

JACL hails Maryland housing bill as Mason-Dixon breakthrough

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
WASHINGTON — Maryland's General Assembly approved an open occupancy law among the final bills it passed before adjournment early Wednesday morning, March 29, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

PERSPECTIVES

● Jerry Enomoto
Nat'l. President

PROP. 14 SHADOW

The shadow of the late ballot Proposition 14 continues to fall over California periodically. The State Supreme Court action declaring it unconstitutional is now awaiting U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Meanwhile the Governor's recommended appointee for the position of State Real Estate Commissioner, Burton Smith, was initially not confirmed by the Senate. Upon reconsideration, he was confirmed by a 20-9 vote. Senator Song, in leading the opposition, based his position upon Mr. Smith's active support of Prop. 14, as past president of the California Real Estate Association.

In reporting this matter, the news media mentioned that all the opposition votes were Democratic. However, it was also a fact that the long time Democratic mainstay in the Senate, Hugh Burns, supported Smith's confirmation on the premise that the Governor was entitled to have the man he wanted in the job, and that it was inappropriate for the Senate to block the appointment.

In my opinion, considering that Proposition 14 is unconstitutional, at least it is so until, or if, the U.S. Supreme Court declares it otherwise (a hopefully unlikely possibility) the appointment of a man who actively endorsed it, as chief executive of the State's Real Estate Commission, is indeed open to serious question. There were Californians of both parties who stood against Prop. 14, and it certainly should not be regarded a partisan issue. In this situation, the stand of Senator Song deserves a word of commendation from those of us who fought against Prop. 14.

To make one of my points crystal clear, let me add that I would consider people who supported Prop. 14 dead wrong, whether they were Democrats or Republicans.

VISITOR

Enroute home after a conference of Directors of City and County Human Relations Commissions in San Francisco was Phil Hayasaka of Seattle.

Phil, stopping to visit his sister in Sacramento, gave me a call and we had lunch together last Saturday.

We spent an interesting couple of hours chipping up some current issues, one of which was the fuss about JACL steering a bad course, being kicked up lately. Phil says that a lot of Nisei in Seattle have become interested in the Chapter's Human Rights Committee. People stop and ask about what they are doing about certain problems, who says what and where, etc. In short, this is an activity that apparently makes something the chapter is doing interesting and meaningful in the community. Some Nisei who never joined JACL because of its lackadaisical attitude toward areas like civil rights have become interested. This leads me to consider again that departure of JACL from the safe waters of solely Japanese concerns, by no means guarantees rejection of the organization by the membership.

Incidentally, Phil advises that he and a group of Seattle JACLers are working on a draft of a "Human (Civil) Rights" Kit. Its rationale will be based upon a phasing of suggestions from chapter and district activity, rather than any one shot final set of guidelines. This is as it should be, since the responsibility of the National Civil Rights Committee, which is charged basically with producing these "kits" is an ongoing one.

JAL FELLOWSHIPS

Shortly after May 1, four fortunate JACLers will know that a month of study and stimulation in Japan will be theirs to enjoy. Applications are now out and districts will soon be selecting their finalists for the later test by the National judging committee. Our thanks to Akiji Yoshimura for his usual fine job in chairing this project.

Japan Air Lines, although officially thanked for inaugurating these awards, deserves continued appreciation for its generosity.

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League.

Although a very much watered-down version, the Washington JACL Office hailed it as a significant breakthrough, since it is the first such legislation to be passed by any Border State. It was also noted that only last November the Democratic candidate for Governor campaigned almost solely on "Your Home Is Your Castle" issue and nearly won election.

Kaneshiro killed in Vietnam trying to help wounded GI

HONOLULU — S-Sgt. Edward Kaneshiro, 38, was killed in battle in the central highlands and was recommended for the Medal of Honor for the same action. He was killed Mar. 6 near Bong Son.

Kaneshiro had won a Silver Star for bravery last December for the Medal of Honor for the same action. He was killed Mar. 6 near Bong Son. Kaneshiro, in charge of the second squad, saw his point man fired upon from a hedge-row in front of him and fall seriously wounded. He and the platoon medic lobbed grenades at the enemy for several minutes and then Kaneshiro raced forward through the exposed paddy to assist the wounded point man.

The Nisei grabbed him under the arm pits, while the medic grabbed the feet. As they started to move back a one North Vietnamese Army soldier stood up five feet away and fired a burst from his submachine gun primarily at Kaneshiro.

Dayton JACL a charter member of new human rights council of 19 groups

DAYTON, O. — The Dayton Council on Human Rights, recently organized, is comprised of local liberal-minded organizations of which the local JACL is a charter member. Chapter representatives to the Council are Dr. James Taguchi and Roy Sugimoto.

The chapter has found that its involvement in the civil rights fight through participation in the council is the most meaningful. To date, the council has instituted a campaign to preserve the local antipov-erty program.

The council is chaired by a

Okinawa leader

NAHA — Seiho Matsuoka, 69, chief executive of the civilian government of the Ryukyu Islands, was a student at Los Angeles Polytechnic High School and an orange picker in Azusa. Today, he owes a power generating firm and a leader of the conservative Democratic party.



Superior Court Judge Charles Z. Smith greets the new and old presidents of the Seattle JACL Chapter at the installation dinner. At left is popular insurance Tom Iwata, 1967 president,

while at the right is outgoing two-term president George Iwasaki. The charming lady in the picture is Mrs. Smith who was born in Hawaii of Puerto Rican parents.

—Elmer Ogawa Photo.

Slavery & Evacuation compared

BY ELMER OGAWA
SEATTLE — Superior Court Judge Charles Z. Smith in his forthright address at the Seattle JACL installation dinner on Mar. 21 reminded the local JACLers that America is beautiful for many reasons, and outstanding are the expressions of cultural backgrounds in community affairs.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," he said in repeating the oft quoted phrase from the Declaration of Inde-

pendence. In describing a breakdown of the 200,000,000 population of the United States, he pointed out that 80 pct. is white, 10 pct. Negro, and the remaining 10 pct. comprised of other minority groups.

While expressing a thorough knowledge and understanding of the trials of the War II Evacuation of Japanese, he reminded his hearers that Negroes suffered greater and longer lasting indignities un-

der the slavery system. But in the growth of the various cultural contributions to the American scene, the Judge allowed special credit to the State of Washington and especially the local community for example of the truest manifestations of American democracy in affording a "chance" to minority groups.

But the judge gave the ultimate in praise to the 50th State, the birthplace and for (Continued on Page 2)

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It applies only to new apartment buildings and homes in new subdivisions. Structures built under permits applied for (Continued on Page 6)

L.A. voters restore pension rights

LOS ANGELES — Charter Amendment No. 4, restoring full pension rights to four Nisei employees of the Dept. of Water and Power, was passing by a 4-1 margin in the municipal elections last Tuesday. Only a majority vote was required for approval.

The four Nisei, Ernest Fukuda, Masaki Ito, Akira Yoshida and Lily Aratani, were forced to leave their civil service positions because of Evacuation in 1942. Passage of the measure restores to them full participation in the department's retirement plan.

Attorney Fred Wong was among the challengers seeking a runoff position in the 14th District City Council race as the leading candidate was unable to secure a clear majority in the primaries.

Evaluation sheet to select finalists for JAL summer fellowships revealed

SAN FRANCISCO — For the purposes of selecting two finalists from each District Council for the JACL-Japan Air Lines Summer Fellowships, an evaluation and scoring sheet has been prepared by the National selecting committee, it was revealed today by Akiji Yoshimura, chairman.

April 7 is the final application date from individuals who may secure forms from chapter presidents in their area.

Each district has until April 21 to select their finalists for the four summer fellowships. The recipients will enroll this July-August at Sophia University, Tokyo, leaving via Japan Air Lines July 6 from San Francisco.

While the evaluation sheet emphasizes extracurricular activities, motivation and plans, Yoshimura said the district screening committees have been instructed the scoring sheet is a guide and may be substituted.

Evaluation Sheet

The categories and their respective scores for a total of 125 points are as follows:

1—Education and Professional Qualifications (20 pts.): Major subjects, achievements (scholastic and professional), present occupation or profession.

2—Extracurricular Activities (40 pts.): Leadership, participation in (a) JACL, Japanese community, (b) larger community, (c) cultural exchange programs, (d) student activities.

Family Concert

LOS ANGELES — The Japanese Philharmonic Orchestra will present pianist Catherine Fukui and violinist Patricia Yamashita as feature soloists in a free family concert at Koyasan Hall April 8.

JACL-Japan tour itinerary firmed, leaving Oct. 14

SAN FRANCISCO — A very attractive itinerary has been mapped for JACL-Japan Tour members this fall. It is the first National JACL sponsored group tour, leaving via Japan Air Lines from San Francisco Oct. 14 and returning Nov. 5. Leaflet detailing the 21-day tour is now available at JACL offices in Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington and at National Headquarters here. Distribution to the chapters is also underway.

Basically, the tour is programmed for 14 days, covering the famous sightseeing spots in Tokyo, Nikko, Kamakura, Hakone, Nagoya, Kyoto, Nara and Osaka. The final

seven days will enable members to visit friends, relatives and special places of interest.

Persons from cities with Sister City affiliations are also urged to arrange for Sister City visits during the free period.

Under guidance of the National JACL Cultural Heritage Committee, the tour includes special events and opportunities to become acquainted with the culture of Japan. In addition, Washington Representative Mike Masaoka is arranging for special meeting with both U.S. and Japanese officials for a unique welcome in Japan.

Tour Conditions

Hotel accommodations are twin bed rooms with baths during the organized portion of the tour. There is a \$35 additional charge for single occupancy. Meals are included in the tour cost of \$849 per person while actually traveling. Most of these are lunches. Two special dinners, however, are on the agenda.

Tour cost also includes round trip air fare, reserved seats on the Japan National Railway express train, bus transportation during scheduled sightseeing and gratuities to the guides, hotel servants, porters, drivers, train boys and dining car attendants.

Tour cost does not cover excess baggage, room services, airport tax, meals except as specified, the free period, and other expenses of a purely personal nature.

The tour is open to all who are JACL members as of April 14 and their immediate families. Under group travel rates, all persons must depart and return together, at least to Honolulu on Nov. 4.

During the two-day visit of Osaka, tour members will participate in a Osaka-California Sister State program.

As this is JACL's first good-will tour of Japan, every resource and contact of National JACL is being tapped to make it a memorable one. Opportunities to purchase Japanese articles during the trip with visits to some of Japan's unique industries are also being arranged.

Registration

Those registering for the tour are expected to certify their membership in a part-

Teaching the Disadvantaged

SPECIAL REPORT

Burbank — Last summer, a group of 50 teachers and school administrators met for a week in an old hotel within the poverty pocket at Venice to acquire a better understanding of the problems of the poor. They were enrolled in a six-week Institute for Teachers of Disadvantaged Youth conducted through San Fernando Valley State College.

Among the enrollees was Micki Nakagiri, wife of the National JACL Youth Commissioner, who has been teaching at the Pacoima Elementary School for the past 12 years. When she started teaching, there were 650 pupils and the facilities half of what it is today. The playground has been enlarged by eliminating a street and an entire block of houses. A new auditorium and faculty lounge are among the new buildings and bungalows which have been added to the school.

Racially, the school population was at one time one-third Negro, one-third Mexican American and one-third low-income Caucasian but today, it is closer to one-half Negro, one-quarter Mexican American and one-quarter low-income Caucasian. Change in the attendance make-up is credited to the Joe Louis Housing Project which has been constructed within the decade and removal of homes for a race track.

In Poverty Area

The school today is recognized as being within a poverty area and its programs are funded by the federal government. Some of the programs are remedial reading, the gifted teacher, student interns, teacher training and all the teaching material possible.

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Yoshio Hotta
Ass't. Nat'l. Director

Yosh Hotta joins Nat'l. JACL staff as asst. director

SAN FRANCISCO — Yoshio Hotta of El Cerrito, Calif. has joined the JACL National Staff starting April 1 as Assistant National Director, it was announced this week by Yone Satoda, Chairman of the JACL National Personnel Committee.

In addition to his primary responsibility of serving the Northern California District Council and its 25 Chapters, he will take on various National assignments and projects.

The new staff member is a graduate of the University of California where he majored in business administration and personnel. He served with U.S. Army Military Intelligence since 1941 and retired in 1962 with the rank of Major. Since his retirement from the Army he has been with Prudential Life Insurance Co.

Hotta served as President of the Contra Costa JACL Chapter in 1964. He is married with three children.

RACIAL SUPERIORITY

A RELIC OF THE PAST

SAN FRANCISCO — Sherwood Washburn, former chairman of anthropology at UC Berkeley, told the Commonwealth Club Mar. 31 the idea of racial superiority was a "relic of the 19th century".

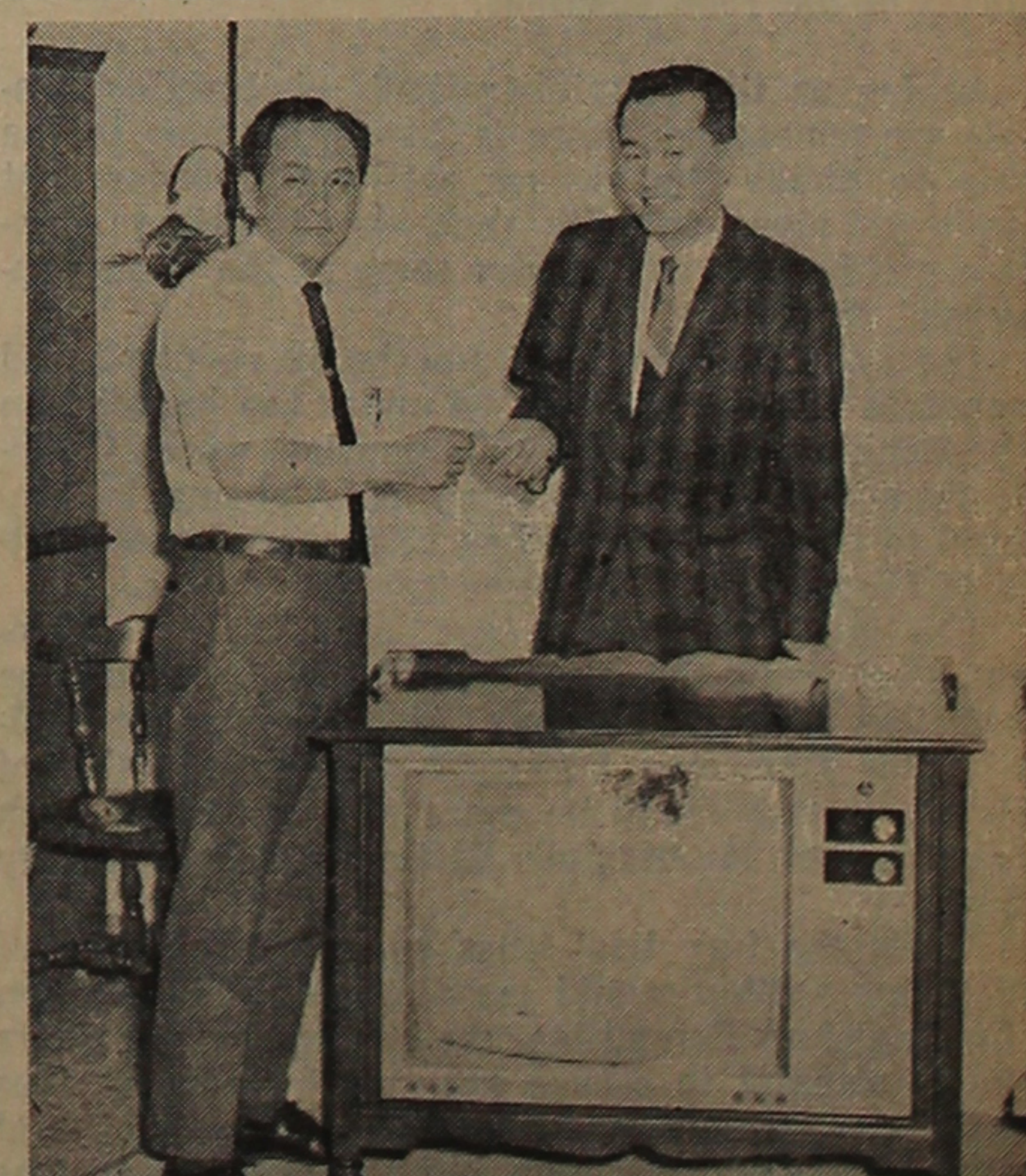
Commenting on low IQ scores among U.S. Negroes, Dr. Washburn termed the tests weighted in favor of the middle class, adding that the social discrimination and lack of education among the Negroes were contributing factors. Given a comparable chance to that of whites, the IQ of Negroes would be the same or better, he said.

Consul general

CHICAGO — Umeo Kagei, new Japanese consul general here, and Mrs. Kagei were guests of honor Mar. 30 at the Japan-America Society of Chicago reception held at the Art Institute.

Bonsai Show

SACRAMENTO — Over 200 bonsai pieces will be exhibited April 15-16 at the local Buddhist Church auditorium. Yoshio Nehira of Richmond will bring miniature trees.



CREDIT UNION BONUS — George Kimura (left), active Salt Lake JACL board member, hands stub to S. Ushio, National JACL Credit Union president, for the color TV set he won. Kimura does commercial and portrait photography and has been a resident of Salt Lake City since Evacuation.

—Terashima Studio Photo.

By Mike Masaoka

Washington Newsletter

CONGRESS RETURNS

After its traditional ten day Easter recess, Congress returned to its tasks this past Monday, April 3. During the recess, most of its members were in their respective home states and districts, attempting to sample "grass roots" sentiments regarding the major concerns of their constituents.

Without attempting to place them necessarily in and Congressmen found their constituents most concerned with the frustrating war in Vietnam, possibilities of an economic recession, problems of ethics and honesty in the House and the Senate as exemplified currently by the Adam Clayton Powell and the Thomas Dodd cases, new taxes, changes in the draft laws, etc.

As both chambers plunged back into the routine of legislative activity, congressional leaders held out the hope, but not the promise, of an early adjournment of this First Session of the 90th Congress, perhaps not later than Aug. 1. Much will have to be done with a minimum of delays if that deadline is to be met.

And, with the time gap before the presidential and congressional elections of November 1968 narrowing, starting with the presidential preference primaries next spring, politics is expected to find its way into much that Congress will or will not do. That Republicans feel they have an excellent chance to recapture the White House and to control the next Congress only emphasizes the political implications that will mark congressional activity through this and the next session.

In anticipation of the political infighting that will take place, as the recess began, House and Senate GOP leaders Gerald Ford of Michigan and Everett Dirksen of Illinois minimized the accomplishments of the session since it convened on Jan. 10, while Democratic leaders Carl Albert of Oklahoma and Mike Mansfield of Montana maximized them.

Congressman Ford summarized the record as "rather skimpy. It was a near zero performance. I don't think that the Administration had a course of action laid out last January. They padded some things and abandoned others and the result is that Congress is wallowing in inaction."

Congressman Albert retorted that "I am pleased, and I believe that the country should be pleased at the progress we are making and the pace we are setting in the House. We are well ahead of schedule. Members of the minority party seem to forget at times that Congress is still controlled by the Democrats. They seem to hope to run Congress without assuming the responsibilities that go with congressional leadership. They are still the party of blind opposition as they always have been. I am speaking objectively."

Senator Dirksen assessed the record as he saw it, "The calendar (of legislative enactments) is as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard."

Senator Mansfield, reading an 11-page statement, expressed the hope that the Senators would enjoy the "respite" of the recess and "return with renewed vigor for the work ahead in the next few months."

Notwithstanding the lack of enthusiasm shown by Ford and Dirksen, Albert and Mansfield noted that the following measures already have been approved by either the House or the Senate and in some instances by both chambers:

Appropriations for Vietnam operations and other defense needs, additional benefits for veterans, emergency food assistance for India, ratification of the consular treaty with the Soviet Union, congressional reorganization, extension of the interest equalization tax, an increase in the debt limit, the so-called bill of rights for organized military reservists and National Guard members, and restoration of the seven percent investment tax credit.

Actually, however, despite a steady stream of presidential proposals in fields ranging from educational television to open housing and anti-crime legislation, the congressional pace through what used to be the first third of a session has been relatively leisurely and unhurried.

The President's firm grasp over the legislative process that was so apparent only two years ago seems to have been lost, at least temporarily. And the leadership seems disinclined to call up measures unlikely to be passed by the Congress, and some White House aides concede that a major purpose of the scope of the Administration's proposals is to create a record for the 1968 elections, regardless of how Congress treats them.

On the other hand, there are many who recall that the first sessions of any congressional term are slow in getting under way, particularly since the various standing committees have to be reorganized because of substantial Republican gains, especially in the House, last November. They suggest that the pace of activity will be increased in the coming months, with the next session next year being the crucial one in terms of the 1968 elections.

As far as the Administration's civil rights proposals are concerned, there is disposition now in the Senate to divide the various sections in order that committees more friendly than the Judiciary Committee will be able to consider some of the more controversial provisions.

The open housing title, now being re-introduced as separate bills, would then be under the jurisdiction of the Banking and Currency Committee, whose Chairman Democrat John Sparkman of Alabama is considered to be more liberal than Chairman James Eastland of Mississippi of the Judiciary Committee.

The fair employment title, also being re-introduced as separate measures, would then be under the jurisdiction of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee, whose Chairman Democrat Lister Hill, also of Alabama, is thought to be more sympathetic to such legislation than Mississippi's Eastland of the Judiciary Committee.

While the jury trial titles and the protection of civil rights section would remain in the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee, the strategy now appears to be to attempt to secure enactment of the various proposals separately, each on its own merits. Or, at least to secure consideration and reports from various committees.

Then, if the House passes the civil rights proposals as a single package, on the basis of favorable committee actions, the Senate may adopt the House-passed bill without reference to the Judiciary Committee, as it has done with the previously approved civil rights legislation.

NEWS CAPSULES

Politics

Incumbent Richard Yoshikawa of Stockton, seeking to retain his seat on the San Joaquin Delta College board of trustees in the April 18 elections, received strong endorsement of the county Farm Bureau Federation. Of the three incumbents, the Nisei photographer was the only one to secure the federation's backing. Assemblywoman Yvonne Brathwaite (D-L.A.) introduced a bill intending to restore employment benefits lost by Nisei state civil service workers because of Evacuation. The California State Senate in a resolution adopted Feb. 22 wished the Japanese Americans of California sincere friendship, goodwill and continued prosperity in observing the 25th anniversary of the Evacuation. "Despite the fact that most of the evacuees lost everything—homes, business, property and all worldly goods except what they were permitted to carry on the evacuation buses—they prevailed over adversity and proved their loyalty and worth by rebuilding their lives after the war," the resolution read.

Churches

When Nishi Hongwanji completes its new building complex on a 2½-acre parcel near the 1st St. bridge east of Lili' Tokyo it will include a "community center" suitable for athletic and special events seating 1,000 persons, according to Masami Sasaki, building committee chairman. The United Church of Japan, in its 1967 Easter message circulated to Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and the Philippines, asked for forgiveness for having supported the Japanese militarists in World War II. The UCI groups together some 30 Japanese Protestant denominations.

School Front

Japanese Institute of Sawtelle, 2110 Corinth Ave., West Los Angeles commences a 14-evening session on reading, writing and conversational Japanese to adult students on Wednesdays from April 26, 7 p.m. . . . Fifty private Japanese language school students have applied for foreign language study credit under a proposal adopted by the L.A. City School District. Granting of public school credit for gakuken courses has been delayed because of the lack of teaching and testing standards, necessitating in many conferences between the State Board of Education, city school systems and the local private language schools. The 50 who applied are currently in the 9th-12th grades in public school. No more than 20 semester periods will be credited. . . . An educational film on classical Japanese music for junior high school students is being produced by Film Associates, Los Angeles. Appearing are Shinel, Kayoko, Toshiko and Baido Wakita on shakuhachi and koto and dancer Setsuko Yamazaki, student of Mitsuwa Bando.

When a sixth-grader in miniskirts and leopard stockings appeared at Cambrian elementary school in San Jose, she was sent home by the principal. The girl's mother, a former dress shop operator, protested the ban but other parents, including Mrs. Richard Kondo, former president of the school's PTA, supported the principal. . . . Chuck Takahashi, Clovis, will compete in the National Forensic League Congress finals in Nashville, Tenn., next June. He will represent the central California district.

Press Row

Nichibel Times, P.O. Box 3098, San Francisco, Calif., is placing on sale its 1967 directory listing some 20,000 names and addresses of Northern and Central California Issei and Nisei families (\$3.75). . . . Nichibel Mainichi, L.A., announced April 1 it is converting from a daily to a semi-weekly publication. A new board of directors has been elected and Akiyoshi Yamada is the sole publisher. Bruce Kaji was the previous co-

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publisher . . . Hokubei Mainichi's San Jose branch will sponsor a math competition for local Sasei high schoolers in May, emulating the local Mercury high school math competition last year which Gary Yamamoto had won. Yamamoto is now majoring in chemical engineering at San Jose State.

Music



Cellist Ken Ishii

Cellist Ken Ishii, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ishii, active Hollywood JACLers, will be presented in the 1967 Additions of the Music Teachers Assn. of California concert sponsored by the Los Angeles branch April 8, 8:15 p.m., at Hollywood High School. He will play Saint-Saens Concerto for Cello and Orchestra, accompanied by the All Professional Orchestra conducted by Louis Palange. Ishii is a student of Cesare Pascarella. The concert is open to the public without charge.

Seiji Ozawa, music director of Chicago's Ravinia Festival, will conduct three of the "4 O'Clock" Sunday concerts in July, featuring the Chicago Symphony. Among the principal soloists engaged to appear are cellist Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi (July 9), pianist Peter Serkin (July 16) and violinist Young Uck Kim (July 30).

Entertainment

Yuriko Amemiya, recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship for Choreography, will appear with the Martha Graham Troupe in London this month and proceed to Japan May 2, her first trip there in 30 years where she started her training with Kabuki dancing. She will take back with her the ashes of her mother, Mrs. Chiyo Amemiya, who died last Jan. 16. . . . Veteran actor Keye Luke returns to the screen after a 12-year absence in Universal's "The Winning Position," also starring Jimmy Shigeta. . . . Pat Suzuki is teamed with Robert Reed in the "The Owl and the Pussycat" opening April 10 at Chicago's Studebaker Theater. . . . Murder of a Japanese born widow of a Nisei killed in Vietnam is the basis of "Dragnet 1967" episode being telecast April 27 on NBC. Sarann Hisamoto portrays Miko, the murdered woman's 5-year-old daughter.

Frank Hirohata, a Downtown L.A. 1000 Clubber, is pursuing his original plans to construct a theater in Lili' Tokyo (at 322 E. 2nd St.), despite the lack of a commitment for a film exhibitor. Construction may be completed in time to house some Nisei Week events in August.

Organizations

Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee installed Masao Tomita as president for the coming year, succeeding Mack Shoji. . . . Kiyo Maruyama, an accountant, was elected president of the Japanese American Optimists Club of Los Angeles, to succeed John Fukushima. . . . Newly organized Bella Vista Optimist Club of Montebello will have its charter party May 5 at Sir Michaels Restaurant. Howard Chan, a high school teacher, is president. Group was the seventh sponsored by the Japanese American Optimists. Crown City Optimists were

chartered recently with Sei Dyo of Pasadena as president. The club was sponsored by the Westside Optimists in Southwest L.A. . . . Crescent Bay Optimists pancake breakfast May 14, 7 a.m., will include a Battle of the Bands contest limited to high school students and under 18. Breakfast will be served on the Bank of Tokyo parking lot in Culver City.

Crime

Osaka police arrested James R. Ringrose, 24, one of the top 10 on the FBI "most wanted men" on Mar. 29 while he was attempting to cash a bum check. The Japanese National Police said Ringrose was wanted for passing another worthless check in Tokyo. He is wanted in the U.S. for transporting a fraudulent check in interstate commerce. The FBI said he and his accomplices were suspected of passing phony checks worth hundreds of thousands of dollars in four days across the U.S.

Science

First samples of the moon's surface to be brought to earth under the NASA Apollo program will be inspected by a team including a Nisei scientist, Dr. Vance I. Oyama, at Ames Research Center, Sunnyvale, and three others from Japan. NASA last week selected 110 men from seven countries out of some 400 who applied. The lunar material will be distributed to a number of research institutes throughout the world. Whether it can be initiated by 1970 is conjectural because of the January accident that killed three U.S. astronauts training for the first Apollo flight.

Society

West 10th Methodist Church members in Oakland surprised their pastor, the Rev. Norio F. Yasaki and his wife Mary, at the close of Easter services with a Easter basket containing fifty Kennedy half dollars, marking their 25th wedding anniversary. The Yasakis were married at Loomis just prior to Evacuation on Mar. 26. . . . The Sanichi Uyemaruks of Fresno celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Mar. 25. The couple have three sons Kenji, Suji, Eiji, two daughters Sachie and Mikiye Nakashima, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. . . . Maebelle Hira, onetime PSW regional office secretary, of Azusa and Kenneth M. Hirakani, formerly of Honolulu, were recently married in a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Paul Nagano.

Daughter of the Henry Kanekos, Cheryl Diane of Los Angeles and Hideo Ohayashi of Seattle were married Mar. 18 at the Wilshire Methodist Church before the Rev. Wesley Yamaka. Groom is an aeronautical engineer at Douglas, the bride a secretary. . . . Roy M. Matsuo of Fullerton and Masako Nishi, daughter of the Roy Nishi of Gardena, recited their marriage vows at the Gardena Buddhist Church. A graduate of Univ. of Colorado, husband is a research chemist and the wife an elementary school teacher. . . . Taisuke Yasukochi's daughter Marian of Encinitas and Tsugio Kato of Oakland were married Mar. 12 at the Oakland Buddhist Church.

Karen Inaba of Moses Lake, Wash., and Dr. Lewis H. Campbell of Richland, Wash., are engaged and plan a summer wedding. Daughter of the Frank Inabas, she is a medical technician at Redwood City, Calif., and groom-to-be is intern at the Animal Medical Center, New York City.

Edward M. Yamamoto, 1000 Club Life member of Spokane and owner of El Rancho Motel, Moses Lake, and Grace K. Taira, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saojiro Taira of Fukuoka, were married Mar. 25 at the First Presbyterian Church, Moses Lake, in services officiated by the Rev. Edgar Toevs. The bride was employed as a private secretary by the U.S. Air Force in Japan for the past 10 years.

Agricultural

Addressing the Western Poultry Disease Conference at UC Davis were microbiologist Richard Yamamoto, Ph.D.,

pathologist and Bryan Mayeda, DVM, Mar. 20-21. Yamamoto is regarded as one of the world authorities on epidemiology of Mycoplasma meleagridis in turkeys and was a recipient of a five-year \$150,000 research federal grant recently. Both have served as presidents of this conference, which is attended by veterinarians and professional workers. . . . Noboru Matsumoto of Acampo was reappointed by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to the seven-member Tokyo grape industry committee administering the federal marketing agreement and order program. . . . Gov. Reagan appointed Frank Ogawa, Oakland city councilman and nurseryman, to the 1st Agricultural District board of directors. (Ogawa is unopposed in the April 18 municipal election for his seat in the City Council).

Military

The 1967 Nisei Veterans Reunion in Hawaii, June 27-July 2, anticipates some 2,500 veterans and their families. Nearly 500 from the Mainland have registered thus far. Sen. Dan Inouye, who lost his arm while fighting with the 442nd, will be keynote speaker and Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., Medal of Honor winner, will be a reunion delegate. . . . The 442nd Veterans Club, celebrating its 24th anniversary, were reminded by State Rep. Katsugo Miho, club president, "to carry on the Go for Broke spirit so their sons and daughters can be proud of their American heritage. . . . Too many Americans fail to recognize how critical the situation is in Vietnam today."

Sports

Nisei Trading Lords retained their championship in the annual Gardena F.O.R. Club invitational basketball tournament Mar. 24-25 by beating the Berkeley Cleaners 87-67. ABC Nursery won the consolation finals 64-60 over the Nisei American Realty Tigers. Tetsu Tanimoto, Lord forward, was named the outstanding player.

George Yoshinaga, Kashu Mainichi English editor, announced he was retiring from the boxing business with the return of bantamweight Osamu Miyashita to Japan. Both were in England in mid-March where Miyashita lost a 10-round decision to a British fighter named McGowen. . . . Lt. Paul Maruyama of Travis AFB holds the overall title in the U.S. interservice judo championships. He also won the 154-lb. title in the matches held at San Diego. . . . Cassius Clay has called off plans to fight Oscar Bonavena of Argentina in Tokyo on May 27. . . . USC's outstanding gymnast Makoto Sakamoto finished second in the NCAA finals at Carbondale, Ill., last week, unable to outpoint defending all-around champion Steven Cohn of Penn State.

The Tokyo Giants, which worked out at the Dodger spring training camp at Vero Beach visited Dodger Stadium last week before emplaning for home. The last time the Japanese players trained with the Dodgers in 1961 the stadium was under construction. . . . In the Cal alumni crew day races, coxswain Russ Takei guided the senior class boat to victory in the interclass race in the Oakland Estuary. . . . The International Judo Federation will hold its first U.S. world tournament Aug. 10-12 at the Univ. of Utah Fieldhouse.

Fine Arts

Chapman College senior class president Larry Hayashida, an East Los Angeles JACLer, is presenting his art show at the Purcell Gallery on the Orange (Calif.) campus until April 7. He is the son of the Charley Hayashidas of Blanca, Colo.

Ogawa —

(Continued from Front Page)

mer home of Mrs. Smith. Just a couple of days later, the nations' press announced that Seattle had been named the All America City, by selection of the National Urban League and Look magazine, a distinction which Seattle enjoyed once before, in 1959.

Scroll Recipients

Another significant part of the program was the awarding of the remarkable Mas Sato hand executed citations to four special guests. First award went to a just man of the people, Joe Davis, president of the Washington State Labor Council, which throughout the years has been contributing so many things like substantial financial help, and plugs in union publications for repeal of the alien land law, and the publication of brochures supporting the repeal.

Second award went to former Mayor William F. Devin, who has been mentioned from this corner before for his work of inspiration in promoting the Trade Fairs. In respect to the alien land law repeal, community leader Devin has been most helpful in a top level liaison capacity, and by that we mean enlisting the aid of the most influential public relations outfits.

Vital Statistics

Hirotake Ichijisau, 93, one of the oldest Issei pioneers of the San Francisco community died on Mar. 24. An insurance man since the 1920s, he was living with his youngest daughter, Mrs. Iwao (Chizu) Kawakami. He was a director of the prewar Japanese Assn. of America, a convert from Buddhism during WW2 and evangelist for the local Japanese Independent Church.

Youth

St. Mary's Episcopal scout troop 9 in Wilshire-Uptown area celebrated its 20th anniversary. Isao Sakurai was the founding scoutmaster and Fred Koyama is troop chairman. Ed Matsuda, Downtown L.A. JACL president, and other scoutmasters of the original troop 33 at St. Mary's were among leaders cited. Tats Hirokawa is the current scoutmaster.

Beauties

Tsuneko Shinomoto, 22, of Oakland was crowned Miss Bussell at the 25th annual Western Young Buddhist League conference at Asilomar. She came from Japan nine years ago and is employed by the Bank of America. . . . Patty Akasaka, 17, of Whittier will preside as queen over the 1967 Henry Ohye Trophy air race slated June 4 from Long Beach to Las Vegas. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Akasaka, active Selanoco JACLers.

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Third citation went to Orville Robertson, who is one of the most influential realtors of the state in his capacities as spokesman for the Seattle Real Estate Board, and as official lobbyist for the State Ass'n of Realtors.

Father Frank Costello, executive vice president of Seattle University, received the fourth citation, and it was for his devoted work to the land law repeal, plus the enlistment of the student body of Seattle U. in a door-to-door solicitation campaign.

Another feature of the evening was the awarding of silver pins to four members of the Seattle Chapter. Recognitions for ten years of outstanding service went to Phil Hayasaka, Terry Toda, Shigeo Uno, and Kimi Nakanishi.

Life Imprisonment

SEATTLE — Anthony K. Takahashi, 19, former Univ. of Washington student from Hawaii, convicted of strangling a Seattle woman to death was sentenced to life imprisonment by Superior Court Judge William Wilkins last week.

Under state law, the parole board sets a minimum term and the judge recommended 33 years. If approved, Takahashi could be eligible for parole in 22 years with time off for good behavior.

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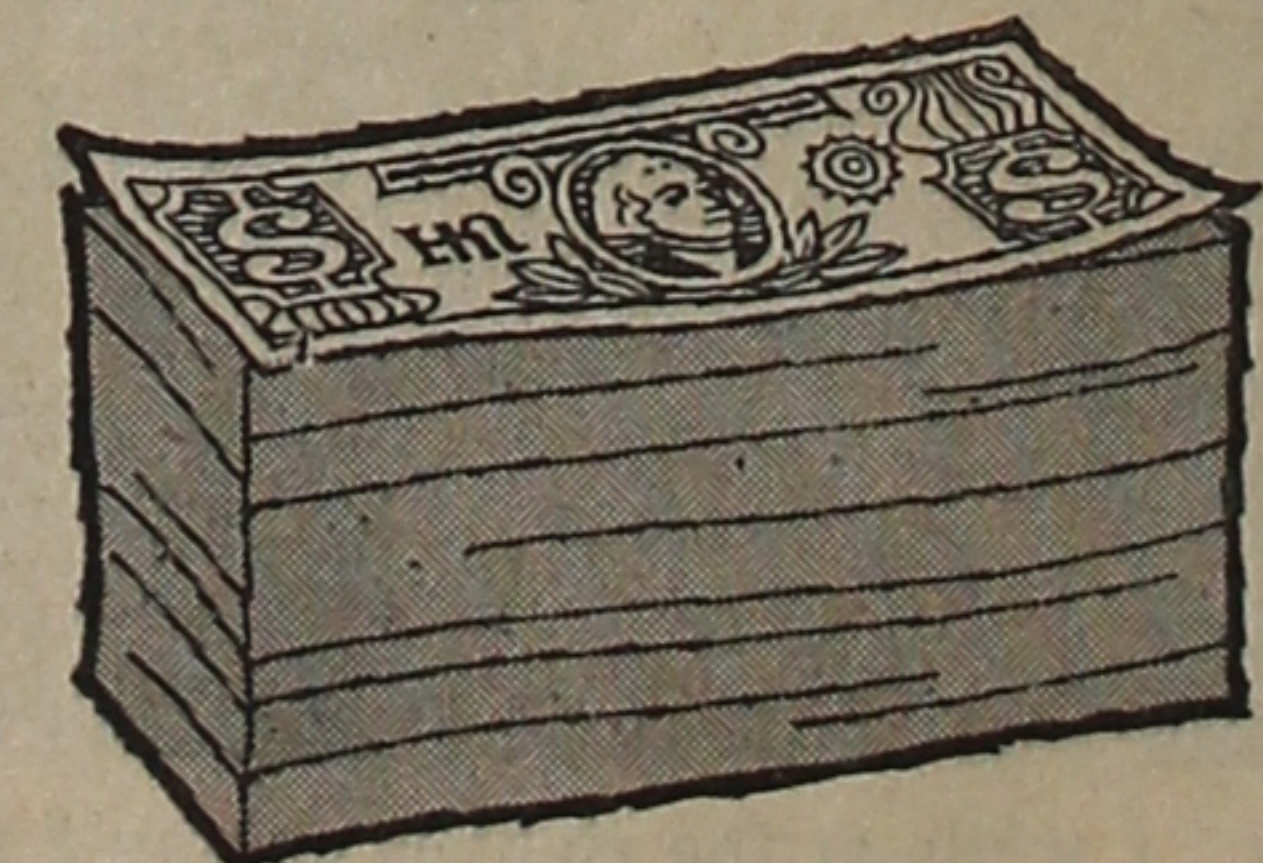
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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

THE IMPORTS — Tooling down the freeway the other day, we caught up with a pickup truck with the name "Toyota" stamped boldly into the steel of the tailgate. As we prepared to pull out around the pickup, we noticed a brilliant red Toyota Corona sedan on our left. And on the right, a Datsun Bluebird. Surrounded by the Japanese! And so we proceeded down the freeway, a Japanese pickup in front, a Japanese sedan to the right and another to the left, all of them being driven by Caucasians while this Nisei followed in a General Motors product.

This incident took me back to 1950, when I visited Tokyo for the first time since the war. Japan was still in pretty much of a mess from wartime damage. Young men were to be seen in cut-down G.I. shirts and trousers, and there were more wooden clogs on the streets than leather shoes. The streets were horribly pocked with chuckholes; there just hadn't been time to repair them. Prewar taxis, gasping along on the gas generated by charcoal burners in the trunk compartment, were still common. The charcoal cabs were fine on cold days; heat from the burners came through the rear compartment backrest. But they were stifling when the weather was hot.

Japan's automotive industry was just beginning to produce again. Three-wheel trucks, pulled by what looked like oversized motorcycles, were everywhere. Breakdowns seemed to be frequent. Once, when we were held up in a jam behind an overloaded truck with a broken axle, the Nisei G.I. who was driving me around snorted in disgust and said something like:

"These Japanese have no business building trucks and automobiles. Their steel just doesn't hold up. They ought to stick to making cameras and porcelain and lacquerware."

CHANGING TIMES — As one measures the passage of time these days, 1950 was a long time ago. In the intervening years the Japanese have overcome whatever problem they may have had with their steel, and today their automobiles—with a fine reputation for reliability and economy—are making significant inroads into sales in this, the civilization that rolls on rubber tires. Both Toyota and Datsun are shipping automobiles into the United States by the boatload with the two firms vying for second place among imports behind the German Volkswagen in many states. Significantly, both are concentrating on economy sized cars without important American competition.

Toyota boasts now that it is the world's third largest builder of commercial vehicles, bowing only to General Motors and Ford. Toyota is producing at a rate of 700,000 vehicles annually and expects to hit the million mark by the 1969 model year. Already, Toyota is the world's ninth largest manufacturers of passenger cars. All of which is little short of startling when one considers that the Toyota Motor Co. was founded in 1937 with the capital Sakichi Toyota realized from his invention of the automatic loom.

THE BOSS — Toyota's ranking official in the United States is Shoji Hattori, president of Toyota Motor Distributors. Educated at both the University of California at Los Angeles and Meiji University, he worked with General Motors in Japan before the war and joined Toyota in 1953. He has been assigned to the United States since 1957 during which time he built the dealer network to more than 650 outlets. As of last fall, only Delaware and South Carolina of the 50 American states did not have Toyota dealers.

During that 1950 trip to Japan, mentioned above, I had a chance to renew acquaintances with many pre-war friends. One of those who dropped by the Foreign Correspondents Club in Tokyo at that time to say hello was a fellow named Shoji Hattori. His personal rise is as spectacular as the growth of the industry with which he cast his lot.

Footnotes to History: Joe Grant Masaoka

Japan Discovered

"Who discovered Japan? Why is so little known about the discovery? Who were the first Europeans to come to Japan?" Puzzled Sansei have asked us so we sought the answers.

In October, 1543, fifty-one years after Columbus discovered America three Portuguese pirates, Antonio de Mota, Diego Francesco Zeimoto and Antonio Peixotto, whose craft was cast upon a rocky Japanese island were the first Europeans to set foot on Japan.

These first white men to see the islands of Japan were washed ashore on Tanegashima, southern land's end of the main islands. As mutineers on a ship off Siam they escaped by going aboard a Chinese junk which turned out to be a pirate craft. It became storm tossed, lost its rudder and drifted in the Japan Current which like the Atlantic's Gulf Stream swings northward.

None of the three was literate enough to write down his momentous discovery. More likely as mutineers to be hung, if caught, they didn't want publicity. Thus, another Portuguese claimed credit for the discovery of Japan. Fernando Mendez Pinto, a swashbuckling adventurer and teller of tall tales, proclaimed himself to be the first European to land on Japanese shores.

Pinto's claim stood for more than three centuries. But historians couldn't reconcile the fact that the year Pinto declared he was in Japan he was in a Peking jail. Now, mostly, old Japanese port records show no Pinto to be on the original crew or passenger list. The local daimyo had ordered deportation of the Portuguese and Chinese intruders of that disabled craft to mainland China.

The Japanese, like the Chinese, described these first westerners as "strange people, wholly ignorant of etiquette, knowing nothing of the proper use of wine cups or chopsticks, and in fact little better than the beasts of the field."

PSW Nisei Relays slated at Venice Hi

LOS ANGELES—The 16th running of the PSW Nisei Relays has been scheduled for Sunday, June 4, at Venice High School, according to Bob Moriguchi of San Fernando Valley and Bob Miyamoto of Pasadena, Relays co-chairmen.

Application forms are to be distributed from the JACL Regional Office. Competition will be the same as last year in four divisions as follows:

Open — 100, 220, 440, mile, 70 high, 120 low, 440 relay, shot-put, broad jump, high jump, pole vault.
Juniors — 50, 100, 660, 120 low, broad jump, high jump, shot put, pole vault, 440 relay.
Midget (13-14 yrs.) — 50, 100, 440 relay, broad jump, high jump.
Cubs (11-12 yrs.) — 50, 440 relay, broad jump, high jump.

Chapter Call Board

Sequoia JACL

Memorial Rites: Sequoia JACL will conduct Memorial Day services at Alta Mesa in Los Altos. Fudge Kuwano will be in charge, assisted by Sat Yamada and Al Nakai.

Ikebana Classes: Late registrations will be accepted on the first night of the Sequoia JACL Ikebana class next Wednesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church, according to Mrs. Kinuko Inouye, instructor.

Cherry Adachi, chapter committee chairman, said persons who have signed for Japanese doll making classes should also attend as orders for kits will be taken.

Ami Doi and Mae Ura are still interested in enrolling for a Japanese foods project.

Bowling Night: Tetsu Fujikawa and Sayo Togami are co-chairing the Sequoia JACL bowling fun night at San Carlos Bowl April 30.

Wilshire-Uptown JACL

Bridge Lessons: A series of twelve weekly bridge lessons sponsored by the Wilshire-Uptown JACL Chapter will begin Wednesday night, April 12, according to Merian Amano, chairman (RE 2-6431).

The lessons will be held from 7:30 p.m. at the Hollywood Community Center, 3929 Middlebury St., with Koya Iwamoto as instructor.

San Diego JACL

Skatefest: San Diego JACL will sponsor a family skating party at Sweetwater Rink, National City, on Sunday, April 16, 6-9 p.m.

Contra Costa JACL

Issei Night: The Shinsai Band will entertain guests and Contra Costa JACLers attending the Issei Appreciation Night April 23 at El Cerrito Community Center, according to Meriko Maida and Henry Yoshitomo, co-chairmen.

JACL DIAMOND PIN is reserved for those who have served the organization as National President.

Tie and Garter: 'Sir' Frank Sakamoto Heave Ho

Chicago
Won't all of you join the 1000 Club and help this beautiful damsel pull her garter to new heights. With your help the task will be easy-going and you will have a lot of fun. Big plans are underway. There will be five beautiful damsels making their appearance at the National Convention in San Jose where the contest of matching of the legs will be in progress. Prize will be(?) with the damsel. Only paid up 1000 Clubbers will be eligible to participate in this contest.

The ironic thing is, we're still receiving letters of proposals for this damsel. Everyone thinks the pair of legs belongs to a store mannequin. Be assured it is warm, lively and kicking.

On Monday morning, Mar. 6, our three office phones were buzzing like we were capturing all the optical business in Illinois. But they were JACLers reading Bill Hosokawa's column in the Pacific Citizen in which he stated that he received "a first class mimeographed renewal letter" from Headquarters for the 1000 Club and that he will renew his membership. Thank you, Bill.

So you see, if you will join the 1000 Club, you too, will receive a "first class" letter from me.

And of course, thanks to Pete Hironaka's timely cartoon of our frustrating snowstorm and the pair of legs, I think, set the phones ringing. All the callers commented that it was very unique and assured me that their checks will be in the mail.

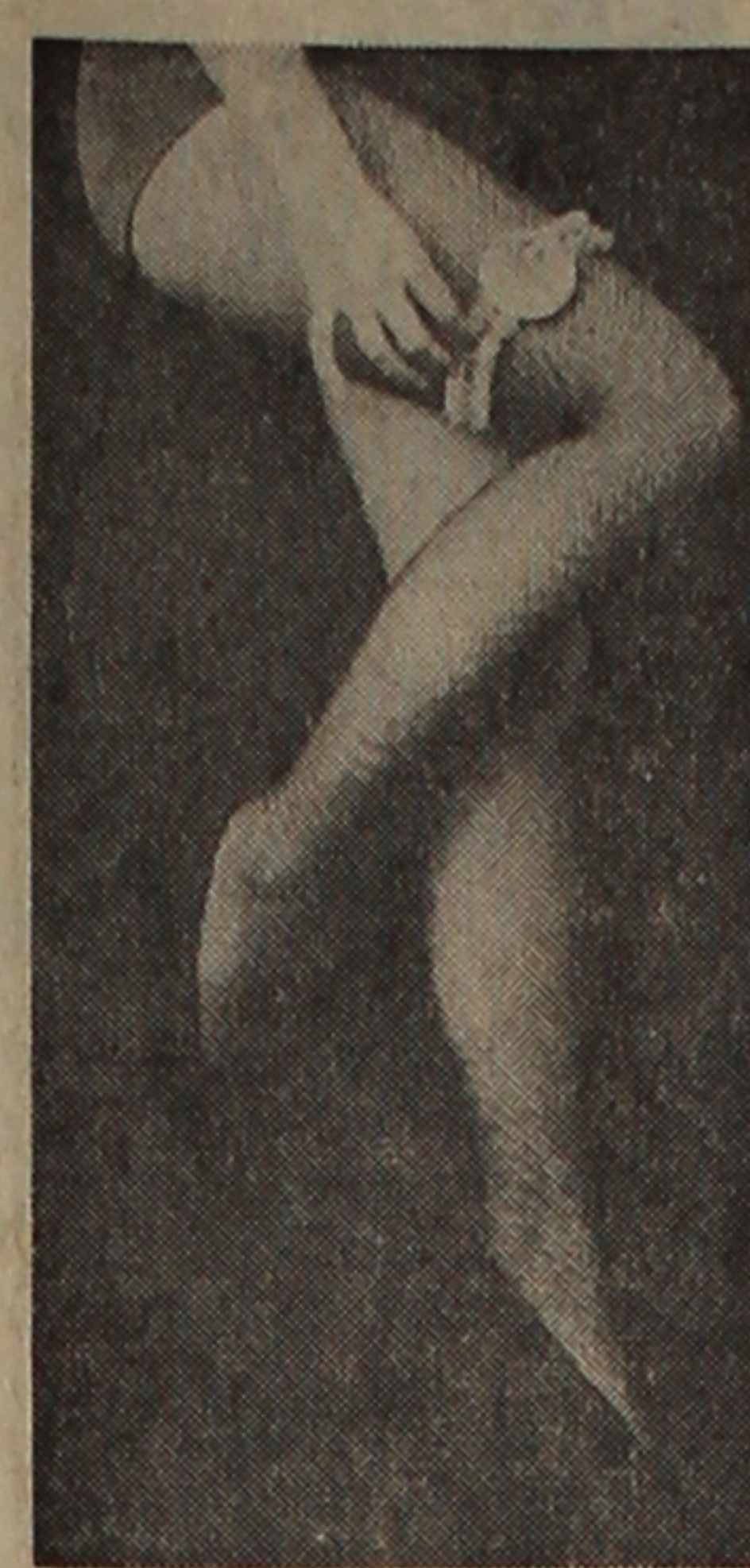
San Jose CYS keeps

Dr. Taketa president

SAN JOSE — Dr. Tom Taketa was re-elected president of the San Jose Community Youth Service, a position he has held since the CYS was founded six years ago. Taketa is also National JACL secretary to the board.

Supported by leading Japanese American groups in the community, its program includes athletic and social activities for both boys and girls. Various fund raising events, such as pancake breakfasts, movie night, candy sales and a spaghetti feed, are staged to meet costs.

Others on the cabinet are: Kay Tanouye, v.p.; Mrs. Michi Itami, rec. sec.; Mrs. Eiko Yamachi, cor. sec.; Jun Santo, treas.; Mrs. Terrie Taketa, memb.; Tom Masuda, fin.; Mrs. Aya Kamachi, prog.; Mrs. Alice Kadohara, hist.; Mori Shimada, pub.; Haruo Taketa, basketball; Rudy Kawanishi, baseball; John Kanakani, Mrs. Helen Masuda, dance class; Mrs. Dorothy Hirose, band.



Whose legs are these? Identity is promised at the 1000 Club whing ding in San Jose, 1968, at the national JACL convention.

1000 Club Notes

Mar. 31 Report: Since the first of this year, the current 1000 Club membership total has continued to climb to new heights with the Mar. 31 report. There were one new Life, and 183 new and renewing memberships acknowledged during the second half of March as follows:

Life: San Jose—Yoshihiro Uchida.
19th Year: Pasadena — Butch Y. Tamura.
16th Year: Philadelphia — William M. Marutani, Dr. Hitoshi T. Tamaki.
14th Year: Twin Cities — Thomas T. Kanno; Gresham-Troutdale — Hawley H. Kato; San Diego — George Kodama; Delano — Dr. James Nagai; Gardena Valley — Ronald I. Shiozaki.
13th Year: Chicago — Miss Ariye Oda.
12th Year: San Fernando Valley — Tom Endow; Tulare County — Hiroshi Mayeda, Ed Nagata; Cincinnati — Hisashi Sugawara; Ft. Lupton — Dr. George Uemura, Mrs. Margie Uemura.
11th Year: D.C. — Frank Atji Endo; Puallup Valley — Yoshio Fujita; San Fernando Valley — Mrs. Michi Imai; Tom T. Imai; Marysville — Thomas H. Teedale; Downtown L.A. — S. K. Uyeda.
10th Year: Orange County — Jim Kanno; Tulare County — George Oh; Chicago — Yoshitaka Tanaka; Sequoia — Satoru Yamada.
9th Year: Tulare County — Tee Ezaki; Watsonville — Dr. Clifford Fujimoto; Seabrook — Robert S. Fuyume; Pasadena — Fred A. Hironaka; Reedley — Tak Naito.
8th Year: Spokane — Frank M. Hisayasu; Arizona — Harry Masanaga; Detroit — Frank Watanabe; Mid-Columbia — George M. Watanabe.
7th Year: New York — Yosh T. Imai; Philadelphia — Dr. K. Stanley Nagahashi; Arizona — John Sakata, Tadashi Tanaka; Mid-Columbia — Mrs. Setai Shitara.
6th Year: Detroit — Mrs. Rose K. Ball, William H. Ball; San Diego — Masaaki Hironaka; Philadelphia — Charles S. Kamber; San Luis Obispo — Ken Kitazaki; Mid-Columbia — Masashi Migaki.
5th Year: Boise Valley — Takashi T. Kora; Venice-Culver — Jack Y. Noma; Salt Lake City — Floyd Okubo; Berkeley — Shio Sato; Gardena Valley — Robert Tarumoto; Arizona — Joe A. Wood; Puallup Valley — Hiroshi Yaguchi.
4th Year: Detroit — Richard Fujioka; Snake River Valley — Harry A. Fukigae; Hollywood — Yuki Kamayatsu; Boise Valley — Harry T. Kawahara; West Los Angeles — Dr. Sakae Kawata, Dr. Robert Watanabe; D.C. — Mrs. Claire Minami; Mid-Columbia — Harry T. Morioka; Philadelphia — Mrs. Marion Tamaki; Salt Lake City — Raymond S. Uno; Chicago — K. David Yoshioaka.
3rd Year: San Fernando Valley — Katsumi Arimoto; D.C. — Capt. Allan R. Bosworth; San Jose — K. Ishimatsu; St. Louis — Dr. Ted Okamoto; Cleveland — Paul M. Sakuma; Boise Valley — John Takasugi; Reedley — Bill F. Yamada; West Los Angeles — Ronald Yoshida.
2nd Year: Dayton — Ray E. Jenkins; Oakland — Chikaki Saitoh; San Diego — Yoshiaki Tamura.
1st Year: St. Louis — Dr. John Hara; San Jose — Joe M. Jio; Rod Kobara; Chicago — Mitsuo Kodama, George Ohka; Detroit — Arthur S. Morey; Berkeley — Vernon Nishi, A. Scarcella, Harry Takahashi.

Language school

GARDENA — The Gardena Valley Japanese Community Center was deeded three acres of land on 157th St. between Main and Avalon, where the old Gardena Gakuen was located, last week. Proceeds of the acreage when sold are to be used for re-establishing a Japanese language school at the center, located at 2000 W. 162nd St., where the Moneta Gakuen was once situated.

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CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS

April 8 (Saturday)
Venice-Culver—Comm. Ctr. clean-up day.
Twin Cities — Jr. JACL spring show and picnic.
April 9 (Sunday)
Cleveland—Jr JACL Mtg. Delano—Community picnic. Dayton—Swim party.

April 11 (Tuesday)
Sequoia—Bd Mtg.
New York—Bd Mtg. Japan Society Rm 1621, 6:30 p.m. supper.
April 12 (Wednesday)
Sequoia—Ikebana class, Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m. Venice-Culver—Bd Mtg. Wilshire-Uptown—12-wk. Bridge Lesson, Hollywood Comm. Ctr., 3929 Middlebury St., 7:30 p.m.
April 14 (Friday)
Hollywood—Dance class (1st of 12 sessions) Flower View Gardens, 8:30 p.m.

April 15 (Saturday)
Cleveland—Jr JACL "Slave Day" project, Tashima res., 8 a.m. NE-WNDYC—Monterey Jr. JACL hosts: Spring Activity.
San Francisco — Auxy benefit dance, Holiday Inn, South San Francisco—Jr JACL road rally, NE-WNDYC—Monterey Jr. JACL hosts—Spring Activity.
Long Beach-Harbor — Oriental Fantasy Dance, Harbor Comm Ctr., 9 p.m.

April 16 (Sunday)
Placer County—Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park. San Diego—Jr JACL skatefest, Sweetwater Rink.
April 17 (Monday)
West Los Angeles—Earth Science Mtg. Griffith Park Planetarium. Venice-Culver—1000 Club skit rehearsal.

April 21 (Friday)
Portland — Theatre party, Civic Theatre, 8 p.m.
April 21-22
San Jose — Jr JACL benefit movies, Okida Hall.
San Francisco—Jr JACL Spring School, 8 p.m.
Spokane—Sukiyaki dinner, Highland Park Methodist Church.

April 22 (Saturday)
Prog. Luncheon—Installation dinner, Plush Horse Restaurant, Redondo Beach, 7:30 p.m. San Fernando Valley—Scholarship Benefit dinner.
Venice-Culver — Square dance, Comm Ctr.

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HOLLYWOOD JACLER

AIDS CHARITIES EVENT

PASADENA — Muriel L. Merrell, Hollywood JACL president, appeared last week at the National Charities League benefit of the San Marino chapter, demonstrating use of very little flower material and a maximum of high-style design. Mrs. Merrell is headmaster of the RYU Kai branch of the Shofuryu School of Japanese Flower Arrangement.

The program was held at the Viennese Ballroom at the Huntington Sheraton.

Her appearance was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. William R. Ruess, Jr. Mr. Ruess is principal of Marshall High School in the Hollywood JACL chapter area. Main beneficiary of the San Marino NCL is the Pasadena school for Exceptional Children.

Miss Japan due

LOS ANGELES — Hiroko Sakaki, 23, arrives here April 14 as Miss Japan to compete in the Long Beach International Beauty Congress, April 19-29. She is a graduate of Kyoritsu Jr. College and has studied classical dancing and flower arrangement.

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Japan Air Lines increasing service, Moscow and Kuala Lumpur new stops

SAN FRANCISCO—Japan Air Lines this spring will add Moscow and Kuala Lumpur to its network of world-wide routes.

The first commercial air service between Tokyo and Moscow via Siberia will be pioneered April 17 by JAL and the Russian airline Aeroflot. One round-trip a week is planned, departing Moscow at 8 p.m. on Mondays and departing Tokyo at 11 a.m. on Thursdays. The non-stop flights between the two capitals will take 10 hours, 50 minutes eastbound and 11 hours, 50 minutes westbound. Weekly DC-8 jet service between Tokyo and Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, will be inaugurated by JAL May 8.

JAL's trans-Pacific and Polar services also will be increased this spring.

New daily flights between Honolulu and Tokyo will be added to JAL's trans-Pacific schedule April 1, bringing the airline's total number of weekly flights between the United States and Japan to 27. JAL's new service will depart Honolulu at 11 a.m. and arrive in Tokyo at 1:55 p.m. the following day.

OCT. 25 (WED.)—Day at leisure in Kyoto. Accommodation at hotel.

OCT. 26 (THU.)—Leave 9:30 a.m. for Takarazuka by motorcoach with guide. Attend Takarazuka Theater party at 1 p.m., courtesy of Sumitomo Bank. Lunch at Takarazuka Theater. Leave 4:30 p.m. for Osaka, accommodations at Royal Hotel.

OCT. 27 (FRI.)—Day at leisure in Osaka. Guide is available for the day. Accommodations at Osaka Royal Hotel. After accommodations this night, the tour disbands.

NOV. 4 (SAT.)—All members gather independently at Tokyo, Hotel New Otani for accommodations.

NOV. 5 (SUN.)—Leave 8 a.m. for Tokyo International Airport for return flight, JAL Flt. 2.

NOV. 4 (SAT.)—Arrive 10:15 p.m. Honolulu, depart 11:45 p.m. for San Francisco.

NOV. 5 (SUN.)—Arrive 6:30 a.m. San Francisco.

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Youth Page

MISAKO HASEBE, P.O. Box 55, Yettam, Calif. Editor
Material for This Page Must Reach the Youth Page Editor
by the Third Friday of the MonthAccent on Youth: Alan Kumamoto
Spring Fever

Liquid sunshine descends upon Los Angeles and with temperamental weather—hot & cold—we must settle down to the job at hand after fighting a two week cold. Finals, quarters, and semesters are all over for most students and we are now well into 1967.

Although reports are not out yet, Intermountain and Midwest District Youth Council were scheduled to have their respective DYC meeting last weekend.

Pacific Southwest DYC is looking forward to their district convention the first weekend of May. DYC Queen Contest and Art Show are highlights for this event, hosted by the Venice-Culver Charmes.

SUMMER LOOK

Hopefully, youth groups are appraising their schedule for the coming months and, of course, the summer activities.

A comment from Barbara Iwata of Seattle indicates that their Jr. JACL is anticipating a possible function down in Los Angeles. Yes, that's right, Los Angeles for the summer.

Also, according to the Portland Chapter JACL Bulletin's Youth Page, "the city of the Roses" may host a summer workshop as they did two years ago.

Glenn Asakawa, PSWDYC chairman, commented that their DYC Summer Bowling Tournament hosted by Avan-

tes—Hollywood Jr. JACL and the Mexico service project in Tijuana (arranged by San Diego Jr. JACL) are being finalized.

The MDYC and EDYC are preparing for their joint convention towards summer's end in Chicago. EDYC has another meeting scheduled for touring Washington, D.C. in July.

HISTORY RELIVED

Recalling the three-week MDC-EDC speaking circuit of two years ago, I settled down to dinner last Friday (March 31) with an old friend. This old friend, Joe Grant Masaoaka, Japanese American Research Project Administrator at UCLA, was later the guest speaker at the West Los Angeles Jr. JACL initial membership meeting at Stoner Playground. Chairman for the event was Russel Nomura with adviser Mrs. Mary Ishizuka and JACL Chapter President Elmer Uchida looking on with a mixed audience of youth and old to hear the stirring "History of the Japanese in the U.S.", with comments included about JACL. The program began with introduction by various youth members on the purpose as well as projected programs and socials for the group.

VOICE OF SANSEI

Dave Hara, former NC-WNDYC chairman and a member of last biennium's National Interim Youth Council, was seeking a "forum" column to appear in the PC, expressing various Sansei comments and views.

Following is a reaction to one of the Accent on Youth questions which appeared in the Jan. 13 PC. We encourage readers to submit similar expressions of concern and or controversy.

Norman Ishimoto, EDYC Representative to the National Youth Council, comments:

"Since I'm not Nisei I can only generalize about the Sansei. I think the Sansei generally view Japanese culture as they do Americans; if they happen to have a special interest in a field, whether wrestling or aikido, chess or shogi, cooking sukiyaki or hamburgers, or comparing Scotch to sake, they'll investigate it, but its mere Japanese-ness is not an overwhelming reason for any special interest. For example, when a koto recital was suggested for a possible cultural demonstration, the reply was, 'how many people would attend a violin concert?', a point well taken. 'The feelings most frequently expressed when asked if any of a list of cultural demonstrations—judo, ikebana, origami—would be of interest were 'I'm interested in it, but I don't think the club as a whole will like it' and 'I'll go to support the club', in that order.

"Perhaps the theory of 'be an authority on, or at least study about, everything Japanese because we're Japanese' is wrong. Should all Scotch Americans learn the bagpipes? Should all Italian Americans know how to bake a pizza or know the history of Rome, the Vatican and the works of Horace, Virgil, and Dante? Merely because we're two generations removed and because we're still an identifiable minority is no reason for Japanophilies.

"Should all Sansei be expert in the martial arts, ikebana, Nihongo, and the whole gamut of Japanese culture? Of course not, but that is what many Nisei (parents) seem to think and that is also unfair for our Caucasian friends to assume. 'Unless there is a genuine interest, not even one of these should be crammed down any Sansei's throat. Culture for culture's sake defeats its purpose in the end. It's the old horse and water routine—but keep the water handy just in case.'"

TIDBITS

Santa Barbara Jr. JACL will be holding a progressive dinner on April 29. We hope to have some PSWDYC officers along for the ride to this seaside community... PSWDYC Advisers' Workshop will be conducted on Sunday, April 30, at the San Fernando Japanese American Community Center. All interested adults are welcome to attend a program from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., including lunch served by the San Fernando Valley JACL.

JUNIORS RAISE
\$1,267 FOR PEACE
CORPS PROJECT

WASHINGTON — The first Jr. JACL National Youth Project, to raise \$1,000 for the Peace Corps' School Partnership Program (School-to-School) has been successfully completed. Thirty-one chapters participated to raise \$1,267.50.

Presentation of the receipts to the Peace Corps will be made at the EDYC's July quarterly meeting to be hosted by the Washington, D.C. Jr. JACL National JACL President Jerry Enomoto and Project Chairman Norman Ishimoto to make the presentation.

Peace Corps will use the money to purchase building materials for schools in two foreign communities, with the primary purpose of continuing contact and friendship between students of the foreign school and its respective U.S. school.

Parkway High School (St. Louis, Mo.) and Maryknoll Catholic Grammar School (Los Angeles) have tentatively agreed to carry on for the Jr. JACL in corresponding with the foreign schools.

Participating Schools

Because the Youth Project depended upon the support of the individual chapters, the participating chapters will be asked to each nominate a school in their area. From the list of nominations, two schools or more will be selected as our representatives. Details will be sent out soon.

A majority of each district youth council participated, and three districts, Eastern, Midwest and Intermountain reached 100 percent. NC-WNDYC was the first to finish, presenting \$315 from nine chapters founded in early 1965.

Two of PNWDYC's chapters, Portland and Mid-Columbia, participated.

Four chapters surpassed the \$35 quota, three from PSWDYC: Charmes, \$101 (Venice-Culver), Channels, \$100 (Prosser) (Hollywood); Detroit's \$71.50 led MDYC. Midwest, besides being the only DYC to substantially surpass its quota, is the only district to formally present its receipts to a Peace Corps representative, done at their Fall Workshop in Cleveland.

Each DYC will receive a letter of acknowledgment from the Peace Corps Director.

Participating Chapters

The Second Youth Project will be voted upon at the Interim Youth Council meeting this August in San Jose. The participating Jr. JACL chapters were:

EDYC: Seabrook, Washington, D.C.
IDYC: Boise Valley, Footstall, Idaho Falls JAYS, Rexburg, Salt-Lake City-Mt. Olympus, Snake River.

MDYC: Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Louis.

NC-WNDYC: Al-Co, Berkeley, Contra Costa, Monterey, Placer County, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton.
PNWDYC: Mid-Columbia, Portland.

PSWDYC: Avantes, Channels, Charmes, Long Beach, Santa Barbara, San Diego.

60 compete in San Diego
Jr. bowling tourney

SAN DIEGO—Over 60 junior bowlers competed in the first annual San Diego Jr. JACL bowling tournament Mar. 19 at University Lanes. Competition was equalized by age groups in both boys' and girls' divisions. The results:

BOYS' DIVISION

A—David Takashima, 485-162-647, Tom Hosaka, 592-56-628.
B (17 & over)—Kent Tsubaki-hara 482, Tommy Ozaki 472.
C (16 & under)—Ray Kawasaki 419, Jerry Segawa 414.
High Game: 206 Richard Hashiguchi.

GIRLS' DIVISION

A (18 & over)—Virginia Owashi 464, Jeanne Tani 449.
B (17 & under)—Joyce Owashi 467, Holly Ochi 460.
High Game: 198 Holly Ochi.

IDYC meeting this
weekend at Caldwell

CALDWELL, Idaho—The Intermountain District and DYC will hold its quarterly meeting April 8 and 9 here at the Golden Pheasant Restaurant. Registration for the youth meeting is \$3.25, and the cost of the dance for the unregistered is \$1.



by Misako Hasebe

Ye Junior
Ed's Desk

Asilomar Hope everyone enjoyed their Easter vacation, so happy Easter (so it's kind of late). I'm writing this while I'm half asleep because I'm at a Western Young Buddhist League Convention in Asilomar and they sure keep you up. And it's very tiring, especially the long meetings like the meetings we had in San Diego.

At this convention I've met quite a few people that I got to know during the National JACL Convention at San Diego so we renewed our acquaintances and got to know others, talking up Jr. JACL.

I am now getting more articles, but I would like to get some from the chapters and districts that I never hear from.

Fallacies about Negroes dispelled



FRANK DIALOGUE—Youth Opportunity Center psychologist Gene Orro (left) of Hunters Point speaks to San Francisco Jr. JACLers on Negro youth. Seated at table are Janice Ide, Carl Yamaguchi, Carolyn Shiozaki, Glenn Watanabe (pres.)

Gene Orro, a Negro psychologist at the Hunter's Point Youth Opportunities Center, came to speak at the San Francisco JACL installation dinner and a few days later he came to meet with the San Francisco Jr. JACL. This article is a summary of his views from these two meetings.

BY RUSSELL OBANA

San Francisco The Negro lives in a ghetto, or at least we tend to think of him there. We see him in poverty and to us poverty is bad, it should not be. Therefore, we give money to help these poor people out of their

'Oeyama' to run
April 21-22 at
S.F. Marina JHS

SAN FRANCISCO — A dramatic production, 'Oeyama' (The Demons of Rashomon), will be presented by the San Francisco Jr. JACL at its seventh annual Spring Show, April 21-22, 8 p.m., at the Marina Jr. High School. Proceeds will be used for chapter programs, especially in the area of Japanese cultural heritage. Tickets are obtainable from Jr. JACLers or at the door.

Under guidance of director Tom Yee, the cast is comprised of:

Jim Nehira, Roy Omi, and Tony Matsumoto, samurai; Glenn Watanabe, Russel Baba, Carl Yamaguchi, John Sugiyama, and Mas Ishida, demons; Janice Ide, an old woman; and Steve Young the wise old man. Georgette Omi, Susie Kawahata, and Carol Murata, dancing maidens; children from the Hanayagi Dance Studio in a village scene.

Yee will be featured in a classical samurai dance; Cynthia Hamada will sing a song especially arranged for the show. Mme. Hayanagi is the choreographer.

Year makes big
difference for Jrs.

BY COOKIE FUKUTOME

WASHINGTON — The second annual benefit basketball game was held on Feb. 26 at Slijo Jr. High School with 100 people on hand to join in on the fun. The Jr. JACL basketball team, which had not forgotten the close 32-31 loss in last year's encounter, overwhelmed the Senior team winning 52-22. That one year really seems to make a difference!

At half time, the women took the floor for the Powder Puff Game. The senior women masqueraded in wearing a variety of costumes. They then proceeded to line up in "T" formation and drove in for a touchdown. Getting down to serious ball playing, the women really went at it with the Jr. girls winning 8-4, a marked difference from last year's score of 2-2.

Through the ticket sale and the bake sale at the game, the Jrs. raised over the amount needed for the Jr. JACL basketball team's league registration and left the chapter on the plus side.

At the next meeting, the Washington, D.C. Jr. JACL will have a judo demonstration. It should prove interesting and informative for all.

how bad we have been and we must do something to make up for it." The usual answer is money. People, both black and white, go around condemning the white man for what he has done to the Negro. This is exactly the thing the white man wants to hear. If you give people hell, it's a way of letting them off the hook. The past is done and you cannot change it. It does no good to be absolved of your guilt feelings "by reading Baldwin."

What can you do? Well, you can say, "I'm not a Negro and I can not feel nor know what he wants, so, what can I do?"

Or, you can forget about the headlines and try to understand the Negro as an individual. By the way, the Negro perceives the Japanese American as white.

Be more aware and care what happens to your fellow man. Do not be kind and give the Negro a diploma when he can not even read or write, and then send him out into the adult world to compete. He will only feel frustration when he fails. Wouldn't you? Do not let yourself give into a kid who shouts, "You can't make me do my homework. I am black power behind me!" Do what is best for him even if you are afraid he will not like you at the time.

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is black. You cannot change what happened yesterday, but you can prevent what has happened from happening in the future. When we involve ourselves in only group action, we save ourselves from individual responsibility. It is a waste to talk about a problem unless you think about it and learn that it affects you as an individual. The Negro community did not cause the problem, and the lie is that the

Negro can change it. What is needed is physical participation. Human being to human being communication is needed and not money and a lot of actionless discussions.

The San Francisco Jr. JACL would like to thank Gene Orro for contributing of his time and energy. Many question were answered, doubts dispelled and fallacies were eliminated. By no means were all the problems settled. There is still so much more we can learn from each other, if we make the attempt to communicate, and we must make that attempt if we are to live in a "Greater America."

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Slave Day project

CLEVELAND — Cleveland Jr. JACLers are pointing to their Slave Day project April 15, meeting at 8 a.m. at the Tashima residence, culminating with a jam session in the evening.

In recent weeks, the Juniors combined a general meeting and weiner roast at the Rocky River Reservation and held an Easter party for children at Our Lady of Fatima parish.



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Ye Editor's Desk

SCHOOL INTEGRATION

As a non-Southerner, the Nisei would say "hurray" to the far-reaching decision of March 29 by the U.S. circuit court of appeals affirming the ruling that public schools in six Southern states from kindergarten up must be integrated at the start of the fall term of this year.

This sweeping order applies to students, teachers, school transportation and school-related activities.

The ruling directly affects schools in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, which must now how to the standards set by the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare for eliminating the dual school systems operated on a segregated basis in order to qualify for federal funds.

As a precedent, the ruling is expected to affect segregated schools throughout the nation.

But the "hurray" die when the racial composition of schools in the North and the West is under scrutiny. The Congress has already received a special report on race and education from the U.S. Civil Rights Commission to eliminate racial imbalance in the public schools. How this is to be implemented is the tough question.

Taxpayers against altering the present system for the schools in the North and the West are being countered with the precedence of the wartime relocation of Japanese Americans to prove that the federal government can step in when dealing with a specific race for any purpose.

Those in favor of government intervention to improve racial balance in the school may have been stretching their point by alluding to the constitutionality of Evacuation, since the latter was decreed an exercise of military power by the Chief Executive and in the national interest, even though martial law had not been declared.

Yet, a dilemma may arise for JACL if it ever reaches the point whereby to invalidate the constitutionality of Evacuation, we also the federal hands from integrating

public schools. JACL's best hand would be to see that this state of affairs doesn't occur.

RADIO JAPAN

Starting this week, Radio Japan has inaugurated a 52-part series entitled "Japan, 100 Years", relating both its glorious and miserable events that mark its course as a modern nation. The program notes for April reveal the following topics:

1st Week—"Dawn of the Meiji Restoration", describing the last days of the Tokugawa Shogunate and conditions leading up to the establishment of the Meiji government.

2nd Week—"Emperor Meiji and the Imperial Oath of Five Articles", which set forth the administrative principles of the new government.

3rd Week—"Abolition of Clans and the Establishment of Prefectures", as the first step for unified and central government with the Emperor as head of state.

4th Week—"From the Temple Schools to Modern School System", which established the public school system.

Radio Japan has powerful shortwave transmitters beamed around the world. For North Americans, the "Japan, 100 Years" series are broadcast twice on Thursdays at 7:20 p.m. EST and at 6:35 p.m. PST in the 16 and 19 meter bands.

On Fridays, 15 minutes earlier than the above schedules, is another new Radio Japan series, "Our Land and People", depicting the life and vitality of modern Japan that should aid the JACL-Japan Tour member to appreciate the trip all the more by way of interesting background.

Initial broadcast covers Tokyo International Airport, and in subsequent talks, they'll describe the Seto Inland Sea, Mt. Yoshino which is famous for its cherry trees near Nara and the Imperial Palace.

It makes us want to turn in our FM-AM radio at the PC office for a good shortwave set to hear the "Japan, 100 Years" series. It's still office hours for us when these programs are beamed to North America.

Tokyo Topics: Tamotsu Murayama

Meiji Centennial Poems

Tokyo
The Meiji Centennial Committee, which is collecting historical data and mementos for the various celebrations being

planned in 1968, has received items about the Issei pioneers in the United States, especially of those who lived during the early part of the Meiji era.

Three poems submitted by this correspondent to the committee are dedicated to Kanaye Nagasawa, who was sent to London by Lord Shimazu of the Satsuma Clan in 1867.

Nagasawa and five other students were then taken to New York by Thomas Lake Harris. Nagasawa continued to move westward, eventually settling in Santa Rosa where he engaged in farming and pioneered in winery.

During his lifetime, he became well acquainted with the literary giants of that period, Edwin Markham and Joaquin Miller. He was also a close friend of other personalities on the academic, political and judicial scene.

The poems:

TO MY FRIEND AND BROTHER
—KANAYE NAGASAWA

Preparedness

For all your days prepare,
and meet them ever alike.
When you are the anvil, bear—
When you are the hammer, strike!

In the Father's Hand

No soul can be forever banned,
Eternally bereft.
Whoever falls from God's right hand
Is caught into His left.

Outwitted

He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!

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Ikebana

JACL's Man in the South:

Quiet Dignity

By WILLIAM MARUTANI

(Part Four)

New Orleans
Always inspiring and heartwarming to the volunteer lawyer in the South are the types of people he is called upon to represent or defend in the courts. Everywhere I went I invariably met local Negro leaders who—though they may live in shacks, were poorly dressed or were unpolished in speech—had great strength of character and a quiet dignity which, in their very simplicity, shone unmistakably through.

And more than once I felt downright humble in the presence of such people.

IN BLACK HAWK, MISS.

In the Mississippi Delta country there is a spot on the map labelled "Black Hawk". And if I had not carefully checked my road map, measured the miles on the odometer as well as keep an eye open for road signs, I would have missed Black Hawk entirely. Even then, as it turned out, I missed it by a few miles and had to back-track. It was no wonder because, as far as I could determine, Black Hawk consisted of one store with a gas pump in front and perhaps a mailbox inside the store—all off the main road.

Not far from there lives Mrs. Leola Blackman with her family of school children. Her home is situated out in an open pasture which fronts a dusty, country road. This column is about Mrs. Blackman and her son, Willie, and the incident of which I write is a matter of public record.

SPLIT SCHOOL SESSIONS

The school district of Carroll County, in which Black Hawk is situated, operates segregated schools in more ways than one. Among other things, the school district operated a "split session" for only the Negro children. This meant that only Negro children attended schools during the suffocatingly hot summer months; then when the white children returned to school from their summer vacation period, the Negro children were let out of school to be available to work on the cotton plantations and cotton fields.

In addition to the summer heat which resulted in numerous Negro children coming home with heat exhaustion, the state of disrepair of the Negro schools further regressed; in one instance, because the school toilets were not functioning, children had to use make-shift open trenches.

Housing —

(Continued from Front Page)

before June 1, 1967, and completed by June 1, 1968, are exempt. Also exempt are all owner-occupied apartment buildings of 12 or fewer units, owners of five or fewer houses, condominiums, and cooperative apartment projects.

A section of the bill that is expected to have far-reaching impact prohibits racial discrimination by banks or lending agencies in approval of home loans and mortgages. Complaints of violations of the law will be handled by the State Interracial Commission in the manner it now prosecutes other civil rights violations.

"Although not as meaningful and comprehensive as we would have liked, the new statute is at least a beginning. In the next session next year, we shall attempt to amend it to cover all housing purchases and rentals," the Washington JACL Office promised.

The Negro parents objected to this specialized, unequal treatment of their children who were required to attend split school sessions and they submitted signed protests to the school superintendent. Nothing happened. So they next organized a bus boycott but because the buses continued to run, there remained only one other alternative: to blockade the buses.

A CALL FOR COURAGE

For local Negroes to take these measures in a rural community in the deep South requires something more than fortitude. In the Black Hawk area there have been night-riders shooting into Negro homes, shooting at cars and at least on one occasion the intimidators brazenly congregated in daylight in the Negro community. However, when the Negroes armed themselves and returned fire, somehow the bravado and zest of these night-riders cooled and shootings all but ceased, being limited to isolated instances on lonely roads.

And so, for the Negro parents to organize the bus boycott and implement it with blockades in protest of the inequities being imposed upon their children, must be weighed and appreciated in this light . . . or darkness.

RUN 'EM OVER!

On the appointed morning, the parents gathered at 6:30 a.m. and with their children went to block the buses. Among those present were Mrs. Blackman and her three children, including little Willie, age eight years. Also on hand were the local constabulary, the deputies as well as school officials. When the parents and the children blocked the buses, both front and rear, the drivers (all Negroes for Negro buses) were instructed to move the buses ahead. When one of the drivers protested that this would mean running over the children, the slashing command was, "Run over the sons of bitches!"

The drivers were removed and fired and most, if not all, never regained their employment.

A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

Among those blocking the buses was little Willie Blackman who refused to leave. One of the deputies, six feet and 200 pounds, grabbed Willie and bodily yanked him out. And spunky Willie returned right back to his post in the picket line. The deputy yanked Willie out again and this time, with his ham-hock-like hands, he dealt a reeling blow across Willie's head and face.

I asked the witnesses what Willie did then. And each one told me that Willie was crying — as any eight-year-old would do — and with tears streaming down his face, Willie walked back to take his place in that picket line. Somehow I have a feeling that someday you will be hearing of Willie Blackman when he is just a bit more than his present eight years of age.

PC Letterbox

Bouquet for Bill

Dear Editor:
I feel Marutani has a tendency to deal with trivia in his writing, but his article in the March 31 PC, in sustained suspense and quality of writing would have been a credit to the New Yorker or Life, or any other nationally circulated periodical.

ALLAN BEEKMAN
Honolulu, Hawaii.

By the Board: Roy Uno

Open Forum

It was not too long ago that the voice of the Nisei was a quiet one, hardly discernable on the pages of Japanese publications. Issues and controversies were side-stepped. There was no danger of rocking the boat — we didn't carry that much weight. Nisei opinion was an unknown factor.

Today, the voices of the Nisei with constant pressure from the Sansei are being heard loud and often, and most prominently on the pages of the Pacific Citizen. Divergent views as showcased by our national president in his "Perspectives" column, the "By the Board" opinions of our national officers, to the ever-expanding and highly thought-provoking "Letters to the Editor" section are proof that the Nisei "voice" is beginning to assert itself. No longer can the Pacific Citizen be labelled "the mouthpiece of the JACL", or just an organization newsletter.

The past several years has shown significant changes in the personality and attitude of the PC as dictated by the changing times. It has become a national sounding board of Nisei opinion. Opinions that tell us that most Nisei are not necessarily liberal in their thinking as some of our leaders would like to believe—that there are conservatives and even ultra-conservatives among us. And by us we include the JACL.

The first of a monthly Civil Rights page in the Pacific Citizen got a rousing send-off with the Spring Supplement devoting its tabloid pages to commentary on this vital issue that confronts not only the JACL but all Japanese Americans. Here is an issue where all facets of Nisei thinking should be heard. Among the foremost to be heard from are the Sansei and the Junior JACLers whose "people-to-people" type approach is a refreshing, direct-action program that should be told. And that they have carried out this program without any prodding or help from the "second generation" bears emphasizing.

The Civil Rights Page in the Pacific Citizen will not be just a one-way street and the page must be open to all views on the matter — from not enough action to how far should we get involved or should we get involved? No doubt, voices will be heard on this subject.

The pages of the Pacific Citizen will continue to be an open forum for all opinions on all subjects to be heard. The PC should be more than just a series of columnists expounding their views issue after issue but they should be the provokers of opinions and attitudes among the readers. If you agree, or if you disagree, or if you have another viewpoint, let it be known. Write a letter to the Editor. He's a nice guy.

PRESS COMMENTS:

Leadership Headache

BY ROY YOSHIDA

Newcastle, Calif.
There is no closed season on a leader of an organization — be it large or small. He is fair game for pot-shots from the membership throughout his tenure of office.

Comments by the membership—good or bad, solicited or unsolicited—are part of the game. One needs to become inured to them, if one aspires to leadership. It is good that the membership becomes concerned enough to express themselves — pro and con. This exercise of prerogative to disagree is a good sign of an active organization.

Role of Criticism

There is nothing wrong with criticism of constructive nature. A leader should not consider himself immune to critical views simply because he's trying his best. If criticism is warranted, relevant and helpful, then it is valid and proper. A leader is certain to improve his position more from critical comments than from deceptive accolades. He knows the meaning of the former, while the latter may dull his sense of direction.

However, one must take pains to insure that his comments don't generate more heat than light.

I'm sure Jerry Enomoto, National JACL President, was well aware of occupational hazards of the presidency of a far-flung organization clustered with diversified interests and needs. If he had any doubts, recent turn of events certainly must have dispelled them.

Fortunately, Jerry, like all other presidents who preceded him, is a man strongly dedicated to the purpose and the responsibility of his high office. And dedicated men are not easily disillusioned nor dissuaded by adverse criticisms.

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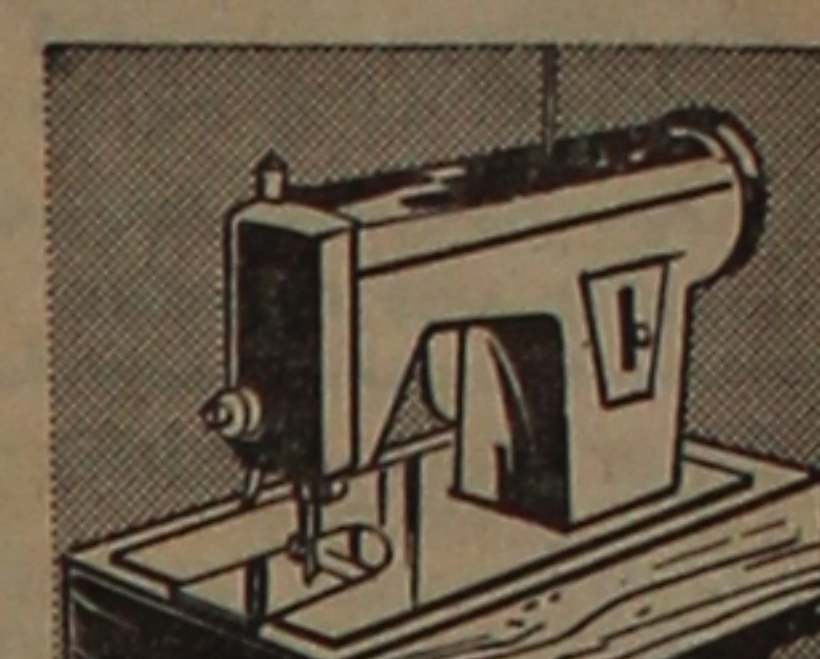
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