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MOUNTAIN-PLAINS District Council officers Floyd Koshio, 1st v.c.; Robert Nakadoi, 2nd v.c.; Mary Misaki, cor. sec.; Natchi Furukawa, rec. sec.; Richard Yamaguchi, treas.; Gladys Hirabayashi, hist.; and Don Tanabe, 1000 Club. They are (from left): Lily Okura, chmn.; are sworn in by District Judge Lawrence C. Krell, in background) at Omaha convention.

Ambassador Takeuchi's visit of Mtn.-Plains convention 'big hit'; commends dignified wartime conduct of Nisei

OMAHA—Japanese Ambassador Ryuji Takeuchi's initial appearance before a JACL assemblage was a big hit at the Thanksgiving weekend convention of the Mountain-Plains District Council here at the Sheraton Fontenelle.

Winning the hearts of everyone who met him during his stay which started with calls upon Nebraska Governor and Mrs. Frank B. Morrison at Lincoln and lunch with Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner at the famed Fr. Flanagan's Boys Home on Nov. 27, the envoy was "down to earth" in approach, understands and uses American slang and knows how to kid.

In his address to the convention, he noted especially the trade between Japan and the states of Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas. With Japan as the biggest single foreign buyer of U.S. agricultural products, the Ambassador attributed the $726,000,000 sales of this commodity last year to American salesmanship.

"Some of you have heard about the big city slickers who can sell ice boxes to Eskimos," the Ambassador declared. "But they were pikers compared to the Nebraska farmers who are trying to change the basic traditional diet of the Japanese from rice to wheat."

Laughter Rolls

The laughter almost drowned the added item that American farmers sold 52½ million bushels of wheat to Japan and more than half came from Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado.

The Ambassador also pointed out Fr. Sasaki's Boys Town in Kobe was inspired and patterned after Fr. Flanagan's Boys' Home, "as a living memorial to the concern of the late, great humanitarian priest".

In paying personal respects to the Issei-Nisei and the JACL, he commended the dignified conduct of Japanese Americans during World War II as having contributed much to better understanding and improvement of relations between the U.S. and Japan, and asked Nisei to continue their efforts in this direction since they were specially qualified to do so.

New Era Dawns

The removal of immigration restrictions and authorized payment of the last remaining evacuation claim were both cited as the "beginning of new era in which Japanese Americans may make even greater contributions to the U.S. through increased opportunities for service", the Ambassador said.

Approximately 300 were present, including many civic leaders. The Ambassador was accompanied by his secretary Atsushi Tokinoya and Consul General Yasuhiko Nara at Chicago.

Mr. Takeuchi participated in two press conferences, made three television appearances. He was presented the key to the City of Omaha, the admiralship of the "Nebraska Navy" and honorary citizenship of Boys Town. The chapter shipped him the famous Nebraska steaks as a gift.

Recognitions

The Mountain-Plains district paid special recognition to Seishiro Nakamura, 86, of Englewood, Colo., a recent awardee of the Order of the Sacred Treasure from Japan, "for outstanding service extending over more than 50 years in community work and in betterment of Japanese American relations", to Tosh Suyematsu of Cheyenne and Mrs. Mary Ujifusa of Worland, Wyo., "for significant contributions in the campaign to repeal Wyoming's anti-miscegenation statute" in 1965, and to the late Dr. Thaddeus Krush (1915-1965) "for his interest and devotion to the principles of fair play and human dignity".

The JACL silver pin was presented to Noriaki Okada. Cuff links and tie clasp, both mounted with JACL pin, was presented to Min Yasui for his long-time efforts on behalf of the district council.

Yasui was toastmaster at the recognitions luncheon. K. Patrick Okura was banquet toastmaster.

Lily Okura starts 2nd term as head of Mtn.-Plains DC

OMAHA—Mrs. Lily A. Okura of Omaha was re-elected chairman of the Mountain-Plains JACL district council at its Nov. 26-27 convention here.

With her on the cabinet are Floyd Koshio (Ft. Lupton), 1st v.c.; Robert Nakadoi (Omaha), 2nd v.c.; Richard Yamaguchi (Mile-Hi), treas.; Mary Misaki (O), cor. sec.; Natchi Furukawa (MH), rec. sec.; Gladys Hirabayashi (O), hist.; and Donald Tanabe (MH), 1000 Club.

District Court Judge Lawrence C. Krell, also an Omaha JACLer, swore in the officers during the convention banquet.

The Mile-Hi and Ft. Lupton JACL chapters will co-sponsor the 1967 district convention. The district also approved an insurance program.

And for the first time in district history, its quota is expected to be met this year. No definite action was taken on the youth program but interest is being shown by Denver area high school students.

Holiday Issue

Now that all deadlines are past, the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue advertising report this week reflects the increase which was expected because of the bulk rate advantage being allowed the chapters.

The PC is grateful to chapters which have adhered to the deadlines, making it possible for the staff (as limited as it is) to have this year's edition off the press on time.

The Dec. 10 summaries:

DISPLAY ADS

(* Bulk Orders)

320	*Snake R.	12	Arizona
160	*Chicago	8	Con Costa
160	*Fresno	8	Orange Cty
160	*Hollywood	7	SWLA
160	*Sac-to	6	Eden Twnp
160	*S.Fran.	6	Portland
160	*San Diego	6	Reno
120	*West L.A.	6	Omaha
80	*Alameda	8	Sonoma
80	*DTLA	5	Milwaukee
80	*Mile-Hi	5	Spokane
80	*New York	3	East L.A.
80	*Stockton	3	Mid-Columbia
63	Salinas Vly	3	S'ta Barb
50	Seattle	3	San Luis Vly
45	Monterey	2	Fr Camp
39	Tulare	2	Fowler
35	Salt Lake	2	San Benito
30	San Jose	2	Watsonville
24	Wash, DC	1	Clovis
23	Long Beach		
22	Puy Vly	44	PC Office
22	Selma	220	PC Ad Dept
19½	Reedley	20	PSWDC
17	Twin Cities	20	NC-WNDC
15	Oakland	7	MDC
14	Pasadena	6	CCDC
14	Detroit	5	EDC
12	Phila	5	PNWDC

ONE-LINE GREETINGS

57	Portland	23	Delano
56	Twin Cities	23	Oakland
52	San Jose	22	Chicago
50	Seattle	21	Pasadena
49	Orange Cty	19	Monterey
43	Detroit	18	Sonoma Cty
43	Grshm-Tr	18	Venice
40	Salinas	16	Cincinnati
40	Long Beach	16	Rexburg
37	Arizona	15	Puyallup Vly
31	Salt Lake	13	Dayton
30	St. Louis	12	Fr Camp
29	Mt. Olympus	12	Sanger
29	Philadelphia	10	White River
26	Omaha	6	Mid-Columbia
25	San Benito	6	Sequoia

CURRENT TOTALS

Display Ads (45) 3,104
One-Line Greetings (33) 1,443

LAST YEAR'S TOTAL

Display Ads (60) 2,238
One-Line Greetings (44) 1,327

VOTE IN JAPAN WON'T COST NISEI WOMAN HER CITIZENSHIP

PORTLAND—A woman who voted in a Japanese election will not lose her United States citizenship after all.

The United States government sent a telegram this past week telling Mrs. Kumiko Kenmotsu it was dropping attempts to have her deported.

The government had contended Mrs. Kenmotsu, although born in this country, lost her citizenship by voting in a Japanese election in 1946.

Mrs. Kenmotsu, a Portland housekeeper, contended that the constitutional guarantee of citizenship to persons born in this country takes precedence over a 1940 law which says persons voting in another country lose their United States citizenship.

Born in Seattle in 1920, she moved to Japan with an uncle when she was 4. She was married in Japan in 1945 and voted in a 1946 election.

Her husband died in 1961, and she returned to the United States.

In readmitting her to this country, the government said she was a visiting alien because she had voted in Japan. A hearing had been scheduled Dec. 17 in Federal Court.

Mrs. Albert Kipnis, in whose home Mrs. Kenmotsu works, said:

"I'm so glad they decided this way because she is truly a wonderful person."

1966 Membership Campaign

As the JACL braces itself for the 1966 membership campaign, expressions which have been recorded in the Pacific Citizen in recent years about the Organization will be spotlighted in this box.

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ASSEMBLYMAN GORDON H. WINTON, Merced

"My 1000 Club card is one of my proudest possessions. It signifies that I am a part of an organization that has a fine history of accomplishments, an excellent record of action and a future that should be significant and meaningful."

—Nov. 2, 1962

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—Renew Your Membership Today—

—Sign-up a New Member—

EDUCATION KEY TO FREEDOM, MRS. MINK SAYS

Record Attendance of 500 at CCDC Confab to Hear Legislator

FRESNO — The nearly 500 jammed into Central California District Council convention banquet room here last Sunday, Dec. 5, heard a vivacious, sparkling personality, Rep. Patsy T. Mink of Hawaii, declare educational opportunity is the key to individual freedom.

Her beautiful speech, "Our Changing World", dealt with the need for society as a whole to adjust itself to the great need to remove all discrimination and eliminate the causes of poverty in the midst of a generally affluent society that exists in the United States today.

The principal speaker at the CCDC convention noted "that there has never been in this country any attempt to give every man equal status—only freedom to rise as far as his talents will carry him.

Recent Legislations

"Recognizing the vast inequality of opportunity in American life, the Congress in recent years has enacted civil rights legislation, educational opportunity laws, voting rights laws, economic opportunity acts and through it all has appropriated ever larger sums to education as the basic hope for freeing our individual capacities . . .

"Those who oppose such wide-ranging legislation cry that the extension of government is taking away our personal liberties, that freedom is declining as a result of these national efforts.

"But we must ask these critics how freedom can survive, much less flourish, without this highly idealistic effort to free the minds and talents of millions of Americans who have no prospect of sharing in the political, economic and cultural benefits of our society.

"We must ask how a man can be said to be free when the future is a closed door, a slum street and only sporadic employment.

"We have finally recognized the necessity for government to at least set the door ajar, to give hope to every person born that he will have freedom to form his own destiny in the framework of a non-discriminatory society."

Mrs. Mink said she does not believe legislation alone is the means of fighting poverty, ignorance and bigotry.

"I think that educational opportunity is only the foundation we lay hopefully at the base of our dream of a better world," she continued.

"Our government efforts are not, as often charged, a seizure of power for power's sake, nor are they aimed at inducing conformity to one way of life. Rather, they are designed to make it possible for the good life to be shared freely by all Americans."

Hectic Day

Mrs. Mink, just back from a world tour inspecting educational facilities at American bases overseas, departed Washington at 7 a.m. (EST), arrived at Fresno at 2 p.m. (PST) and then departed 8 hours later to meet a Monday morning Washington call.

She was greeted at the airport by Fresno Mayor Floyd Hyde, Rep. B.F. Sisk, and a large delegation of JACLers led by convention chairman Hiro Kusakai and CCDC chairman Robert Okamura.

Jerry Enomoto sworn in the district council and new chapter officers in JACL's only mass installation ritual. The new chapter presidents are:

Lloyd Kumataka, Bakersfield; Ted Takahashi, Clovis; Saburo Okino, Delano; Tiyo Yamaguchi, Fowler; Ray Urushima, Fresno; Tom Takata, Parlier; George Kiyomoto, Reedley; Tom Nakamura, Sanger; Jiro Kataoka, Selma; Tak Ishizue, Tulare County; Eleanor Doi, Parlier Auxiliary; Bill Nagata, Tulare County Jr. JACL.

Fred Hirasuna of Fresno was banquet toastmaster.

MARYKNOLL BISHOP AS PRIEST IN PRISON MARKS 50TH YEAR

MARYKNOLL, N.Y. — Bishop James E. Walsh, 74, marked his 50th anniversary as a priest Dec. 7 in a prison hospital in Red China. The wartime superior general of Maryknoll is now serving a 20-year sentence since convicted March, 1960, of charges of espionage.

(When JACL was in search of national sponsors during World War II, then national president Saburo Kido and T. Scott Miyakawa solicited and received the bishop's help to attest to the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry to America as a sponsor.)

(In Los Angeles where a Solemn Mass was said at the Maryknoll chapel to observe the golden jubilee, Kido was among those present.)

ISSEI, EVEN though not naturalized, may join the 1000 Club as long as they are resident aliens.

Hiro Kusakai of Fresno to chair Central Cal DC

FRESNO — Hiro Kusakai, past Fresno JACL president, was elected without opposition as Central California District Council chairman at its annual convention here Dec. 4-5.

A certified public accountant and insurance company representative, Kusakai succeeds Robert Okamura, a Selma farmer and trucker. Kusakai was also convention chairman.

Assisting on the cabinet are John Kubota (Fresno), 1st v.c.; Hugo Ogawa (Sanger), 2nd v.c.; Tony Takikawa (F), treas.; Mrs. Sally Slocum (F), sec.; Joe Ono (Bakersfield), hist.; George Baba (Selma), pub.; Douglas Yamada (Tulare County), 1000 Club; Dr. James Nagatani (Delano), exec. past chmn.; and Okamura (Parlier), imm. past chmn.

Chapter of Year

Delano JACL was awarded the 1965 CCDC chapter of the year award. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Mrs. Slocum for her four years as CCDC board secretary.

Toru Ikeda of Reedley was presented the JACL sapphire pin. The silver pin was conferred upon Yoshito Takahashi, Clovis; Jeff Fukawa, Delano; John Kubota, Fresno; Larry Hikiji, Sanger; Thomas Toyama, Fowler; and Tak Naito, Reedley, for loyal and outstanding service to the chapter.

In the opening session Dec. 4, William Marutani of Philadelphia, national JACL legal counsel, proved to be a very popular speaker, urging a new perspective upon the civil rights struggle.

"For example," he said, "when labor pickets engage in hundreds of strikes throughout the country, often engaging in violence, in order to secure a 10-cent an hour raise in pay to $4 an hour, the public shrugs.

"But if the Negro similarly demonstrates in order to secure the basic rights guaranteed him by our Constitution, the same public becomes perturbed and often resentful."

Unpopular Stand

Marutani acknowledged it often is unpopular to espouse understanding toward the Negro and their problems. And he reminded it was not long ago when it was unpopular to speak in defense of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

A spirited discussion followed, pro and con, on the subject of how civil rights should be handled by the JACL.

Joe Grant Masaoka, in his report on the History Project, explained the finances of the project, how much had been spent and for what, how much was left and when the first volume would be produced.

Jerry Enomoto, national 1st vice-president, related his experiences in San Joaquin County's war on poverty. Questions were directed to him regarding labor and civil rights dispute in the Delano area. The conclusion was drawn that all cases must be considered on an individual basis.

Mas Yonemura, Oakland attorney, gave full details on the impact of the new immigration law on those wishing to bring over relatives from Japan.

National Director Mas Satow gave highlights of JACL activities during the year.

NISEI APPOINTED TO HUMAN RELATIONS BODY

SANTA ROSA—James F. Murakami, consulting electrical engineer and active Sonoma County JACLer, was appointed by the mayor to the newly formed City of Santa Rosa Human Relations Committee.

Only Nisei on the board, he joins 10 others who will be concerned with the problems of minority groups in the city. Murakami is a former NC-WNDC chairman.

All systems 'go' for repeal of Washington land law

PACIFIC NORTHWEST District Council officers for the coming biennium are (from left); seated—Bessie Matsuda, Portland, historian; Emi Somekawa, Portland, chairman; Mary Iwasaki, Portland, secretary; standing—Mits Takasumi, Mid-Columbia, vice-chairman; Kumeo Yoshinari, national president, who installed the officers at the PNWDC Convention hosted by Puyallup Valley JACL on Dec. 5; Kaz Yamane, Puyallup Valley, 1000 Club; and Shig Nagae, Gresham-Troutdale, treas. —Elmer Ogawa Photo.

SEATTLE — The Pacific Northwest District Council alien land repeal committee, which met here Dec. 6, has stepped up its campaign to remove an archaic statute from the State of Washington constitution.

The committee, attended by some 30 Washingtonians including representatives from the four JACL chapters in the state (Seattle, Puyallup Valley, White River Valley and Spokane), held a workshop to implement a timetable and establish committee assignments.

Most helpful during the discussion was the advice and comments from William Marutani of Philadelphia, national JACL legal counsel, who came here after participating at the Central California District Council convention at Fresno this past weekend. Marutani also presented the substantial contribution of the Philadelphia JACL to the 1966 land law repeal campaign fund.

Dr. John Kanda, Puyallup Valley, as finance chairman, acknowledged this initial out-of-state contribution and reported half of the financial goal for the campaign had been met. The remainder will be raised in the local communities, he said.

Toru Sakahara and Phil Hayasaka of Seattle were named co-chairmen of the editorial committee, which will prepare the data for the campaign, information for the voter's manual and sample resolutions.

Also present were National Director Mas Satow and National Youth Director Alan Kumamoto.

Green Lights Ahead

While discussion on the campaign strategy was heated at the district session the soundness of JACL's position was clearly manifested during the floor debate.

Everything ended in an amicable handshaking all around so there is nothing but green lights ahead.

Earlier in 1965, the three largest JACL chapters in the state after some discussion agreed to unite in an all-out third effort to repeal the constitution restriction against land ownership. The Spokane chapter, as the lone dissenter (though not all of its members, it must be stated), protested last spring and at convention time this past week was still protesting, principally on the expenses—chasing good money after bad.

Breakdown of how the campaign funds is expected to be spent was presented by Tak Kubota, chairman of the two earlier campaigns: $5,000 for direct mail, news, outdoor advertising, bumper stickers, etc.; $3,000 for professional help; $3,000 for secretarial help; $5,000 for general P.R., and $2,000 for pamphlets for a total of $18,000.

Official ballot title for SJR 20 was announced as "removing restrictions on land ownership" with pro and con statements to be prepared for the voters manual.

Sen. McMillan of Okanagan County, sole member of the Washington legislature voting against the repeal resolution, is expected again to cast the contrary opinion in the manual.

A statement for the manual may carry not more than three state legislator's names.

JACL Commended

Judge George Rossman, who was honored by JACL for his decision overturning the Oregon alien land law, was quoted by Walt Fuchigami of Portland as "commending JACL on taking up the battle as a matter of principle . . . The decision (as to our action) has been made."

Kumeo Yoshinari, noting that the decision having been made at previous meetings, urged "all should join in the best effort possible". He also complimented the Spokane chapter for its courage in openly expressing its viewpoint as well as its spirit in support of National, especially its 13 pct. 1000 Club membership when compared with the national average of 9 pct. of chapter members being in the 1000 Club.

Mrs. Emi Somekawa of Portland, commenting on the

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A FUNDAMENTAL obligation of American citizenship is that every citizen register and vote.

Mrs. Somekawa of Portland to chair PNWDC

TACOMA—For the first time in JACL history, there are two women serving as chairman of their respective district councils.

This past week Dec. 4-5, the Pacific Northwest chose active Portland JACLer Mrs. Emi Somekawa as chairman for the coming biennium. She joins Mrs. Lily Okura of Omaha who was re-elected Mountain-Plains district chairman the previous week.

With her are Mits Takasumi (Mid-Columbia), v.c.; Mary Iwasaki (Portland), sec.; Shig Nagae (Gresham-Troutdale), treas.; Bessie Matsuda (P), hist.; and Kaz Yamane (Puyallup Valley), 1000 Club.

Dr. John Kanda of Puyallup Valley JACL is the outgoing district chairman. Kumeo Yoshinari, national president, installed the officers at the Sunday banquet at Winthrop Hotel here, where retired Chief Justice George Rossman of the Oregon supreme court was honored for being instrumental in repealing the Oregon alien land law in 1949.

Intermountain elects Tats Misaka DC chairman

IDAHO FALLS—Tats Misaka of Salt Lake City is new chairman of the Japanese American Citizens League's Intermountain District Council, succeeding Kiyoshi Sakota of Rexburg.

Misaka was elected to the post at the closing session of the district council's 13th biennial conference Nov. 28.

Karen Miyake of Nampa was elected chairman of the league's Intermountain District Youth Council.

Other council officers elected were Ronnie Yokota of Pocatello, 1st v.c.; John Arima of Caldwell, 2nd v.c.; and Frank Yoshimura of Salt Lake City, treas.

Young attorney to lead San Jose JACL in '66

SAN JOSE — Karl Kinaga, young San Jose attorney, was elected to lead the San Jose JACL for the 1966 term recently. Installation of the new cabinet will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 29, with James Ono in charge.

Young Sansei GI killed in Vietnam leaves bride and newborn infant

RIGBY, Idaho—Pfc. Jimmy Nakayama, Rigby, a demolition engineer with the 1st Cavalry, was wounded in a mortar attack in bitter fighting with North Vietnamese troops. He died as he was being evacuated to the United States. (The Pentagon announced Nov. 22 he was among 85 American soldiers killed in action at Ia Drang valley.)

The young soldier, the first Sansei casualty from the Intermountain area, would have been 22 years old Nov. 19.

Pfc. Nakayama, a former National Guard second lieutenant, had been in Vietnam since August.

"He was going to make a career of the Army," said his mother, Mrs. Satoko Nakayama, Rigby. "But it didn't work out that way."

Mrs. Trudie Nakayama, who has been living with her parents in St. Anthony, Idaho, said her husband was worried about anti-Vietnam policy demonstrations.

"With the people demonstrating at home, they (the servicemen) felt they didn't have any support," said Mrs. Nakayama.

The Nakayamas were married in March, 1965 in Elko, Nev. A daughter, Nicki, was born to them recently.

Pfc. Nakayama was born Nov. 19, 1943, in Rexburg, Idaho, the son of Frank A. and Satoko Abe Nakayama.

Survivors include widow, daughter, parents; brothers, sisters, Joe, Mrs. Charles (Elaine) Suzuki, both of Denver; Loren, Pocatello; Eric, Fred, both of Rigby.

1966 JACL memberships, which are new, will have their Pacific Citizen subscriptions effective Jan. 1, 1966.

INTERMOUNTAIN HOSPITALITY is evident with the large welcoming party on hand at the Idaho Falls airport to greet National JACL President Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, who was the main speaker at the 25th Anniversary IDC Convention over the Thanksgiving weekend. Greeters (from left) are Mrs. Joe Nishioka, Todd Ogawa, (Yoshinari), outgoing IDC chairman Kiyoshi Sakota, Yoshiko Ochi, Mrs. Kiyoshi Sakota, Mrs. Deto Harada, Sam Sakaguchi; rear—Deto Harada, Sud Morishita, Joe Nishioka and Kenzo Morishita. —Fred Ochi Photo.

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Ye Editor's Desk

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DISTRICT COUNCIL JURISDICTIONS

As a national organization primarily composed of persons of Japanese ancestry, JACL's by-laws on district councils deserve up-dating.

There are close to a half million Japanese Americans living in the 50 states, according to the 1960 U.S. census. Because of this, it appears reasonable to have our by-laws amended to either expand district council area jurisdictions to cover all 50 states or designate several more district areas in anticipation.

JACL might as well be prepared. There is no sense in barring the formation of JACL chapters in those areas presently outside of district council area jurisdiction. A chapter to be fully chartered needs to become a member of a district council. There is a minimum of three chapters needed to organize a district council. Until a new district area includes at least there chapters, the area can be serviced by the nearest active district council.

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The by-laws at present also leaves many states and portions of states "open territory". There is a big unattached county in California—Inyo, which only has 2 Japanese according to the latest census, but which once had 10,000 when Manzanar Relocation Center was in full force. Central California District Council might be induced to include Inyo within its area jurisdiction though CCDC may encounter difficulty servicing Inyo with Tioga Pass as the only highway route between the areas.

While Northern California includes the adjoining counties of Nevada, the Pacific Southwest District Council might welcome memberships from the Las Vegas area by expanding its area jurisdictions to include their own adjoining counties of Nevada.

To pick up the other nine Nevada counties, the Intermountain District Council might add the phrase: "and Nevada, except those counties adjacent to California."

To clarify the Intermountain District jurisdiction in eastern Oregon, the Pacific Northwest district boundaries may read: "Washington and so much of the states of Idaho and Oregon in the Pacific Time Zone." And Intermountain, likewise, would specify: "Utah and so much of the states of Idaho and Oregon in the Mountain Time Zone." And if IDC feels it necessary, the "adjoining counties of Wyoming to Idaho and Utah" may be incorporated in its area jurisdictions.

The 10-state area of Montana, Wyoming (except for the adjoining counties to Idaho and Utah), Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, North and South Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, could be spelled out for the Mountain-Plains District Council. From a geographic standpoint, MPDC would be the largest and unwieldy to service. Further study to formulate new districts within this area is recommended.

The 10-state area of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia could be the basis for Midwest District Council. If the Eastern District Council didn't mind being a 13-state area, it should take West Virginia from the Midwest jurisdiction.

The 12 states comprising the Eastern District are Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia.

This leaves a nine-state region (Southeastern) of Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, North and South Carolinas, Georgia and Florida.

Two other states not covered by the present by-laws are Alaska and Hawaii. And Hawaii because of its huge Japanese American population could easily organize several district councils within the islands.

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The JACL by-laws further provides that "JACL Committees" may be organized upon approval of the National Board in areas where the minimum member requirement (of 25) cannot be met. Annual dues for membership in such JACL Committees are $6.50 single, $9 couple, and including a year's subscription to the Pacific Citizen.

If the need can be stipulated for having JACL Committees in states where JACL chapters are not organized, in addition to our hailing the fact that there are JACL members in all 50 states, our organization will have respect of all Americans, I'm sure.

Perhaps the only need that ought to govern is the one expressed in the JACL preamble: "We, American citizens, in order to foster American democracy, promote active participation in civic and national life, and secure justice and equal opportunities for persons of Japanese ancestry, do establish this Constitution for the Japanese American Citizens League of the United States of America."

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Our PC subscription files includes readers (and therefore potential JACLers) in such states as Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, North and South Dakotas, Alaska, Hawaii, Oklahoma and Louisiana. We would like to eventually say too that the PC goes to all 50 states.

'Record are made to broken.'

Press Comments:

Biased Nisei Should Know Better

- EDITORIAL -
(Chicago JACL Newsletter)

Is it shocking to realize that a substantial segment of the Nisei harbor consciously anti-Negro feelings? If not shocking, it's at least true — let's face it!

Of all minority groups in America, Nisei should know better. It was not so long ago that Nisei were a suspect group in America, a group subjected to gross discrimination, a group that experienced the confines of concentration camps, American style.

Nisei ought to be and should be in the forefront of the battle for freedom and human dignity. We ought to be just as ready to go to Birmingham, Selma, and Bogalusa as we did to the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific. In a sense, it is part and parcel of the same struggle—the struggle for freedom, only the place of the battle circumstance, and time have changed.

What are you doing in this battle? You had better come to your senses and join this battle against injustice! Mr. and Mrs. Nisei—stand up and speak out—stand up and be counted.—HM.

HISTORY PROJECT:

Idaho's Issei Potato King

BURLEY, Idaho—In the first decade of this century some 13,000 Issei were railroad laborers, according to a 1906 count. Many of them were in the Idaho country named after the Indian term for the northern part of the state known for its descriptive of the soaring peaks in the northern part of the state: Ee-da-how meaning "Light of the Mountain".

About this time the development of the sugar industry required an increased production of sugar beets and more manpower to cultivate the beets. Ranchers hereabouts contacted Issei labor contractors and acquired Issei farm laborers from the railroads as railroad construction diminished. Sugar beet thinning, hoeing and especially topping the leaves from the heavy beets in the fall harvest was a back-breaker but the Caucasian farmers liked the Issei because they were hard working, and caught on fast.

Among giant firms backing sugar beet industry development was the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co., operating a number of sugar refinery plants in these states, and owned by the Mormon Church, specifically the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints headquartered in Salt Lake City.

Much sugar beet acreage in this area was contracted for by farmers who were assured of a reliable labor force of Issei. Then as in other parts of the West when the Issei demonstrated that they produced more per acre in yields they entered into share-cropping contracts with farmers. When they accumulated a little capital the Issei began to buy their own lands. This took place about the time World War I started in Europe.

Own Operations Started

Thus ambitious Issei began to own their farms, raise families and also in addition to their sure money crop of sugar beets started in growing the more speculative potatoes and various other crops.

One Issei, an M. Joo (pronounced Jo-ow), developed a reputation as a successful spud grower. Where others grew 20 acres, he put in 70 to 80 acres in spuds. Where others used horses and plows he bought a tractor. Where others hand picked potatoes from furrows turned over by plows he bought a potato picker. He grew his own seed potatoes claimed to be of top quality and where others had a relatively lower percentage of number 1 grade he averaged 90 percent number 1.

Issei Joo became the "potato king" of Idaho. He mechanized his farm operations and even purchased an International harvester and contracted to harvest wheat grown by the farmers in the area.

Joo was a community leader among local Japanese and a strong believer in Japanese cultural ties. He died after World War II and is remembered for his help to other Issei. As the "potato king" he is recalled as a farmer who got 75 cents or 80 cents per hundred for his potatoes while others received only about 50 cents per hundred for field run. At 300 sacks per acre and 80 cents per hundred pound sacks with 90 percent running to number 1 his gross of some $2,000 per acre earned him this title.

Postwar Development

After World War II the lands developed by evacuee farmers of the nearby former Minidoka Relocation Center were opened up to homesteading to veterans under the Homestead Act. Among the veterans to draw the lucky numbers were three Nisei vets who homesteaded 160 acres apiece growing sugar beets, potatoes and other crops.

Nisei hereabouts, some times were given the names of the towns in which they were born. There was Buhl Aoki whose family operated a restaurant. Buhl Masu's family operated the laundry.

Also there is Rupert Hachiya, named after his hometown, who is former chairman of the JACL Intermountain District Council and an active JACLer of the Salt Lake chapter. Hachiya recalls Japanese canned foods were only obtainable when the salesman from Tamaki Co. of Ogden

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Washington Newsletter: Mike Masaoka

1965 Immigration Laws

Washington

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1965, Public Law 89-236, the Amendments to the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, which the President signed into law on Oct. 3 on Liberty Island, went into effect.

While on that date the Asia-Pacific Triangle discrimination went into discard and certain other features of the new statute came into being, the full impact of this legislation will not be felt for about two and a half years, or July 1, 1968.

On that day, the national origins quota system, which has been the basic formula for reserving most of the Old World immigration quota numbers for the peoples of western and northern Europe since 1924, will be abolished and replaced by a new selective immigration system based on individual, and not national, preferences or priorities.

But, for persons of Japanese background, and other Orientals, and especially for JACL, the repeal of the ancestry bias of the Asia-Pacific Triangle was most significant, for it meant that for the first time since 1882 prospective immigrants from the Far East will qualify for immigration opportunities on the same basis of equality as those from Europe and elsewhere in the Eastern Hemisphere. After the first of this month, the birthplace of those of Japanese ancestry, as well as other Asians, will determine eligibility for immigration visas, and not ancestry as was the situation before the effective date of the new law.

In addition, after Dec. 1, the unused quota numbers of such countries as England, Ireland, and Germany, which have not been used in full in recent years, were placed in a worldwide quota pool, to be available to the preference immigrants on the waiting lists of such countries as Japan, Italy, Greece, and Nationalist China, whose annual quotas have been oversubscribed.

Japan has an annual quota, under the national origins quota system, of 185, Free China 100, Italy 5,666, and Greece 308.

According to information of the Visa Office of the State Department, some 55,500 unused quota numbers for fiscal 1965 (year ending June 30, 1965) have been placed in the international quota pool, to be issued on a "first come (first registered and qualified), first served" basis.

Under the new law, an Eastern Hemisphere numerical ceiling of 170,000 annually replaces the old total of 157,000 yearly. But no single country may be issued more than 20,000 numbers in any one year.

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The new statute not only accords parents of American citizens what amounts to non-quota status but also establishes seven priorities, as against four in the old law, for individuals.

First Preference is for unmarried sons and daughters of citizens.

Second Preference is for spouses and unmarried sons and daughters of lawfully admited permanent residents.

Third Preference is for members of professions or persons of exceptional ability in the sciences and the arts.

Four Preference is for married sons and daughters of citizens.

Fifth Preference is for brothers and sisters of citizens.

Sixth Preference is for skilled or unskilled workers in short supply.

Seventh Preference is for refugees.

Nonpreference is for other immigrants not included in the seven Preferences.

The spouse or child of an immigrant within a class described above is entitled to the same status as the spouse or parent he is accompanying or following to join.

As of Dec. 1, the Visas Office has instructed overseas American Consulates to classify First Preference immigrants registered under the old law into either the Third or Sixth Preference classes, according to their qualifications.

All immigrants in the new Third and Sixth Preferences and natives of the Western Hemisphere, including those of Japanese ancestry, must first be issued what may be described as an individual labor clearance from the Secretary of Labor, certifying that " . . . there are not sufficient workers in the United States who are able, willing, qualified, and available at the time of application for a visa and admission to the United States and at the place to which the alien is destined to perform such skilled or unskilled labor, and the employment of such aliens will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of the workers in the United States similarly employed".

Any citizen or resident alien claiming that an alien is entitled to a preference for immigration purposes by reason of his relationship may file a petition with the Attorney General (Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice).

If the Attorney General is satisfied as to the relationship, as well as to the labor clearance when required, he notifies the Secretary of State, who—in turn—notifies the appropriate consular officer to grant the requested visa.

The Washington JACL Office estimates that by July 1, 1968, when the national origins quota system becomes inoperative, all of the some 5,000 Japanese on the preference waiting lists as of Dec. 1 will have been granted visas for admission into this country.

Thus, Dec. 1, 1965 is a most historic day for those of Japanese ancestry.

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Tribute to Ambassador Takeuchi

May we use this means to express our appreciation to Ambassador of Japan Ryuji Takeuchi. In spite of a very busy schedule and a holiday weekend, he took the time and trouble to jet out to Omaha to participate in the Mountain Plains JACL District Council Convention over Thanksgiving weekend.

By his presence there, and his participation, he added a note of impressiveness and consequence that otherwise would have been lacking.

And by winning the personal friendship and admiration of so many, and understanding and goodwill for Japan, he performed a worthy service not only for Japan-American relations but also for Japanese Americans and for JACL.

Because so few ranking diplomats of foreign governments ever stop over in that midland metropolis, the officials and citizens, especially those of Japanese ancestry, were most interested in what the Japanese Ambassador would do, and say.

We can testify from the comments we heard and from the subsequent reports we have received that Ambassador Takeuchi and his party not only endeared themselves to those with whom he came into contact but also gained understanding and goodwill for the country he so ably and graciously represents.

Newspapermen and television commentators were surprised and pleased with his obvious frankness and sincerity in answering all questions, including such difficult ones as Japanese reaction to American intervention in Vietnam. And Governor Frank Morrison of Nebraska and Mayor A.V. Sorenson of Omaha were pleased to be informed that Japan probably buys more from the Cornhusker State than any other country in the world, with a promising potential for the immediate future.

His willingness to accommodate every possible request was evidenced in his three consecutive television interviews, his extemporaneous address to the mock legislature of Nebraska high school student in the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln, and his participation in two receptions—one for state and Omaha city dignitaries and community leaders before the Convention banquet and the other for the Issei and the Nisei and JACL friends after the banquet.

His banquet address was also well received, for he delivered it with sincerity and quiet dignity, stressing the economic and other ties that bind Japan and the United States in a mutually advantageous partnership and the contributions that the Issei and the Nisei have made to this unique international relationship.

From our vantage point, we would like to see Ambassador Takeuchi visit many other communities not usually honored by his presence, for we believe that in this way thousands of Americans who now have little personal interest in Japan and in United States-Japan relations will become more aware of America's vital stakes in the land of our ancestry and more sympathetic to Japan's aspirations and objectives as the new leader of a new Asia.

At this time too, may we congratulate the Omaha Chapter and the MPDC for the outstanding and successful convention they hosted. Their invitation to the Ambassador of Japan was an inspired one. And what they accomplished as a "small" JACL chapter and district council in the way of community public relations and education will endure for many years to come.

Land Law —

(Continued from Front Page)

present committee's work, noted that all information should get to the chapters since it has National backing.

Ed Yamamoto of Spokane repeated that "little or no publicity has been given to dissenting opinion", thereby leaving no chance for the general public to fully understand the issues.

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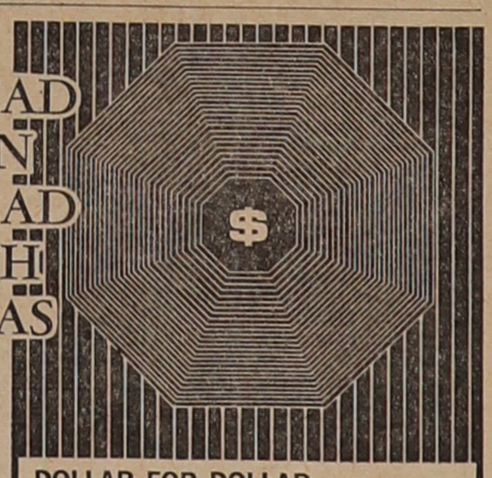

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

POINT OF VIEW—In the course of a friendly discussion here last week, a Japanese journalist expressed the opinion the United States was being something of a Nervous Nelly about the threat to peace posed by Red China. "Japan is a neighbor of mainland China, but we are not afraid of the Chinese," he said. "We know they are too weak to be a serious threat to our safety."

I'm afraid I stepped out of my role as genial host to reply, somewhat pointedly, that Red China appears to be weak because the United States is strong.

"What," I asked, "if the United States withdrew its two infantry divisions and Air Force units from Korea and cut off military aid to South Koreans; if the U.S. ordered the 7th Fleet out of the Straits of Formosa and back to Pearl Harbor; if the U.S. pulled out of Okinawa, the Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand and choked off the flow of supplies to the Chinese Nationalists? Would Japan, unprotected and with a constitutional prohibition against rearming, reassess its evaluation of the threat posed by Red China?"

"A very interesting point of view, and one not without merit," my guest admitted.

Perhaps, if we had continued the discussion, the visitor would have contended that under any circumstances Japan would remain "neutral" and that neutrality would be honored by Red China. Many Japanese have argued in this vein with utmost conviction, with total disregard for the facts of life about the predatory nature of the Communist powers as demonstrated by recent history.

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FINAL REPORT—The Pacific Citizen last week published the text of the Final Report of the 28th American Assembly of distinguished citizens summoned to consider United States-Japan problems. It was, to me, a notably restrained document when in view of the prevalence of such opinion as the above, somewhat stronger language would not have been out of place.

Pacific Citizen subscribers missed an important bit of reading if they overlooked the report. More important, I hope that Japanese newspapers published the report in its entirety, for it is an important statement of American thought that deserves circulation in Japan.

The Report touched only lightly on what, to this observer, seems to be a serious problem, that of communication. Says the Reports: "The fourth source of potential discord is defective communication, often to the point of serious misconceptions. Despite 20 years of interaction, by and large Americans and Japanese have yet to develop close understanding and easy social relationships. The number of Americans competent in the Japanese language should be increased while the Japanese continue efforts to improve their English language instruction."

What's more, there should be more conversation across the Pacific at all levels of society. It is vital for both peoples that they know what the other is thinking, and why.

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ODDS AND ENDS—Did any newspaper outside of Chicago and Denver publish the United Press International Telephoto of singer Pat Suzuki smoking a cigar? Pat was made an honorary member of the Humidor Club 6 in Chicago and she took the occasion to admit, according to UPI, that she was a long-time cigar smoker who would like to see more women puffing on stogies . . . Thank you, Yeiichi Kuwayama of New York for your thoughtful comment on a recent Frying Pan column. I read every word, and enjoyed it . . . Ruth Hashimoto of Albuquerque, N.M., past-president of two JACL chapters, passed through Denver on her way home from the White House Conference on International Cooperation which she attended as New Mexico state president of the United Nations Association . . .

NISEI WEEK SETS 1966 DATES AND PICKS CHAIRMAN

Jim Higashi to Chair Festival Scheduled for Aug. 13 - 22

LOS ANGELES—Onetime JACL regional director Jim Higashi, now with Kokusai International Travel Service, was named 1966 Nisei Week Festival general chairman this week.

Always associated with the Festival since he was social chairman of the Southwest L.A. JACL in 1950, East L.A. chapter president in 1955 and then regional director in 1960, Higashi's role in community service is well chronicled. He chaired Christmas Cheer through the 1950s.

Nisei Week dates for the coming year are Aug. 13 through Aug. 22. Southwest L.A. JACL will sponsor the Coronation Ball at the Century Plaza Hotel. The Union Church Greeners will undertake the baby show. Members of the 31-man Festival Board have been assigned to chair various events. On the cabinet:

Koshiro Torii, 1st v.p.; Tad Ikemoto, 2nd v.p.; Frank Hirata, sec.; Roy Hoshizaki, Frank Hirohata, treas.; Ed Matsuda, Norikazu Oku, auditors.

Christmas Cheer only 20% of goal

LOS ANGELES — The 1965 Christmas Cheer is off on a slow start with only 20 pct. of the $2,500 goal received as of Dec. 4 at the JACL regional Office. The total was $498.

The committee announced a Dec. 20 deadline for contributions going to needy Japanese families in the county. Recent contributors:

Week of Nov. 23 — Dec. 4

$25—Nanka Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, Dr. James and Margaret Hara, Japanese Casualty Insurance Assn., Nisei Hongwanji Bukkyo Fujin Kai.

$15—Los Angeles Japanese Baptist Church, San Kwo Low Cafe.

$10—Judge and Mrs. John Aiso, Kazuo and Tamae Funai, West Adams Christian Church Fujin Kai, Hirohata Insurance, Kozo Mitani, Dr. Hide Uba, Dr. David Miura, Mrs. M. Uyeno, Frank and Sumiko Kawahara, Takai Realty, Tom Ito Insurance, Kinu Nakaoka, East Tenth Street Market.

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$3—K. Sako, Henry and Kiyoe Genda, Satsuki Cafe, Minoru Fujita, Kay Hokama.

$1—K. Iriye, Anonymous, W. Fuchino.

Total Previously Reported	$110
Total this Report	388
Grand Total:	$498

NEW SENATORIAL SEAT IN L.A. COUNTY INTERESTS ASSEMBLYMEN

SACRAMENTO—With a bumper crop of 14 and one-third State Senate seats added to Los Angeles County for the June primaries next year, many of the current Assemblymen are certainly considering a place in the upper house.

The only Oriental in the state legislature, Assemblyman Alfred H. Song (D-Monterey Park) said he was certainly considering the new 28th Senatorial District seat. Area roughly covers the San Gabriel Valley between Monterey Park and Baldwin Park.

But there are also three other Assemblymen in the area: Harvey Johnson (D-El Monte), Philip oto (D-La Puente) and Edward Elliott (D-East Los Angeles). Elliott plans to run for re-election to the Assembly, but Soto, with a Spanish surname especially valuable in the eastern part of the county, wants to learn if voter registration run as high as 30 pct. Mexican American before deciding to run for the Senate. Johnson is also interested.

News Deadline Tuesday

PRESENTATION of JACL's Certificate of Appreciation is being made to 80-year-old retired Chief Justice George Rossman of Oregon Supreme Court. In an eloquent address the judge praised the JACL for adherance to principle in pursuing defeat of the last existing alian land law. The judge's decision in 1949 did not concur with U.S. Supreme Court verdicts as regards to land laws at the time.

— Elmer Ogawa Photo.

Northwest Pic: Elmer Ogawa

Complete Acceptance? Not Yet

TACOMA — While attending the PNWDC Convention this past weekend, we noted that an important panel discussion of the youth group was conducted by officials of the Tacoma schools, president of the local NAACP, Phil Hayasaka, the human rights exec of Seattle, and JACL officers.

Joe Kasai of Tacoma, the convention chairman, invited the special panel to preside on a discussion he felt was important—the role of Sansei in human relations of minority groups, and as he expressed it in a confidential letter to one of the panel members, he wanted the Sansei to be fully aware of minority problems as they exist today, and to not be complacent about the so-called "complete acceptance".

At this point we left the convention hotel fully aware that we should not be complacent about the condition of the flash batteries in the camera, so headed for Tacoma's downtown camera shop which shows a sign signifying its status as an Eastman Kodak Agency. The guy on duty was a slender gray-haired old timer who took this character to be other than the run-of-mill amateur so asked what kind of a picture job we were engaged in.

We explained that it was to get some pics of the Northwest Japanese American Citizens League convention being held in Tacoma.

'We Shipped 'Em Out'

He said, "Yeah, there used to be lots of 'em around here but not so many came back after we shipped 'em out during the war." "Sounds interestin'," we said but remarked that it appears things are looking up.

'Well, let me tell you" he countered, "I was up around Vancouver (he didn't answer when we asked if it was Vancouver, B.C., or Wash.) during the war and about 40 "Japs" started clearing a strip of land saying it would be a tomato field. They took so long, and spent so much time we investigated and found out they were building an air strip—it couldn't have been anything else—even had a 'T' shaped marker at the high end."

We asked if this "marker" was the result of plowing, hedge trimming, or arranged by artificial materials, and we added that Federal investigation had shown that no single act of sabotage or subversive activity had been revealed in the states or Hawaii.

By this time the guy had probably read the look in my bloodshot eyes, and clammed up but good.

Still Around

So we left the store, and reflected on what was going on in the hotel room up the block—about the wariness angle of "complete acceptance" —something had been clarified for your reporter in 15 minutes away from the hotel. That type—we still got 'em with us.

How long will it take: Another generation to be rid of these types? The most persistent of these types are generally consumed by the venom of their own self-generated hatreds. In rare instances can the poisonous influence be communicated to another generation?

Tacoma, like Seattle, is built on hillsides extending up from the waterfront, and Pacific, Commerce and Broadway may be compared to Seattle's First, Second and Third avenues in this respect. For the benefit of pedestrians, Tacoma has had for several years now, a pair of up and down escalators between these three streets and it was a pleasure to enjoy their use.

'Cardiac Alley'

In place of such wonderful refinements, Seattle has its own "Cardiac Alley."

It goes like this. From the ferry terminal (Bremerton or Bainbridge Island), one walks the pedestrian overhead viaduct which lets him out at the First Avenue level. Across the street, in the Norton Building, take the elevator to the second floor and walk out on Second Avenue. Then enter the 2nd Ave. side of the Dexter-Horton building, and do the same, to go across the street and repeat the performance in the public safety building, little more than a decade old. Then across Fourth is the new City Hall, and by the time one rides up couple floors to come out on 5th, he finds that he is way

Tall watch-tower overlooking Minidoka WRA camp still standing, says Seattleite after inspection trip

(Seattle Times writer John J. Reddin devoted his Nov. 5 column to Yoshito Fujii, one-time "mayor" at Minidoka WRA Center when elected chairman of its community council. It was for his readers a look into what Reddin calls "an embarrassing chapter in American history". Today, Fujii is an apartment-hotel owner and operator and an active Seattle 1000er . . . But of special interest to PC readers is that part of Reddin's column reprinted below.—Editor.)

BY JOHN REDDIN
Seattle Times Writer

It was 20 years ago that we closed the book on an embarrassing chapter in American history—the shameful treatment of American-born citizens of Japanese ancestry during the early years of the Second World War.

More than most men, Yoshito (Joe) Fujii knows the story inside and out. Joe's life and times symbolize the unwritten history of Seattle's Japanese community—the heart-warming saga of a once-persecuted minority who, by patience, perserverance and respect for authority, plus an almost reverent esteem for education, hoisted themselves by their own bootstraps to first-class citizenship and a respected place in the community.

Joe Fujii, like more than 6,000 other Seattleites of Japanese ancestry, was evacuated from this area by order of the military several months after Pearl Harbor. They were taken by bus and truck to the Western Washington Fairgrounds at Puyallup, which had been renamed "Camp Harmony." Several months later, they were transported in trains with drawn shades to the Minidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho, most of them for the duration of the war.

10,000 at Minidoka

Fujii was named chairman of the Minidoka Community Council, the duly elected "mayor" of a concentration camp community of more than 10,000 Japanese Americans, mostly from Seattle and the Portland area.

As such, the bilingual mayor had the difficult job of trying to explain to foreign-born oldsters why their sons should volunteer for the United States Army and fight a bloody war in Europe, just to prove their loyalty to a country that rounded up these same American-born sons and put them in concentration camps.

Later, the grim casualty reports began coming in on the huge death toll of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the famed "Go For Broke" Nisei infantrymen who became the most decorated combat group in the Army. Then Fujii had the even more distasteful job of telling many of these same parents that their sons were dead.

Symbolic Grave

Fujii often was abused and vilified by a large segment of his countrymen in the concentration camp. Some even dug a symbolic grave with a sign "For Joe Fujii" atop a nearby hill.

Fujii, a kindly man who long had been one of the most respected leaders in Seattle's Japanese community, suffered great mental anguish and self doubt.

His proven patriotism never faltered, however. Nor did his firm belief in American justice and the eventual vindication of Japanese Americans' loyalty to their adopted land.

It was the unhappiest three years of Fujii's life, and, at war's end, he was glad to return to the quiet and anonymous career of manager of the N.P. Hotel, 306 Sixth Ave. S.

Last week, however, Fujii returned to Camp Minidoka—the only Seattle Japanese we know who has revisited the place since the war.

"Mostly, it is just dust, wind and sagebrush — the same arid country that it was before they built the barracks and barbed-wire fence and named it Minidoka," Fujii reported. "All that's left is the stone military gate, a few concrete foundations and one of the tall watchtowers that surrounded the camp. An Idaho farmer has planted a field of sugar beets on my old 'grave' . . ."

For Japan TV

The reason for Fujii's visit was to show a group of visiting writers and television cameramen from Hiroshima, Fujii's old hometown, the place where he and many other Seattleites spent the war.

The Japanese visitors are preparing a documentary entitled, "Soil of America," a 13-week series that will be telecast in Hroshima as part of the 20th anniversary of the atom-bomb explosion.

Fujii, born in Hiroshima, came to this country in 1919 when he was 18 years old. Although he had graduated from high school in Japan, he enrolled at Franklin High School, mainly to learn English, and was graduated in 1924.

"My brother, Chopino, had lived in Seattle since 1894—one of the first Japanese in Seattle," Fujii recalled. "My father also was here in the early days, but stayed only two years and then returned to Japan where he owned a big farm.

Bottling Firm Started

"My father saw the opportunities here, however, and eventually sent more than 500 young men to this country, venturesome and brave immigrants who are the patriarchs and forebears of Seattle's third and fourth generation Japanese community."

Fujii majored in sociology at the Univ. of Washington where he met his future wife, Yukiko, who was majoring in home economics. They were married in 1931. Later, Fujii owned and operated the Cascade Bottling Co., 1714 S. Dearborn St., which he turned over to Shasta Beverages while he was interned during the Second World War.

Today, Fujii owns and operates the Holland Hotel at Fourth Avenue and Jefferson Street, as well as the Wilhard Hotel and Rivoli Apartments.

The Fujiis have three grown daughters, Beth, a mathematics teacher at Edmond Meany Junior High; Mrs. Jean Deguchi, housewife and former Garfield High School teacher, and Mrs. Irene Mano, housewife and former accountant at the Children's Orthopedic Hospital, and seven grandchildren.

From time to time, we mention Joe Fujii in this column as the only mushroom expert we trust, having watched him hunt the giant matsutake mushroom and have accepted without question his verdict on which fungus is edible and which is poisonous.

We didn't know until just the other day, however, that his father, Kojuro Fujii, who died in 1922, was the early-"patron saint" of Seattle's Japanese community.

(Fujii is the Seattle director for the Japanese History Project.)

DRUG EXECUTIVE

INDIANAPOLIS—Dr. Charles Matsumoto, formerly of San Jose, was appointed senior pharmacologist at Eli Lilly & Co.'s biology-pharmacology research division recently.

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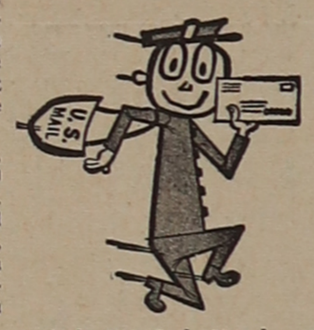

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Aloha From Hawaii: Richard Gima

HONOLULU—A total of 24,000 persons moved to Hawaii last year. Forty-five percent of these were military personnel and their dependents.

Takeo Endo, new managing director of Shochiku Films of America, Inc., Los Angeles, was a recent visitor here. He will succeed Mitsugu Mizuno, who's been managing director for six years.

Dr. I. Sam Tashima, 50, of Kaimuki Clinic, 1137 11th Ave., was robbed of narcotics at gunpoint Nov. 28 in his office.

Waikiki's more than 10,000 hotel rooms are booked solid for the Christmas holiday season, managers indicate.

Max Morinaga, former Hawaii Hochi staffer, now heads the English section of Hawaii Times. He has replaced Harry Shiramizu.

Governor John Burns is expected to rename Tamao Monden, Ben Tashiro and four others to circuit court judgeships. New judges to be appointed include Masato Doi and Thomas Ogata.

SCOUT OFFICIAL

SANTA ROSA—Arthur Sugiyama, a local JACLer active in scouting for the past 20 years, was elected assistant district commissioner for the Sonoma-Mendocino Council.

LANDSCAPING PROJECT

SANTA MONICA—The local Japanese community council contributed landscaping for the YM-YWCA Bldg., 1332-6th St., Dr. Harold Bartley and Mrs. Ralph W. Jones, "Y" presidents, acknowledged this past week.

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JAPAN AIR LINES

By Alan Kumamoto

Accent on Youth

THANKSGIVING

Although the turkey dinners should be well digested by now, let me reminisce to past Thanksgiving weekend. That particular holiday weekend was most memorable and well spent in the IDC area.

Let It Snow: After a drenching two weeks of rain in So. Cal., I journeyed airborne to Idaho Falls, Idaho to help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of both the Intermountain District Council and the Idaho Falls Chapter at the district convention. Wow! half an inch of snow on the ground for this warm blooded Californian.

Such names as Joe Nishioka, Todd Ogawa, etc., old time staunch JACLers, became more real as I met these people in person. Since National President, Kumeo, related some of the festivities and comments related to the gathering last week in the PC I won't belabor particulars.

Really Rally: Yet in order to do some justice to the Intermountain JACLers I must admit that their convention theme "JACL in Action—the Past, Present, and Future", was in keeping with the progressive tempo of their DYC and DC.

Historically IDYC has been a leader in pushing, as far back as 1962 at Seattle, the formation of a national JACL youth organization. But having faced some setbacks associated with a youth, age, void, etc., things had slowed up.

Better Beware: The Intermountain Juniors have talent, a tradition to uphold and many young people coming through the ranks to fill the shoes of past leaders. In the next couple of years IDYC may well regain the highest pinnacle of an outstanding DYC.

IDYC under Ron Inouye, past DYC chmn. and his officers fostered a rekindling of dying coals. His cabinet members helped push measures through to help advance the DYC. Now with chmn. Karen "ruling the roost" the younger generation is swinging.

Thank you Ron, Ron, Lorraine, Dave, etc., etc. Let's push IDYC in '66. That's Karen and Co.'s responsibility. Must say Iris Ogawa, IDYC queen, will make a beautiful representative for Intermountain. I even got to gently "crown" her with her diamond studded tiara.

SWING '66

Trying to foster a slogan for 1966, the new year, is something to think about. If you have ideas drop me a note. Swing '66 or Impact '66 are some ideas.

With the National Convention, July 26-30, in San Diego drawing near the youth convention committee are tieing in the loose ends. I met with the senior planners in early December and hope to see San Diegans young and old between Christmas and New Year on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at the convention site, El Cortez Hotel.

Hopefully at that time Mas Satow, National Director, will be encouraged to attend and contribute his vast knowledge of convention details; Harry Honda, PC editor, may be in the area and Harry is the vital adjunct to the P.R. link for the convention; and perhaps Paul Tamura, National Interim Youth Council Chairman, can attend. Seems Paul's family is now proudly nursing a brand new red, Cavalier colored car. Hope Paul drops in with me to boost National Convention plans. OK dad and mom Tamura?

RAINFALL PNW

It is evergreen in the Pacific Northwest mainly due to that slight mist that sometimes encompasses that region. Last weekend with Kumeo Yoshinari we were in the PNW area attending their Tacoma Convention.

Another DYC: Guess what! We have another one. Yes, PNW youth formed a DYC thus making the fifth DYC in the nation. The four others in MDC, NC-WN, IDC and PSW now have a sister DYC in PNW.

Elected to temporary offices are Paul Tamura, chairman; Curtis Onchi, treasurer; Pam Tamura, secretary; Ted Iwata, P.R.

Rah, Rah! Congratulations cabinet members of PNWDYC your challenges are not small but large with a capital "L".

Signing the resolution petitioning DYC formation were youth representing Portland Jr. JACL, Seattle Young Adults, Mid-Columbia Jr. JACL. Other youth observers were also in attendance from the Tacoma area.

ON THE RUN

Since this article is being written enroute to Seattle from Tacoma, it may be choppy. Alas, I have a Holiday Issue article following back to back. This one contains a letter to Santa look for it.

I'm meeting both the immediate past and current Seattle Young Adult Presidents, Toshi and Eileen so more notes on the collegiate or young adult levels in JACL soon.

ICS delegates moot JACL tie-up

DENVER—More than 30 Sansei from campuses around the state attended the ICS Thanksgiving Retreat at the Buddhist Church. Its president, Janet Ida of CU, presided.

A general discussion, of a proposal for the group to affiliate with the National JACL preceded the session on the theme "College: A New Way Of Life." The group swelled to perhaps 100 at the dance which followed the dinner.

$10,000 scholarship fund started in Delano

DELANO—A $10,000 Delano JACL scholarship fund was announced by Ed Nagatani, chapter scholarship chairman, this week. The grants will be available to member children.

Contributions to the fund will be solicited on a donation basis, the chapter ways & means committee pointed out.

JAPANESE BLOCK PRINT EXHIBIT IN WESTWOOD

LOS ANGELES—A unique exhibit and art show featuring over 150 selected contemporary color block prints will be shown throughout the month of December and January at the Ikuo Serisawa Studio Gallery, 1539 Westwood Blvd.

Such notables as Shiko Munakata, Hideo Hagiwara, Sadao Watanabe, Rikio Takahashi, Masaji Yoshida, Mabuchi, Azechi and other well-known print-makers are represented.

The noted Japan-born artist acquired his formal art training at the Art Institute of Chicago, specializing in photographying works of art. He operated a photo portrait studio in Long Beach prewar and has also represented the Pasadena Art Museum for 12 years.

HOLIDAY DANCE

WATSONVILLE — The local YBA Holiday Dance will be held Dec. 22 in the Watsonville Buddhist Church hall from 8:30 p.m. "The E-Types" will furnish the music for the dressy sport affair.

FIFTH DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL FORMED IN PNW

Paul Tamura Voted Temporary Chairman of PNWDYC

TACOMA—Youth of the Pacific Northwest area have resolved to form a district youth council, making it the fifth such group in the JACL youth program. Action took place last Sunday, Dec. 5, during the PNWDC convention hosted by Puyallup Valley JACL.

With formation of this new youth district council, the 1964 mandate of the interim youth council at Detroit is completed, national youth director Alan Kumamoto pointed out.

With a minimum of five DYCs, the next step to organize a National Jr. JACL at San Diego convention seems most likely.

Other DYCs are situated in Northern California, Intermountain, Midwest and Pacific Southwest.

Temporary officers are:
Paul Tamura, chmn.; Curtis Onchi, treas.; Pam Tamura, sec.; Ted Iwata, P.R.

A constitution is being drafted and a DYC newsletter is being planned for quarterly issue.

Tubber Okuda to chair Salt Lake City board

SALT LAKE CITY—Amidst a feeling and spirit of genial camraderie, outgoing, incoming and incumbent Salt Lake Chapter Board members gathered at the home of Mrs. Doris Matsuura, 4074 South West Temple Nov. 19 for their monthly board meeting and to elect the officers for the coming year.

There were 26 candidates nominated to fill the ten vacancies on the Board.

Board members then elected as chapter officers with Tubber Okuda as president.

Following the business and elections, members were feasted royally by Mrs. Matsuura to a buffet of prime roast beef sandwiches, salads, relishes and for dessert —pumpkin chiffon cake—a perfect setting for goodbyes to outgoing board members and a hearty welcome to the new members.

Outgoing president Raymond Uno, who will remain on the board for another year as ex-officio member, expressed his appreciation to outgoing members and promised support and cooperation to the new officers.

Orange Countian swept off rock by wave drowns

GARDEN GROVE—Mrs. Yukiko Wada, 46, of 9431 Shannon Ave., was swept to her death Dec. 1 at Abalone Point in Laguna Beach when a huge wave washed her off a rock she was sitting on at the beach and tossed her into the foaming water.

The victim was watching her friends fish when the accident occurred. Immediate rescue attempts were in vain. Her body was recovered four hours later by Orange County Harbor Dept. divers. She is survived by her husband Walter and two children.

Life Bridge master

CHICAGO—Known to be the first female Nisei to become a Life Master in the United States, Michie Shimizu, Chicago JACL 1000 Clubber and a former resident of Los Angeles, attained this title at the recent National bridge tournament held here.

Two of her favorite partners at these bridge tournaments are 1000 Clubbers Jake Higashiuchi and Dr. William Hiura, both Life Masters from Chicago.

LINING UP are the candidates for the Miss IDYC queen contest at the recent Idaho Falls convention: (from left) Iris Ogawa, who was their respective escorts. Toy Tsuya, Jan Hanami and Georgia Kobayashi with ——Fred Ochi Photo.

Iris Ogawa crowned Miss IDYC, Boise Valley's Karen Miyake to chair IDYC

BY SHARON MIZUTA
IDYC Reporter

Ontario, Ore.

Intermountain Jr. JACLers from Mt. Olympus-Salt Lake, Boise Valley, Footello Teens, Snake River Valley, Rexburg, and host chapter, Idaho Falls, met in Idaho Falls at the Rogers Hotel for the IDYC Convention Nov. 26-27.

The delegates registered Friday morning and then attended the Opening Ceremonies luncheon.

The luncheon was called to order by Yoshi Ochi, convention chairman. Presentation of colors, the pledge, invocation, introduction of guests, and greetings from Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen of Idaho Falls, Idaho Falls Chapter president, Todd Ogawa, and Idaho Falls JAYs president Brian Morishita followed.

The Miss IDYC queen candidates, Jan Hanami of Rexburg, Georgia Kobayashi of Idaho Falls, Sharon Mizuta of Snake River, Iris Ogawa of Boise Valley, and Toy Tsuya of Mt. Olympus-Salt Lake were introduced to the convention by Queen contest chairman, Mrs. Chris Inouye.

The keynote address was given by Rupert Hachiya, National 3rd Vice-President.

The first meeting for the Juniors was a panel discussion at the Rogers Hotel. The main topic was "Jr. JACL in Action." The adults and teens exchanged ideas on whether experience of your elders helps you. The three subtopics discussed were:

1—Can moral problems be worked out without the aid of adults?

2—How can youth make their own basic structure for a national organization without adults? Does home background count? Would adults' ideas and experiences help?

3—To what extent should Sansei identify with their Japanese ancestry? Are Sansei becoming too "Americanized" in their thinking?

Recognitions Banquet

The next event on the agenda was the Recognition banquet at the Hawaiian Restaurant. Miss Idaho Falls, Brenda Wadsworth, sang selections from "The Sound of Music." Main address was given by Alan Kumamoto, National Youth Director, who spoke mainly on the youth and JACL.

A casual mixer at the Rogers Hotel followed for the Juniors. The music was provided by "The Mystics" of Idaho Falls. Outstanding entertainment was provided at intermission by local Jr. JACL members.

Saturday began with a meeting to nominate and elect some of the new IDYC officers for the coming term. An amendment was discussed on the length of the term of the IDYC Chairman.

The next event was at the Bonneville with the interviewing and modeling by the Queen contestants.

The luncheon and fashion show followed at the Hawaiian Restaurant. Takeshi Kubota, National 2nd Vice President, gave the luncheon address. Jon Ochi of Idaho Falls played a piano solo which was followed by the fashion show. Fashions were provided by the Bon Marche and the Outdoorsman. Casual school clothes, ski apparel, and an evening dress were modeled.

Miss Idaho

Rhonda Lynn Hammond, Miss Idaho, gave a brief talk on her experiences at the Miss America Pageant and then presented her talent which was creative sewing.

The remainder of the IDYC elections took place at the final IDYC general meeting. The newly-elected officers are:

Karen Miyake (Boise Valley), chmn.; James Watanabe (Snake River), 1st v.c.; Ross Nishihara (BV), 2nd v.c.; Jon Ochi (Idaho Falls), 3rd v.c.; Kenneth Sakota (Rexburg), treas.; Sharon Mizuta (SR), pub.; June Morishita (Salt Lake), hist.

Alan Kumamoto gave a talk on establishing a National Jr. JACL and on the upcoming National Convention in San Diego.

The Sayonara Banquet was held at the Hawaiian Restaurant. Kumeo Yoshinari gave the keynote address.

Special awards went to Tom Masamori of Salt Lake for the "Outstanding Adviser" award. Snake River Jr. JACL took the "Chapter Achievement Award."

Iris Ogawa of Boise Valley was crowned Miss IDYC at the beginning of the Sayonara Ball in a very close contest. The Queen and her court began the dance which lasted until 1 a.m. Sunday.

The convention ended with an IDYC Cabinet meeting of the old and new officers.

PSWDC board members to lunch with chairman

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Southwest JACL District Council board will meet this Sunday, Dec. 12, noon, at the home of its chairman Akira Ohno for luncheon.

Programs for the coming year, including a pre-convention rally in May, the Nisei Relays in June and finances are to be discussed. New board members are to be assigned their committee chairmanships.

The board meets regularly each quarter, at least three weeks prior to the quarterly session.

DORMITORY FOR S.E. ASIAN STUDENTS OPENS

TOKYO—A dormitory for superior Southeast Asian students of Japanese fathers, was inaugurated here Nov. 20. First to enter was Mieko Kawasaki, 19, of Indonesia.

During World War 2 the Japanese fathered scores of thousands of children by native mothers in Southeast Asia.

The dormitory was planned by Ryoichi Kato, a Christian minister. He feels it is the moral responsibility of the Japanese to assist these superior students who feel affinity for their father's country, Japan, and wish to study here.

Buddhist dictionary

TOKYO—A Japanese-English dictionary on Buddhism, the first of its kind, was published this week by Chief Abbot Masao Iwano of the Jokanji Temple here. The compilation of 4,872 terms took eight years.

By Ken Kuroiwa

MAMPITSU

Eine Deutschlandreise

Goettingen, Germany

The all-night train ride took us from Paris to Frankfurt. The Deutsche Bundesbahn train brought us into an overcast Goettingen at noon Monday. The city is located in the northern half of West Germany, the North and Baltic seas some 200 miles northwards, the East German border 10-15 miles to the east.

Goettingen, by incorporating a number of outlying communities into itself, manages to declare a population of some 100,000 people, thus qualifying itself as a "Grossstadt" or "large city." In one way it is very similar to my hometown, Berkeley: both are cities with populations of around 100,000 which have gained world-wide distinction in academic circles through their respective universities.

The University of California at Berkeley has a fair number of Nobel Prize winners on its faculty, holding its own in this category with the big eastern schools. I have heard that Georg - August - Universitaet in Goettingen had one more than Berkeley among its faculty and or alumni. Names like the Brothers Grimm and Otto von Bismarck also belong to the history of the university, the latter of whom is said to have gone up to one of the public fountains, stripped, and bathed.

The first mention of "Gutingi," then but a village, came in 953. By the end of the Middle Ages, from 1351 to 1572, it had become a member of the Hanseatic League, and in 1737 the university was founded.

Two-Week Vacation

After a six-week intensive course in German we were turned loose for a two-week vacation. The first destination was Hamburg, 175 miles to the north. Hitching is one of the "must" things for the visiting student in Europe. It's the most interesting and certainly the cheapest way, provided you don't get stranded in some God-forsaked place. Even then, it's part of the experience, theoretically speaking.

The first ride for me and my two buddies was with a young businessman on his way to Hannover to catch a plane for Berlin. That was our first experience with German Autobahn driving. Drivers of the more powerful cars will often rush up on slower cars at high speeds. Under the law a slower car in the left lane must immediately pull over to the right to let a faster car pass. Any passing on the right is strictly forbidden.

So our driver asks, "A little speed bother you?" and almost without waiting for an answer, stomps on the accelerator of his Mercedes 230 SL, taking off for speeds over the century mark. Quite soon he catches up to a slower car and pulls up to within five feet; the slower car is having a hard time, at the 100 mph pace, just trying to stay out of the jaws of the Mercedes. Our driver flashes his lights and honks, and the slower car, with its last horse of power, pulls over to the right and in a few seconds is a mere speck out the back window. So goes speed-limitless driving in Europe.

This type of driving is hardly dangerous. Others can be far worse. They'll pull out of nowhere without looking and more than once we've seen a car undertake to pass two to four cars and a truck-trailer rig on a hill or a curve, all in one move. There is a saying, which the Germans themselves acknowledge: German drivers drive as if at any given moment they want to commit suicide. It reminds me of my earlier experiences with the "kamikaze taxi" in Japan.

Hamburg Night Life

Once in Hamburg we went to the main train station to information on places to stay. We could have stayed at a youth hostel, but there its lights out at 10 and that wasn't what we came to Hamburg for. Somehow we got mistaken for railway employees (including me, of all people!) and were directed to the railway employees dining hall, where we ate maximally and paid minimally, and to a Pension (boarding house, cheap hotel) for railway employees.

The Reeperbahn is the night-life district of Hamburg. Mostly strip joints and a few dance halls. In the first one we went into we ordered the obligatory first drink (also cheapest), beer and Schnaps,

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a whisky. Soon three of the strippers came to work us over. Hello! May I sit down? I can speak English too. You don't mind if I order a little drink, do you? Just a little one! Sorry, I'm just a poor student. Aw, c'mon!

Their tactic was divide and conquer. Each one worked on one customer. Finally, on a pre-arranged signal, when we had had enough of this, we pulled out our wallets and proved just how poor we were: a lonely 10-Mark note ($2.50), enough for one drink and a little pocket change. A strange phenomenon then took place: the three girls instantly evaporated.

We checked out the price list. One of my buddies started chuckling and said, making sure that the others could hear, "Gimme a goddam break!" That drew dagger-stares from the establishment. The "little drink" they had wanted cost 130 Marks, $32.50 American. To be sure we had fifty to a hundred dollars on us, but we just laughed and left, the management thinking German obscenities at us and we thinking "Sucker!" back at them.

The next place was called "Tabu," one of the best and most popular places on the strip. There the drinks were cheaper, the show better, and no one to really bother you. We each nursed one beer and Schnaps for over four hours.

Then we went to have a look at Herbertstrasse, one of streets in the world. I had seen it earlier in "Mondo Cane" or 'Women of the World," and now here in real life it was, as one girl had told me, a department-store whorehouse. We ambled up and down the street twice, concluding that it was all rather disgusting (not in the puritannic sense, but more in a sociological sense) and even tragically funny. At any rate though, very entertaining.

Teenage Dance Hall

The next two nights were spent in the "Top Ten," a teenage dance hall on the Reeperbahn, with two English bands a la Beatles, a la Rolling Stones, plenty of atmosphere, and inexpensive beer. On the second night we stayed there until 5 a.m. and went down to the docks upon the invitation of an English girl and a Swedish girl.

The whole of the Saturday night-life turns up there, the prostitutes, the pimps, the revellers, the drinks, the singers and other entertainers, and, of course, the tourists. One of the sights is of a drunk dragging a flounder on a string as if it were a pet. It's a fish market, where the haul of fish, flowers, vegetables and fruits, ducklings, white mice, rabbits and kittens are for sale.

We tried to see Fellini's "8½," but we were so exhausted that we slept through most of it. The next morning we set out for Munich, 400 miles away, hitching. That's when we started to hit bad luck. There were four of us now, traveling in pairs. The other pair got the first ride and ours came along a half hour later. As soon as we got out of the car in Kassel, 28 miles from Goettingen, we got a second ride. Great!

The guy let us off in Aua, 34 miles from Kassel, and immediately we knew that we had had it. Nowheresville. The highway was right there, to be sure, but cars can't stop on the Autobahn. You've got to catch them on the on-ramp. We stood there for three hours. A guy who was there before us said he had been waiting for 36 hours; two cars had passed him in that time. He decided to walk to a train station.

Stranded on the Autobahn

Things looked better for us. Several cars passed us. That's what they did. They passed us. There was a lot of droodling and scribbling on the road signs, the signs of the complete boredom of some earlier traveler stuck at this spot. I looked around in the tall grass, half expecting to find the bleached bones of this unfortunate soul. I began to expect I would spend my life and die there myself.

We got down on our knees and prayed, begged, implored, and beseeched as the cars went by. My companion started murmuring prayerful phrases in Hebrew, and although I'm not Buddhist, I tried saying any fragments of any Buddhist prayer I had ever heard. We tried everything, Indian rain dances, voodoo, crossing ourselves. I got down and stretched myself across the lane; a car slowed down, but as my buddy ran up to plead with the driver, he pulled around and drove off.

Finally a VW slowed down and we accosted the driver, asking him if he was headed back for Kassel. When he said yes, we jumped in, no questions asked, not even "May we?" Truthfully speaking, we hijacked that car. Fortunately the guy was very understanding. The German expression for Ow! or Ouch! is Au! or Aua! I'd have to agree to that.

So now we were back in Kassel, having lost four hours, but at least we were back in civilization. When the first driver to offer us a ride said he was going to Aua, we slammed the door and motioned the guy to get the hell out of our sight. Finally, our next ride took us the 230 miles to Stuttgart via Frankfurt and another ride brought us to the Munich train station around 9 p.m.

We looked around at the appointed place for our friends, assuming they had arrived several hours before us, but they were nowhere to be found. Concluding that they had waited for us, given up, and had gotten a room, we tried to get ourselves a room, but all inexpensive accommodations had already been taken. We stayed up all night in the train station with the drunks and the other assorted and disassorted rabble of the city. Feeling miserable and tired, we decided to take the next train out of town. After a final search for our friends, we boarded the 8 a.m. train for Zurich, Switzerland.

In Switzerland

We spent a couple of days in expensive Zurich, a city whose character seems to be not national at all but international. And yet that is perhaps the national character. Almost everyone speaks English, French, and German, some even Spanish or Italian.

We moved on to Basel, which, like Zurich, was expensive, cold, and overcast. We had a look at the "Dreilaenderecke" or "Three-Countries-Corner," a point of Swiss land that juts out into the Rhein River. At the tip is a silvery missle-like monument to mark the spot. On the bank to the right is German, on the left, France.

By a stroke of luck our friends had also made their way to Basel, where we met in the youth hostel. It turned out that they had gotten a ride from Kassel to Stuttgart, 230 miles, with a British convoy. Trouble was that the military trucks had regulators, limiting the speed to 30 mph. It had been a long ride for them. They got to Munich at four in the morning, looked for us, settled down, and spent the night in the restaurant room adjoining ours. They had concluded that we had gotten a hotel room or a Pension.

We hitched back to Munich via Freiburg, Frankfurt, and Stuttgart.

After a couple of nights in the famous Munich Beer Hall and our first showers in a week, we struck out for Goettingen via Frankfurt. Following a night in the Frankfurt youth hostel, we headed for the Autobahn and the last leg "home." Traffic went by in droves, but no one stopped. And it was cold!

Again we begged on our knees, waved American passports at the American soldiers on leave, waved US dollars, and even a few American obscenities, anything to let them know that we were fellow Americans. We gave up on Americans. Hopeless cases. We finally managed to "hijack" another car after 4 hours in the freezing cold.

Home Sweet Home! I never thought I could regard Goettingen as "home," but home I was. It was good to be back.

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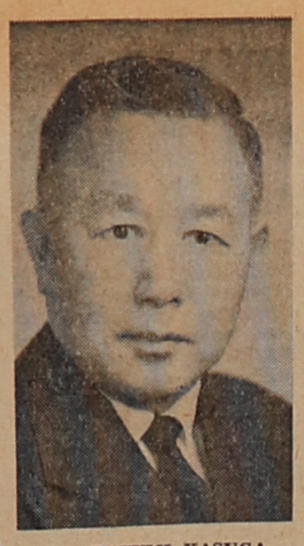

DR. KAZUMI KASUGA

WASHINGTON — Dr. Kazumi Kasuga, Chief of the Office of Program Services of the Division of Indian Health, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal of the Public Health Service recently.

Dr. Kasuga was given the award in recognition of his 18 years of sustained outstanding service and notable accomplishments in providing medical care and administrating health services for American Indians and Alaska Natives (Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts).

He entered the Public Health Service in 1946, following service with the much decorated 442nd RCT in world War II. A specialist in diseases of the chest, he served 13 years as clinical director of the Indian Tuberculosis Hospital, Tacoma, Wash., and four years as Alaska Native Health Area Director, Anchorage, before joining the Washington staff in July 1963.

He is a native Californian, a graduate of the Univ. of California School of Medicine and took his internship at the San Francisco City and County Hospital.

Married and the father of two children, Dr. Kasuga makes his home at 10301 Farnham Dr., Bethesda.

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Commendable Service

SALT LAKE CITY — The Dept. of Interior posthumously honored Osamu Hattori for his 12½ years of "commendable service" at recent ceremonies here at the U.S. Geological Survey district office. Receiving the award was his mother, Mrs. Yoshiko Hattori.

Following graduation from Westminster College in 1952 with a B.A. degree in chemistry, he entered the service as a chemist, then served two years in the Army, and returned to become project leader investigating chemical characteristics of water resources of western Utah.

"His ability to train technicians and professional chemists in laboratory methods of water analysis was notable," the citation declared.

Silver Beaver award

SAN FRANCISCO—Ben Furusho of Troop 12, scoutmaster from 1958-60 and leadership training committeeman for the Golden Gate district, was among 10 volunteer leaders honored with the Silver Beaver at the Bay Area council dinner last week.

The award is made for "distinguished service to boyhood". He assisted 20 boys to earn the scouting church award as well as help many to attain the Eagle rank, the citation read.

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traveled soliciting orders.

The only Japanese entertainment were the Japanese movies shown about once a year when Prof. Ban toured the area and held showings on pre-announced dates.

Early Idaho History

The names of lakes and towns reflect the influence of the French-Canadian trappers and missionaries of the early 1800s. Lake Pend Oreille has the world's largest rainbow trout weighting from 30 to 40 pounds. Issei and Nisei fishermen of Idaho claim no one has to travel more than 1 hour to reach good trout streams.

The History Project has received a tape recording from the Portland chapter on 90-year-old Issei Takagi, a resident of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

Gold, first discovered, at Pierce, Idaho in the fall of 1860 bought an influx of white settlers. Gold from Idaho helped the Union cause materially in the Civil War.

Lava outcroppings near American Falls on the banks of the Snake River looked as peaceful in 1862 as they do now. Then a small group of covered wagons approached, part of a wagon train strung for miles along the Oregon trail. Concealed among the lava rocks were a band of Shoshone Indians who ambushed the pioneers as the wagons moved through a cut in the rocks. Nine pioneers were killed, six injured. Cattle worth $15,000 and covers of the wagons were stolen. Everything else was burned and the Indians escaped. Today it's known as the Massacre Rocks.

Twenty years later in northern Idaho, in the town of Cottonwood, a Chinese slave girl was won in a crap game. Subsequently her owner married her and she became known as Polly Bemis. Her husband became partially incapacitated and Polly took care of him until his death. The vivacious Chinese woman was well liked and until her own death in her 80's provided for herself by growing vegetables.

In a history session held here June 3, JACL-UCLA History Project administrator Joe Grant Masaoka met with local Nisei. Present were:

Tad Abo, Tsuyu Abo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tominaga, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tominaga, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abo, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Onishi, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Onishi, Dennis Abo, Tom Abo, Mr. and Mrs. John Kobayashi, Bill Yamauchi, Richard H. Mayeda, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Sanada, Marilyn Sanada, Neil Sanada, Akiye Hondo, Mary Ogaya, Henry Kikuchi, Keich Naruyoki, Mr. and Mrs. Seiji Endow, Jack Hirai, Jerry Hirai, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hondo.

Yamashiro feted

LOS ANGELES—Bill T. Yamashiro, member of the Wilshire Agency of California-Western States Life Insurance Co., was honored Dec. 1 for his achievement in writing over $2-million of life insurance protection during the first ten months of 1965.

Cal-Western Life President Robert E. Murphy and Vice President Lynn H. Tenney were on hand to present Yamashiro, the first Nisei in the continental United States and the first agent in Cal-Western Life history to achieve such a goal, with a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento based firm and a three-foot high trophy in recognition of his accomplishment.

'Nisei' Japanese cherry trees planted at Washington Monument area, part of 3,800 from Japanese government

WASHINGTON — A five-year beauty plan for the grounds of the Washington Monument began with the planting of two "Nisei" Japanese cherry trees by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson and Mrs. Ryuji Takeuchi, wife of the Ambassador of Japan.

On a brisk Thursday before Thanksgiving, they planted the first of 700 trees which have been placed in an orchard pattern at the corner of 17th St. and Constitution Ave. It is part of a gift of 3,800 from the Japanese government. The rest will be planted over the coming three years.

Next fall, a thousand will go into the vast, windy plain that is the Monument grounds. In the fall of 1967, a second thousand are due. The final 1,100 will be in place by the fall of 1968.

It will take five years before the striplings have attained their full growth. By the spring of 1970, their blossom-bearing branches will interlace with the pale pink and white glory of a spreading canopy.

International Symbols

The trees are not only harbingers of great beauty yet to come. They are international symbols, too. They represent bonds of friendship between the U.S.A. and Japan which speakers at the planting ceremony hope will flourish and interlock like the maturing branches of the cherry trees.

Ambassador Takeuchi stressed the meaningfulness of the fact that the cherry trees, of Japanese ancestry, are from American soil. Those now in the ground are from a nursery in Princeton, N.J.

"We have now satisfied American commerce everywhere, with our Buy American policy," quipped the Ambassador th a laugh after the ceremonies were over.

In his speech the Ambassador said that great thought had been given to making the gift most meaningful.

"It was decided that rather than bring trees from Japan to the United States we would instead obtain Japanese cherry trees of American cultivation, thus epitomizing the vital exchange and mutual enrichment that have developed between our two countries within the last two decades," he said.

The trees presented Nov. 18 are second generation plants of Japanese origin and of the same variety as the single petal trees which line the Tidal Basin, the Ambassador said. The "Sakura"—as the Japanese call the trees—first came to Washington when the Japanese sent 3,000 trees for the Tidal Basin in 1912.

Mrs. Johnson pointed out to the several hundred people in the roped off ceremonial area that Japan had a stake in the Washington Monument long before their original gift of cherry trees to Washington. The Japanese gave Commodore Matthew Perry a stone to be imbedded in the Monument in the 1850's.

She glanced up to the Monument's towering 555 feet and pointed out that the stone from Japan is embedded at the 220-foot level.

"When we look upon these trees, we'll think with gratitude of the land that sent them, the love of beauty in the hearts of the Japanese people, and their generosity in sharing it," she said.

White House Reception

Everyone went to the White House after the ceremony for a reception. Blazing fires in the Blue Room and State Dining Room, and hot coffee, tea, sandwiches and cakes revived those who had shivered during the outdoor ceremonies.

The Japanese women in their kimono and the men with them stood at one end of the dining room after their Ambassador and Mrs. Takeuchi had taken their leave of Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson soon realized that none of the other guests would leave until she went upstairs. So she bowed, and they bowed back deeply. She then went up to the family quarters, where she had already had two other diplomatic functions earlier in the day.

Nurserymen

Among the guests at both the planting ceremony and the White House reception were Mike and Etsu Masaoka, representing the Japanese American Citizen League and the Japan-America Society. Masaoka is the Washington JACL Representative and the Acting President of the Japan-America Society of Washington.

At the White House reception, the Masaokas met, among others, Mr. and Mrs. Martin W. Usrey of Azusa, Calif., president of the California Association of Nurserymen, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Lederer, Washington representative of the American Association of Nurserymen, both of whom said that their respective associations included many Nisei and JACL members.

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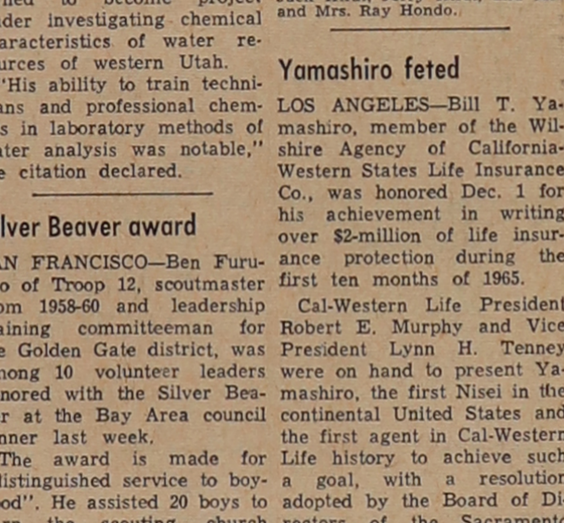

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JACL—1980

Philadelphia—Recently I was browsing through a booklet published by the Graduate School of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture entitled "America—1980". It was interesting but not earthshaking. Its contents included sections on Man's Work and Who Will Do It in 1980, Resources in 1980, Quality of Life in 1980 and Government in 1980. Predicted for 1980 were average work weeks of 35.9 hours, average family incomes in excess of $10,500 and the reduction of families with less than $2,000 annual income to 7% from the 1963 figure of 11%.

The section that interested me greatly, though, was one entitled "The America I'd Like My Children to Help Build—And Inherit".

In going through this section, I wondered, what about JACL—1980? What about the JACL I'd like my children to help build and inherit? How we've all pondered on this. The booklet, America - 1980, discussed an America with added concern for all; young architects volunteering for public service to help design low income housing and neighborhood facilities; lawyers and system engineers having done over the administration of justice and having revised municipal zoning and tax systems. It is an America that cares.

Now the JACL and the JACLer of 1980, how will we fit into this America? The National Planning Commission, under the chairmanship of initially Abe Hagiwara and now Dr. Roy Nishikawa, has done much thinking, recommending and implementing on the subject. And my thoughts, although not new, are whether we couldn't use the Pacific Citizen for implementing some of the Planning Commission recommendations.

For the JACL that "I'd like my children to help build and inherit", it is very important that they, the children, understand qualities inherent in Japanese heritage and traditions. They probably will not learn these if their parents, we, ourselves, are not aware of these qualities. As one who is quite unintelligent on the subject and one too lazy to go to the libraries to do a literature search, I wonder if the Pacific Citizen couldn't carry articles on the exact meaning of this heritage and tradition. I'd like to know.

Also for JACL—1980, how should we show care and concern for others? We need to be told what citizens can do and have done. The star basketballer of yesteryear who today is coaching the youngsters; the housewife who is helping the aged group; as well as the very important workers in civil rights and human relations endeavors, the PC can tell us about them. It is good to know what others are doing. It is much easier when the examples are set. This reminds me of a statement from William Marutani, our highly regarded National Legal Counsel, after his Bogalusa experiences, when he said, "The water's not really cold, once you've jumped in."

I hope the PC will consider news items of the above sort as a normal diet. It should help for the better Americans in the America of 1980.

— CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS —

Dec. 10 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Sports Night Stoner Playground, 7 p.m.
Fremont—Christmas party.
San Diego—Jr. JACL talent show, Kimball Hall, 140 E. 12th St., National City, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 11 (Saturday)
Sonoma County—Christmas party, Enmanji Hall, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis—Membership Supper and Christmas party, Grace Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland—Installation dinner.
Contra Costa—Christmas party, Harry Ells School Cafeteria, Richmond, 5:30-9 p.m.
Pasadena—Christmas potluck and installation, Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p.m.; film: Disney's "Flipper."

Dec. 12 (Sunday)
West Los Angeles—Aux'y christmas party, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Watanabe's res., 6:30 p.m.
Stockton—Christmas party, Stockton Buddhist Church, 5:30 p.m.
Philadelphia—Christmas party.

Dec. 14 (Tuesday)
Pasadena—Bd Mtg.

Dec. 18 (Saturday)
Eden Township—Christmas party, Eden JCC, 7:30 p.m.
Southwest L.A.—Toys for Kiddies dance.
Milwaukee—Christmas party, Mitchell Park Pavilion, 12n-4:30 p.m.
Portland-Mid-Columbia—Joint installation dinner-dance, Jack & Jill's.
Salt Lake—1000 Club dinner-dance.
Long Beach—Christmas party, Harbor Comm. Ctr.
French Camp—Christmas party.

Dec. 19 (Sunday)
Sequoia—Christmas party.
Venice-Culver—Christmas party, Venice Gakuen, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Hollywood—Ikebana class, Mrs. Charles Kamayatsu's home, 2 p.m.

Dec. 31 (Friday)
Stockton—New Year's Eve party.
Arizona—Installation dinner-dance, Smokehouse, 7 p.m.
San Francisco—New Year's Eve dinner-dance, Mark Hopkins Hotel, Peacock Court.
Long Beach—New Year's Eve house party, Harbor Community Center, 9 p.m.
Detroit—New Year's Eve dinner-dance, Warren Valley Country Club.
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10 visas granted Japanese immigrants to U.S. as quota restrictions removed

TOKYO — America's immigration gates swung open without racial discrimination to Asians Dec. 1 for the first time in 40 years.

The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo issued visa to Mrs. Shizuko Atsumi, 63, and nine other Japanese in the first application here of the new immigration law which passed through the Congress last fall.

Mrs. Atsumi will join two daughters married to Americans in Torrance, Calif. She was the first to receive her visa.

The new law, signed by President Johnson Oct, 3, permits mothers and fathers of U.S. citizens, among others with preferred status, to enter the United States without any quota restrictions based on nationality.

Filipino Mother

Also in line to receive her visa here was a Filipino woman who has been waiting for four years to join her five children in the United States, Mrs. Sotera Fernandez.

Mrs. Fernandez, who divorced her Japanese husband, will join one of her daughters, Mrs. Pilar Smith, in Nevada.

When the new immigration law goes into full effect by the end of 1968 it will raise annual total immigration to the United States to about 340,000. At that time national quotas will be completely eliminated and visas will be issued on a global basis.

The new law gives preference to sons or daughters of U.S. citizens, spouses and unmarried sons and daughters of permanent aliens in the United States, skilled scholars and technicians, and married sons and daughters of U.S. citizens.

(Details of the new immigration will be featured in the PC Holiday Issue this month-end.—Ed.)

Sought Citizenship

The first couple to be issued visas were Mr. and Mrs. Hidejiro Matsumoto of Yokohama, who will join their daughter, Mrs. Yuriko Willcox, and four grandsons in Piqua, Ohio.

Matsumoto, 65, who is associated with the Hashimoto woolen mills in Ichinomiya, Japan, said he has been trying for about 45 years to become a U.S. citizen.

He first went to the United States in 1919, worked in a curio shop at Atlantic City, N.J., applied for U.S. citizenship and attended "naturalization school" at night.

Tom Sashihara testimonial by Cleveland JACL slated Dec. 11

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland JACL will hold its fourth biennial Recognitions and Installation Banquet on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Sharing the spotlight with the 1966 board headed by Masy Tashima, chairman, willl be members of the Japanese Community recognized for service in the following areas: JACL Leadership, JA-

The community will also take this opportunity to give CL Service, and Community Service.

special recognition to Tom Sashihara who has given much to the Cleveland Japanese Community in the way of leadership and service during the early days of resettlement and assimilation of the Japanese into the Cleveland community.

Many testimonials attesting to Mr. Sashihara's achievements have been received by Henry Tanaka, recognition chairman.

Guest speaker for this auspicious occasion will be Hiro Mayeda, Midwest District Council chairman.

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San Jose JACL

Dec. 31 Party: Reservations are being taken for the annual New Year's eve celebration (dinner-dance) to be held at the big Smorgas International restaurant Dec. 31. See the following for reservation and tickets ($16 couple, $8 single):

Karl Kinaga, Dr. Tom Taketa, Perry Dobashi, Robert Tachibana, James Ono, Henry Uyeda.

Grayson Taketa has secured one of the outstanding combo orchestra in San Jose to play for the large crowd anticipated.

Delano JACL

Christmas Fete: Delano JACLers will treat the children of the community at their annual Christmas supper party on Sunday, Dec. 19, with outgoing president Jeff Fukawa passing the gavel to his successor Saburo Okino.

Mrs. James K. Nagatani, outgoing social chairman, will present the dinner. Gifts and candies for the kiddies will be passed out by Santa Claus (who, incidentally, will be wearing a new suit donated by the Bill Nakagamas).

Southwest L.A. JACL

Toys for Tots: The Southwest Los Angeles JACL Christmas dance, "A Night for Giving", to acquire toys for needy youngsters will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, in the Galiria room of the Biltmore Hotel (Grand Ave. entrance) from 9 p.m.

Al Lamm (formerly with Les Brown's orchestra) and his danceable music makers will play the latest in legit and hard rock music.

Stags will be asked for donations, while stagettes will bring the toys; couples are expected to bring a donation and a toy. Stagettes who need transportation may contact Ellen Kanegae at 295-2335.

Stockton JACL

Auxiliary Helps: Serving the potluck supper at Stockton JACL's Christmas party this Sunday, 4:30 p.m., at the local Buddhist Church will be the Auxiliary members, who will bring enough "hot food" for their own families and four more persons. The salad, dessert, coffee, punch, paper plates and eating utensils will be provided also. Program concludes with cartoons shown by Harry Hayashino, carols by the Jr. JACL and the Santa visit.

West Los Angeles JACL

Lakers Night: Chances of the L.A. Lakers winning the NBA title this year will be presented by Paul Ryan, Lakers business manager, at the West Los Angeles JACL Sports Night program tonight at the Stoner Ave. Playground. Meeting, open to the public, starts at 7 p.m.

Highlights of the Lakers will be screened. Autographed pictures of players will be offered as door prizes.

Eden Township JACL

Christmas: Children of the community will present a talent show at the Eden Township JACL Christmas party, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., at the Eden Japanese Community Center. Santa will bring gifts at the close of the show, according to Mrs. Masako Minami, chairman. She is being assisted by:

Mmes. Jean Kawahara and Toshi Hasegawa, gifts; Mesdames Mary Iyemura and Carrie Yamashita, refreshments and Ich Nishida, invitations.

Sonoma County JACL

Christmas: An hour show by the Henning the Magician, community singing and the annual visit of Santa highlight the Sonoma County JACL Christmas party for children Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Enmanji Memorial Hall, it was announced by Dr. Roy Okamoto, chapter president. On the committee are:

Chiyo Yamada, Pat Shimizu, ref.; George Hamamoto, Ted Yamada, arr.

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Sac'to 1000ers plan New Year's Eve hop

SACRAMENTO — To wind up a very successful year, local 1000 Club chairman Tak Tsujita announced that the 1000 Club would sponsor the New Year's Eve dance and buffet supper at the Retail Clerks Union Hall at 9th and Broadway.

The dance will commence at 9 p.m., with a very popular dance band furnishing the music. Event is open to the public and favors will be furnished.

Tickets may be secured from committeemen:

Dr. James Kubo, tickets; Bill Matsumoto, hall; Eddie Yukikura, Chewy Ito, orch.; Toko Fujii, Kanji Nishijima, buffet; Kinya Noguchi, decorations; Dr. George Kubo, treas.

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Nov. 30 Report: Yukio Okamoto (Twin Cities) was inadvertently omitted from the listing as a 7th Year 1000 Club member. The 4th Year Downtown L.A. member's name should read N. Joe Hashima.

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JASC building fund near 75% of goal, need $11,000

CHICAGO—In the six weeks the building fund drive of the Japanese American Service Committee of Chicago has been under way, a total of $28,736 has been donated or pledged, reports Noboru Honda, chairman of the fund drive committee. To raise the remaining sum of $11,264 to meet its goal of $40,000, the building fund committee has sent out its second appeal.

Approximately 300 persons or families are among the early donors, giving or pledging amounts ranging from $1 to $1,250. Members of the fund drive committee also have personally contacted potential large contributors.

Tomijiro Shigetome and George K. Kittaka, as vice chairmen of the Issei committee, and Shigeo Wakamatsu and Ben Yoshioka, heading the Nisei division, have assisted.

The JASC purchased for $60,000 the building at 3257 N. Sheffield Ave. early this year with a down payment of $20,000 made and a mortgage of $40,000 remaining. The current drive is to raise funds to pay off as much of the mortgage as possible and to make a reasonable sum available for repairs and renovation. Sale of JASC's old headquarters at 1110 N. LaSalle St. for $30,000 made funds available for the down payment and repairs and renovation.

Bridge tournament

SAN JOSE—Winners receiving trophies and prizes at the San Jose JACL bridge tournament, chaired by Shig Masunaga, Dec. 4 at the Sumitomo Bank hall were as follows:

SENIOR SECTION
North-South: 1—Shozo Mayeda (Mt View) & Hiroshi Honda (Redwood City), 2—Scott Sagawa-Dr. Tom Hiura, 3—Dr. Tok Ishikawa & Shig Masunaga.
East-West: 1—Karl Kinaga-Saku Taketa, 2—Grayson Taketa-Dave Saito, 3—Howard Ito-Will Tsukamoto (San Francisco).

JUNIOR SECTION
North-South: 1—Hiroko Masunaga-Tatsuo Miki, 2—R. Yoshizuka-R. Nakamura, 3—Ernest Honda -Homer Yoshizuka.
East-West: 1—Tomatsu Kinoshita-Fred Mekata, tie for, 2—Sumi Minami (San Jose)-Jeannette Ja (San Mateo) and Pat Masunaga-Terry Ninomiya, 3—Yosh Nakauchi (Morgan Hill)-Sid Kinoshita.

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Dote, Frank S., 64: Nov. 19—s Jack H., Sam S., d Yumiko, br Kotaro, George, Yukio, sis Kazue Kawakami, Miyoe Takahashi.
Nagano, Michinori, 66: Nov. 19—w Sumiko.
Okamoto, June A., 25: Nov. 22—p Mr. and Mrs. Matsuo, sis Alice H. Mitsuda, Mary R., 45: Nov. 23—br Robert, George, Roy, William (San Francisco), sis Hatsuko Yamaguchi.
Saito, Ronald B., 15: Nov. 18—p Mr. and Mrs. Shozo, sis Stephanie, gp Kiichi Saito, Kazue Matsuzawa.
Sakai, Fukumatsu, 90: Gardena, Nov. 25—w Kano, s Yoshitaro (Chicago), Don Nagao, 7 gc.
Sakatani, Sadako, 64: West Covina, Oct. 21 (in Japan), h Takami, s Tomomi, Katsumi, Harumi, d Kiyoko Yamaoka, Yuriko Okabayashi.
Yoshida, Utaro, 86: Torrance, Nov. 30—Masao, Minoru (Minneapolis), Makoto, d Kuwako Chou, Etsuko Date (Milwaukee).

FRESNO
Fujito, Kyoichi, 98: Fowler, Nov. 20—s Kazuto, d Futami Katagiri, Sawami Katagiri, Fujiye Kodama (all in Japan) and gc.
Hirose, Masano, 73: Dinuba, Dec. 1—s Takashige, Marshall, Ernest, d Takako Miyazaki, Fujiko Yoshida, Chieko Kondo, Shigeko Ishizaki, Haruko Kurihara.

San Francisco
Matsumoto, Lester M., 33: Berkeley, Nov. 18—p Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio, sis Grace Kimura.
Nishijima, Mrs. Masa, 85: Campbell, Dec. 2—s Miyoshi, Kazuo, Masao.
Tominaga, Hidekichi, 60: Morgan Hill, Nov. 22—w Teiko, s Geo., Ray, Jimmie, Wynn, d Yoshiko Nakamura, Michiko Fujimoto, Kimiko Yu, Emiko Hamamoto, br Sadaki.

SACRAMENTO
Amemiya, Mrs. Maki, 75; Nov. 30—h Takeshi, s Dr. Minoru (Ames, Ia.), d Masako, Taneko Nishi.
Baba, Mrs. Tome, 84: Nov. 19—s George, d Helen Nakagawa.

ONTARIO, ORE.
Asakura, Mrs. Misao, 61: Nov. 16—h Riyotaro, s Yukio, Masaaki (Tokyo), d, Katherine Dodobara, br Masao and Tadao Shigeno, sis Tamae Asaba, Dorothy Saito, Beulah Sakagami.
Harada, Takashi, 74: Nov. 25—s Chizo (Fremont, Ca.), Hideo (Hood River), d Toshiko Okida, Masako Iwai (Chicago), Mitsuko Sadamori, Sumiko, Yuriko Hayashi (Honolulu), Teruko Nakano, 11 gc.

SEATTLE
Tada, Mrs. Yoshi, 77: Nov. 12—h Genjiro, s Kiyoshi, Kazuo, Koji, Toshita, Teruo (Detroit), Tatsumi (Milwaukee), d Yuriko, Masako Kodama, 7 gc.
Tsujikawa, Torakichi, 71: Augurn, Nov. 22—w Miyo, s Ben T., Geo. S., d Grace Boyd, Ida Zadrow Chula Vista, Ca.), 2 gc.

IDAHO
Hosoda, H. Karoku, 81: St. Anthony, Nov. 25—w Haruto, s Leo H. (Idaho Falls), Paul (Okinawa), d Mabel Hosoda, 13 gc.
Kishiyama, Kentchi, 77: Caldwell, Nov. 24—s Reed (Los Angeles), half-sis Matsui (Japan), br and sis in Japan.

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