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Dear CL-er,

Let me begin this edition by telling you how it came to be.

At a dinner honoring the winning team and leading individuals of the recent membership drive, there came an interlude when the question, "When is our bulletin coming out? And who's going to put it out?", was asked. In answer to this query, a voice here and a voice there was heard to say, "I'll help type the stencil"; and "I'll help run the mimeograph" and I'll help fold it." etc. And the chorus of "I'll help's" formed a crew to bring the news contained herein.

Here, then, is the latest info - -

LEWERSHIP DRIVE

The membership drive in the Nisei Division lasting three April weeks netted for our chapter 208 members. Three teams of 12 members each under the leadership of 30-captains Ellen Hasegawa and Ray Echigoshima, Carol Date and Min Yamaguchi, Miye Ishikawa and Hiram Akita canvassed all around. Ellen and Ray's team won with 74 members to its credit and was honored with an Italian dinner.

Three JACL pins were given to Bill Mimbu, Marie Yamamoto, and Meriko Segimoto in recognition of their conscientious efforts to recruit members.

The Issei Division is in process of conducting its own drive among the recently naturalized citizens.

A source of pride for us is our Thousand Club roster which now is 45 names long with two paid Life members. A Thousand Clubber is one who has contributed \$25.00, all of which goes toward the maintenance of our National office and a Life Member is one who has come forth with \$250.00 which use is also carefully budgeted by National JACL for its operations. With 88 local chapters to coordinate, the cost of operations is a tremendous problem.

CONVENTION-WISE

In each edition of the Pacific Citizen lately, pre-convention news have been plentiful. Los Angeles will be the host to chapters from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic Coast and chapters there are enthusiastically setting the stage for a worthwhile meeting of all. The Hotel Statler will be the convention headquarters from September 2 through September 6.

President George Kashiwagi and Miyoko Nakatsu, alternate for Kelly Yamada, are planning to attend as delegates from our chapter. There are also a number who plan to combine the convention with their vacations. This would be a good way to meet old friends and make new ones. Should you be interested, call your president at MAin 3040 during the day for details.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Three joint activities with the Puget Sound Golf Club are now being planned.

The first of these is a picnic at Gaffney's Lake Wilderness on July 25. Noon hour is the starting time. Bring your box lunch and rod and reel. Planners for the picnic are Min Yamaguchi and Kelly Yamada.

A golf tournament was planned for July 11 but it has been postponed to a later date which will be announced by Ervin Furukawa.

An indoor evening activity you can enjoy is a dance over the Labor Day weekend. More particulars will be forthcoming.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

President George Kashiwagi, Bill Mimbu and our chapter were honored with an invitation from Mayor Pomeroy and Governor Langlie, hosts of the reception for Emperor Haile Selassie at the Rainier Club on June 11. President Kashiwagi, Bill Mimbu, and Paul Kashino attended as guests.