

DETAILED SCHEDULE RELEASED FOR JR. JACL'S OWN NATIONAL CONFAB

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—After months of planning the 1972 National Jr. JACL Convention will become a reality. On Aug. 15 the efforts of numerous JACLers will culminate in a week of intensive convention activity at the Univ. of Utah.

The convention committee members have put in many hours of hard work to get everything together so a fantastic experience is in store for those who come. Don't sit back while the action passes you by—come to Salt Lake City and grow with "Beginnings '72."

Looking for Manpower

carry major responsibilities in the areas of Program Development and Coordination, Youth, Education, and Legislative Activities.

Additional staff will be sought to head up regional offices in the Pacific Southwest, Pacific Northwest/Intermountain, and the Midwest/Mountain Plains regions.

Not Too Late

Registration forms and detailed information have been mailed out to chapter presidents and district chairmen.

NC-WNDYC to air convention issues at 3rd quarterly

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.—Issues discussed at the recently concluded National JACL Convention highlight the third quarterly session of the North-Central-Western Nevada District Council meeting here on Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Sakura Garden Restaurant.

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Funding needed to teach Nihongo at UC Santa Cruz

SANTA CRUZ, Calif.—Partial support for teaching of Japanese this coming academic year at Cowell College was announced by Dean E. B. McHenry, UC Santa Cruz chancellor, in response (see June 16 PC) to students who formed a Japanese language study group on their own initiative in the winter and spring quarters of 1971-72.

ARMANDO MINORU YOSHIDA

Newly credentialed Bolivian envoy to Japan retired as head of air force

TOKYO — When Armando Minoru Yoshida stepped down from a plane at Hameda on June 15, it was the fulfillment of a long cherished desire that failed to materialize due to World War II and to his career as a military man.

Retirement age

TOKYO — Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka agreed to Labor Minister Hajime Tamura's proposal for raising the compulsory retirement age for government workers from 55 to 65 and a five-day work week.

Nurseries bound by law to label plants properly

SAN MATEO, Calif.—A label for the Juniper procumbens ascribed to Oki Nursery, Sacramento, which reads "Jaggarden Juniper" was cited by the San Mateo JACL as "contrary to all efforts of Japanese Americans to educate all people in using the correct and proper terminology."

Hoover opposition to Evacuation told in his last article

NEW YORK — A few days before he died, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover sent Family Weekly, a national Sunday newspaper supplement, an article which proved to be his last farewell.

Getting Together

"I don't doubt the validity of the Junior's claim that the organization needs improvement. That is the reason I'm here for national office so I could implement some of these changes," adding that the JACL is interested in all Asians, not just Japanese Americans.

Assimilation

"But they must realize that whereas the racism and oppression is not as blatant as before, it is still there. We must be aware of what and who we are, and the direction the seniors have chosen will only add to the...

Differing Views

JACL is interested in helping other people, Iwama continued. "We are a large organization (over 25,000) and as such there will be divergent views.

Victim of WW II

"In a personal way, I am one of the victims of the war. It spoiled my plan to come to Japan and I couldn't be at the bedside of my father when he died in 1947," the envoy said.

Father Stayed in Japan

The senior Yoshida returned to Japan in 1939, accompanying a Bolivian military mission. He never went back to La Paz and later called "There are about 6,000 Japanese in Bolivia. About 4,000 of them are engaged in agriculture, growing rice, cotton, fruits and vegetables and raising cattle."

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NISEI WEEK QUEEN—Vying for the 1972 Nisei Week queen title as introduced by reigning titlist Joyce Kikuchi (in long dress) of East Los Angeles at the Queen's Reception held July 23 are (from left) Michiko Favatella, Uptown Optimists; Seleste Sakato, San Fernando Valley JACC; Carol Lynn Matsunaga, Hollywood JACL; Carol Kazuko Fujiwara, Pasadena JACL; Christine Ryoko Sumi, East Los Angeles JACL; and Carol Fumi Watanabe, Citrus Valley Optimists.

N.C. Juniors move for secession

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Newly-elected National JACL Vice President for General Operations, Frank A. Iwama, expressed disappointment that many of the decisions made during the recent national convention were based on emotionalism rather than reason.

Different Goals

She told a Sacramento Bee reporter that "it was not a matter of right or wrong, but two different sets of goals" which caused the unprecedented split. The NC-WNDYC, whose members range from teen age through college-age, feel the seniors have "deviated from the original purpose of JACL."

Separate Group

While Jr. JACL membership is smaller, she said the organization has a similar the seceded and seceding structure as the seniors. But groups will seek to organize an Asian-oriented organization which will be concerned with the welfare of "Asian and all oppressed people."

PSWDYC still uncertain to follow NC-WNDYC

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Southwest District Youth Council is still undecided on JACL affiliation, according to Jr. JACL administrator Victor Shibata.

Kenzo fashions dropped from Nisei Week show

LOS ANGELES—Though the fashions of the controversial designer were to be announced as "Kenzo of Paris" (see PC July 21), they were deleted from the Nisei Week Festival fashion show held last Sunday at Century Plaza.

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT RECEIVES \$3,183 FROM SUPPORTERS

LOS ANGELES—The National JACL Visual Communications Committee, with a commitment from the National Endowment for the Humanities to provide matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis, acknowledged \$3,183 has been collected.

Asian Americans elect school commissioners

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Education Commission of the city school district announced the results of its recent election of 24 commissioners.

Inventory Repackaged

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1. He has been reviewing the matter from various angles since the last meeting. On hearing the explanation of the staff member of the Embassy, he feels he will understand the situation better. Therefore, such as he finds it hard as a designer, he decides to make maximum concessions, regarding the labels on any lines which are to be shipped in the middle of August and will appear on the U.S. market around the middle of September.

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Butterick to rid derogatory label

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) NEW YORK—Butterick Fashion Marketing Co. this week (July 24) announced Kenzo Takada's firm name, "J.A.P.", has been removed from the pages of its catalog and pattern envelopes and the designs of the Paris couturier will be referred to as "Kenzo of Butterick."

Text of Kenzo-JACL agreement signed in N.Y.

NEW YORK—Following is the text of the agreement signed by Kenzo Takada with New York JACL on July 13 against use of the derogatory term, "Jap":

Effective July 10, 1972, KENZO TAKADA, and JUNGLE JAP SARL, hereinafter called "KENZO", and the JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE, NEW YORK, hereinafter called "JACL", in consideration of the mutual premises and promises herein, have agreed and do agree as follows:

1. Kenzo shall hereafter remove from any and all labels and trademarks, the word JAP and the letters J.A.P., singly or in conjunction with any word, name or letters. Instead of place of JAP or J.A.P., KENZO shall substitute any other name or trademark, as it sees fit, with the name KENZO singly or in conjunction with any word.

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AGAINST DEROGATION

I suppose the Paris designer Kenzo Takada is chuckling to himself with all the rich publicity he has stirred for himself with his continuing use of the three-letter racial epithet, though it has embarrassed some people and organizations who find his creations meritorious. And that's the irony of fighting these kinds of battles. The perpetrators of dastardly acts cream while the more deserving ones (in this case, the other Oriental designers whose works were featured at the Nisei Week fashion show) remain bunched in a sea of anonymity and hope for the best in their honest toils.

I suppose, too, it's in the nature of newsmongering to go after that which breeds conflict. Readers are like the spectators at the Coliseum in ancient Rome, wanting to see blood spilt.

JACL has continually sought to rid the popular use of the three-lettered word from public print and airing. It required many volunteer manhours a decade ago to have the publishers of American dictionaries to change the notation that "Jap" was "colloquial" to "derogatory". It was practically a one-man (Shosuke Sasaki) effort to have members of the American Newspaper Guild drop its use of "Jap" in 1952. More recently, the San Mateo JACL has focused on a variety of juniper named "Japarden" and that may take appealing to persons responsible for naming of plants.

Only redeeming factor from all this flap about the Kenzo trademark is that the people in Japan are beginning to appreciate Japanese Americans dislike the epithet and the reasons why. We're sure those in the official circles in Japan today already know after one of its ambassadors to the United Nations was publicly dressed down in 1957 by JACL for telling a radio audience he had no personal objection to the use of "Jap".

In the "Twenty Five Years Ago" feature next week will be a notation about a 442nd veteran being charged with second degree murder. Police in Honolulu were told the altercation started when the victim called the accused "a dirty Jap".

Politicians are very aware today to avoid use of this racist term after the "fat Jap" incident, though protests continue to be made when men in public life slip up.

Publishers of books who aim to sell their properties to schools are equally conscious to avoid racial epithets of all kinds. And this is as it should be in showing respect and dignity which is the birthright of any human being.

If the continuing campaign against derogation appears to some as walking around with a chip on our shoulder looking for imagined slights or insults, it must be understood that only through determined efforts of individuals and groups can changes be made for improvement. As for eliminating the use of "Jap", it shall require the sustained pressure by persons of Japanese ancestry first to make these objections known. There is no justification any time, any place for referring to ethnic groups by means of derogatory epithets.

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Will JACL Be There?

JACL, during the past 3 1/2 years, was beginning to awaken to what's happening in the Japanese American and the other Asian American communities across the country. It stood behind Dr. Thomas Noguchi, Los Angeles county coroner, when the county tried to take his job from him on the basis of racism.

The Pacific Southwest District began to involve itself with the needs of the Asian American community by first listening to the needs of those that could not afford to continue their education. The Student Aid program started from that concern—scholarships for the first time were given on the basis of need instead of academic accomplishment.

Manzanar, one of the 10 concentration camps in America during the war, is becoming a state monument.

The drug abuse problem of the west coast is a magnified image of middle America.

Educational materials concerning Asian American history are the Visual Communications Committee projects were all designed to serve and educate the people.

All these things and many more are things that have affected the level of consciousness of Asians across the land. JACL was heading into a direction that would serve the needs of the communities by active participation of its new membership, which began to take interest in JACL because it was finally, after many years, heading in a direction—a people-oriented direction.

At the recent biennial convention in Washington, D.C. the JACL had to choose a new national director and plot the course for the next two years. The national staff met and collectively put their experiences together to develop a program and direction for JACL based on the needs of the communities. But because the leadership of the organization decided that JACL should go in a direction which will alienate itself from the people, we found that the interests of the leadership was not with the total community.

JACL has reached a fork in the road and by the decision of the leadership not to reach out to those in greatest need—the oppressed people—it has taken a giant step backward. This fork in the road is the two opposing forces that are present in any organization. The contradiction is between the old and the new. Not old in the sense of age

but old in the way of thought. JACL needed vitality 3 1/2 years ago when Warren Furuta was hired by the keen intuition and recommendation of Jeffrey Matsui, a deeply concerned individual of the Asian American community and Associate National Director of JACL. The leadership of the organization at that time was well aware that it would have to get involved with the enigmas of our communities and society or slowly deteriorate into nothing or become a social elite club for Japanese Americans.

During the past 3 1/2 years JACL was beginning to reach out to the youth—the most active and vital force in society—by offering an intangible thing called "identity". In the racist society we live in where people of color are stripped of their dignity, forced to submit to second class citizenship and made to feel inferior through psychological and physical oppression, they lose their humanity and sensitivity towards people, especially themselves. Identity—the knowledge of our true history—gives us the tools to understand what conditions existed and exist for an individual to lose self-dignity and respect.

The complexity of our society and its enigmas have created a void or generation gap between the old, which grew up in a totally different environment and circumstances yet try to apply their values of, for example, a 1942 to a 1972 situation, and the new, which is discovering themselves and breaking the shackles of stereotypes and getting actively involved in correcting the grave injustices done to people.

Without the youth JACL has no future. Without youth JACL loses contact with the community and if it has no contact with the community the purpose of the organization needs to be examined. The community will always exist with its problems and needs, will JACL be there? All power to the people!

25 Years Ago in the Pacific Citizen, Aug. 2, 1947

Yoshida—
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cestry are highly respected for their industriousness and discipline. And there is no racial discrimination in Bolivia. I am a good example," the ambassador said.

"My main job is to increase the friendly relations between Japan and Bolivia and to make Bolivia better known to the Japanese people.

"Not much about Bolivia is known or reported in this country," the ambassador said of the South American country, three times the size of Japan and with a population of five million.

Ambassador Yoshida, who also represents his country in the Republic of Korea and the Republic of China, has brought with him all his six children, three sons and three daughters.

Going to Japan Schools
 "They all want to get into Japanese schools. Of course, they have to begin with a study of the Japanese language." His children will have the opportunity that was denied him.

"My husband is hard on my children about discipline," said Mrs. Yoshida.

The army officer met the daughter of a Japanese cattle rancher during his tour of duty in the department of Beni, a vast stretch of plain on the other side of the Andes.

"I always tried to be a good wife and help my husband," she said with a proud smile.

El Pimentero Frank Fukuzawa

A Tokyo Shoe Shiner

Tokyo
 In this oppressively hot, humid weather just behind the Takashimaya Dept. Store in the middle of Tokyo sits an old stooped man on the corner. He wears thick-lensed glasses, dark blue jeans which look tired, underwear yellow with age and a black Mao Tse-tung cap covering his bristly white hair. By contrast, his shoes are immaculately clean and shiny. He's always reading a book or writing with his stubby pencil something in Kanji on a large sheet of paper. At his side are two well-worn books, the evidence being clear he had fingered through the pages many times. He is the shoe shiner in question.

During lunch time I had passed him frequently always wondering who he was. Curiosity finally forced me to shine my shoes there. Immediately, I tried to start up a conversation with him but there was no reaction. Not even an answer. He never looked up but just continued putting on the polish and doing a marvelous job.

Eventually with some of my leading questions, he abruptly disclosed the contents of the books. I doubted my ears at first! The second time I asked; out came the reply in a more audible voice. . . . "Philosophy?"

"Philosophy?"

"Yes, philosophy."

"Then it must be the famous Japanese philosopher Nishida Ikutaro?"

"No, you know, Japanese philosophy is not so logical but too ambiguous. Mine is foreign . . . German. These books are the CRITIQUE OF PURE REASONS by Immanuel Kant (1742-1804). I almost fell off my stool.

Here was an old shoe shiner from all appearance could not even read nor write anything, studying a treatise about metaphysics, the Critique of Pure Reasons which emphasizes that human intelligence is nonexistent, that man can arrive at truths by pure thought only. In this computerized electronic age when people are booking tickets for the moon, imagine a shoe shiner detached from all worldly matters, leisurely reading German philosophy of the 18th century! Among the many reasons for the tremendous economic growth of Japan, many foreign journalists and economists underline the universal high degree of education. This shoe shiner might be an exception but it reveals how diffused education is.

In connection with education, Harry at his Ye Editor's Desk stresses the importance of learning the Japanese language (June 23rd PC) to which I fully agree, if anyone wishes to have any business, educational and political contacts with Japan now and in the future.

Kenzo's label—
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"Jap", in its product," Rep. Anderson noted.

JACL joined six other local Japanese American community groups in the protest against Butterick:

Niko Niko Club, Japanese American United Church, Japanese American Buddhist Church, Asian Americans for Action, Japanese American Association of New York, and the 442nd Veterans Assn.

Information Sheet
 Spectators at the Obon Festival held July 22 at Riverside Park were also handed information sheet detailing its protest against Kenzo's use of the racial epithet, reminding that "Jap" was used extensively during WW2 to keep inflamed the hostile feelings toward the "enemy".

It recalled Kenzo in 1971 had agreed to delete "Jap" from its fashions, advertising and announcements only to subsequently insult Japanese Americans with his "J.A.P." on labels.

George K. Yuzawa, New York JACL director, still has little faith in Kenzo's declaration. Kenzo in 1971 had verbally agreed to change his offensive label to "Kenzo" after consultations with the Japanese Embassy in Paris and remove the offensive labels from his products, exporting them unlabeled.

1971 Promise
 Deputy Consul General Kazuo Murakami in New York informed Yuzawa that Kenzo promised never to use "Jap" or "J.A.P." on his fall-winter merchandise to be sold in the U.S., though it would be impossible to change the labels on the summer line previously shipped.

The Tokyo-born designer was urged, however, by JACL to inform his American importers and distributors to change the labels on fashions they had on hand.

The Kenzo protest was initiated after Bonwit Teller advertised on May 27 the collection of "Kenzo for Jap" for the summer clothes buyer.

LETTERS
Morale builder
 Editor:
 Thank you for the article in recent PC about our Sendai Festival. We were very pleased to see it on the front page.

On the day of the Festival it was hotter than blazes but still we had a good turnout. Publicity in PC does wonders for our morale.

GEN OGATA
 Co-Chairman
 SENDAI FESTIVAL
 Riverside JACL

Director's Report

BY MASAO W. SATOW
 BACK IN HARNESS

That we survived the rigors of the National Biennial indicates that we are back to normal physically. Forgoing most of the informal partying, nevertheless we found ourselves up to the wee hours attending the usual extracurricular meetings of Convention. We are certainly looking forward to Portland in 1974 when we can register simply as a booster.

Working on the minutes of the National Council and three National Board meetings plus one Executive Committee meeting, with the usual Convention follow throughs, has necessitated gradually lengthening our daily stint at the office to where we can be back on full time as of August 1 as the doctors have prescribed. We hope to have the Council minutes in shape for reproduction by the time we leave for vacation the last two weeks of August.

I AM BEHOLDEN

It's going to be many weeks before I can get around to properly thank all of you who participated in the testimonial, this general expression of my thanks and appreciation will have to suffice for the present:

To all my good friends who served on the Testimonial Committee, notably Mike Masaoka who voluntarily chaired the Committee; Harry Honda whose professional touch made my bio souvenir brochure sound more impressive than should be; Tats Kushida who assumed the responsibility of the Testimonial Volume; Susie Ichiji who chaired the Testimonial Luncheon; Yone and Daisy Satoda who accepted and acknowledged each contribution to the Testimonial Fund; and Akiji Yoshimura.

My thanks to those who sent in those flattering letters for the Testimonial Volume; to the JACLers who generously contributed to the Fund, many with warm accompanying letters; and to you who made up the captive audience and sat patiently through the dai nishiki Testimonial portion of the Convention luncheon.

For those who are under the impression that I am already out to pasture, my resignation as National Director takes effect as of February 15 of next year. What we do thereafter is not set at this time, but we have definitely agreed that I will coordinate and give continuity to the National JACL Bowling Tournament as I have been doing, as well as render any special recognition certificates which National JACL may need.

SPECIAL SUPPORTERS

Heizo Oshima of Contra Costa, 18-year 1000 Clubber, had an unexpected windfall and promptly sent in \$500 to us to become our 98th 1000 Club Life Member . . . Dr. John Koyama of Gardena attended the Convention and reaffirmed his support by signing up as our 20th Century Clubber, and National President-Elect Shig Sugiyama converted his regular 1000 Club for the 21st Century Club member . . . Jerry Irei, Contra Costa and NC-WNDC Treasurer, has also converted his regular 1000 Club into Fifty Club membership.

Meantime, our first Century Clubber Fred Ota of Los Angeles has renewed his membership for the third year, and Sumitomo Bank of California has just renewed its Corporate Club membership.

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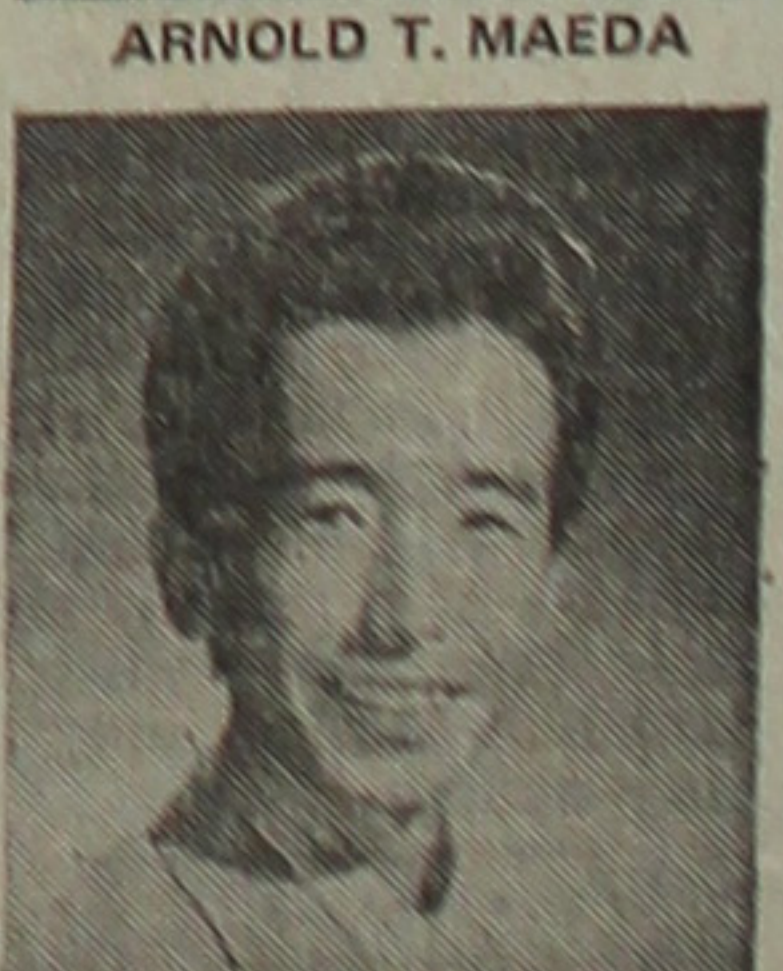
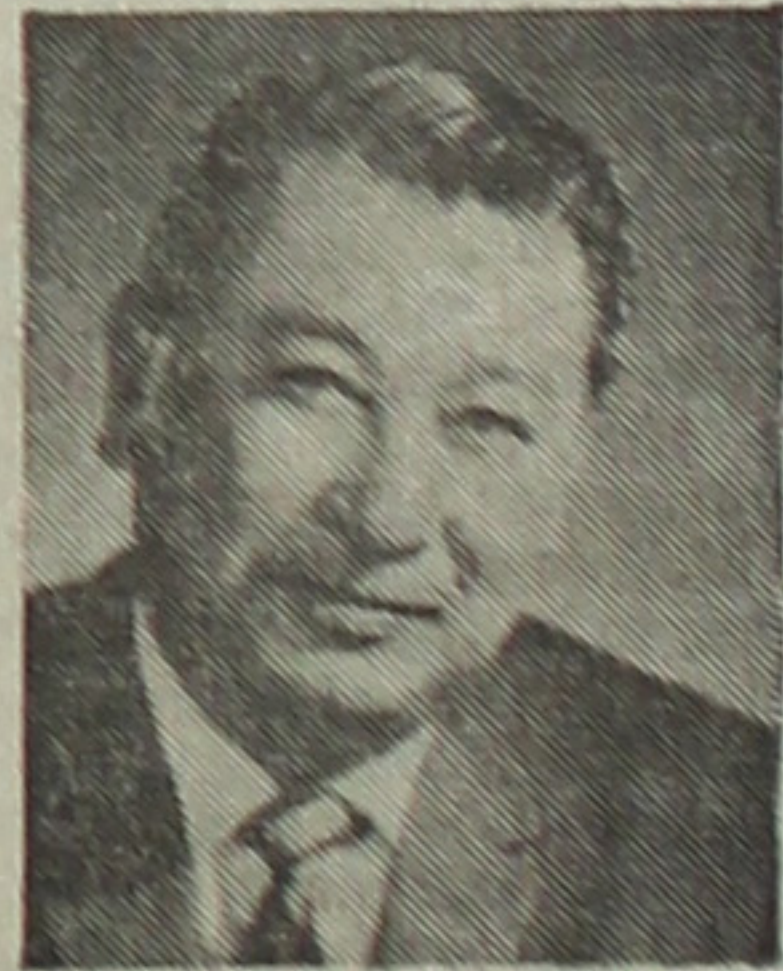
And Tats Kushida, CLU, Arnold Maeda, and Mack Miyazaki have earned membership in our exclusive El Capitan Club.

All four men and their wives will be our guests at the Silverado Country Club in Napa, California, August 6-9 for a meeting of El Capitan Club, and Mr. Yamashiro and his wife will also attend our President's Council conference August 9-12 at the Maui Surf Hotel on the Island of Maui.

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From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

QUOTAS—Some of the Establishment type pundits have been commenting on the "quota system" that prevailed in determining the makeup of the Democratic National Convention, and it behooves the Nisei and Sansei to take notice because in any numbers game we stand to lose. This system was designed to guarantee adequate representation at the convention for Blacks, Chicanos, Indians, women and the young who, goodness knows, were under-represented in previous conventions. Incidentally, there does not seem to have been a Japanese quota, but we'll return to that in a little bit.

Tom Wicker of the New York Times, a columnist of liberal leanings, was moved to ask whether future conventions are to be rigidly designed to reflect each of the ethnic, sexual, religious and other distinctions of the American people. "If so," he observed, "the result might be 'fair' to all but, by definition, the selection of delegates could be neither open nor democratic. It would have to be controlled by some iron hand at the top."

Jeffrey Hart, a somewhat more conservative commentator for King Features Syndicate, says the Democrats have approved a "revolutionary" idea that "has only begun to be applied to society at large." What the quota system would signify, he goes on, "is the establishment of racial and ethnic quotas in wide sectors of the labor market and in the professions, with necessarily, the enforcement of the quotas by the federal bureaucracy. How large a departure this will be from the traditional American pattern may instantly be grasped. Traditionally the law has been neutral, color blind . . . at least in theory. The imposition of quotas on the public realm necessarily involves a complete break with the traditional pattern."

The quota that these people are talking about is based on a proportionate percentage of the total population, and here is where the Jaanese Americans are all but left out in the cold. The 1970 census shows there are about 204 million Americans of whom 22,600,000 are Black and more than 9 million Spanish-speaking. There are nearly 6 million who consider themselves Jews, and nearly 800,000 Indians. The Jaanese usually are lumped in the "all other" category, although the actual number is 591,290. That figures out to about 0.2 per cent of the total, and you can see what that means in terms of a quota, whether it's in jobs or representation at a political convention.

(Some older Nisei are already familiar with a "negative" quota. I know some fellows who couldn't get into medical school back in the 1930s, despite eminent qualifications, because the administrators figured "we've already got a couple of Jap kids and that's enough for this year." And more recently some Sansei have been denied access to federal educational assistance because there was no quota for their particular minority, although it was obvious they were equally as deserving as Blacks or Chicanos.)

Carried to the ridiculous extreme, a political quota system might give reason for someone to demand a change in the makeup of Hawaii's Congressional delegation which is three-fourths Nisei whereas that state's population is only one-third Japanese American.

Speaking realistically, the Nisei have exceeded any population-based quota in most fields of endeavor they have tackled by aggressiveness, ability, diligence and plain hard work. In an earlier time these attributes were admired, now some consider them undesirable stereotypes.

Whether the Nisei like it or not, they are in an ambivalent position. They are not considered members of a minority when it suits the observer's position, but the law has not always been "neutral and color blind."

NIXON-TANAKA TWO-DAY SUMMIT IN HAWAII SET

Date of Japan Emperor's Visit to U.S. Expected

WASHINGTON — President Nixon will fly to Hawaii for a two-day Aug. 31-Sept. 1 meeting with new Japanese prime minister Kakuei Tanaka, the White House announced July 23.

The meeting will take place one week after Nixon's renomination for a second term, and shortly before the Japanese begin important diplomatic talks with both China and the Soviet Union.

The timing of the Nixon-Tanaka meeting appears to have been affected by the major adjustments and realignments which Japan is expected to make soon in its relations with other world powers.

The two-day schedule in Hawaii will be a further opportunity to debate the questions. Premier Tanaka is a former minister of trade and fully familiar with the on-going negotiations.

Peking Invitation

On July 21 Tanaka formally received an invitation relayed from Chinese Premier Chou En-lai to visit Peking as a major step in the resumption of full relations between the two war time foes.

For Tanaka, an early meeting with China would be a demonstration of the international priorities which continue to guide his government as well as a demonstration of orderly procedure in preparing for new alignments.

Among the announcements likely to come from the Nixon-Tanaka meeting is the date Emperor Hirohito will visit the U.S. This, by protocol, is expected to precede a visit of Mr. Nixon to Japan, presumably in 1973, if Mr. Nixon is re-elected.

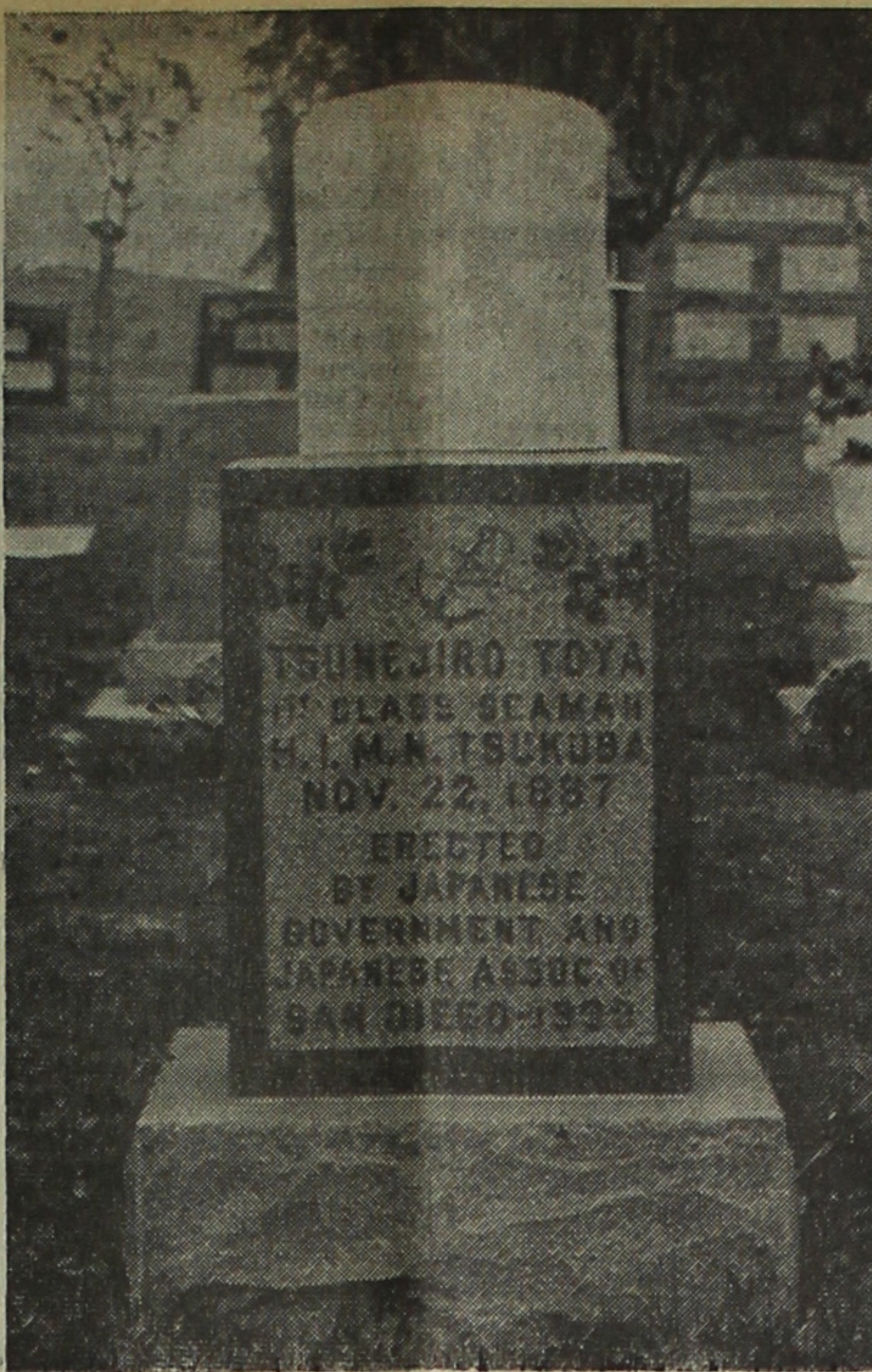
The Democrats have been very soft on Mr. Nixon in respect to his summit meetings in Peking and Moscow. But they have criticized what they regard as his blunders in handling Japanese relations.

Strained Relations

The Democratic Party platform adopted at Miami Beach declared:

"Our relations with Japan have been severely strained by a series of 'Nixon shocks.' We must restore our friendship with Japan, the leading industrial nation of Asia and a growing world power."

"There are genuine issues between us and Japan in the economic area, but accommodation of trade problems will be greatly eased by an end to the Nixon administration's calculated insensitivity to Japan and her interests, marked by repeated failures to afford advance warnings, much less consultation over sudden shifts in U.S. diplomatic and economic policy that affect Japan."



Who was the Japanese seaman Toya?

KAIKO: Looking Back in Retrospect

RESEARCH METHODS RECOUNTED TO DETERMINE BACKGROUND OF SAILOR

By DON ESTES

San Diego. If anyone remembered "it" at all they thought "it" had always been there. However, most people didn't even know what I was talking about. "It" in this case was a gray, granite monument standing in San Diego's city-owned cemetery on which the words: "Tsunejiro Toya, Seaman 1st Class, H.I.M.N. Tsukuba, November 22 1887. Erected by the Japanese Government and the Japanese Association of San Diego" were carved in a fine hand.

Without question 1st Class Seaman Toya's burial was the first registered burial of a Jaanese in San Diego County, a fact which some might consider worthy of a short sentence or a footnote at best.

To me however, he represented several other things. First was that he had been a man, and one of the earliest Japanese to apparently visit our city. He was also a mystery since no local people seemed to know anything about the solitary Japanese sailor buried on Mount Hope, or the circumstances that brought him here in 1887.

Toya's case represents a good example of the kind of research necessary when you deal with the early Jaanese experiences in California. Technically, Toya doesn't qualify as an Issei pioneer, but his story is certainly part of the Jaanese experience in

San Diego. The search for Tsunejiro Toya began during the initial period of research I am doing on the early Jaanese in San Diego County. At that time it seemed logical that the identity of some of the earliest Jaanese settlers in this area could be established by checking the burial records of the city's oldest operating cemetery.

The superintendent of Mount Hope, Raymond Dehne, was very helpful and provided me with an office and the "burial books"; two large volumes registering all the burials between the years 1869 and 1926. Within these books can be found not only the names of those buried, but their race, date of death, date of burial, marriage status, age, place of nativity sex, and location of the grave.

The reporter went on to tell his readers that the ship had left Japan on Sept. 4, 1886 and sailed directly to San Francisco. After a short stay there the Tsukuba took five days to sail to San Diego, and from here she would sail to Panama, Tahiti, and return to

I already knew of the existence of Seaman Toya's grave because of its location among some fifty or more Nikkei graves. His entry in

the "burial books" indicated that he had been buried on Dec. 13, 1887; his death date was unknown, he was a male, single, forty years of age whose place of nativity was Japan. His name was first shown as Toya T. Toya but later Tsunejiro had been added for the first name. The remarks section showed that he had been moved to his present location in 1939. At this point the story of Seaman TOYA returned to the realm of mystery.

During my interviews with local Issei pioneers I would always make it a point to ask about the sailor on Mount Hope, but it soon became clear that he had either been forgotten or was just plain unknown. So I was still beset by questions like: What was a Jaanese sailor doing in San Diego in 1887? how did he come to be buried here rather than at sea or in Japan?, and why did the "burial book" show the date Dec. 13, 1887 and the tombstone Nov. 22, 1887? As is usually the case in mysteries I had more questions than answers.

From a book written in 1904 called *Japan by the Japanese* I found a list of all the ships in the Imperial Navy in 1893, and there among them was the Tsukuba. She had been built for the English in 1851 and later sold to the infant Japanese navy. The ship had eight guns, displaced 1,978 tons and carried a normal complement of 273 officers and men.

Finally, as a result of several other problems I was researching, I turned to the newspaper file of the *San Diego Union*. Starting with the earliest date connected with Toya (Nov. 22, 1887) I took to the microfilm files. Then suddenly there it was on page five, the local page, for Saturday, Nov. 19, 1887. It was a story reporting the arrival of the first Jaanese man-of-war to San Diego, the H.I.M.N. Tsukuba, the day before.

The Union's reporter described the ship in these words: "She looked like an old wooden hulk built before the days of iron vessels, and it does not inspire terror to look into the throats of her old five inch guns."

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West L.A. JACL co-sponsored program seeks Board of Education funding

LOS ANGELES — The coming together of a community has been seen in the recent success of the experimental Nora Sterry Community Lighted School in West Los Angeles.

Started last February by special permission from Superintendent William Johnston with commitments from Board of Education members, Dr. Robert Docter and Philip Bardos, the community school was an innovation in after-school program of education and recreation for adults, youth and children sponsored by a neighborhood council and staffed with volunteer teachers.

The Lighted School is located in the Nora Sterry Elementary School at 1730 Corinth Ave., where principal Mary Alice Zalesny has expressed enthusiastic support for the new program headed by community school chairman Mrs. Mary Ishizuka.

Nine free tuition classes including conversational Japanese for children and adults, conversational Spanish for children, weight control, supervised study skills for youth and a community forum were held four afternoons and three evenings during the week.

Over 500 Enrolled

The Lighted School has enrolled more than 510 adults, youth and children with an average of 78 volunteer teaching hours per month.

The school, based on a pilot program at Broadway Elementary School in Venice, is co-sponsored by the West Los Angeles JACL and Aguilera Real, a Mexican American service organization.

Supporting organizations and the neighborhood council are submitting a proposal to the Los Angeles Board of Education for a full time director and community aides at a cost of \$30,000 to continue the school in the fall.

Plans for a summer program

PRIORITIES

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involvement and its constructive questioning of the direction JACL is moving.

As reported in the editorial of a recent issue of the Chicago JACLer, "we must return to the spirit of dedication and firm commitment to our principle and beliefs if we are to survive as a meaningful organization."

In subsequent reports, I shall like to share with our readers the plans and actions as they materialize. Other broad issues will be reported in this column from time to time.

It is my hope that the readers will feel free to offer comments so that we can maintain communications in every way possible. The comments of all shall be most appreciated.

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NATION'S FIRST NISEI CONSTABLE

Placer County Cler Sworn In

By ROY YOSHIDA

LOOMIS Calif. — In a simple ceremony without fanfare, Hike M. Yego of Penryn, well known Placer Nisei political figure, was sworn in as constable of the Loomis Judicial District on Friday, June 16, by Placer County Clerk Maurice Dobbas on an interim appointment until his official

term of office begins next January, 1973.

By virtue of his hard-to-believe victory in the June 6 primary election, Yego was appointed by the board of supervisors at its June 13 meeting to serve out the unexpired term of the late Constable Percy Lanouette of Loomis.

The country's first Nisei constable assumed his new duties on Monday, June 19, at the Loomis Justice Court where another Nisei, Judge Cosma K. Sakamoto, presides.

52% Majority

In amassing 3,196 votes to outdistance four other candidates, Yego gained plurality in all 20 precincts of the district, carrying 11 outright, to score what has been termed as a remarkable victory by local political pundits. Yego received 52 percent of the 6,143 votes cast.

Campaign chairman Kay Miyamura, in assessing the election, attributed victory to the candidate's vigorous campaigning right down to the wire, solid organization with strong financial backing, and mailing of nearly 5,000 16-page illustrative brochures "about our candidate" to the voters.

Youth art project

LOS ANGELES — Mrs. Carol Tanaka is national co-chairman of the Town Affiliation Assn. youth art project, a national pilot program supplementing elementary-secondary curriculum through cultural activities. Participating schools have been asked to submit five drawings reflecting student interpretations of either Mexican or Japanese culture.

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