Rd., Philadelphia, Pa. 19115, should also be informed at the same time.

Need Money?

Does your chapter need money? Put on a rummage sale! For years the Japanese American groups have exhibited no confidence in a rummage sale as a means of raising money. One of the reasons given was that Nisei would not buy used things.

So we put on a rummage sale and you know, everyone was right. Out of about 250 sales there were only about half a dozen Japanese American shoppers which included some of us who were on the selling end. Who wants to figure this out. However, you can count on your membership to support as far as stocking for the sale.

Just ask for while elephants, old clothing, books, curios, furniture, appliances, etc. The stuff will come rolling in! Japanese curios were best sellers.

Place an ad in the personal column of your dailies to reach the people who seem to wait for rummage sales. Be sure to watch for shop lifters. They are very skilled and can take out anything from under your nose.

Last Sale Reviewed

You'll raise money, clean your members' closets, help the disadvantaged, and experience some interesting situations.

At the last sale, there was a bearded prophet-looking man who gave 5 cents for a Bible because we would not put a price on it, but asked for what the customer saw fit to give.

Then there was an old lady who spelled out that she wanted the used gun with holster and doll with suitcase wrapped before her two children could see them as they were to be their Christmas presents.

A little girl bought a beautiful formal gown for her Halloween costume for a dollar.

We could never satisfy them all. There were people who begged our tired JACL sales staff who put in six days as it was to stay open a few more days!

Rummage sale - anyone? Fun! fun!

Frankly Speaking: by Carol Hasegawa

Learning from the Jr. JACLers

Washington. Perhaps the adult JACLers could take a good long look at categories for activities being considered, if not already adopted, by the Jr. JACL. The categories include: social service, civic responsibility or citizenship, education, and culture. This is the framework within which they would operate.

Another important point is that the Juniors would operate within a framework of the broader community, and not simply focus their activities inward, or only for, and by themselves.

Although this program has yet to prove itself workable, the framework and mode of operation seem reasonable in theory. The Juniors ought to do well to follow their example. The categories are well-tailored to the older group although dilution might be added, but if a conceivable come under civic responsibility.

Functioning within categories such as these would provide a good basis for activity. A program for this category would give form, substance, and meaning to projects. Once a program is started, hopefully, the needs, development of manpower skills and

interests, can provide the momentum for self-sustenance. All projects would have to be determined, of course, by the local conditions. The difficulty in working on one-shot projects is that interest and activity isn't sustained by the members.

At present, the JACL is an amorphous body, with few specific guidelines to work by. There are few projects which make use of the abilities, interest, needs and skills of the members.

There is certainly nothing wrong with focusing all the JACL's energies on its own membership's betterment. However, most JACLers suffer few really serious community and personal problems, while many non-Japanese have very great needs. Many issues can also benefit by our help. Broadening our horizon can develop our awareness of our surroundings and give us a role to play in building the Great Society.

One of the expressed desires of some Junior JACL leaders is to show the old JACL how well they can do. They probably will.

Join the 1000 Club



A Good Deal

Letters from Our Readers

Kawakita Case

Editor:

It's difficult to know what Mr. Wallace Tashima means by "facts." (See PC-Sept. 10). The existence of Tomoya Kawakita and his recorded acts are facts, of course. History shows that the unfounded accusations against Issel and Nisei by the American press and radio which led to the American concentration camps are facts. The overwhelming loyalty of the Japanese Americans vividly demonstrated in this most difficult circumstances is also a fact. The almost total ignorance by the large section of the American public of the wartime treatment of Japanese Americans, this is also a fact.

The story as developed in "The FBI" series is not just facts, but a distortion of facts. And this is where the complaint lies. If the Kawakita story is presented as a pure documentary, the studio apparently feels that it lacks color. Mr. Tashima excuses the changes as artistic license. How about artistic conscience? At this time of racial tension, not only in the U.S. but throughout the world, a program such as under discussion disrupts attempts at improving inter-racial relations.

Would Mr. Tashima go to bat for a televised program in which an American Negro rapes a white woman on an excuse that such incidences are recorded in the police files? Artistic license without artistic conscience never did have a place in American entertainment.

As for individual Nisei, the very fact that they have been and are so conscience of their "image" may have contributed greatly to their excellent records.

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The American Broadcasting Co., on whose TV network the FBI Series is scheduled on Sundays, 8 p.m., says the episode in question "is based on an actual case in the FBI files in California and the nationality of the traitor has not been changed. It is the story of one individual who was a traitor for various reasons, but not because he was a Japanese. He might have been of any nationality." ABC further says "the story does not present a distorted picture of Americans of Japanese ancestry. On the contrary, every other Japanese in the story is a fine, upstanding citizen—a credit to the community. One of the characters is a doctor and another received the Distinguished Service Cross."

The American Tobacco Co. has informed the network that "we do not desire to participate in this particular show.—Editor)

Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama

Anti-Communist League Conference

Manila. The 11th Asian Peoples Anti-Communist League Conference began on Sept. 7 and lasted for five days.

It drew delegates from Australia, Burma, Ceylon, China, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Laos, Libya, Liberia, Macao, Pakistan, Philippines, Ryukyu, Somalia, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam.

There were observers from the United States, the Congo, Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Malta, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, West Germany and France.

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Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

Senate Immigration Bill

By the time this Newsletter is read, it is quite possible and probable that the Senate may have passed its version of the immigration bill.

Date last Thursday afternoon (Sept. 16) HR 2580, the Administration's immigration bill, as amended, was voted off the Senate Calendar and made the pending business.

The following afternoon, preliminary and explanatory speeches were made regarding this legislation.

This past Monday (Sept. 20) the debate entered its crucial stages, with a final vote expected either Tuesday or Wednesday.

It is perhaps prophetic that Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts is floor-managing the debate for the enactment of this measure, for his older brother, the late President John Kennedy first proposed to Congress on July 23, 1963, major immigration reform that would eliminate the national origins quota system and the Asia-Pacific Triangle. This immigration bill, incidentally, marks the first major legislation that he is managing.

Also, perhaps coincidentally, when Sen. Edward Kennedy was explaining the purposes of the bill as the lead-off speaker, Sen. Philip Hart of Michigan was presiding in the Senate. The Michigan lawmaker has been in the forefront of those sponsoring major immigration reforms for the past half-decade and it was he who introduced this past January the Senate draft of the bill proposed by the Kennedy Administration, along with 35 other sponsors.

Except for possibly an amendment repealing the numerical limitation imposed on Western Hemisphere immigration by the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, it appears at this writing that there are enough votes to assure passage of the immigration bill this week.

Because of the preoccupation of the Nation with such domestic issues as the repeal of the "right to work" laws, legislative reapportionment, anti-poverty, educa-

Civil Rights—

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Munications already established with leaders in the Negro community, according to Art Taki, president of the Japanese American Democratic Association of California.

Within Nisei Community
Dr. Roy Nishikawa pointed out the problem of improving race relations within the Japanese American community required community action and supported the proposal.

In the area of employment, Smith pointed out that unless Nisei make known their demands for promotion or complain of job discrimination, they are going to be passed over.

When they do complain, it may be too late, Smith added.

Others present at this meeting were Kats Arimoto, JACL Pacific Southwest district council chairman; Tosh Terasawa, president of Japanese American Community Services; the Rev. George Aki of the Hollywood Independent Church; and Kango Kunitugu.

In coming weeks, the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations will attempt to implement the proposals discussed at the three exploratory meetings. The hope that Negro-Japanese relations would improve by expanding the lines of communication at the grass-roots level is very real.

tion programs, etc., and such international troubles as those in Southeast Asia, in the India-Pakistan dispute, in the China-India confrontation, in the Dominican Republic and Latin America, etc., there seems to be little appreciation of the magnitude of the immigration bill.

If it is enacted, it will mean that for the first time since 1882 prospective immigrants from Asia will be considered on the same basis as those from Europe. More specifically, in the case of the Japanese, it will mean that for the first time since the Gentlemen's Agreement restricting immigration in 1907, prospective immigrants from Japan will be treated the same as prospective immigrants from other nations of earth, without discrimination on account of race, ancestry, national origin, religion or color.

Also, if it is enacted, it will mean that the 41-year-old formula of the national origins quota system, under which practically all of the world's immigration quotas are reserved for the peoples of Europe, will be wiped off the statute books and all prospective immigrants from the Old World will be on the same footing insofar as immigration opportunities to the United States is concerned.

While complete equality will not be realized in the near future for the Japanese and other Asians, because almost a century of deliberate discrimination against the Orientals cannot be eliminated in a single statute, the immigration bill is most important since it rejects the principle of racism in our immigration code.

The abolition of racism, especially against the Japanese and other Asians, has been the major congressional objective of JACL since it was organized nationally in 1930, for racial bias in federal immigration and naturalization laws has been the sanction behind most, if not all, of the hundreds of national, state, and local legal, economic, and social discriminations against those of Japanese ancestry, alien and citizen alike.

ADD STARS

According to the Report of the Senate Judiciary Committee, accompanying the immigration bill, as amended, "The principal purpose of the bill, as amended, is to repeal the national origin quota provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and to substitute a new system for the selection of immigrants to the United States. In addition to numerous technical and minor changes, the bill would also make other basic changes in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as follows:

1—A new system of preferential admissions based upon the existence of family relationship with U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens and upon the advantages to the United States of the special talents and skills of the immigrant, is established.

2—Parents of U.S. citizens (if such citizen is over 21 years of age) will not come under a numerical limitation.

3—Two preferred categories are established for immigrants to be employed in the United States:

(a) A third preference for aliens who are members of professions or sciences or arts; and

(b) A sixth preference for skilled or unskilled workers who can fill specific needs in short supply.

4—A limitation of 170,000 (including 10,200 refugees) is placed on the number of immigrants who may be admitted to the United States in any fiscal year other than the defined "special immigrants" and "immediate relatives"; a limitation of 20,000 is placed on the number of immigrants who may enter in any one fiscal year from a foreign state.

5—The Asia-Pacific Triangle provisions of the law are removed.

6—An exemption from numerical limitation on immigration is extended to newly independent Western Hemisphere countries (Jamaica, Trinidad-Tobago).

7—Safeguards to protect the American economy from job competition and from adverse working conditions as a consequence of immigrant workers entering the labor market are strengthened.

8—Provision is made for the admission of a definite number of refugees annually. In addition provision is made for the adjustment of status of certain refugees from Western Hemisphere countries.

9—Discretionary authority under proper safeguards is granted the Attorney General to waive the grounds for exclusion in the case of aliens who are mentally retarded or who have a past history of mental illness and who are close relatives of U.S. citizens or lawful resident aliens.

10—Alien crewmen are made eligible to adjust their immigration status through the suspension of deportation procedures.

11—Aliens who entered the United States prior to June 30, 1958, are made eligible to obtain an adjustment of immigration status through existing registry proceedings.

12—A Select Commission on Western Hemisphere Immigration is established and an annual limitation of 120,000 (including July 1, 1958, is placed on Western Hemisphere immigration unless Congress provides otherwise on the basis of the Commission's report.

"Minority views" reaffirming the validity and the need for the national origins quota system and the Asia-Pacific Triangle, and stressing the problems of unemployment already existing in the United States, were submitted by Senators James Eastland of Mississippi and John McClellan of Arkansas.

North Carolina Senator Sam Ervin submitted "additional views", explaining the population potential of the Latin American countries and emphasizing the necessity for the Western Hemisphere immigration limitation.

Senators Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Philip Hart of Michigan, and Jacob Javits of New York submitted "separate views" urging that the Western Hemisphere limitation on immigration be eliminated from the bill.

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From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

ABOUT SILK—For several years now, the Association on Japanese Textile Imports, Inc., of New York has had me on its mailing list. Periodically they send me tidbits of news about silk production in Japan, about American imports of the fabric and fashion notes. And after scanning these items, I toss them in the wastebasket, but always feeling slightly guilty about callously spurning material sent along so faithfully.

I am now able to report their efforts have not been entirely in vain, for I am about to use one of their items. Their latest release reports that American teenage girls are members of a generation that knows much about cotton, woolen and synthetic fabrics, but little or nothing about silk. The reason, the release says, is that they grew up during a period when silk, "supplanted by other fabrics, was more or less out of mind."

True. In an earlier time it was not unusual for grade school teachers to encourage silkworm growing projects. We grew some. I can't recall where the teacher got the worms, or where we found the mulberry leaves on which they feed, but we had them in class and watched them eat, grow fat, shed their skins, eat some more, until finally they spun their cocoons of silken fibers. Nothing practical came of the project but it was an interesting education. I don't think I ever bought a silk garment as a result of being exposed to the facts of life about silkworms at an early age, but at least I learned enough to write about them a good many years later.

SALESMANSHIP—Periodically, some of our national magazines send me enticing invitations to send them money, guaranteeing an extension of my subscription to their publication. Their main argument is that I can save money by renewing my subscription now, before prices go up, and while I am a faithful old subscriber can take advantage of their special rates.

Being a sucker for thrift, I almost invariably "take advantage of their special rates." But not any more.

A week ago, one of the magazines sent me a neatly typed letter saying that this was a third reminder that my subscription was about to expire, and I quote: "before that happens (NOT AFTER!) you can make BIG SAVINGS from regular rates." The letter went on to say: "Since the time is getting short now—and to assure you of these money saving rates plus uninterrupted service—please send your order back right now . . . TODAY."

Well, I was a bad boy and did not send the order back TODAY. Matter of fact, I forgot about it.

Yesterday, another letter arrived from the same magazine. It was addressed to me, only my initials were used instead of my full name, indicating they'd picked it up from another mailing list. It was an invitation to subscribe to the magazine at exactly HALF the subscription price under the "BIG SAVINGS FROM REGULAR RATES" of the previous offer.

If I wait longer, will they offer me an even better deal? If I wait long enough, will they eventually pay me to take their magazine? This game is becoming as interesting as haggling with a Hongkong merchant over the price of a pair of silk pajamas.

PROGRESS NOTE — A recent item in The Denver Post reports construction has started on a \$600,000, four-story structure, the Fillmore Medical Building, whose owner is Dr. Thomas K. Kobayashi, an M.D. Target date for completion is July, 1966. Dr. Kobayashi, prominent in bridge, hunting and fishing circles as well as medicine, is a Nisei Colorado native, as his wife Haruko. Dr. Kobayashi grew up in Colorado coal mining towns where his parents operated boarding houses.

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JACL, JR. JACL DELEGATES ATTEND 20TH ANNUAL CITIZENSHIP PARLEY

WASHINGTON — Aki Sano, Joyce Fujii, and Karen Suzuki represented the National JACL at the 20th annual National Conference on Citizenship Sept. 15 to 18 in the nation's capital.

Sano is a member of the Washington JACL Office staff, while Fujii and Suzuki, of Washington and Chicago, respectively, represented the Junior JACLers of the Eastern and Midwest district councils.

Chancellor lauds Nisei for unique U.S. demonstration

LOS ANGELES—Japanese Americans were lauded by UCLA Chancellor Franklin D. Murphy at the first Nisei Bruin alumni reunion at Rieber Hall Sunday for its "contribution to the unique American demonstration, especially in Southern California where the elements of Latin American and Oriental culture have played an important role."

In welcoming some 300 guests, the chancellor also praised the Nisei for their support of the first fund-raising effort at UCLA in acknowledging over \$25,000 from the Nisei alumni for the Memorial Activities Center. Fifteen are among the "founders" who have contributed \$1,000 each.

Murphy also noted the first important writing on the Issei and Nisei now in the process of analysis at UCLA as a historical record of those who contributed so significantly.

On a national basis, the accumulation of material for its library will serve as an archive of Japanese-American.

The guests earlier toured the campus and the Guiberson Japanese garden, patterned after the 14th Century period found in Kyoto.

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Arthur P. Crabtree, past president of the Adult Education Assn., delivered the keynote address at the opening ceremonies Sept. 16. Former Arkansas Congressman and former special presidential assistant Brook Hays, and Arthur T. Vanderbilt, Director of Public Affairs of Rutgers University, spoke on the "Moral Law" at the annual dinner.

In addition to discussion groups on the theme, the JACL delegates attended a luncheon attended by representatives of the 13 original states, a Citizenship Day observance at the Washington Monument grounds, and a youth panel moderated by Dr. Richard B. Kennan, of the National Education Assn.

Dr. Samuel L. Gandy, dean of the School of Religion of Howard University, closed the conference with an address on "Citizen Responsibility."

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Tom Clark is president of the National Conference on Citizenship. He was the United States Attorney General at the time when the Justice Department and the NEA organized the first conference in 1946.

Jr. JACL Delegates

Joyce Fujii is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shozo Fujii. Now a junior majoring in nursing at the Univ. of Maryland, she was born in Boulder, Colo., where her parents taught at the Japanese Language School War II. Her father, who is president of the Fujii International Travel Agency, is treasurer of the Washington, D.C. JACL Chapter.

Karen Suzuki, a freshman at Northern Illinois University, hopes to teach political science after graduation. Born in Chicago, her father is a research chemist for the Stange Co. He was attending Vanderbilt University at the time of Evacuation, while her mother was evacuated to Heart Mountain WRA Center in Wyoming from Los Angeles.

Visas forbidden for abortions in Japan

HONOLULU — The recent reference that women go to Japan for abortions prompted the local Japanese Consulate to announce that visas would not be issued "for the purpose of termination of pregnancy through abortion."

Abortions in Japan are illegal, the consulate added. They are permitted under certain conditions, however, such as for mental illness, mental deficiency, severe hereditary considerations including Hansen's disease and pregnancies resulting from rape-type situations.

American Chick Sexing School enrollment open

LANSDALE, Pa.—Students from Latin America, Canada as well as from the U.S. are among those arranging to commence studies at the American Chick Sexing School here for the 1965-66 term, it was announced by George Okazaki, director.

The demand for ACSS-trained students throughout the world is ever increasing, Okazaki added. Only weeks remain before the enrollment period closes. Lucrative jobs are open and awaiting graduates. There is also plenty of work in Lansdale for those students who wish to work during the day and attend evening classes.

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Army couple seek adoption of Osaka orphan, but blocked

HONOLULU — An Army couple, Sgt. and Mrs. James Smith at Fort Shafter fell in love with Hiromi Tamekawa, 7, one of four Osaka Holy Family Home orphans who came here in May as guests of the U.S. Army 27th Infantry (Wolfhound) Regiment.

"When we saw her all dolled up in her pretty kimono, we decided then and there, she was going to be our child. We started adoption papers moving right away," Sgt. Smith said.

But in early September, the International Social Services Office in Tokyo notified the Hawaii Dept. of Social Services that Hiromi was not eligible for adoption "because her father is not willing to sign the necessary adoption papers."

Smith said he was sick for a week and is now making plans to return to Japan to meet Hiromi's father, to convince him "we can provide love and happiness to the little girl."

Smith married his wife Kimiko 10 years ago. They have no children. Her family resides in Sapporo.

Mrs. Sharon Lim, supervisor of the Dept. of Social Service's Foster Home Finding Unit, said her agency assists the International Social Services Office in placing foreign orphans into American homes. Locally, as many as 40 orphans per month have been adopted by Island families, she said. "Most of them are of mixed blood. Pure Japanese babies are in great demand but are hard to find," she added.

Special Bill

WASHINGTON — The Ray Potters of Honolulu, who wanted to adopt seven Korean orphans at one time, last week passed a major hurdle in their efforts.

The Senate has approved special legislation to permit their entry. The special bill, sponsored by Sen. Hiram Fong (R-Hawaii), was necessary because U.S. immigration laws limit entry of foreign orphans into the country to two at a time.

The Potters have been supporting nearly 30 orphans at a home near Puna and appealed to President Johnson last April to help them adopt all of them.

Foster grandparent project approved

WASHINGTON—A \$79,926 federal grant has been allocated to Hawaii for a foster grandparents project to be operated by the Office of Economic Opportunity, Sen. Daniel K. Inouye said this past week. The project will be undertaken by the Hawaii State Commission on Aging to have elderly persons compensated for serving as substitute parents for neglected children in institutions.

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Aloha from Hawaii: by Richard Gima Liquor at Church Weddings?

Honolulu — The Rev. Richard W. Wong, pastor of the Community Church of Honolulu, said here recently the church should permit liquor at church wedding receptions.

He said the move would be a logical one. "It is something to mull over in these days when legions of young people are indifferent to the church because it smells with the mustiness of a bygone era and is cobwebbed with traditions that are no longer viable," Wong said.

But, he added, "banning alcohol from the church premises and disallowing a dispenser to operate a business within 500 feet of the church does not solve it either."

Wong continued: "Our general impression is that bars are for the most part quiet places. This cannot be said for some of our churches were guitars are twanged and traffic is piled thick in the streets.

"Many church people who object to a liquor dispenser near their church never seem to mind when they go to a hotel for a church banquet with a bar on the same floor or just around the corner.

"What has happened to weddings and receptions among the Orientals is obvious to anyone. If one or two hundred guests appear at the church for the wedding, the full quotient of 1,000 show up for the dinner reception.

"Or if the wedding is at church, the reception has to be held elsewhere—a restaurant or a hotel where liquor is served.

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WASHINGTON—Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott (U.S. Army, retired), under whom the men of the 442nd RCT fought in Europe, died here Sept. 12.

He commanded the U.S. beachhead at Anzio and later had the Fifth Army in Italy and the Eighth Army in Germany. Men of the 442nd were under Truscott when he commanded the Sixth Corps at the time of the entry of Rome and later invasion of southern France.

442nd Family Night

LOS ANGELES—The 442nd Veterans family night at the Clubhouse, 1438 Oak St., on Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. will be pilot project for organizing a 442nd youth organization, it was announced by Jim Yamashita, president.

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