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GREATER ACTIVITY IN N.W. PROMISED AT COUNCIL MEET

Census Drive, Research on Vocational, Agricultural Problems Will be Pushed; Plans Set for Convention

EXPECT BIG ATTENDANCE

WAPATO, Wash.—Greater activity in the Citizens' movement for the Northwest was promised by the Northwest Japanese-American Citizens' League board with a resumption of plans to forward the second generation census drive and vocational and agricultural research work.

These plans were taken up for discussion again at the recent board session held here in mapping the general program for the Northwest JACL convention to be held at Kent on Labor Day. With a successful promotion of the plans as well as the district meet, the general belief seemed evident the way would be paved for the greatest national convention yet to be held next year at Seattle.

Presiding over the two-day session Thomas Iseri, board chairman, emphasized the need of continuing the census drive as well as the further study of second generation vocational problems.

Work Important

The importance of this work was also stressed by Saburo Nishimura, board secretary, who declared the census drive and vocational study add importance to the citizens' movement.

Through work of this nature and the active participation of all Northwest chapter members, the success of the coming district meet would also be further assured, said Nishimura.

In drafting the tentative program for the district meet several new features were being taken under consideration with the general belief expressed the program would be the most ambitious attempted yet.

With several new wrinkles to the convention program and the biggest attendance yet expected, this third biennial district convention is believed will pave the way for the national meet in Seattle next year.

Program Outlined

The program tentatively outlined is as follows:

1—Invocation; 2—America; 3—Allegiance; 4—Welcome address by Mayor Wooden; 5—address by E. K. Saito, representing first generation; 6—address by prominent American; 7—keynote by Ted Nakamura; 8—adjourn for luncheon.

Afternoon Session

1—Various committees go into session with following as committee chairmen and speakers.

Politics—Kenji Ito, chairman; Thomas Masuda, speaker; Social—Merry Masuda, chairman; Jobu Yasumura, speaker; Economics (holding vocational and agricultural discussion)—Roy Nishimura, chairman; Harry Kuramoto, agricultural session speaker; Clarence T. Arai, M. Yasui vocational session speakers.

2—Northwest oratorical finals; 3—Service award committee election; 4—adjournment banquet; 5—welcome dance with White River JACL as hosts; (The board, resolutions committee and fraternal insurance committee with Toshio Hoshida as chairman, will hold their sessions during the afternoon.

Two Day Session

The board meeting here was a two-day affair having been held on May 18, and 19.

On the first evening prior to the opening session, the board members were the guests of the Yakima Valley JACL at a reception and dinner. Following the dinner the session was opened with Iseri taking the chair.

Those attending the reception and board sessions were: Kumeo Yoshinari, Kazuo Kanemori, Mid-Columbia; Ted Nakamura, Tacoma; Tom Iseri, Valley Civic League; Juro Yoshioka, Toru Kuramoto, Puyallup; Saburo Nishimura, James Sakamoto, Seattle; Harry Masto, Harry Honda, Dr. Robert Higashida, Roy Nishimura, George Honda, Grace Takahashi, Ichiro Yama, Amy Matsushita, Tsugiyu Masto, Shigami Umamoto, Tazuye Yama.

Seattle is Pushing Nat'l. Confab Plans

SEATTLE, Wash.—Preparations for the fourth biennial national convention of the Japanese-American Citizens' League to be held here in 1936, are now moving ahead rapidly.

With the kickoff event in the form of stage entertainment having already been held last month, Tura Nakamura, convention committee chairman, is planning the next affair to be held at Playland as a Japan Day event. While the date has not been set definitely, the Japan Day program is expected to be held on either July 21 or 28.

SLOCUM FIGHTS FOR VET CITIZENSHIP BILL

House Committee Declares No Influx of Immigration Would Follow Passage

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Fighting the battles of his comrades for citizenship, Tokutaro Nishimura Slocum is still on the job working for the passage of the Oriental veterans' citizenship bill, HR 7170, which was recently reported out favorably and unanimously by the House naturalization and immigration committee.

Slocum, who recently testified before the committee in behalf of the bill, is himself regarded as a splendid example of the Oriental veteran who served with Uncle Sam's forces during the world war. In his appeal the ex-Japanese doughboy declared his faith in American fair play and expressed the opinion the bill as it was introduced and amended did not extend the privilege of citizenship to persons who in future may join the American military or naval forces merely to gain citizenship.

The bill as reported out by the house committee, with certain specifications would allow the Oriental veteran to gain citizenship provided they served with the United States' armed forces during the time between April 9, (amended to April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918.)

No Immigration Issue

In reporting the bill out favorably the committee report on the bill allayed all fear of letting down the bars on Oriental immigration to this country.

Parts of the report, asking justice for the Oriental veterans and allaying the fear of opening the immigration issue, are as follow:

"There is no immigration question involved within the provisions of this bill as reported from the committee, since no one who is not within the United States or not within the territories of the United States on the date this bill becomes law in its present form will be able to claim any benefits under this legislative measure.

"Your committee feels sure this measure, as reported to the house, will not result in any immigration of persons, from Oriental countries, who are now excluded under the immigration laws from a mission to the United States or Territories thereof.

Would Be Justice

"In conclusion, your committee feels sure that the prompt enactment of this measure in the form reported to the House is simply a measure of justice to resident persons who rendered service in our own armed forces during war-time, who not withstanding racial differences entered our armed forces and fought for this country—some even having seen active service in the fighting zone on foreign soil under the American flag.

"Some of these Oriental veterans of the world war have been so long in the United States or Hawaii that a return to their native country would be almost equivalent to a visit to foreign or alien country—these are today very largely products of the environments of the United States, and qualified to serve this country acceptably in peace, as citizens, as they did in war, as aliens who declared their allegiance by their oath upon entrance to our armed forces."

SAN FRANCISCO HAS DRIVE FOR \$10,000 OVER 5-YR. PERIOD

Members Asked to Take Life Memberships for \$50 on Installment Plan; Funds to Go Into Trust Fund

USE OF FUNDS SPECIFIED

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The opening shot for a campaign to endow the San Francisco chapter with a \$10,000 fund was announced at the general meeting of the local chapter here, recently. Before appealing to the public, the committee under the chairmanship of Susumu Togasaki, the veteran JACL treasurer, has been signing up the active members to pledge themselves to become life members, the dues for which is \$50.00.

The program to raise the \$10,000 has been based on a five year plan. Those who agree to become life members are given the option of paying the total sum under the following three methods proposed: (1) in monthly installments of \$1.00; (2) in semi-annual installments of \$5.00; or (3) in annual payments of \$10.00.

In view of the reason that most of the members are among the working group, it is likely the \$100 a month installment plan will be sought, in most cases, as the method of payment.

To Make Trust Fund

The funds are to be impounded as a TRUST FUND with the local chapter permitted to use only the interest of the accumulated money for its current activities. The trustees will be permitted to use the funds only for the following purposes:

To buy, lease, or rent a headquarters for the organization; or, contribute towards a fund which is sponsoring a movement for the protection and advancement of the general welfare of the second generation of California and elsewhere; or, for the promotion of the American ideals and principles among the American citizens of Japanese ancestry; or, for the promotion of the welfare of the state of California and the United States of America; and for other patriotic purposes.

Nine Members Pledge

Already nine members have signed the pledge. The present quota is to obtain twenty active members of the local chapter before appealing to the public. It is hoped that as the second generation members become established in the community, they will join this membership group.

The plan to raise such a large sum is an ambitious scheme; but with the \$1000 or so already in the treasury, it is not regarded as an impossible undertaking. As the speaker who announced the plan stated, it is going to depend upon the enthusiasm that the active members show in this project which is considered as one of the most important ever undertaken to date.

Elliot Makes Suggestions

At the meeting, Mr. Albert H. Elliot who has been representing the various Japanese people at the State Capitol in connection with the various anti-Japanese legislation spoke on the "Value of Organization." Many valuable suggestions were offered by him.

The plans for the forthcoming Northern California District Council meeting to be held in July; the reception to be tendered the student conference delegates from Japan; and the Fresno Northern California District Convention were announced.

Dr. Carl T. Hirota, president, presided over the meeting.

San Luis Obispo JACL Holds Dance-Meeting

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—A special dance-meeting was held last month to introduce the work done by the JACL in Sacramento. Reports were heard from Fred Takagi, Tom Nakaji, and Masako Saruwatari.

Mrs. Kofuji Fukunaga presided. James Nishimura, formerly of Seattle, but now living in Arroyo Grande, was introduced as a new member.

Dr. Yatabe Reveals No. Cal. Meet Plans

FRESNO, Calif.—The three-day convention program for the first biennial Northern California District convention to be held here Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 was announced complete by Dr. T.T. Yatabe, national president, and chairman of the program committee.

Although details were not revealed, Dr. Yatabe assures every delegate a full-time program of business, entertainment, and an outing. Various measures concerning the younger generation in Northern California are expected to be taken up, paving the way to the fourth biennial convention to be held in Seattle in 1936.

A farewell dance is being planned in the Rainbow Ballroom, considered one of the best on the Coast. The Housing Committee has obtained air-cooled and conditioned halls to overcome any discomforts of the summer-heat delegates may encounter. Dr. Yatabe is being assisted by Fred Yoshikawa and Bob Itanaga.

ENDOWMENT PLANS AROUSE DISCUSSION

Discussion will Help in Consideration of JACL's Future Youth Group

SAN FRANCISCO—The recent suggestion to endow the national Japanese-American Citizens' League with \$100,000 has at least stirred up quite a discussion in local papers.

This interest, it is felt, will keep the matter before the public eye and make the serious minded members consider the future of the citizens' movement. Any organization survives provided it can justify its existence.

The same is true of the JACL, it is argued.

New Plan Voiced

It was seen that if it is to be a political, social, or fraternal body, it can have a grip on its members provided it can make them realize its value and importance.

In this connection the plan of making the various chapters serve as employment agencies may open a field of great possibilities. This proposal is not one which seen as aiming at competition with establishments doing business already. It is more to help the members of the League.

JACL Contacts

The JACL has chapters throughout the coast and contacts with organizations in order parts of the country including Hawaii.

During the summer time, the country districts may be in need of field workers. The city chapters may have members who desire to obtain such employment.

In such events, the chapters located in the farming districts can assume the role of job hunters and help find employment. Also if any member desires a permanent position on a ranch, chapters can file such an application and inform the member of any opening.

This will also be applicable in case a member in the country district desires to obtain employment in the city. As an organization the chapters as well as the district and national offices should help the members obtain positions in new fields.

This is the manner in which the question is being considered while it is also believed not only will the JACL win members but also help to solve some of the vocational problems.

SAN MATEO

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Forward steps were taken in the formation of a San Mateo County JACL with a mass meeting held early this month. Saiki Muneno, Pescadero "cowboy", was chosen to draft the constitution for the group.

Representatives from Redwood City, Menlo Park, Belmont, Pescadero, Half Moon Bay, and San Mateo were present at a committee gathering held in Redwood City.

EXPATRIATION WILL WIN CONFIDENCE IN SECOND GENERATION

JACL Pushes Program; Misunderstanding May Hurt; Leaders in Japan Approve of Expatriation Move

DUAL STATUS IS MENACE

By Saburo Kido

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Japanese-American friendship is the ideal for which the second generation members strive because of the stake they have. In this connection, the majority of the leaders have come to the conclusion that unless the American citizens of Japanese ancestry can satisfy and win the confidence of the general American public that they are loyal citizens and be accepted as an integral part of the American nation, they will be of little value in the important role they are scheduled to play. And to pave the way to this loyalty, the first step that should be taken appears to be the matter of expatriation.

Plans are now being formulated by the JACL to push this program of urging the citizens of Japanese ancestry to renounce their Japanese citizenship if they have such. The greatest difficulty that will have to be overcome is in convincing the second generation the possibilities of misunderstanding if they should continue to have dual citizenship.

Majority Indifferent

The majority have not given much thought to this question. In fact, they do not view this problem seriously. Unquestionably, they will cast aside their indifference if they are made to realize that dual citizenship is being made the basis of the patriotic societies, such as the American Legion.

In Hawaii, the agitation for expatriation was waged vigorously by the Reverend Takie Okumura and his associates. The Japanese Association of America helped many on the mainland to expatriate. It is interesting to read some of the historical background of this problem.

Wakatsuki Favors Expatriation
Mr. Wakatsuki, who later became premier of Japan but who was then the Minister of Interior, when interviewed by Rev. Okumura in 1925, stated:

"Our government does not have the least desire to retain, or make any claim on children born in Hawaii or America. Our earnest desire is that they shall grow up into strong, trustworthy American citizens, without any string tied to the old country."

"Recently when the question of expatriation was discussed in a cabinet meeting, I urged that when a person obtains the certificate establishing his birth in one particular country, his allegiance to Japan cease automatically without any necessity of filing the formal application for expatriation to the Interior Department of the Japanese government."

Expatriation a Duty

"I wanted to make the expatriation procedure as simple as possible, but a group of officials held that it is better to have the applicant declare his choice and file his application, and I yielded reluctantly."

"To expatriate oneself is not an act of disloyalty. It is a duty which every young man must perform to the country of his birth, and the performance of that duty is earnestly desired by Japan. Go back and tell the Japanese in Hawaii that Wakatsuki said so, and urge them to speed up the expatriation of their children."

Rev. Okumura was then introduced to the premier by Foreign Minister Shidehara. The premier stated:

"It is essential that the children born in Hawaii renounce Japanese citizenship, exercise their American citizenship right, and become an element on whom the American people can trust and depend."

Should be Loyal Americans
As far as the advisability of expatriation is concerned, the general consensus seem to favor that opinion. General Sadao Araki was quoted as saying:

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EXPATRIATION--A DUTY

The members of the second generation are today faced with the duty of expatriating themselves from Japan. Such is the attitude of J.-A.C.L. leaders up and down the coast and for it they are to be commended.

The question of dual citizenship which confronts many members of the second generation today is not entirely the fault of the second generation itself. When the children were born, the parents, not knowing how long they would be in this country, naturally registered the birth with the Japanese government. This, in effect, made these children citizens of both Japan and the United States of America.

Expatriation for these should be speeded, for the members of the second generation should be citizens of only of this country, which is their true home.

No man can be a citizen of two nations. His position would be even worse than that of the "man without a country". A man cannot owe his allegiance to the nation in which he was born, in which he is living and in which he is earning his livelihood and to another to which he owes at most a sentimental allegiance because it is the home of his ancestors.

The members of the second generation cannot deny that they are citizens of this country. That one fact is so important that it overrides all questions of sentiment, as close to the heart as the latter may be.

The problem cannot be met by indifference, by letting it drift in the hopes that it will solve itself or with the belief that it will never be of any importance, that it will never cause any difficulties.

Leaders in Japan as well as in this country realize fully that the members of the second generation cannot owe a double allegiance. They are almost unanimous in their belief that Japan has no hold on the second generation.

The members of the second generation owe it to themselves and to their home country, the country where their lives are rooted, to act immediately to expatriate themselves from the land of their ancestors.

THE MOLDING PROCESS

The Japanese-American Citizens' League is today operating both in the present and in the future.

In the present it is carrying out the usual run of its business. But even more important than that it is working at the same time for the future—for what it will be depends on how well it is built from within.

No attempt should be made at present to overload the program of the League. Judging from the record of the national convention at San Francisco last year, the League is safely past the organization stage, but it is still in a position where it might possibly overtax its strength. Today it is rather in the position of a human being who has successfully passed through childhood and is now in his adolescence.

The League should not attempt to win recognition purely on a basis of work accomplished. Of equal importance is the character of the organization.

The program of real character building that has been the foundation of so much of its work ever since it has been founded will never grow out of date. As long as the members and leaders of the League work along these lines they will never have to fear the shallow criticisms or ill opinions of fickle minds.

The League itself is today molding its own future in a very real sense. It is training its own future leaders and it is inculcating its members with the ideas and ideals of true Americanism that will make them the best of citizens.

If the League helps to build up a strong character in all its members its future will take care of itself and should be the least of its worries.

THE NORTHWEST CONVENTION

It will be at Kent on Labor Day and fully 500 are expected to attend it.

"It" is the third biennial Northwest district council convention of the Japanese-American Citizens' League. It was back in 1931 that the first convention was held with 129 delegates appearing. In 1933 a total of 267 delegates was registered. Judging from the addition of new chapters and the general growth of enthusiasm, the attendance at the coming convention should fall not far short of doubling that of the last Northwest meet.

The Kent gathering to which the White River valley chapter will act as host, will give ample demonstration that the citizens' movement in the Northwest has taken root. The Northwest chapters will also fire the real opening shot for the national convention which will be held in Seattle next year. The whole Northwest organization will be given an opportunity at the district meet to demonstrate its unity of action in bringing support to the national convention.

"Security through unity" was the keynote of the San Francisco national convention. Those words have not been forgotten in the Northwest. The greatest stress has been placed on the last word of that phrase, "unity".

Exerting their unified efforts, the Northwest chapters will make their district convention the greatest gathering in their history and will sweep on to make the national convention in 1936 the success that it should be.

Down Main Street

SAN FRANCISCO—Miss Utako Ogawa, well known in this community, and Dr. Carl Tokuji Hirota, president of the San Francisco JACL are to be married on Saturday evening, June 1, at the Calvary Presbyterian church. A reception is to follow the ceremony. Miss Ogawa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kumazo Ogawa.

SEATTLE—Mr. and Mrs. George Ishihara are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Janet Mitsuko. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ishihara are active JACL members. Mr. Ishihara is former president of the local chapter.

SAN FRANCISCO—Mr. John Fujii, well known second generation newspaperman, is now with the Hoku-bei Asahi of this city.

SAN FRANCISCO—The engagement of Miss Emily Kawakami of San Jose to Mr. James Hirai, former newspaperman of this city, was announced recently. Mr. Hirai is an ex-Seattleite.

SEATTLE—Miss Teru Uno, member of the faculty staff of the Tacoma General hospital, left here late this month for Los Angeles on a vacation tour. While there she will visit her younger brother, Mr. Tatsuo Uno.

SAN FRANCISCO—Edward M. Nozawa, former member of the Sacramento JACL received his transfer of membership to the local chapter. Nozawa, a native of Florida, is now employed in this city.

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Mr. and Mrs. John Ando are now at home in their newly remodeled and refurnished residence here. Mr. Ando, who is chairman of the Southern California District Council board, did the work on his home himself.

YAKIMA, Wash.—Dr. Robert Hishida, JACL member, and Roy Nishimura, former league president, were among these sporting bushy beards for the recent Frontier Days celebration.

SAN FRANCISCO—The local JACL is now sponsoring a class in ballroom dancing, which is offered to any Japanese free of charge. Dr. Kahn Uyeyama and Dr. Carl Hirota are taking applications. The second Citizens' league bridge tournament is scheduled for June 22.

SAN FRANCISCO—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Takagi departed for Hawaii recently on a month's visit with their parents. They were accompanied by Mr. Takagi's younger sister, Miss Chiyoko Takagi, who graduated from the San Francisco State Teacher's College this month.

PORTLAND, Ore.—A popular second generation, Miss Ruth Nomura, announced her engagement recently to Mr. Earl Tambara, the golf and bridge expert of the San Francisco chapter. Both are well known in JACL circles throughout the coast.

SAN FRANCISCO—Mr. Saiki Muneno, known to his many friends on the coast as the "Pescadero Cowboy" attended the University of California graduates night held at the Cliff hotel recently with his fiancée, Miss Mutsu Miura of the Sacramento chapter. Rumors are afloat their marriage will take place in July.

LOS ANGELES—Mr. Masao Isonaka, popularly known as "Jerry", announced his engagement to Miss Lillian Mori of this city. Both are employed at the Okuhira Produce Company, here.

PESCADERO—A new arrival here is Mr. Akira Horikoshi of San Francisco, who is employed by the Pescadero Pea Growers' Ass'n. He is at present residing at the home of Mr. Saiki Muneno.

EL PASO, Tex.—Known as the vagabond journalist of the coast, Mr. Tosuke Yamasaki of the Hoku-bei Asahi was a visitor here this month on his way to Mexico. Last summer Mr. Yamasaki hitch-hiked throughout the Eastern states.

SAN FRANCISCO—Since the local JACL sponsored the tournament, contract bridge is now all the rage here. Mr. and Mrs. Y. Moriaki recently held a bridge party with valuable prizes presented to the winners. Dr. and Mrs. Kahn Uyeyama won first prize while the Messrs. Thomas and Roy Takagi took second prize.

SAN FRANCISCO—Miss Alice Yoshioka graduate nurse of the Children's hospital who hails from Fresno, is a busy person these days. She passed the state board examinations and has been licensed to practice her profession. Her specialty is looking after new-born babies and their mothers.

LOS ANGELES—One of the outstanding events of the late spring social season was the wedding of Miss Yone Kuwahara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuhiko Kuwahara of Pico, to Mr. Kay Sugahara, president of the Los Angeles JACL. The wedding was held at the Japanese M.E. church on May 16.

SEATTLE—The wedding reception banquet of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tsubota of Kent, Wash. was held here on May 25. Mr. Tsubota is the secretary of the White River JACL while Mrs. Tsubota is the former Miss Hiroko Morioka of Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO—Departing on a business trip, Mr. Koji Murata, a member of the local JACL chapter board of governors, left for Japan recently. Mr. Tad Fujita is now the first assistant to Mr. Murata's father, proprietor of the Nippon Goldfish Co.

NYSSA, Ore.—Mr. George Hashitani, formerly of Nampa, Idaho, and an Idaho delegate to the Northwest Japanese-American Citizens' league convention in Portland, in 1933, returned here from Japan this month after a year and a half visit. Mr. Hashitani is the elder brother of Mr. Roy Hashitani, who was a member of the Idaho delegation to the San Francisco national convention last year.

MIYA SANNOMIYA SENDS GREETINGS

By Miya Sannomiya

TOKIO, Japan—May I express my belated but most sincere thanks to the Japanese-American Citizens' League for its kind help and support during my recent visit to America. The great success of the speaking tour held under your auspices was due to the cooperation and hard work of your various chapters. I am deeply indebted to the Citizens' league chapters all over the Pacific Coast from Seattle to San Diego.

May I express my especial thanks to the Seattle, Puyallup, Auburn and Tacoma chapters in Washington, the Portland chapter in Oregon, the Sacramento, Placer County, Sonoma County, San Luis Obispo, Livingston, Fresno, Santa Maria Valley, Watsonville, Salinas, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and its neighboring chapters, San Diego, San Gabriel Valley, Alameda and the San Francisco chapters in California. I am also most grateful to the kindness and interest of citizens in all the other places of my visit.

Surprised by Growth

I realize what a great deal of time, labor and money it took for each chapter to prepare the well planned teas, banquets and speaking and visiting programs for me. I am hoping to have the pleasure of visiting America again. Such intimate and pleasant memories are connected with each chapter and locality that I shall be tempted to visit them all again. But judging by the last warm welcome, I would be afraid to do so fearing that I would be causing them too much trouble!

The great growth and progress of the JACL movement, both in numbers and area of influence as well as in its ideals and work, in the last few years was a most pleasant surprise to me. Being one of its oldest members and having known the League in its infancy, I naturally had faith in it and expected great things from it but its quick and great development was a surprise even to me.

In dozens of cities from Seattle to San Diego and Arizona I was given the opportunity of seeing the different chapters at work and met thousands of League members. As a result, I have a personal and intimate feeling for all the chapters and their leaders and members.

JACL Doing Valuable Work

From a handful of older second generation members the JACL has grown today into an organization of about 3000 strong, filling a most necessary mission in uniting the new Americans and looking after their needs, not only politically, but in many other ways. In setting examples of high ideals, in encouraging the younger group, in leading the way towards better things, in awakening the new citizens to their responsibilities and privileges as Americans, and in creating better understanding through contact with other American citizens in community life, the JACL is doing and will do valuable work.

As the first generation grow older and their activities and organizations dwindle away, something new, something distinctly American must grow up to fill the needs of the succeeding generations who are not Japanese any more, but are Americans in language, education and thinking, as well as in political duties. It became increasingly clear to me as I saw the activities of successive chapters that the JACL is this something which the new Japanese Americans need. And it seemed to me that the League as a whole is headed in the right direction.

Try to Join In

To learn to take part in American community life is a big and important problem in the life of new citizens, especially Japanese-American citizens. In most places there are very encouraging indications of the fact that the League as an organization, and League members privately and individually, are increasingly and naturally taking part in community affairs and working shoulder to shoulder with other Americans.

In smaller towns, especially, League members are also beloved and respected citizens of their American communities. Some are sitting in on Chamber of Commerce Boards, some are Rotarians of their towns or cities, and always they are respected citizens.

It seems to me that we should more and more endeavor to join in

with community life to the extent of merging ourselves with others in the community in most matters and trying not to keep ourselves aloof or apart as being a separate or different group. As an organization, collectively or individually, the League has an important mission to fulfill in this line—and the work is only just beginning.

Find Place in America

There was a time when many people were much concerned about the future of the second generation, about his vocation and his position as an American citizen. There are many who are still worried. However, as I met the leaders of the League movement in each community, I felt worried no longer.

Gradually, the older second generation, the new Japanese Americans, are taking their place in life as valuable, useful American citizens of their communities. Farmers, lawyers, doctors, business men, they are all doing well, each doing their share to the best of their ability as American citizens. And what more, can one ask?

Two Points of Caution

All indications are good but there are two dangers,—two matters that may make or break the League movement. The first is the wrong or mistaken use of the ballot. As a league and as new Japanese-Americans we need to be very careful.

The second is the danger of splitting in parties as the organization grows. Of course, it is natural that we cannot always agree and people will always form cliques and groups just as long as they keep on being human beings. However, it is my sincere hope that members and chapters will always keep the idea of unity and the well being of the JACL movement and the second generation as a whole above all other petty interests.

By the time I return to America again from my studies, I am sure that I will be pleasantly surprised by your further growth. From across the Pacific I am praying for your success,—the growth and continued good work of the JACL movement as a whole, as well as of each and every chapter and locality.

TERUO YOSHIKANE IS NAMED TO JUDICIAL POSITION IN HAWAII

Is Justice of Circuit Court of Maui; Is Former Court Clerk; Second to be Named to Judge Post

OTHERS HAVE POSITIONS

HONOLULU, T.H.—Teruo Yoshikane became the second American of Japanese ancestry to be appointed to an important judicial post in the Territory of Hawaii. He was inducted as justice of the circuit court of Maui this month. The appointment was made by Justice James Coke.

Judge Yoshikane is a former court interpreter. The first citizen of Japanese ancestry to be conferred a judgeship was Tomekichi Okino, who was named judge last year at Puna, Hawaii.

First Woman

The first second generation woman to hold an important judicial position is Mrs. Teruchi Takahashi of Hilo. She is clerk under Judge Delbert E. Metzger of the fourth territorial circuit court.

Among the others who hold important legal position in the territory is Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, city and county attorney of Honolulu. He has held that post since 1932.

Activities Show Progress

The progress made by, and the activity of the Americans of Japanese parentage, is shown in the way the citizens have fitted themselves into the life of the Islands.

Several members of the House of Representatives are of the second generation. A total of 413 teachers and administrative employees of the department of public instruction of Hawaii are citizens of Japanese extraction. The list included ten who are principals.

The Japanese Democratic club, led by Representative Andy Yamashiro, has a membership of over part in the life of the Island, the Hawaiian-Japanese Civic association has a membership of nearly one thousand within the city of Honolulu. This organization is similar in nature to the Japanese-American Citizens' league on the Coast.

Hawaii Youth Wins Constitution Oratory

HONOLULU, T.H.—Joseph Tamura, student at McKinley high school, won first place in the Territorial finals of the Constitution Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. He was awarded prizes from both the sponsors and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Tasuku Sasaki, Mid-Pacific Institute, won second place. Four other Japanese youths participated in the contest.

SALINAS

SALINAS, Calif.—The Salinas Valley Japanese-American Citizens' league chapter met at the Japanese association headquarters here on May 17. Dr. Harry Kita presided.

Yuki Yabumoto on Dance Troupe Tour

eration girls taking to stage dancing may be few and far between but El Paso can at least boast of one American girl of Japanese ancestry winning prominence in the dancing.

She is Yuki Yabumoto, who recently signed a contract with the Marcus Continental Revue for special dance features and who is at present touring the East and South. Miss Yabumoto when signing the contract was with the Maria Izabelle Fiesta and prior to that was on the vaudeville stage.

High hopes are being held for Miss Yabumoto as a dance artist who is soon to make a tour of South America with her present company.

TEXAS CHAPTER TO GROW IN STRENGTH

Body Drafts Program of Activity; Get-Together Luncheon Rally Planned

EL PASO, Tex.—Responding to the call of the citizens' movement, a chapter of the national Japanese-American Citizens' League was formed here recently.

The recent visit of Tamotsu Murayama, well-known journalist of San Francisco, is regarded as having encouraged the establishment of the chapter while Sallie Yabumoto, second generation leader in this vicinity and well-known on the Coast, is also credited with adding incentive to the chapter formation.

While the local chapter is one of the youngest in the national organizations, it is believed this new body will become a strong addition to the league movement.

Plan Activity

At a recent meeting the body drafted a program of activity which will be sponsored with a get-together rally luncheon under the chairmanship of Mitsuko Iyo.

Talent among the membership is to furnish the entertainment including instrumental, and vocal selections and dances.

The local chapter holds its meetings on the first Sunday of each month and with the coming weeks the citizens' movement is expected to gain greater headway in this region.

Sacto Starts Drive for Florin Members

FLORIN, Calif.—A big membership drive was instituted in this district by the Sacramento JACL this month. There are estimated to be close to 200 eligible second generation voters hereabouts. The Florin Japanese Boy Scouts are aiding the Sacramento group.

William Jurgens, Elmer Uchida, and Tom Yamada are in charge of the membership campaign in this locality. Thomas Nakaguchi, John Hirohata, George Miyao and James Takehara are also taking part in the drive.

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CENTRAL CAL. MAY HAVE NEW DISTRICT JACL COUNCIL BODY

Fresno Loyalty League Will Discuss Possibility; New Chapters Loom; Petition Must be Made

MAY COMBINE NO. CALIF.

FRESNO, Calif.—Organization of a Central California District Council will be mooted at the meeting of the Fresno American Loyalty League on May 31.

Further impetus is expected to be given this move if the proposed Hanford and Reedley chapters become a reality. A chapter from Bakersfield is also a possibility.

Have Three Councils

At present the National Council is subdivided into three District Councils. They are: Southern California, Northern California, and Northwest.

The national constitution stipulates in Article VII, Section 4, that "Any new Council may be formed by petitioning to the National Council. Each new council must have at least four local chapters unless special provision is made by the National Council."

North Calif. Leads

There are more chapters under the jurisdiction of the Northern California Council than any of the others. Southern California has eight members in its Council. The Northwest has seven chapters.

Should a Central California Council be formed, a number of the seventeen Northern California group would be taken into the new Council, it is understood.

Monterey JACL Hears Citizenship Address

MONTEREY, Calif.—Study the history of our country to thoroughly understand and acquire knowledge of American citizenship, the Monterey JACL chapter was told. Dr. John R. Carmel addressed the group at the Japanese association hall here early this month.

Dr. Gray is a member of the American Legion. He was presented to the assembly by Hal Higashi, head of the JACL public relations board.

Dr. Gray declared the basic principle of all citizenship is found in the second of the Ten Commandments, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Los Angeles Youths Get Ephebian Honors

LOS ANGELES—Five Japanese were accorded the coveted membership in the Ephebian society, the highest honor that can be awarded graduating seniors in Los Angeles schools.

Shigeo Takayama, Yoshiko Takeuchi and Teruko Hirashiki were honored at Roosevelt high school where there are a large number of second generation students enrolled.

Doris Fujisawa received similar honors at Manual Arts high school. Emi Katakayama was named ephebian at Belmont high school.

Oakland JACL Group Sponsors Free Movie

OAKLAND, Calif.—A free moving picture for the general public, depicting the progress made in the construction of the San Francisco Bay bridge, was sponsored by the Oakland JACL chapter on Sunday, May 26 at the Wanto Gakuen hall.

A nickel raffle was held in conjunction with the show with a radio given to the winner.

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Frank Sakamoto Is Head of L.A. Drive

LOS ANGELES—Under the leadership of Frank Sakamoto of the local JACL chapter, the American-born Japanese who were raised and educated in Japan, will launch a general membership campaign among their group to form an integral part of the Los Angeles Japanese-American Citizens' League.

The move was the result of two meetings held recently under the auspices of the JACL chapter. The membership drive will be carried through the University of California at Los Angeles and Junior college camp, the Polytechnic high school, the downtown area, and the wholesale flower and produce markets where there is a large number of these Japanese second generation youths.

TWO NEW CHAPTERS MAY BE ORGANIZED

Hanford and Reedley Planning JACL Groups; to be Discussed at Fresno Meet

FRESNO, Calif.—Under the leadership of the Fresno American Loyalty league, work is under weigh toward the formation of two new chapters in Central California to join the national JACL movement. Further plans will be made at the next meeting of the local group to be held May 31.

Kings County is planning a chapter to be located in Hanford. Min Omata and Roy Minato are understood to be leaders in the move.

A committee of five is expected from Reedley to attend the Fresno meeting and to discuss plans for a Reedley chapter. Membership of this proposed group will be comprised largely from citizens in Reedley, Earlie, Selma, and Orange Cove.

Last Rites are Held for Jack Kawamura

WALNUT GROVE, Calif.—Last rites were held late this month for Jack Kazuyuki Kawamura, 22 years old, who died of pneumonia at the Sacramento hospital. Tribute was paid to the deceased from friends throughout Northern California.

Pall-bearers were Harry Shironaka, Tom Fujisaki, James Maeda, Ichiro Arimoto, John Itoda and Toshio Sakai. The Rev. J.R. Fujii of the Japanese M.E. church conducted the services.

The deceased was an active member of the Walnut Grove Epworth league, YMBA, JACL, and other organizations. He was an outstanding athlete and popular in music circles.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters, and four brothers. Cremation was at Sacramento.

YOUTH ORATOR

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—Masato Inouye, Santa Maria high school orator, tied for second place in the high school oratorical contest sponsored by the Drama and Speech Arts division of the annual Southern California Festival of Allied Arts held recently in Los Angeles. Inouye is also to be commencement speaker.

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EXPATRIATION WILL WIN CONFIDENCE IN SECOND GENERATION

JACL Pushes Program; Misunderstanding May Hurt; Leaders in Japan Approve of Expatriation Move

DUAL STATUS IS MENACE

(Cont'd. from P. 1, Col. 5)

"The Japanese children born in Hawaii and the United States mainland should be loyal American citizens. In case there should be war between the United States and Japan, they should be prepared to sacrifice to the utmost for the Stars and Stripes.

"Japan and America are friendly. And I do not believe there will be any trouble. But assuming that there should be a conflict, I wish the citizens of Japanese ancestry would be prepared to combat the Japanese and give their lives for the defense of the Stars and Stripes. In ancient Japanese history, it is not an uncommon thing to read about children and parents fighting each other on the battlefields because of their duty and loyalty.

Preserve Japanese Pride

"The Japanese people are prepared to fight till the last man for the defense of the nation and the Emperor. In the same manner, the American citizens of Japanese ancestry should be prepared to offer their utmost loyalty as American citizens. Just as the Japanese cherry blossoms which have been transplanted from Japan to the banks of the Potomac are more beautiful than those in Japan, it is important that the American citizens of Japanese ancestry preserve the pride of the Japanese race and serve America."

In the spring of 1922, Congressmen Raker and Johnson went to Hawaii. Upon their return to the mainland, it was reported that they advocated the disfranchisement of the citizens of Oriental ancestry.

Dual Citizenship a Menace

They pointed out that the citizens of Japanese ancestry owe allegiance to two nations, that like a servant to two masters, they can never become good and loyal American citizens and hence are a great menace to the United States.

There are many who believe like the two Congressmen. And therein lies the danger. Many of the citizens of Japanese ancestry may have special reasons which make it difficult for them to expatriate at the present time. They may not look at this problem from the standpoint of loyalty. But as long as a large number continue to retain dual citizenship and remain indifferent, our loyalty will be in doubt.

The citizens' leagues should take more aggressive steps to push their program of advocating expatriation. It is one of the valuable contributions which can be made to make the future of the second generation more secure and to win the confidence of the American public.

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ENTHUSIASM GROWS FOR N.W. MEETING AT KENT LABOR DAY

Will be Third Biennial Confab; White River Chapter Will be Host; Program for Unity is to be Supported

OFFICIALS BEHIND MEET

KENT, Wash.—Unprecedented enthusiasm is now being marked for the Northwest Japanese-American Citizens' League convention here on Labor Day.

The coming meet will be the third biennial conclave for the Northwest chapters. The district meet is held once every two years during the off-years of the national JACL convention held biennially.

With White River JACL chapter officials intensifying their efforts with each passing week for the coming conclave, it is believed a real old fashioned welcome with all the trimmings of good fellowship will be attendant.

Unity Plan Backed

The enthusiasm with which this first district convention is being welcomed to the White River is indicative of the support the program of unity sponsored by the Northwest board will be backed.

The White River JACL under its president, Tom Iseri and other leaders such as Minoru Terada, delegate to the N.W. Board, John Arima, former president and others, are strongly backing the program of unity among Northwest chapters to forward the citizens' movement on a united front in this district. This program of unity has its own beneficial results and it is believed one of the largest citizens' gatherings will assemble here on Labor Day with an approximate membership of 500 from the seven district chapter localities.

The White River JACL is the third oldest organization in the Northwest taking up the cudgels for the citizens' movement. It was organized late in 1930 following the first national JACL conclave in Seattle in 1930, with John Arima as its first president.

Officials Back Meet

The second president of the organization was George Yasumura with the third, Minoru Terada, present delegate to the N.W. board.

The present president is Tom Iseri and under his leadership it is believed the valley chapter has moved along unprecedented lines of progress in the way of becoming recognized as civic organization in the White River district.

UC Students Receive Scholarship Awards

BERKELEY—For their outstanding scholastic records at the University of California during the past year, five second generation Japanese students received the University scholarship awards this month.

The Joseph Bonheim Memorial award went to Ernest Takahashi, Hiroshi Uratsu, both of Berkeley, and to Nobuko Shimotori of Oakland.

Hiroshi Sugiyama of Alameda received the Fred L. Lowengart scholarship while Fusae Ikeda of Concord was awarded the Helen Jay Dubois scholarship.

PALO ALTO

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Forward steps toward the formation of a Palo Alto chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League were taken on Saturday, May 25, when a committee to draft a constitution was chosen. A Mr. Salzman, local attorney, spoke at the meeting held at the Buddhist temple. Mr. Salzman was recently elected city councilman. Eddie Himeda presided at the meeting.

STOCKTON

STOCKTON, Calif.—The Stockton chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League held a general meeting at its clubroom on Wednesday, May 22.

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Seattle JACL Helps Legion Poppy Drive

SEATTLE, Wash.—Taking part in the American Legion drive to help the disabled and destitute veterans and their families, local JACL members carried on an intensive poppy-selling campaign here on May 24.

Going over-the-top with their allotment of poppies, this was the third annual drive in which local members took part. During the past two campaigns, as this year, the sales were pushed over-the-top.

This year's drive was carried on by the following women members of the local organization: Mrs. Clarence T. Arai, Kenko Nogaki, rec. secretary of the league; Mine Yoshida, and May Nishitani.

SEATTLE'S CHAPTER CHANGES DISTRICTS

Revision Will Bring Closer Contact, Cooperation; Now Five City Districts

SEATTLE—A revised system was put into effect by the Seattle JACL in order to promote closer contact and cooperation between the various districts of this city. Under the revised program, formerly known as the precinct executives' plan, five city divisions, based on senatorial districts were made.

Each district is under a district executive, who in turn has the power to appoint precinct chairmen in their own districts. The precinct chairmen are to select four committeemen who are to sit on the social, political, economic or vocational, and membership committees.

South Park is District

In the case of the South Park group, the citizens' league formed there recently was agreed between South Park officials and local league officers to be made a district committee with its duly elected president to act as the district executive.

James Takahashi, president of the South Park body will be the executive in that district for the league. The following were appointed executives of the senatorial districts: George Hara, 33; Jiro Aoki, 34; Shigeru Aoki, 35; Hisa Kurosaka, 37; Eddie Shimomura, 32, 36 and 43.

Oratorical May 29

The Seattle chapter was set for its regular meeting and oratorical contest on Wednesday, May 29, at the Japanese Baptist church. Four contestants have entered. Speakers and their subjects are: "Has America been Too Free?", Alice Shionomi; "Training and Good Citizenship", Waka Mochizuki; "Citizenship in the Making", Mary Kawamura; "Our Mission", Chihiro Kikuchi.

Clarence Arai, oratorical committee chairman, announced that two of the judges would be Judge Lawlor, and Ralph Horr, former congressman.

Murayama Speaks to Sacramento Chapter

SACRAMENTO—A determined effort to increase the membership of the league, and at the same time to promote greater interest in its work was taken by the local chapter at a general meeting held early this month.

Tamotsu Murayama, vagabond newspaper reporter, was a special speaker, giving his viewpoints on the possibility of future commercial development for second generation Japanese in South America.

Reports were heard from Alice Sakata Sumi Ryugo and Kenneth Kuroko on the league's outdoor social set for June. Roy Nikaido reported on a big dance to be held during the State Fair Holidays. Walter Tsukamoto, league president, and official representative of National Headquarters of the JACL in legislative matters, reported on the League's work in the state legislature.

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PORTLAND CHAPTER MAKING PLANS FOR MEET ATTENDANCE

Taul Watanabe, Salem, Wins Oratorical Contest; Okada is Perfecting Plans for Rose City's Delegation

MEMBERSHIP SHOWS GAIN

PORTLAND, Ore.—Steps toward the attendance of a strong delegation from this city at the Northwest Japanese-American Citizens' League convention were being taken this month by the Portland chapter.

With a big gathering witnessing the local oratorical contest early this month, enthusiasm for the coming meet seemed on the rise. The oratorical, under the chairmanship of Howard Nomura, was regarded as one of the biggest successes held here yet. Paul Watanabe of Salem won the contest.

He will now be the Portland candidate in the big Northwest finals to be held during the Kent convention against a field of six other Northwest JACL chapter winners.

Okada at Work

Hito Okada, local chapter head, is at work drafting a program setting plans for the attendance of a strong Portland delegation at Kent on Labor Day. The second biennial Northwest meet was held in this city in 1933, and the Rose City delegation is believed will turn out one of the most active delegations at the conclave.

The Portland chapter is one of the charter bodies of the national JACL and is the second oldest Citizens' league in the Northwest having been organized late in 1928.

Since its organization the Portland chapter has been winning recognition here as one of the city's active civic organizations.

Membership Increases

Since early this year, the membership has increased with attendance at meetings growing each time.

A new enthusiasm seems to be in the air for the citizens' movement in this district. Okada also contemplates making a visit soon to Salem to note the possibilities of forming a JACL chapter in that city.

Other districts are also being considered for the spreading of the Citizens' movement in which the Portland chapter under its president will take the lead.

The recent oratorical is believed to have heightened the interest in the citizens' movement here and elsewhere. The oratorical contestants were: Taul Watanabe, Salem; Tom Iseri, Salem; Paul Oyama, Portland; Harue Okazaki, Tom Kusanishi; Minoru Yasui.

Shinichiro Sakato is Courtland JACL Prexy

COURTLAND, Calif.—The new Courtland Japanese-American Citizens' league chapter, formed this month, will be under the presidency of Shinichiro Sakato.

Other officers are Ishimoto and Itokawa, vice presidents; Florence Miyakawa, recording secretary; Harry Makino, corresponding secretary; Clarence Kimura, treasurer; William Matsuda, social chairman.

EL MONTE, Calif.—A beautiful floral piece was the tribute paid by the local JACL at the funeral of the late M. Miyakawa recently. Mr. Miyakawa was the father of Miss Marjorie Miyakawa, vice president of the local chapter.

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Four Win Places in N.W. Oratory Meet

KENT, Wash.—The names of four contestants to the oratorical contest to be held here in conjunction with the Northwest District Convention are now in the hands of JACL officials. Latest on the list to be reported is the name of Florence Tateoka, 15-year old junior at Yakima high school. Miss Tateoka will represent the Yakima Valley JACL.

Representing the White River group is Helen Kojo, Auburn high school debater. Others previously named were: Taul Watanabe, Portland; Hitoshi Tamaki, Tacoma.

The Seattle group is to hold its oratorical on May 29 while the Mid-Columbia and Puyallup Valley chapters are expected to hold theirs the early part of June.

MID-COLUMBIA JACL TO SEND DELEGATION

Marked Interest Seen in N.W. District Confab; Oratory Planned for June

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Marked interest is being shown here for the coming Northwest Japanese-American Citizens' League convention at Kent.

The Mid-Columbia JACL is the newest chapter in the national organization and plans to make its debut at the district meet with a big delegation. The chapter already making preparations for participation by booking its oratorical meet for sometime around June 15, when a winner to represent the local chapter will be selected. With the attendance of Frank Yoshinari, local chapter president, and Kazuo Kanemasu, delegate to the board, at the recent Northwest JACL board session at Wapato, Wash., the Mid-Columbia JACL has effected a closer tieup with both the district and national organizations.

The local body is the newest chapter in the Northwest JACL council having been accepted as a chapter last month.

Until recently, an organization under the title of the Hood River Japanese-American Citizens' League had existed but its constitution was revised to conform to the national and district JACL constitutions to become a full-fledged chapter.

Literary Magazine is Plan of S.F. Writers

SAN FRANCISCO—Following closely the second number of "Leaves", second generation literary magazine in Los Angeles, San Francisco literati announced plans for a publication to be called "Current: A Nsei Review".

Larry Tajiri, able Los Angeles and San Francisco newspaper man, was named editor. Victor Yamakawa will be business manager. Suez Serisawa will do art work, and Iwao Kawakami is technical supervisor.

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TACOMA'S MEMBERS SELECTED TO SERVE ON CONFAB GROUPS

Big Delegation Planned for Northwest Convention at Kent; Hitoshi Takami Wins Oratory

NAKAMURA LEADS MEET

TACOMA, Wash.—Measures for active participation in the Northwest Japanese-American Citizens' League convention at Kent on Labor Day were taken by the Tacoma JACL chapter this month.

Under the leadership of Ted Nakamura, local chapter president, interest in the citizens' movement has been mounting with a big delegation expected to attend the Kent conclave. The Tacoma chapter is one of the newest bodies in the national JACL having been organized last year but records show it to be one of the most active chapters in the Northwest.

The local oratorical contest has already been held with Hitoshi Takami chosen to represent this chapter at the Northwest finals to be held during the Labor Day meet.

At its final spring meeting late this month, preparations were begun for the Northwest convention with the selection of representatives to sit on the service award electors committee. The following were elected to sit on this committee at the convention; Tsutomu Uyeda, Masao Nakata, Yukichi Murai, Yoshiko Konzo and Misue Morikawa.

The Tacoma delegates have already been asked to register with the chapter secretary prior to their attendance at the meet with a view to placing each for one of the three general convention committees, namely, economics, politics and social.

The other oratorical contestants were: Yoshiteru Kawano, Yoshiye Omori, Ayako Mori, Shizuko Higuchi, Paul Seto.

Group Meets to Plan Finances for Confab

FRESNO, Calif.—Preparing for the Northern California District convention to be held here on Labor Day, the finance committee of the local chapter met late this month at Yamamisaka and Sons.

Hero Yamamisaka is president of the chapter.

Besides the cabinet members, Dr. T. Yatabe, national president, Fred Yoshikawa, Bob Itanaga, Irving Morishita and Howard Hatayama were to be present.

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