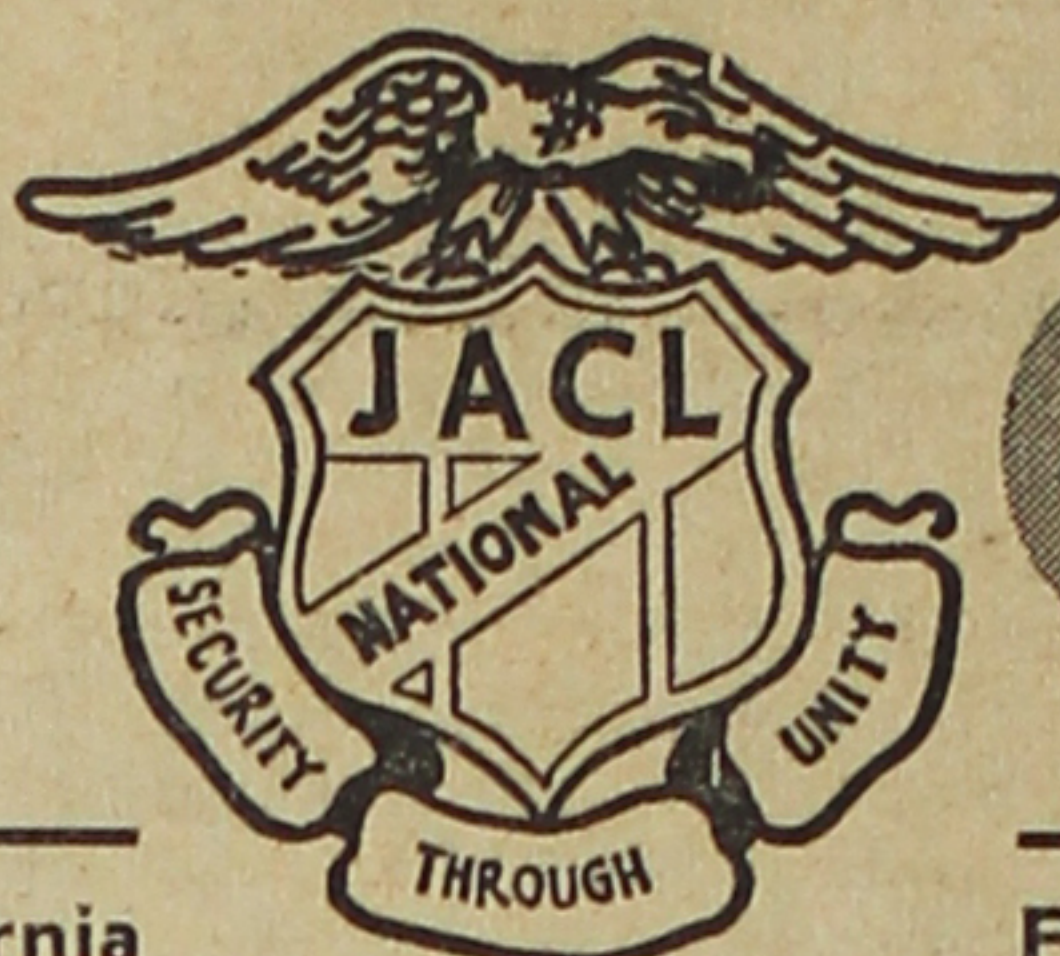


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## EDITORIALS:

### 1956: year of expectations

A presidential election year is always one of great expectations. With the 84th Congress reconvened, the expectations are great on the part of individual congressmen and senators as well as in both political parties. Voters are also entitled to great expectations since both parties will be eyeing votes in November.

On the domestic side, many expect a wordy and hot debate over the agricultural economy with the administration trying to hold the line on flexible price supports while the Democrats urge a return to the old level of 90 per cent of parity. Other big issues revolve around deficiencies in schools and highways. There may be extensions to social security coverage to include more self-employed categories. While the Administration has revised upward early estimates of budget requests for defense and for foreign aid, there is little doubt that more money will be voted to enlarge the activity of guided missiles. But there seems to be substantial opposition to the foreign aid concept.

There are eager advocates of tax reduction in both parties.

The Capitol, thus, begins to seethe with activity. And more so than in any ordinary session, reactions and opinions of voters—and that includes a tiny but altogether important segment of Japanese Americans—will be under close observation of our lawmakers.

### A challenge

While JACL chapters are figuring out their 1956 membership strategy (and some have concluded their drives already), it occurs to us that another goal might be sighted for chapters which feel they've reached some sort of zenith in their campaign.

Why not try and enroll all the members (or at least the head of the household) to subscribe to the Pacific Citizen. It's a worthwhile challenge.

## Yuba City Issei presumed dead in Christmas flood

(The latest survey of the Northern California flood situation is reported in Masao Satow's column today. See Page 5.—Editor.)

MARYSVILLE—At least one Yuba City area Issei is presumed dead and four or five other missing as a result of a break in the Feather River levee which flooded Yuba City and vicinity on Christmas eve.

K. Amaki, 73, was reported last seen struggling in the swift running waters soon after the levee broke.

This report was made Dec. 26 by Nakakichi Uyeno, who lives on the Bunce ranch on Rt. 3, Yuba City.

Uyeno was rescued early Monday last week after being stranded for two days without food or water, trapped in the attic of his house.

Uyeno said Amaki who was living with him tried to run to higher ground but was caught by the on-rushing waters.

He was last seen by Uyeno struggling with water up to his armpits.

All the 130 Issei and Nisei families in the Yuba City area had to evacuate their homes under short notice.

The levee on the Marysville side of the river had been considered weaker and so the break of Dec. 24 caught most residents unprepared.

The Yuba City break saved the city of Marysville which was evacuated earlier. Nearly all Marysville city residents are back and business houses are open.

Practically all the farm land was under water.

LOOMIS.—Local Japanese American organizations last week made financial contributions toward aiding flood victims in the neighboring Marysville-Yuba City area.

Bunny Nakagawa, chairman of the Placer County JACL Flood Relief committee, announced the following contributions were made: Placer Buddhist Church and its affiliations, \$115; Loomis Methodist Church and affiliations, \$50 and Placer JACL, \$50.

The amount was turned over to Dan Nishita, president of the Marysville JACL chapter, to be disbursed through official flood relief agencies.

## JACL's 1956 legislative objectives announced; Hawaii statehood tops

BY HELEN MINETA

WASHINGTON.—As the second session of the 84th Congress convened Tuesday, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced a 12-point legislative program for 1956.

Three major items top the list.

They are Statehood for Hawaii, an amendment to the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 to expedite and liberalize the final determination of the remaining claims, and larger quotas for immigration from Japan by amendment to the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 or to the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

"The time has come when statehood for Hawaii should no longer be a political football and should be considered on its merits," Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative declared. At the same time, he admitted that the political realities of the situation were such that "unless the President agrees to some formula whereby both Hawaii and Alaska may be admitted as states at the same time, both deserving territories may again be frustrated in their ambitions for statehood in 1956."

As for needed amendments to the Evacuation Claims Act, Masaoka said that public hearings held in California in 1954 and last September have convinced the Subcommittee on Claims of the House Judiciary Committee of the necessity for expediting and liberalizing amendments. It is now up to the House and the Senate to pass these amendments lest their intent in approving the original law six years ago will be subverted, Masaoka stated in urging early action by the Judiciary Subcommittee.

Since there is no question that Japan's immigration quotas to this country are far too small, JACL's efforts will be concentrated on any possible amendments to the Walter-McCarran Act or the Refugee Relief Act to provide equal consideration for immigration from Japan and the Orient with those for other countries and continents, Masaoka said.

He described JACL's primary responsibility in the immigration field to prevent a repetition of the

1924 law under which this nation discriminated against Asia and in favor of Europe with tragic consequences for the United States.

The free peoples of Asia are entitled to the same consideration as those of any other section of the free world in immigration opportunities to the United States if to solicit their support in the present ideological struggle for the hearts and minds of men.

Other legislative objectives of the JACL include the return of wartime sequestered Japanese property; adequate appropriations to operate the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Office of Alien Property, and the Japanese Claims Section; and to pay all evacuation claims awards approved by the Attorney General; exemption in air transportation from Civil Aeronau-

tics Board regulation for horticultural and agricultural products; repeal of the prohibition against the use of "Mongolian" labor on reclamation projects; extended social security coverage; additional federal civil service benefits commensurate with those in private employment; Hawaii property claims, and general civil rights legislation.

In addition to the twelve designated objectives, Masaoka declared that JACL will continue to endorse and support general legislation for the common good of all Americans, regardless of whether the specific interests of Japanese Americans are involved and to guard against bills, in one guise or another, which may injure or discredit Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country.

## Nakatsuka returns from 2½-month tour of Japan, Far East for State Department

HONOLULU—Lawrence Nakatsuka, Governor King's press secretary, was back at his desk this week after returning here Saturday from a two-and-a-half-month tour of the Far East under the sponsorship of the Educational Exchange Service of the State Department.

He said that during his two weeks' visit in Japan the question was often asked as to the immigration policies of the United States.

"The Japanese people being cramped on their islands, naturally look to Hawaii as a wonderful place where they would like to move to," he pointed out.

"Unfortunately," he added, "I had to inform them that the general U.S. quota for all countries, including Japan, applies to Hawaii also so that Hawaii does not have its own quota and therefore can not invite new people to move in."

The Pacific Citizen columnist left Honolulu on Oct. 13, spent two weeks in Japan, 11 days in Hong Kong, 9 days in Rangoon, Burma, and three weeks in West and East Pakistan, speaking everywhere about Hawaii and the people of

Hawaii.

In Japan he spoke at the American Cultural Centers in Sapporo, Hakodate, Sendai, Tokyo, Shizuoka, and Nagoya. He said the audiences showed great interest in the films on Hawaii that he brought along, and his remarks about the progress the Japanese people in Hawaii have made, politically, economically and socially.

Besides talks, he visited various newspaper offices, called on government officials and gave radio interviews.

Winding up his official duties on Dec. 11, he visited briefly in New Delhi, where he attended the farewell press conference given by the Russian leaders Bulganin and Khrushchev; Bangkok, Singapore and Manila, where he met the Philippine President Ramon Mag-saysay.

### First Chinese lawyer enters Canada politics

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Douglas Jung, believed to be the first Canadian of Chinese extraction to enter the political field in this country, is Progressive Conservative candidate in a provincial by-election here Jan. 9.

The slim, erect 31-year old lawyer said he is honored "by the party's courage in taking a gamble on me."

Born in Victoria, Jung joined the army's Pacific Command intelligence section in 1942.

### Nisei Mason

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Masao Kon, local Nisei taxi operator, was installed recently as Washtenaw Chapter No. 6 high priest in the Royal Arch Masons at public ceremonies at the local Masonic temple.

you to our midst.

"Certainly the people of Santa Barbara are most happy to see you reunited with your children and grandchildren after so many years of separation. We know of the many trials and tribulations you have undergone and this is truly a happy climax to your personal story.

"We look with pride to the accomplishments of your children in Santa Barbara and join with you in spirit on this happy occasion."

## Welcome home reception for Santa Barbara Issei woman included messages from Pres. Eisenhower, Gov. Knight

SANTA BARBARA—This mission community gave one of its most important and gala welcome parties held recently to a former resident of the United States who went to Japan with her husband in 1930.

...and President Eisenhower extends his best wishes on this occasion."

A telegram from the White House, another from Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, messages from Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel and Mayor John T. Rickard and the presence of Rep. Charles M. Teague and 100 friends from this area were highlights of a reception in honor of Mrs. Koto Nakagawa at El Presidio on Dec. 18.

There were many tears of happiness for Grandma Koto, as she is being called in the neighborhood of 345 Vista de La Cumbe, when the welcome party was held.

Now 82, she was the subject of a private law which passed the

last session of Congress, permitting her to enter the United States as a non-quota resident from Japan.

It was introduced by Rep. Teague.

Tom Hirashima, president of the Santa Barbara JACL, served as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Nakagawa responded to Rep. Teague's welcome in Japanese which was translated by her grandson, David Yamada, honor graduate of Santa Barbara high school.

Beaming with happiness were the two children of Mrs. Nakagawa, Mrs. Harry Yamada and John Nakagawa, both of this city. The guests included Assemblyman and Mrs. James L. Holmes and Thomas M. Storke, publisher, and his wife. The messages, read to the assemblage, were as follows:

From Kevin McCann, special assistant to the president: "I have been asked to thank you for your invitation to the President to the

Dec. 18 celebration in your honor. President Eisenhower extends his best wishes to you and to your friends on this occasion."

From Gov. Knight: "It is a pleasure to join in congratulating you upon your return to California. Being once more among your children must indeed be a great joy for you. Best wishes for a future filled with happiness, comfort and peace."

From Sen. Kuchel: "I appreciate the invitation to join in welcoming Mrs. Nakagawa to the United States. Unfortunately, the request was delayed in reaching me during the holidays.

"I am delighted to know of the great happiness of this lady's family, and please extend my best wishes to John Nakagawa and Mrs. Harry Yamada."

From Mayor Rickard: "As mayor of the city of Santa Barbara and representative of its citizens, it gives me great pleasure to welcome



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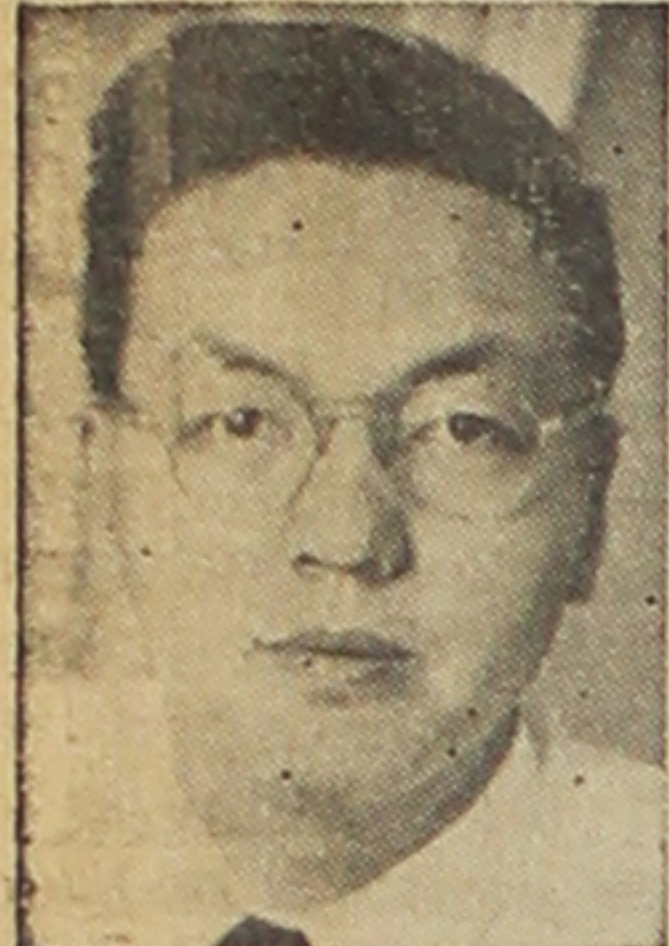
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## FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



### Stripping the Yule tree

Denver

One of the holiday season's less happy occasions is the taking down of the Christmas tree. As I write this, Alice and the three younger children are stripping our tree of its tinsel and baubles, leaving it stark, lonely and dried out. Only a couple of weeks ago we shopped for the tree and decorated it. The ritual of dismantling it and putting the decorations away is a reminder that all things must have their beginning and end.

If we had a fireplace, we could dispose of the tree in a blaze of useful glory, a fitting end I think, to a life of beauty. But since we have no fireplace, the tree will be tossed out in the alley with the old tin cans and other rubbish. A sad and ignoble end, indeed.

### NISEI OBSERVANCE OF JAN. 1

The more I see of New Year's Day celebrations, or rather the traditional Nisei observance of same, the more I'm in favor of them. They exude a warmth and good fellowship one doesn't experience at any other time of the year. The traditional Japanese festival dishes seem just perfectly right for the occasion, and what a fine custom it is to go around to visit one's friends, sympathize with them over their hangovers, wish them well for the twelve months ahead.

Frank Torizawa, Denver's retail fish tycoon, has a deep conviction that the traditions of the Japanese New Year should be perpetuated. He and his wife May are doing their part by exposing their friends to the good food and good cheer of the occasion, and Frank likes to expound at length on the various customs practiced in Japan.

"Many *hakujin*," he observes, "know more about Japanese New Year than lots of Nisei and Sansei. They study Japanese customs while many of us ignore our heritage. That's not right. We should do something about it." And darned if I don't agree with him.

### FRIENDS FROM NORTH PLATTE

Among the fellows we met at Carl Iwasaki's place over the holidays were Fred Kuroki and Roy Harano from North Platte, Neb. Roy is a photographer and Fred coaxes potatoes out of the ground. Fred reports that his brother Ben, the inspiring World War II aerial gunner, is pretty well settled now as publisher of the weekly newspaper in Williamston, Mich. The weekly field is Ben's first journalistic love, Fred says. The paper keeps Ben humping, but he wouldn't have it any other way.

### FROM THE 'AMATEUR ATHLETE'

*Amateur Athlete*, official magazine of the Amateur Athletic Union, has several items of interest to Nisei in its December issue. One is a report on the European tour of the 12-man A.A.U. boxing team last fall. Among the fighters was Heji Shimabukuro, flyweight from Hawaii. Shimabukuro dropped a close decision in Dublin, won a first round knockout in London, lost a decision in Hamburg, won in Gothenburg, won in Stockholm, and dropped a decision in Dundee, Scotland.

Another item tells of the five-nation tour of American weightlifters, including Tommy Kono, formerly of Sacramento but now in business in Hawaii, who equalled his own world record in winning the world light-heavyweight title at Munich, Germany. The team put on exhibitions at Beirut, Lebanon; Basrah and Baghdad, Iraq, and Rangoon and Mandalay, Burma. Make an A.A.U. team and see the world.

A third story is of indirect Nisei interest. It tells of Karen Anderson, 17-year-old Pan American javelin throwing champion who is considered a leading prospect for the 1956 Olympic Games. Karen is the younger daughter of M. O. (Map) Anderson who worked for a considerable period on the WRA staff at Heart Mountain, Wyo. She spent some time at Heart Mountain, but she was just a tiny blonde tomboyish tot then. Tossing the javelin is only one of her athletic accomplishments. Pitcher on an undefeated girls softball team, Karen threw a no-hitter while walloping a homer, triple and two doubles. She also swims, plays tennis, basketball and golf.

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## Pioneer Ogden residents die in fire, husband in vain try to rescue sick wife

OGDEN.—Umakichi Kawaguchi, 75, and his wife, Ura, 73, burned to death Dec. 28 after the husband entered their burning home in a futile but almost successful attempt to save his bedridden wife.

A nearby house belonging to their son, Henry, was razed by the flames, leaving a family of six homeless. The son suffered burns and shock in a vain rescue attempt and was hospitalized. They lived in Plain City, rural community nine miles northwest of Ogden.

Kawaguchi died when he burst into his small one-room cabin in a desperate but vain attempt to save his invalid wife. She had been partially bedfast for the past two years.

Firemen found his body only inches away from the doorway, while that of his wife lay only a few feet further into the room, indicating he had nearly carried his wife to safety before succumbing to the flames, smoke and intense heat.

Henry's home, which was next to his parents, was also destroyed by the blaze, leaving him, his wife and their four children homeless. The children are Bob and Glen, 9-year-old twins; Eugene, 5, and Nancy, 1.

The fire apparently started about 10:30 p.m. when a coal heater ignited blankets drying nearby. Kawaguchi had gone next door to the home of his son to watch television.

His daughter-in-law saw the flames through a window and screamed a warning. The elderly man bolted from the house with his son right behind him, while his daughter-in-law ran to a car and drove a mile to the home of a neighbor, Min Miya, to call the fire department.

The elderly man entered the burning cabin to rescue his wife, but his son was driven back by the intense heat. Wind whipped the flames onto the roof of the son's home and the fire spread quickly through his three-room home. The son's children had been taken from the home only minutes before.

The interior of the son's home was completely burned out and a mattress and two chairs were the only furnishings saved. Dean Baker, who owned the house, estimated damage at approximately \$5,000.

Three Weber County fire trucks answered the call. Fire Chief Ernest Jensen said the flames were visible from several miles away.

Friends the next day were rallying to aid the homeless younger Kawaguchi family. Min Miya and Ken Uchida, neighbors, were spearheading a drive to assist the family. Baker said he planned to rebuild as soon as possible so the family would have a place to live. In the meantime, the family is staying at the Miya home.

The Kawaguchis were Ogden pioneers, settling near here in 1908 and engaged in farming.

## Christmas Cheer total passes \$2,400 mark

Total contributions for the eighth annual Christmas Cheer fund, just concluded, amounted to \$2,497.70 (exceeding the \$2,000 goal by 24 per cent) with two more donations acknowledged after the Drive officially closed Dec. 15.

## 442nd Veterans aid a-bomb victims

NEW YORK—As a fifth annual Reunion gift, a check for \$100 has been presented by the 442nd Veterans Association of New York to the Hiroshima Peace Center Associates, Bill Kochiyama, president of the Veterans group, said this week.

The Associates, a group of Americans organized to help in the rehabilitation of the victims of the Hiroshima atomic bombing, have been asked to forward the gift to the Hiroshima Peace Foundation, Inc., in Hiroshima, Japan.

The Foundation was established for the purpose of helping Hiroshima victims, especially the young survivors, get a normal chance in life. Included in the Foundation's program are a moral adoption program, the maintenance or support of six orphanages, and projects like that of the Hiroshima Maidens.

Under the moral adoption program a child or an orphan is morally adopted, and money and other things are sent regularly to the child. Some groups, such as the American sailors on one ship, have helped to send a boy or girl through college, either in Japan or in the United States.

The letter accompanying the check from the 442nd Veterans Association was addressed to the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, who is expected to return to Hiroshima shortly.



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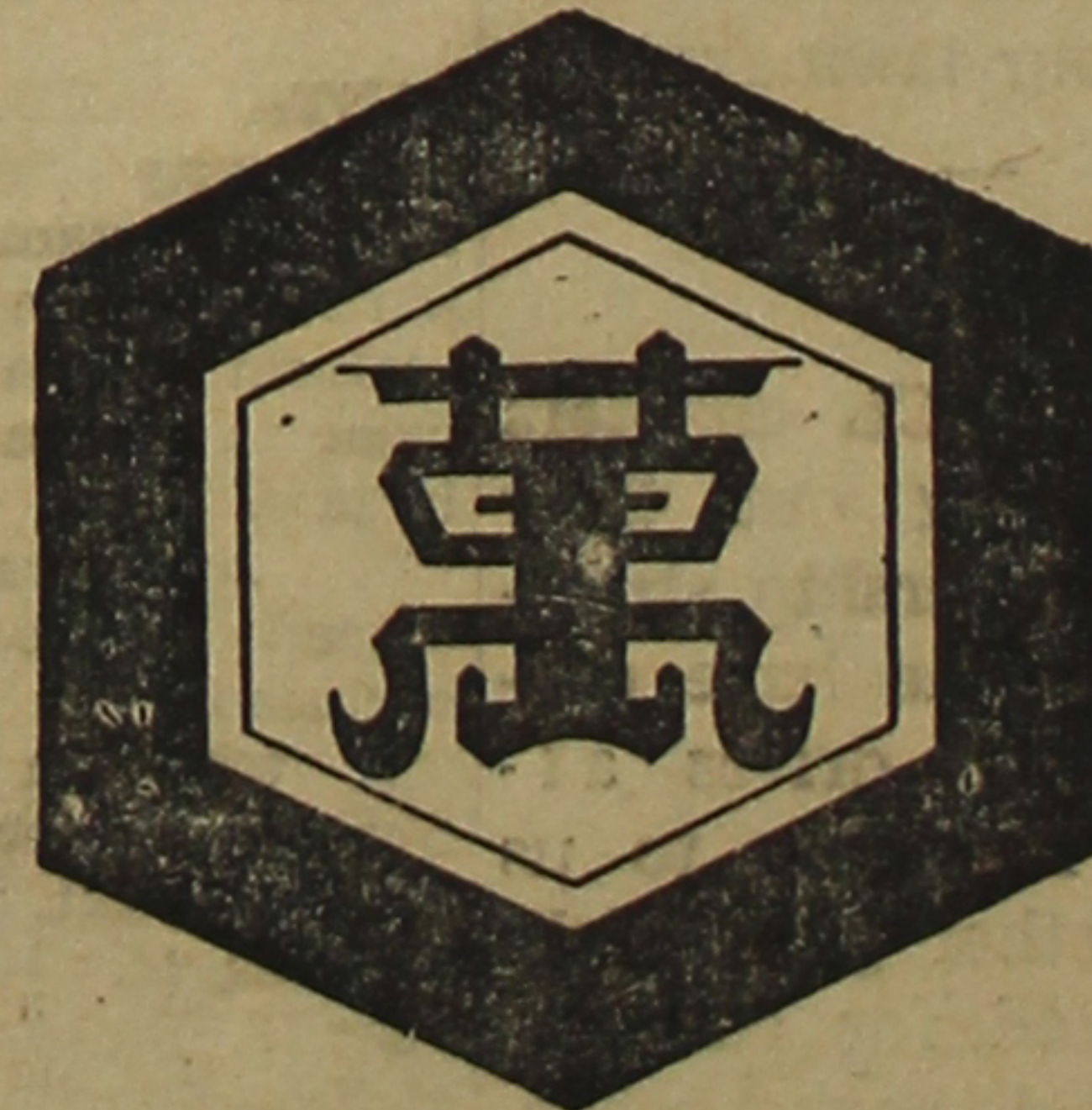
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## So. Alameda County CL elects Handa president

NILES.—Newly elected officers of the So. Alameda County JACL, led by Isao "Ace" Handa of Centerville, long active and zealous JACL supporter, were installed at a dinner scheduled Jan. 5 at McIntyre's.

Tarno Fudenna, inaugural chairman, was assisted by June Handa, Yutaka Handa and Setsu Umemoto.

Stewart Nixon, local Township News-Register editor, was engaged as guest speaker. Other guests were his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Fujii, Eden Township JACL.



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## TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama



## Russo-Japanese affairs

Tokyo

Japan's dream to be admitted to the United Nations was snafued at the recent UN Council meeting in New York. Japanese leaders were so sure that the UN membership would be accepted without any question although there were some who cautioned the Japanese of the Soviet attitude in connection with the pending

Russo-Japanese talks in London.

Soviet Russia maintained more or less her threatening attitude toward Japan since the opening of the London talks in spite of various imaginations here that Japanese prisoners in Russia might have been returned soon or that the relations might be soon normalized. There was no doubt that Soviet Russia's intention was clear from the very beginning—it was primarily intended to soften the Japanese attitude toward Communism. With this disguised peace overture, Russia redoubled her efforts to strengthen the communistic movement in Japan.

The Japanese people were fooled that the Communist camp "really" wants peace for the sake of "humanity". However, this term of peace is fundamentally different from what we think, because Soviet Russia intended to separate Japan and the United States. Consequently, Socialists and Communists strengthened the anti-military base campaigns in Japan with anti-American propaganda.

The anti-military-base campaign was very logically utilized to create more of the anti-Americanism. Japan and the United States originally agreed to set up the military bases for the future use of Japanese armed forces, which are still in an embryonic stage.

Labor unions are being strategically moved around by Communist directives. Knowingly and unknowingly, the Japanese public is now driven into the Communist camp. It is a sad picture. However, there is nothing can be done at the present unless the top leaders are going to wake up and fight the communistic menace.

## MATSUMOTO INADEQUATE

The London talks will be undoubtedly prolonged at the will and pleasure of the Soviet. The Japanese representative Shunichi Matsumoto is just handled like a balloon. Matsumoto was an ambassador at London until he resigned from his post to run for the Diet. He was lucky enough to get elected, but he is no diplomat or statesman in the true sense. He may be able to handle day-to-day business transactions as an ambassador, but when it comes to the titanic task to settle the international affair between Japan and Russia, he is nil.

In this respect, I like to quote the *Tokyo Shimbun*:

"What happened at the meeting between the Japanese Diet delegation to Russia and Russian Communist Party First Secretary Nikita Khrushchev is being criticized from various angles, but now one of the delegation members, former Democrat and now Liberal-Democrat Yoshio Kikuchi, is distributing his own *Report on the Visit to Russia* in which he claims that he said what was needed."

"According to his report Mr. Kikuchi, who couldn't stand Khrushchev's harping on the fact that 'Japan lost the war, didn't she?' finally exploded and said:

"Japan lost to the United States and Britain but she does not think that she lost to Russia. It was Russia who violated the neutrality pact, and although there might possibly be war criminals in Russia, there are none in Japan (as far as Russia is concerned.) This is the feeling of the Japanese people as a whole. I would like to have the Russian Government reconsider this point."

"The Leftist Socialist members of the delegation were very much flustered and Tokutaro Kitamura, head of the delegation, told the interpreter not to translate Mr. Kikuchi's words."

"Sensing something suspicious, Mr. Khrushchev called the Russian interpreter to his side and asked for a translation. His face changed color immediately and he changed the subject."

"Mr. Kikuchi's report is substantiated by the report of Kiyoto Nozawa, former Liberal who also attended the meeting, in the Nov. 5 *Nippon Shuho* (Japan Weekly Report). The official report of the Diet delegation however contained no reference to Mr. Kikuchi's report."

## MINORITY WEEK

## PROGRESS TOWARD NON-SEGREGATION

Tuskegee Institute in its annual report on race relations said that despite "islands of tension and conflict," there was overall progress toward non-segregation in the nation during 1955.

L. H. Foster, president of the Negro college, said: "On balance, the year 1955 shows progress in race relations. Further improvement seems possible through many avenues."

Despite the overall picture, however, Foster said: "There is no indication in 1955 of a pattern of substantial adjustment or of extensive conflict in race relations in the South."

As evidence of rejection of the non-segregation principle in the South, the report compiled a list of developments, including specific legislative action in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Listed as "evidences of adjustment," were Supreme Court rulings reaffirming the school desegregation decision and applying it to public recreational facilities.

Also listed was lower federal court action directing a number of public schools to desegregate, directing the Universities of Alabama and North Carolina to admit eligible Negro students, barring city buses of Columbia, S.C., from segregating passengers, and voiding segregation laws of Florida, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

Another evidence of adjustment was the Interstate Commerce Commission ruling that there should be segregation of interstate passengers.

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## FIVE YEARS AFTER . . .

## Recent trends in JACL history proves organization comes of age

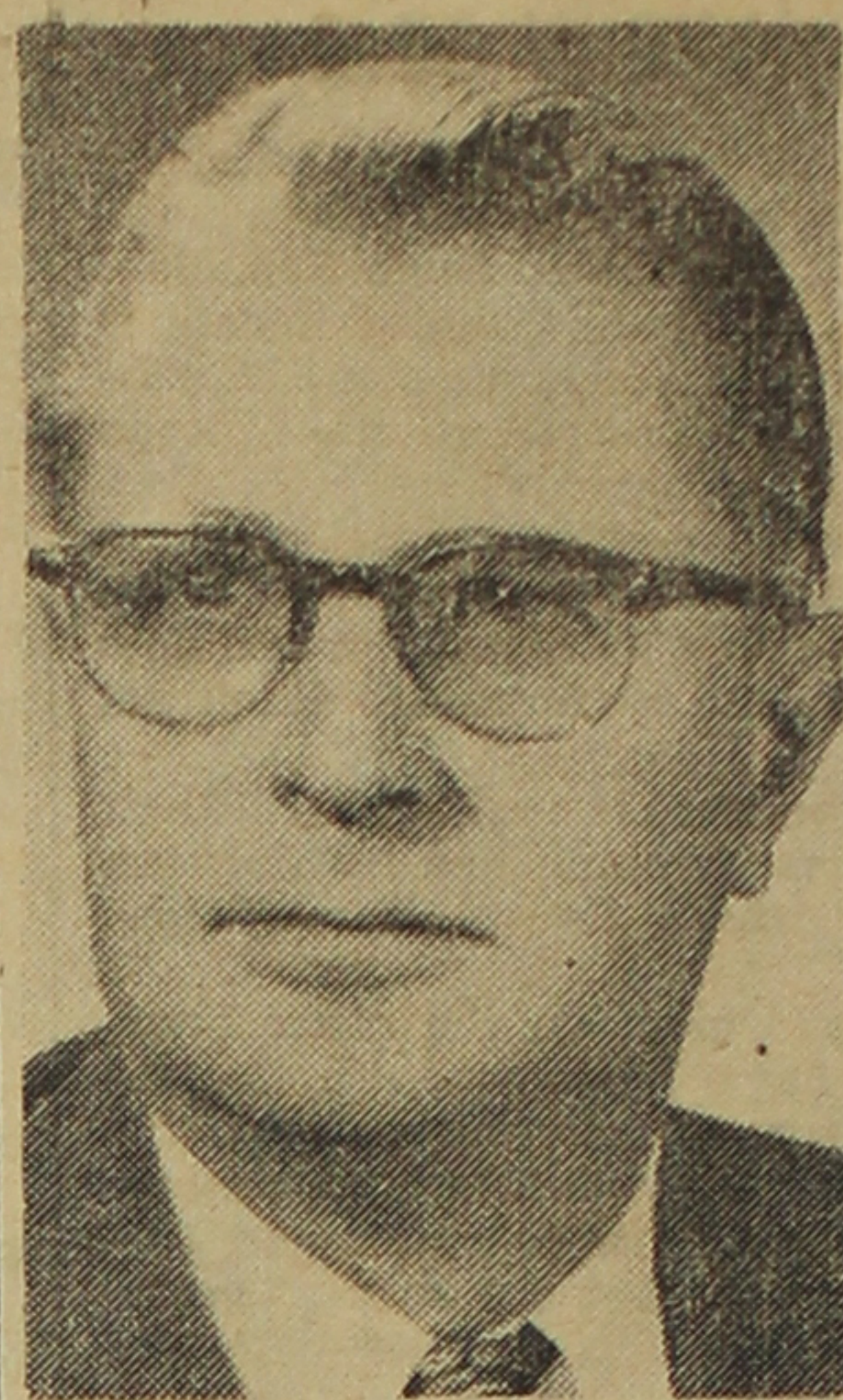
Five years ago I penned the last paragraph of "The JACL Story" for the Pacific Citizen. At that time I said:

"The story of the JACL has shown us how a minority organization was conceived in difficult times. Its trials, frustrations, and some of its failures as well as successes, have been outlined for the study and direction of future students and others interested in the rise and development of a specific organization representing a minority group under the democratic process."

The JACL Story continues to the present to fall within the category pictured in the above statement. The principal developments in the JACL during the last five years will be outlined and certain aspects will be emphasized as to their importance for the present.

The year 1950 seems to be a turning point in JACL history. Interest in changes of programs and emphasis on national, regional and local problems was taking on a "new look." At the time of the National Convention in San Francisco in 1952 the tide of interest in persons of Japanese ancestry had turned again to the Pacific Coast. Eighty-four chapters with a membership of over 10,000 with most of these in California, Oregon and Washington, made the JACL an important element in local and state economic, political and social fields. The program in Washington, D.C., was successful and the fraternal and recreational forces within JACL began to come in for more emphasis.

These factors made it necessary for JACL to re-evaluate its interests and areas of influence. With these things in mind, the 1952 Convention Delegates decided to move the Pacific Citizen and National Headquarters from Salt Lake City to some city or cities in California. The final decision was to have the Pacific Citizen published and edited in Los An-



Elmer Smith

geles and to move National JACL Headquarters to San Francisco. This was accomplished in July of 1953.

The editorship of the Pacific Citizen was taken over by local interests in Los Angeles when Larry Tajiri resigned in 1952. It is significant that the Pacific Citizen under Larry Tajiri's leadership became in 10 short years one of the most respected and recognized organizational newspapers in the United States. The Pacific Citizen acted as a powerful educational force in the field of Nisei and non-Nisei relations. The paper is still keeping up the work of positive public relations and education in the field of inter-group relations.

The year 1954 and the National Convention held in Los Angeles was even more impressive for JACL than the previous convention year of 1952. At this time 87

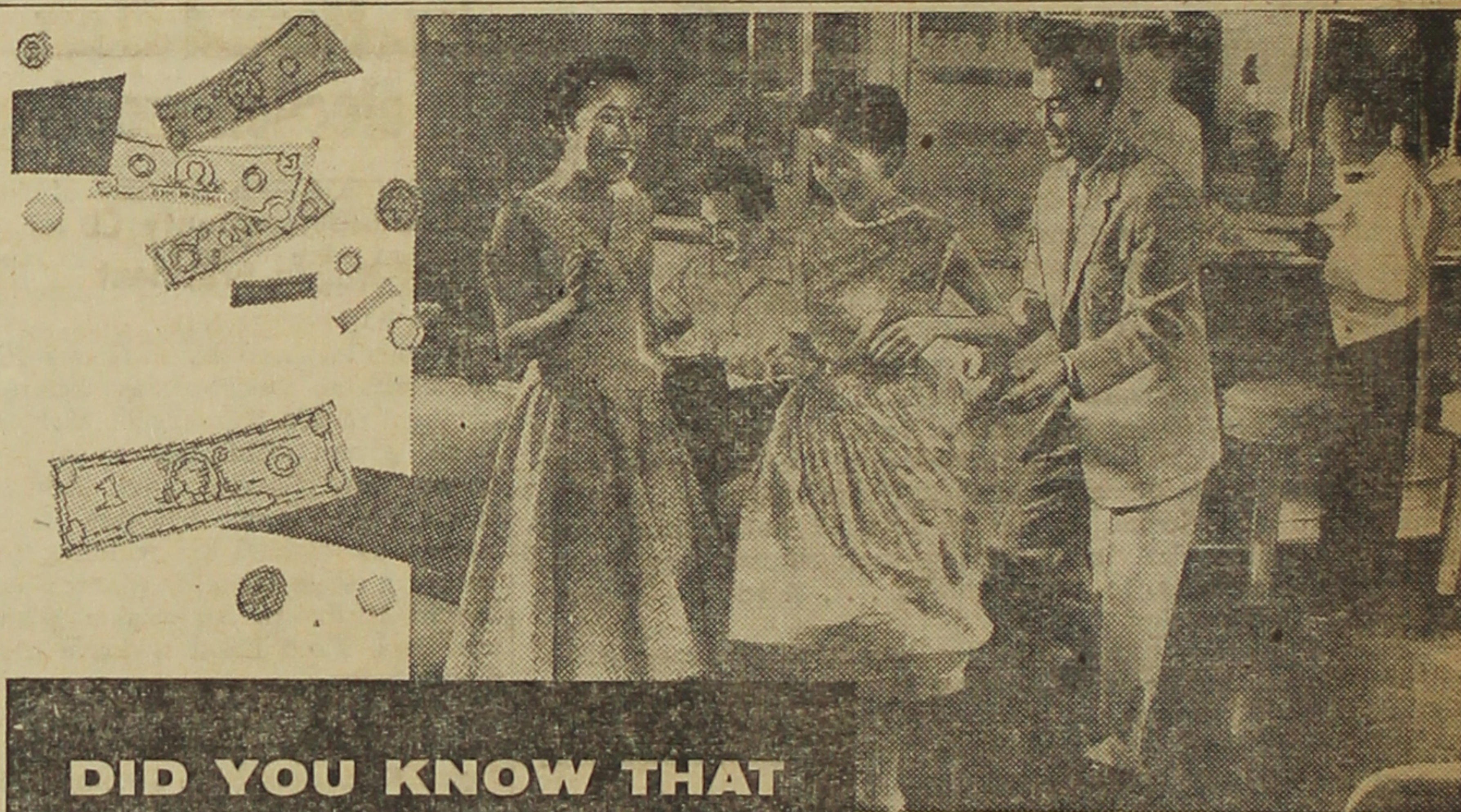
chapters were recognized as JACL members with more than 12,000 members. These chapters were mostly from the western areas, but were found in other regions of the United States with the exception of the southern states.

"New Horizons" was the slogan chosen for the guidance of JACL activities at the 1954 convention. This was a logical outgrowth of the general tendency recognized in 1950 and 1952 conventions. The new horizons for JACL are being attained through the basic JACL program. This program is elaborate and because of lack of space and time only a few of the more outstanding aspects of it will be attempted here.

The evacuation claims program was worked out with the federal government and assistance in speeding up the payments became the prime problem of national JACL. The National JACL Endowment, organized in the 1930's, became of increased importance. At the present time more than \$87,000 has been received from donors. It will be recalled that the fundamental purposes of the National JACL Endowment Fund are to build up a sufficient reserve principal so that JACL can operate from the annual interest therefrom, and to create a readily available reserve in the event of an emergency affecting the welfare and security of all persons of Japanese ancestry in America.

With the passage of the McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, one of the major programs undertaken by JACL was to encourage and expedite the naturalization of resident Issei. This was done by local chapters through naturalization classes, developing proper rapport with local Immigration and Naturalization Service officials and assisting them in various ways. JACL also recognized its ob-

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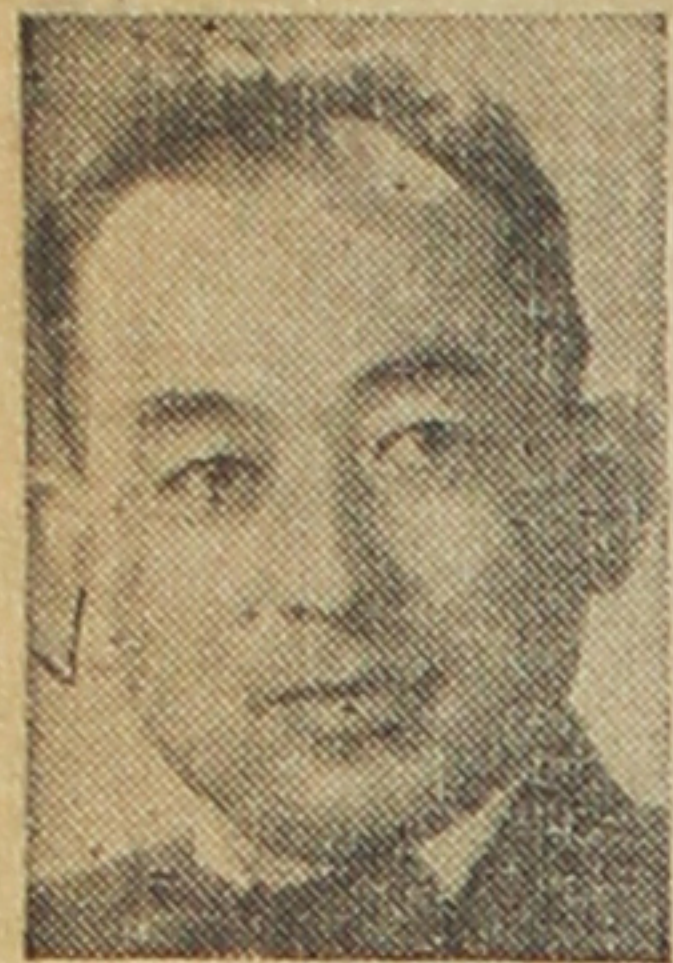
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Broyles loyalty oath

Chicago

● The Broyles loyalty oath is a half-year old and its author, State Sen. Paul W. Broyles, is satisfied that the oath is contributing to the stamping out of subversion in Illinois, so reports the Chicago Sun-Times this past week.

Some 100,000 employees and workers whose salaries come from state funds signed a statement that the signer is not a Communist and does not seek to overthrow the government by force—or didn't get paid.

Several have refused to sign because it conflicts with their Quaker religion. But the oath has accomplished its purpose, according to Broyles, if one "confused radical is no longer teaching our youth".

The American Civil Liberties Union, on the other hand, contends that "no Communists have been caught". Broyles has said he does not doubt that some Communists signed the oath and committed perjury. Broyles wants supplementary legislation like "labeling communism as a conspiracy in Illinois and establishing a commission to root out subversives".

Constitutional questions raised in the Broyles oath are contained in a suit brought by the ACLU where a decision is expected this month in the circuit court of Judge Julius H. Miner. The ACLU feels that the Broyles oath may conflict with the state constitution which provides "no other oath, declaration or test" shall be required of state employees other than their regular oath of office.

● A magnificent display of 246 pieces (paintings, drawings, posters and prints) by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, a noted Continued on Page 7

Nation's largest chapter pushes active year, serving over 800 CLers

Originally Written for the Holiday Issue

CHICAGO.—As the nation's largest chapter this year — an achievement it has maintained for several years—the Chicago JACL concludes another year of activity. Chapter presidents in other localities with fewer numbers of members can readily appreciate the amount of coordination and effort involved in serving a chapter that has kept between 800 and 1,000 members on its rolls for a number of years.

The calendar of events gives an idea how Chicago has succeeded in the past.

January—Public Relations Committee met with author James Michener who was gathering data for his forthcoming article on Japanese war brides for the Life magazine . . . Dr. Morikawa, recipient of National JACL Award for distinguished community leadership in 1954, spoke at our general meeting on the "Future Role of JACL," and impressions of his recent trip to Japan.

February—With the theme "Sweetheart Night," a mixer social was held in conjunction with regular monthly meeting in February.

March—Mr. Harry Shigeta, renowned photographer, was the guest speaker at the general meeting . . . The Education Committee sponsored a forum for the naturalized citizens to acquaint them with the process of democratic voting. Robert E. Merriam, Republican candidate for Mayor of Chicago, was the guest speaker . . . Membership campaign was launched with 2nd Vice-President Bill Fujii in charge.

April—The annual box lunch was held at the Monroe YW-CA with Esther Hagiwara in charge . . . The chapter accepts the budget of \$10,700 for the coming year . . . The first public meeting to discuss the housing problems of the Southside were sponsored under the direction of Mrs. Chizu Iiyama . . . JACL co-sponsored a welcome dinner to fete 47 naturalized Issei from Los Angeles who visited here on their return from Washington, D.C., enroute to their homes . . . April 5—General mayoralty election day.

May—Mike Masaoka and Editor Van Allan Bradley of the Chicago Daily News were the speakers at the general meeting . . . Shig Wakamatsu, prominent chapter member was recognized by his firm, the Lever Bros., as the "Public Relations Man of the Month" for his company.

June—All of JACL was saddened by the premature passing of Dr. Randolph Sakada, immediate past National JACL President . . . High school and university graduates were feted at the "New Horizons" dance . . . The 1000 Club held a "Whing-Ding" to top off the 1000 Club membership campaign . . . The sixth commencement of the naturalization school for the Issei was held.

July—Chicago's candidate, Seiji Itahara, named recipient of 1955 Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship . . . The Peruvians, war refugees of World War II, expressed their appreciation to JACL with generous donation.

August—Summer vacation—no planned activities. Executive Board voted to host EDC-MDC Convention during the Labor Day weekend of 1957 at the Sheraton Hotel.

September—The annual Labor Day Outing at Lake Geneva drew a record breaking crowd . . . The hayride at Stalford Stables started off the Fall social program . . . The first 1000 Club golf tournament made a hilarious debut . . . The "Splat-ter Party" was a novel idea in getting members to paint the carnival equipment.

October—Huge turnout again of participants at our successful annual golf tournament . . . The traditional Carnival-Raffle was successfully chaired to profitable conclusion by Charles Ukita and Hank Morikawa.

November—At our November election meeting, Dr. Frank Sakamoto was elected President for the coming year. The following were elected to his cabinet: Bill Fujii, 1st VP; Max Jo-ichi, 2nd VP; Harry Mizuno, 3rd VP; Satoru Takemoto, Treasurer; George Kita, Auditor; Itoko Katayama, Recording Secy.; Grace Kohatsu, Corresponding Secy.; Henry Morikawa, John Okamoto, Mrs. Katsumi Pung, George Inouye, and Lillian Oda, Delegates at Large . . . Seventh commencement exercises for the naturalization classes of Issei held at Olivet Institute . . . World famous Tam O'Shanter, site of our 11th annual Inaugural Party on Nov. 18.

December—The annual Christmas party was held at the Monroe YWCA on Dec. 23. This brings to close the eleventh year of JACL activities in the Windy City. Happy New Year to 1956.

Kodama elected to head Monterey CL

BY KAZ OKA

MONTEREY — George Kodama, enterprising up-and-coming young Monterey businessman, was elected to the post of the presidency of the Monterey Peninsula JACL chapter for the 1956 term at a dinner meeting of the newly-chosen Board of Governors Dec. 20. George Teruo Esaki is the outgoing president.

Newly-elected prexy Kodama announced that Yo Tabata will be the chairman of the 1956 membership committee, T. George Esaki in charge of publicity, and Oyster Miyamoto, Yoshio Satow and Mas Yokogawa as co-chairmen of the social committee. Other positions to yet be filled are those of delegates and recording secretary.

It was announced that Dr. T. Clifford Nakajima has been appointed as the assistant scoutmaster of the JACL-sponsored Boy Scout troop 47. Mike Sanda has been scoutmaster for the past several years. Dr. Nakajima is replacing Tom Tanimoto, who was compelled to resign after years of service to the Scout movement.

Oyster Miyamoto and Kay Nobusada were appointed by out-going President George Esaki to chairman the installation dinner-dance to be held sometime during January or February, 1956.

St. Louis JACL slates inaugural dinner Jan. 21

ST. LOUIS — The 1956 inaugural dinner plans are being formulated by the St. Louis JACL. It will be held at the Hunt Room of the De Soto Hotel, Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m., it was announced by Rose Ogino, president.

The dinner will also mark the start of the 1956 membership drive and installation of new officers.

A pre-Christmas party was held on Dec. 13. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15.

Liv.-Merced CLers in election meeting

LIVINGSTON—An evening of fun and business was held by 80 members of the Livingston-Merced JACL Chapter on Dec. 3, beginning with a hamburger feed.

It was followed by cartoons for the children. Door prizes donated by the Frank's Nursery of Merced were given. Children receiving prizes were Sherry Yagi, Adrian Iwata and Timmy Yoshino. Mrs. Frank Suzuki held the winning ticket for a large camellia plant, Mrs. Buichi Kajiwarra an azalea plant and Mrs. Fred Kishi a dozen gladiolus bulbs.

Chairmen for the various committees for the evening were Miss Joyce Kashiwase, Joe Hamaguchi, Ben Yagi, Orden Ichinaga, Gilbert Tanji, Frank Suzuki, George Yagi and Sherman Kishi.

The business session was conducted by President George Yagi and new officers for 1956 were elected. The new Cabinet is led Lester (Koe) Yoshida, president.

Following the business meeting, 20 remained to fill out the evening with five tables of bridge.

TOM KANNO SUCCEEDS DR. IJIMA AS PREXY OF TWIN CITIES UCL

MINNEAPOLIS.—Tom Kanno succeeds Dr. Isaac Iijima as president of the Twin Cities United Citizens League; it was announced at the Dec. 17 Christmas party. The installation ceremonies are being planned sometime this month.

Also introduced were new board members of the Japanese American Community Center headed by Howard Nomura, chairman, succeeding Mrs. George Matsui.

The Christmas party featured the appearance of Santa Claus and Bozo, the Clown.

The UCL Credit Union will hold its third annual general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m. at the JACC. A family-style potluck dinner precedes the meeting.

SAKAYAMA TO HEAD MILE-HI JACL IN '56

DENVER—Toshio Ando, Mile-Hi JACL election committee chairman, announced John Sakayama, 1838 W. 47th Ave., was elected 1956 chapter president. Inaugural ceremonies were held at the New Year's party. He succeeds the late Harry H. Sakata and Irvin Matsuda, acting president.

1956 Cabinels

Placer County JACL

George Ito	Pres.
Harry Hirakawa	V.P. (Penryn)
Bob Kozalku	V.P. (Loomis)
Shigeki Matsumoto	V.P. (Auburn)
James Kaneko	V.P. (Lincoln)
Kenso Matsumoto	V.P. (Newcastle)
Ellen Kubo	Treas.
Hiroko Kashiwabara	Cor. Sec.
Mrs. Amy Takemoto	Rec. Sec.
George Hirakawa	Social
Dorothy Hirakawa	Hist.
Bob Takemoto	Athletic

Mt. Olympus JACL

CORRECTED LIST

Toby Hirabayashi	Pres.
Ida Tateoka	1st V.P.
George Tamura	2nd V.P.
Sam Saito	Treas.
Jane Imamura	Cor. Sec.
Ruby Tamura	Rec. Sec.
Mutsu Nakamura	Sub.
Kiyo Matsumori	Hist.
Sugar Hirabayashi	Social
Billy Watanabe	Sgt.-at-arms
Hutch Aoki	

Sonoma County JACL

AUXILIARY

Shizue Kawaoka	Pres.
Mary Hamamoto	V.P.
Fay Uyeda	Rec. Sec. & Treas.
Margaret Murakami	Cor. Sec.
Clara Miyano	
Marlene Masada	Social

Arizona JACL

Mutt Yamamoto	Pres.
Jimmy Ozasa	1st V.P.
Cherry Tsutsumida	2nd V.P.
Sto Nakamura	3rd V.P.
Jimmy Matsumori	Treas.
Kathy Matsuyoshi	Sec.
Tom Inoshita	
Eva Oda	Social
Jimmy Kuhara	Athletic
Frank Yamamoto	Northside Rep.
Gene Nakatsu	Southside Rep.

Omaha JACL

Manuel Matsunami	Pres.
Sam Tsuji	1st V.P.
Roy Hirabayashi	2nd V.P.
Sato Yoden	Treas.
Mrs. Doris Matsunami	Rec. Sec.
Mrs. Em Nakadoi	Cor. Sec.
Elmo Altemeyer	
Tom Arikawa	Mems.-at-lg.

Seattle JACL

James Matsuoka	Pres.
Dr. S. Fukuda	1st V.P.
Paul Kashino	2nd V.P.
Miss Kazie Yokoyama	3rd V.P.
Kiyo Tada	Treas.
Miss Violet Arase	Cor. Sec.
Miss Lilly Kojima	Rec. Sec.
Min Yamaguchi	Bd. Del.

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San Francisco JACL

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Viola Nakano	Pres.
Mary Hamamoto	V.P.
Kathleen Asano	Treas.
Thelma Takeda	Rec. Sec.
Joyce Enomoto	Cor. Sec.
Dorothy Suzuki	Service
Ryo Ichikawa	Publicity

Mile-Hi JACL

John Sakayama	Pres.
Robert Y. Sakata	1st V.P. (prog.)
Mieko Mayeda	2nd V.P. (memb.)
Rupert Arai	3rd V.P. (p.r.)
Kent Yoritomo	Treas.
Dorothy Madokoro	Rec. Sec.
Mary Funakoshi	Cor. Sec.

Twin Cities UCL

Tom Kanno	Pres.
Mas Teramoto	1st V.P.
James Takata	2nd V.P.
Dr. Helen Fukushima	Cor. Sec.
Miyeko Ito	Rec. Sec.
Jeri Tsurusaki	Hist.

Mile-Hi strives for 1,000 members

DENVER.—Betty Suzuki, membership chairman of the Mile-Hi JACL, announced that 10 members for the 1956 year have already been signed up. The 1956 goal will be 1,000, including naturalized Issei citizens.

In 1955, Mrs. Suzuki announced that 575 members were obtained, a few short of the record 602 attained in 1954 by Fumi Katagiri Karaki. In 1955, the chapter ranked fifth nationally, following Los Angeles (combined chapters), Chicago, Seattle and San Francisco.

Tak Terasaki, national 3rd vice-president for membership, urged that all eligible Nisei in the Denver area sign up for the Mile-Hi JACL, in order to make true the slogan of "Mile-Hi JACL — ahead!!!!"

Harry M. Nakamitsu, 630 - 19th St., has the honor of being the first Mile-Hi JACL member for 1956, and Frank Torizawa of Granada Fish is the first 1000 Club member for 1956. It was noted that four newly naturalized Issei are on the 1956 roster as of date.

Memberships will be accepted at the Mile-Hi JACL office, 1225-20th St., Denver 2.

French Camp CL names Komure head

FRENCH CAMP—George Komure, prominent San Joaquin County rancher, was elected president of the French Camp JACL chapter, it was revealed by the election committee at a general chapter meeting.

Komure, who takes over the reins of presidency for 1956 from Harry Ota, is a member of the noted firm, "Atherton & Komure," local grower, packer and shipper of fresh produce. He is a charter member of the local chapter and presently is serving as board member of the French Camp Chamber of Commerce.

Komure disclosed that by the next general meeting other members of the Executive Board will be appointed with the full complement of the Executive Board to be revealed then.

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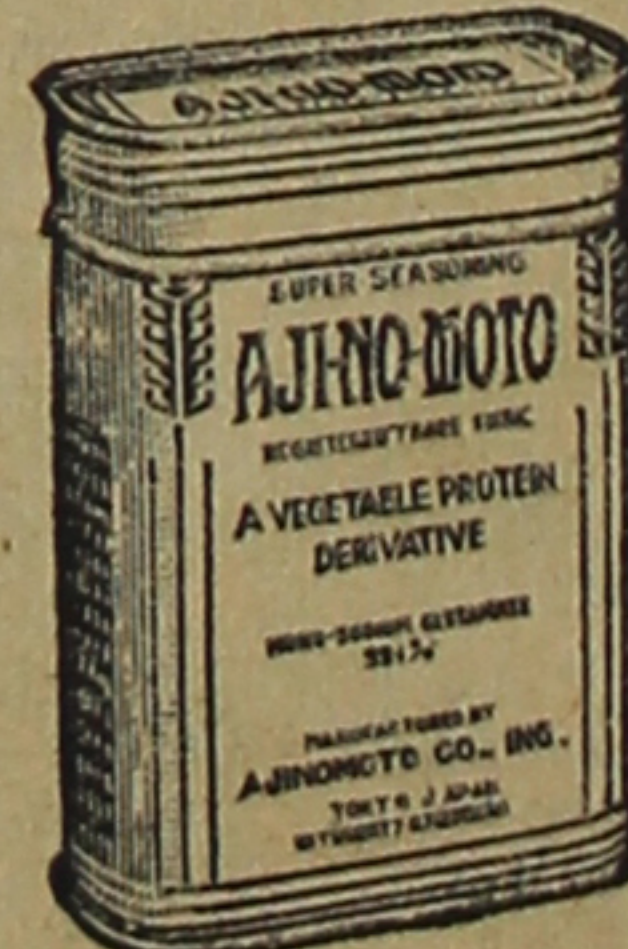


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## THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



JAMES MATSUOKA, New Seattle JACL President

## Meet Seattle CL's new leader

Seattle

James M. Matsuoka, newly elected president of the Seattle JACL is a little bigger than the average size Nisei. His "bigness" however, suggests more than just the mere physical aspects, but a serenity, confidence, congeniality and solidarity of community interests that are not just the result of fickle happenstance. His election to the presidency of the Seattle Chapter is just another step in an interesting career of community service and leadership.

White River Valley natives remember Matsuoka as active in basketball and baseball at Kent High School, where he graduated in 1933. Later he continued his schooling at Seattle Pacific College and the Univ. of Washington, and attained a Black Belt rating in judo.

Born Nov. 1, 1913, he was still at a tender age when he became active in the White River Valley Civic League and became vice-president under Tom Iseri in 1935-36.

Since that time, Jim was boosted to a diversified succession of offices and public service jobs such as the budget committee of the Community Chest, the Urban League, and Secretary in the Japanese Community Service organization.

## HEADED JACKSON ST. COMMUNITY COUNCIL

That ever-active community development organization, the Jackson Street Community Council made him chairman of the civic committee and the civil defense committee, and in 1949 and 1950 he served two active terms as president. This era saw improvements in street lighting, traffic control, and the first participation of the International Community in the Seattle Seafair annual gigantic.

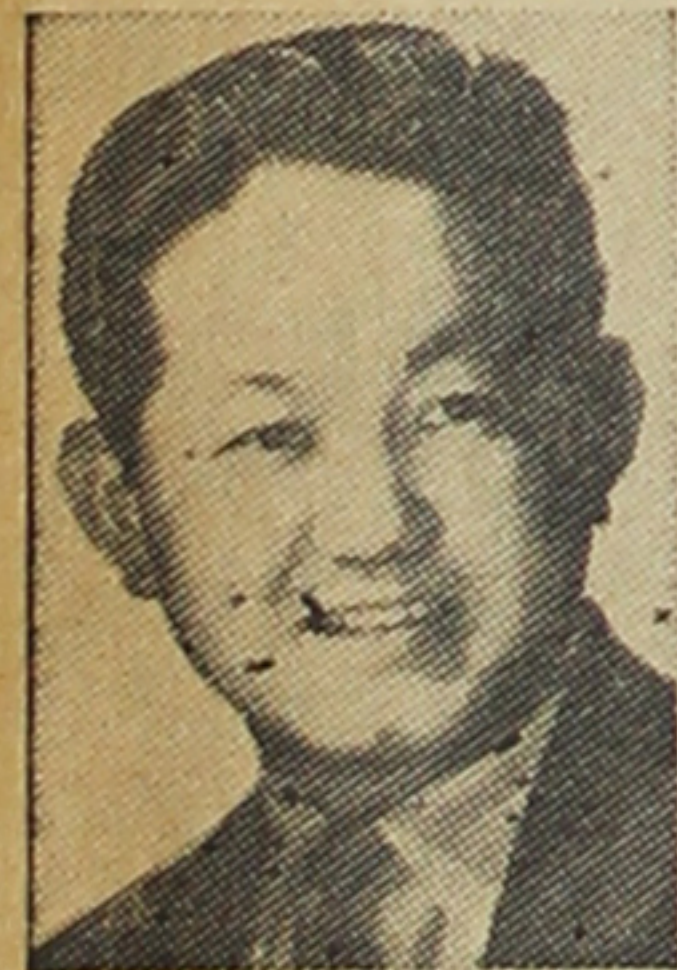
James Matsuoka, in 1952, became the first Nisei to be elected to the Seattle Realty Board, and the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

Jim is also an active member of St. Peter's Episcopal church where he is a junior warden, besides being appointed to the Bishop's Diocesan Council for the past three years.

In 1954, Matsuoka was made the charter president of the newly formed First Hill Lions Club, and near the end of the term, he and attractive wife Amy were honored with a trip to the Atlantic City National Lions convention as the guests of Seattle Lions.

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## VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



## 'Pages from the Ages'

Pasadena

● The next time you see Mas Fujimoto draw a straight line across a piece of paper, as if it were a simple "doodle", and asks, "What does this mean?", he's on the job . . . Mas greeted his guests Monday morning at the Calif. Western States Life Insurance Co. office, which lies on the sunnyside of Colorado Street. We were

guests of Harry Fujita, assistant manager of the agency, to view the 1956 Tournament of Roses from a second-story window—above the jammed sidewalks . . . As for the 1956 parade, it was themed "Pages from the Ages" and about the most fabulous display of flowers ever. The best Nisei angle we could gather was the report that many of flowers were grown by many of them, some floats were decorated by them and that there would be too many names involved . . . Actually, it's a kind of story that would do Japanese Americans a great amount of good. A segment of the floral industry in which they are noted for—cut flowers—provides a majority of the fresh flowers used to decorate each float . . . If you can recall the St. Louis entry of a team of horses pulling the yellow coronation coach, it cost nearly \$35,000. No telling what the others cost, but the Tournament of Roses is considered a "life saver" for growers.

● A surprise visitor in town was Mam Noji of Hood River, Ore., at the George Inagakis. He showed up Saturday and genial host George scoured the county some 150 miles by auto in search of two tickets to the Rose Bowl game. He came through plus two grandstand seats on Colorado to view the parade in the morning . . . George still raves about the summer trip into the Hood River country. Now, Noji can rave about Pasadena and Los Angeles in return.

● The top New Year eve yarn our way involves a little lady, who had a soft drink earlier in the evening, ask where her black gloves were as she alighted from the car. "Gee, you got them on," someone pointed out . . . Otherwise, the Nisei observance of the new year was gay and light around town. Oh yes, the Japanese delicacies as we went house-calling last weekend were tops, too . . . Nisei housewives now strongly feel this tradition ought to be continued and seriously want to know how to roll sushi, prepare these delicacies and decorate their home in the traditional manner. After some 20 years of Issei-style Shogatsu feasts, we'd miss 'em for sure. In a couple of five-years, I'm afraid there won't be too many of our Issei generation around to prepare these delights.

## NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by MASAO SATOW

## Emergency JACL office established in flood-stricken Marysville, situation under control; victims grateful for early assistance

San Francisco

■ This is to report that things are generally under control in the Northern California areas affected by the flood. Northern California-Western Nevada District Council Chairman Yas Abiko was right on the ball and called a special meeting of the DC Executive Board for a checkup report and emergency action. Our appreciation to the Board members who showed up at quick call on a Christmas weekday afternoon. A few families were flooded in Cortez, and Sonoma County, but in Yuba City 104 families were affected. The latest from Stockton discloses 80 families were evacuated, of which 20 suffered seriously. The NCWNDC Flood Relief will be extended. The District Council advanced \$500 for immediate needs and instructed Marysville Chapter President Dan Nishita to establish a JACL office to coordinate relief efforts. Japanese foodstuffs were dispatched immediately. Upon consultation with National President Inagaki and Treasurer Dr. Nishikawa, National Headquarters granted \$500 for office administrative expenses. The Northern California chapters have gone ahead on collecting warm clothing and monetary donations, and have sent Japanese foodstuffs. Our Cortez, Livingston-Merced, Sacramento, San Benito, and Sonoma County Chapters have been especially helpful in their promptness.

We were in Marysville the last two days of the year to meet with the chapter and confer with the Red Cross authorities. We are especially grateful that Dan Nishita has been available to take over, ably assisted by chapter Vice-President George Nakao. Also helping in the JACL office are Minoru Harada and Mabel Komatsubara.

Fortunate was the fact that the Marysville people, although evacuated as a precaution measure, were able to return to their homes and have helped house the Yuba City victims.

A number of Colusa families also took care of the evacuated people. The people of the affected area are profoundly grateful for the expressions and evidences of concern from other sections of Northern California. Most important, these have been a great boost to their morale. One person of Japanese ancestry, a JACler, is missing as yet.

The Marysville Chapter was looking forward to hosting the February quarterly meeting of the District Council and had practically completed its 1956 membership campaign before the flood. The Richmond-El Cerrito Chapter has graciously volunteered to take over the DC meeting on February 5. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the joint installation dinner dance of the Richmond-El Cerrito, Berkeley, Oakland, and Alameda Chapters.

## Fresno Meeting

■ An important meeting of representatives of the three California District Councils is being called by National President George Inagaki on January 29 in Fresno. The strategy to assure a good vote for the proposition to wipe off the 1920

## SEQUOIA INSTALLATION RITES TOMORROW NIGHT

REDWOOD CITY.—The Sequoia JACL will install its 1956 cabinet members, headed by Peter Nakahara, attorney, tomorrow night at Pastore's Nipa Hut, 2550 El Camino Real. National Director Mas Satow will be guest speaker.

Being invited also are the mayors of Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Redwood City, the county supervisors of San Mateo, editors of the Palo Alto Times and Redwood City Tribune.

## St. Louis JAYS

ST. LOUIS—Dennis Nakano was elected president of the St. Louis JAYS. The group held its Christmas party at the home of the sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hayashi,

Alien Land Law from the State's statute books will be mapped out. Since this law was originally decreed by initiative, it must be rescinded by action of the voters this coming November.

## 1955 Holiday PC

■ JAClers should be pleased with the 1955 Holiday PC, for it contains the story of JACL through the quarter century based on Prof. Elmermoto Smith's research and woven around our past National Presidents. Too bad a copy is not available for every JACler, or we should more correctly say, too bad more JAClers are not PC subscribers so they could have this important issue edited so well by Harry Honda.

## 1956 Memberships

■ A printer's error on the name of our organization has necessitated the mailing out of supplementary '56 membership cards to the chapters. This mailing should be complete by this week. Credit Snake River Chapter President George Iseri for being sharp enough to detect this and call our attention.

The San Benito Chapter begins the new year with its 1956 membership drive completed.

Our 1000 Club membership listing fell short of the anticipated one thousand. We wound up with 959 members in good standing, which is an increase of some three hundred over the previous year. A big hand to National 1000 Club Chairman Shig Wakamatsu for his efforts. We know that the voluntary work he has put into this has necessitated his giving makeup hours at night on his regular work.

## Colorado-Bound

■ We take off the middle of this month for a visit to our four Colorado chapters in Ft. Lupton, Denver, San Luis Valley and Arkansas Valley. We will miss Harry Sakata, one of the staunchest JAClers we have known. JACL was uppermost in Harry's mind, and despite his illness all last year, he carried on courageously as President of the Mile-Hi Chapter. Harry invariably lingered around at the meetings to ask us how JACL was doing generally, and especially in his prewar home chapter of Eden Township.

## Tenpin Tourney

■ On the way back from Colorado we will stop in Salt Lake City to confer with Choppo Umemoto and his National JACL Bowling Tournament Committee. Since the Salt Lake group originated this tournament ten years ago and ran it for three years, they should have no difficulty in handling this year's affair even though it promises to be the largest ever held in an inland city. The new policy of starting the team events on Friday instead of Saturday will help to relieve the pressure of time.

## JAMES TANDA ELECTED SALINAS CHAPTER HEAD

SALINAS.—Salinas Valley JACL chapter held its eighth annual election and community Christmas party on Dec. 17 at the Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church gymnasium.

James Tanda will be the 1956 president with installation of his cabinet scheduled for late January.

To begin the evening program a pot-luck supper was held, attended by some 200 people. While JACL members were holding their election of officers for 1956, the children were entertained by movies and later by Santa Claus who gave out presents to all the younger children of the entire valley.

Kiyo Hirano was in charge of the Christmas party, assisted by: Miya Kubota, buffet; Sumi Iwashishige, gifts; Harry Shirachi, table-arr.; Bill Teraji, Christmas tree; Tom Miyayana, Harry Sakasegawa, movies.

We think the bowlers will have a good chance to establish new records at Doug Muir's Pal-D-Mar alleys. Attesting to the great improvement in Nisei bowling is the report by Morrie Yamaguchi of Seattle's Main Bowl that fifty bowlers in the Nisei Commercial league up there are hitting 170 or better. We feel with our Boise Valley Chapter Vice-President Harry Kaneshige who last month hit a perfect 300, but in a tournament warmup game, so will not receive official ABC recognition. This recalls to mind George Kishida's 300 in a pot game over four alleys in Salt Lake City, and L.A. Tok Ishizawa's perfect game just keeping in practice while traveling through Fresno. Actually, George Inai's 300 is the only ABC officially recognized game, though several others have hit perfect games before Nisei were able to join ABC.

We pause at this time to pay our last respects to James Kozuma of Chicago who went out for the final frame just before Christmas. Jim was one of the most enthusiastic boosters for our National Tournament and one of the members of our first National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling. He was most helpful in our fight to gain ABC recognition, and also to direct our 1954 National Tournament in Chicago.



## '1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—New memberships and renewals in the JACL 1000 Club received at National Headquarters during the month of December, 1955, are as follows:

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

West L.A.—Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda,

## EIGHTH YEAR

Snake River—Thomas T. Iseri,

Salt Lake—Mrs. Alice Kasai,

## SEVENTH YEAR

Sacramento—Joe Matsunami,

## SIXTH YEAR

San Francisco—Dr. Tokuji Hedani,

Snake River—Mun Iseri,

Denver—Dr. Tom K. Kobayashi,

Downtown L.A.—Tats Kishida,

San Fernando—Frank Kuwahara,

## FIFTH YEAR

Snake River—Shigeo Murakami,

Sacramento—Henry Taketa,

## FOURTH YEAR

Sequoia—John T. Enomoto,

Arizona—Bill Kajikawa, Mrs. Hatsuyo

Miyuchi,

Downtown L.A.—Taro Kawa,

Sacramento—Ginza Mizutani,

Chicago—Arthur T. Morimitsu,

Pocatello—William Yamauchi,

## THIRD YEAR

Venice-Culver—Dr. George Y. Abe,

Idaho Falls—Albert Brownell, Takeo

Haga,

Sacramento—Tokio Fujii, Kihel Ikeda,

William Matsumoto, Katsuro Mura-

kami, Wataru Tsugawa,

Spokane—Harry Kadoya,

Salt Lake—Henry Kasai,

Snake River—Hiroyo Kido, Mas Yano,

Seattle—Milton Maeda,

Delano—Dr. James K. Nagatani,

Downtown L.A.—Seiichi Nobe, Hughes

Tsuneishi,

Minneapolis—Fred Y. Ohno,

San Francisco—Marshall M. Sumida,

Mid-Columbia—Mits Takasugi,

## SECOND YEAR

Idaho Falls—Boss Elg, Masayuki Hon-

da, Sam Yamasaki,

Sacramento—Dr. Yoshizo Harada, Ya-

sushi Ito, Sumio Miyamoto, Coffee

H. Oshima, Peter Osuga, Mamoru

Sakuma, Dr. George Takahashi,

George Tambara, Dr. Kiyoshi Tsu-

da,

San Francisco—George T. Inai,

Coachella Valley—Jack Izu,

Arizona—George Kishiyama, Sto Na-

kamura, Johnson Sakata, Jack Su-

da, Minoru Takiguchi,

Southwest L.A.—Hank Masaoka,

Monterey—Hoshito Miyamoto,

Boise Valley—Tom Takatori,

Puyallup Valley—Daiichi Yoshioka,

## FIRST YEAR

Snake River—Gish Amano, Edward J.

Fair, Larry N. Fujii, George Saito,

Frank Uriu,

Sacramento—Harry Fujii, Dean Itano,

Percy T. Masaki, Eugene Okada,

Frank Yoshimura,

Downtown L.A.—Henry I. Hashimoto,

Masumi Tajima,

Chicago—Earle H. Hori, Mitchell

Nakagawa, Takeharu Nishi, Fred

Nomiya, Miss Louise Suski,

Arizona—Ben Inoshita,

Tulare County—Hiroshi Mayeda,

Coachella Valley—Hideo Nishimoto,

San Benito County—Frank Nishita,

Cincinnati—Hisashi Sugawara (Deer

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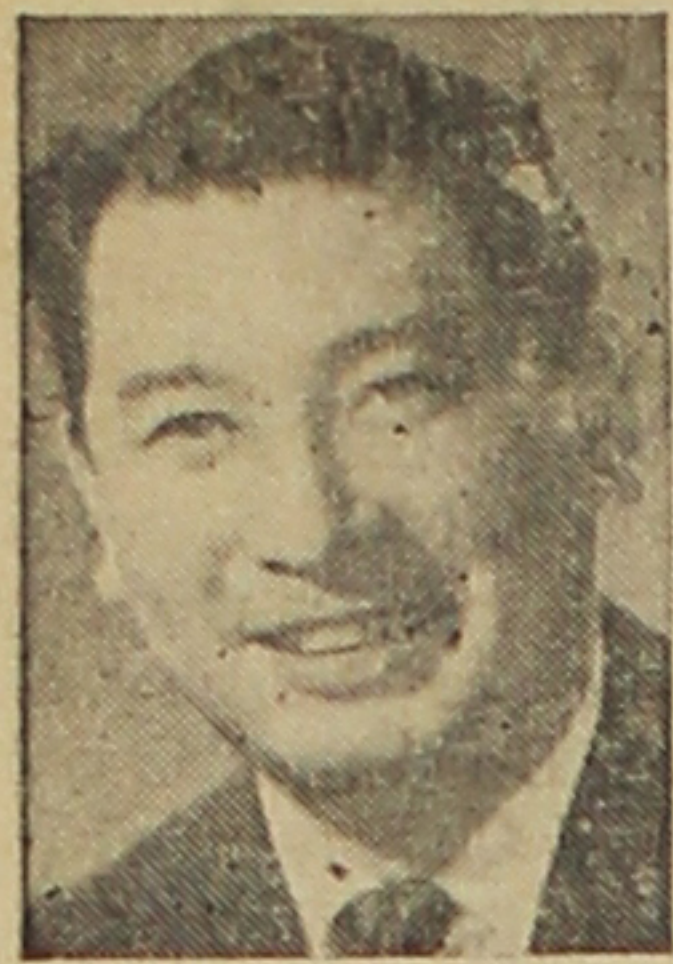
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## SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida



## Fortnight trilogy

Why any fool would want to ransack our JACL regional and PC biz office is beyond us. At the risk of capture and conviction, the jerk laboriously (or mebbe it was duck soup) cases the joint and gives it a going over for peanuts—petty cash, a few postage stamps and miscell personal prop at best—JACL is not known to possess articles of high intrinsic value.

At least the guy's persistent, coming thrice in two weeks, but a little too late to loot the heavy contributions sent in to the Xmas Cheer project on his first visit on Dec. 20, but annoying enough to lift some yule gifts we traditionally present to those who give us a hand year round—the PC 2nd class handlers at the PO, the printing crew of the Holiday Issue, the reg mailman and hotel employees of the Miyako, where the JACL jimusho is.

What's griping is the mess he left of the PC subscription mail, each envelope hurriedly torn open in a frantic search for cash on his post-Xmas visit—and credit union mail, too. And desks and files rummaged through. Fortunately, remittances are almost invariably by check, and checks he left.

Despite our added precautions, our nimble friend made his third trip during our year-end weekend absence and made off with a gift of Old Taylor from our desk along with half a carton of our mentholated reefers, the former being used only medicinally, natch. On his visit No. 1, he'd purloined a packet of collector's stamps sent to us on approval from an eastern dealer.

Sgt. Friday's LAPD is on notice and fingerprints being studied in its lab.

## DOROBO

We have a certain word for sneak thieves which we can't print here, the post office says. The direct translation of the Japanese for thief, or *doro-bo*, is mud-stick, or stick-in-the-mud, as we explained earlier. Tangentially, mud and stick imply an unclean cane, hence a dirty crook. That figures.

The other J. word is *nusuto*, a contraction of *nusu* (steal) and *hito* (person). Incidentally in Italian, *nusuto* means a recently acquired garment consisting of coat and trousers of the same material. Since we aren't advancing the study of foreign languages, we return hastily to our forte.

Our derivation is somewhat far-fetched as usual but here it is: *nu*, an exclamation of dissatisfaction as opposed to the reverse, *un*, which is a grunt of contentment; *su*, a den or lair; and *to*, beans, taken from the first of *to-fu*, or bean-curd. The obvious logic is that thieves are a disgruntled lot having to eat beans in their hideaway. Air-wick, anyone?

## SCOOPEROO: SEEK 'HOME AGAIN' STARS

The search for experienced and talented Nisei actresses is on for important roles in the movie production, "Home Again." Producer Sam Jaffe and writer-director Mike Blankfort plan to begin interviews soon on aspirants.

## GRACIAS

The Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion, a progressive and hard-working group of vets, tossed a bouquet to JACL in '55 which we think worthy of reporting, not only because bouquets are rare, and this one was particularly complimentary, but because an org such as this one has taken the trouble to recognize JACL's role in community service activities, and these vets aren't slouches, either, when it comes to service projects.

The beautiful certificate of commendation was awarded to the JACL "in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the Japanese American community of Los Angeles and in consideration of untiring efforts which has enabled more than 2,000 Japanese residents to attain their American citizenship", at Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles on November 26 last year and signed by Fred W. Miller, the American Legion's departmental chairman of its naturalization commission, and by Soichi Fukui, commander of Commodore Perry Post No. 525. Thanx, PP and Soichi.

A few dozen copies of the PC Holiday Issue—the 84-page Silver Jubilee issue, remember?—are still available for those wishing to give a copy to a friend or library, such as our friend Albert Bonus is doing in Seattle. Just send two-bits per copy and you'll have it pronto, postpaid, or mailed to your gift recipient.

RECENT VISITORS: Mamaro Wakasugi, formerly of Portland and past chairman of the Intermountain District Council, vacationing in Ellay with his family and looking up pre-historic CLers and doing Disneyland. . . nat'l director Mas Satow on his annual pilgrimage to the southland, whose Christmas vacation was interrupted with an emergency meeting of the Marysville chapter to confer of northern Cal flood relief.

## THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa

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It seems that this account will go on forever, but it must be mentioned that Jim is also a member of the Board of the Japan Society, a select group of pedagogues, tycoons, civic leaders and their wives who share mutual interests in cultural, commercial, and friendly relations with Japan.

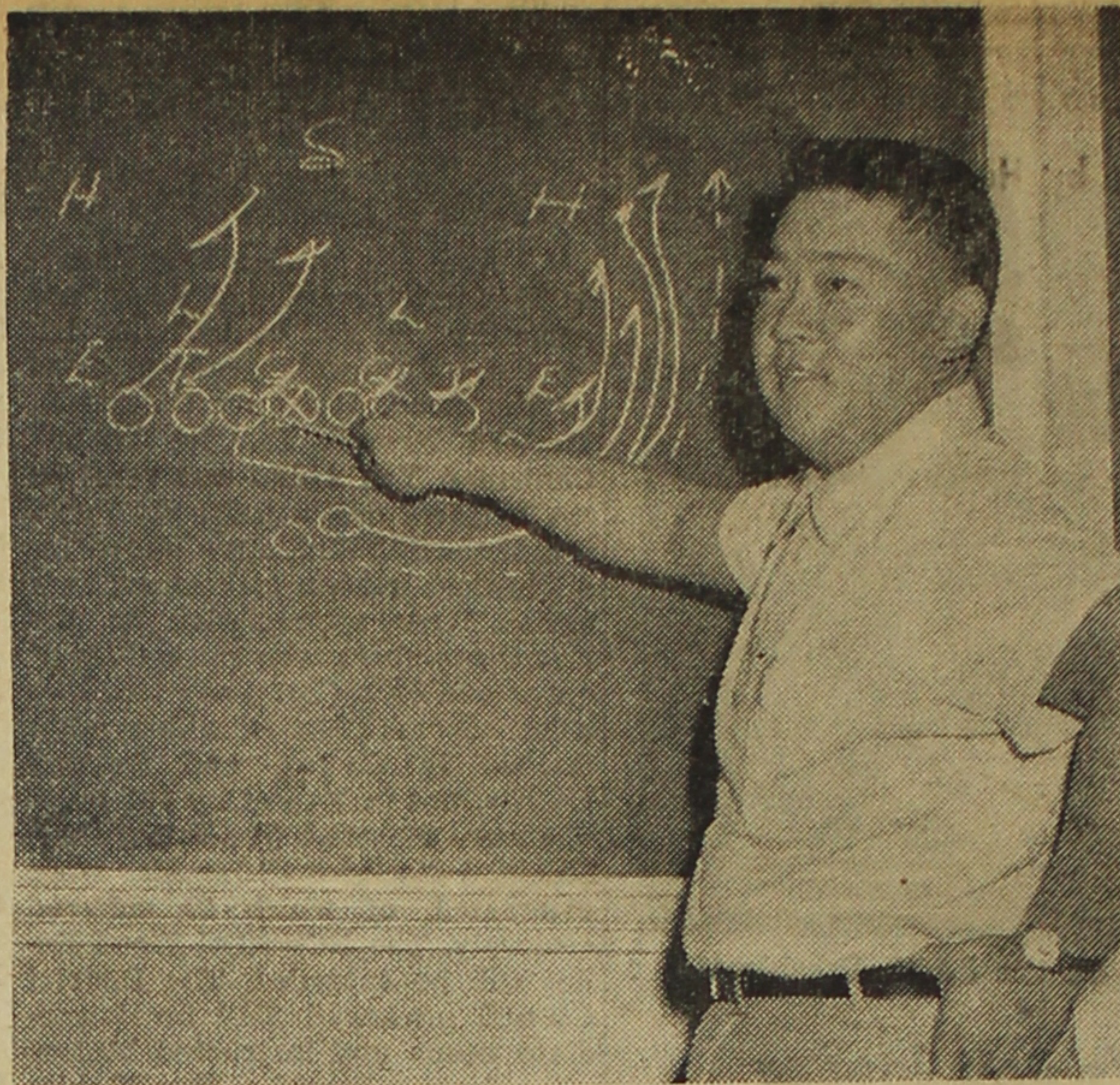
It would be totally wrong for the reader to conclude, from the above, that Jim Matsuoka is an office seeker and politician. He's just a solid good citizen, unselfish in time and efforts to community service, and in 1956, the Seattle Chapter will advance in stature and accomplishment as it did under Howard Sakura who is Jim's associate in the Matsuoka realty firm.

Installation of James M. Matsuoka and his officers will take place in the San Juan Room of the Roosevelt Hotel, Seattle on Jan. 20. Mayor Allan Pomeroy, high school classmate and athletic competitor of so many old time Nisei, will be main speaker, Honored guests at the dinner will be 85 new citizens, which means 85 in excess of the 750 already so honored. We're doing quite well up in this neck of the woods.

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Coach "Dutch" Kawasoe of Vale Union High School diagrams end-around play for varsity squad which has a string of 22 victories and two successive Oregon class A-2 state championships.

—Harano Photo.

## Success story: Kawasoe coaches grid team for second consecutive state title

BY MASAO W. SATOW

ONTARIO, Ore. — Toast of the little town of Vale, Oregon, (pop. 2,000) on the east side of the state is a husky 200 pound Nisei whom everyone knows as "Dutch". For on the afternoon of Nov. 26, head coach Melvin "Dutch" Kawasoe's Vale High School eleven overwhelmed Dallas High School from the western section to win the Oregon State Class A-2 football championship for the second successive year and run its string of consecutive victories to 22 over a two-year period.

We met Dutch that evening at the Dragon's Den of Ontario's East Side Cafe, where with his attractive wife Ocie, and a group of friends, he was celebrating and busily accepting the congratulations of many well wishers. The pride and joy of the Kawasoe household, little Marcia Kay, was left at home since ten months is a bit young to know what it is all

## Elmer Smith—

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ligations to new immigrants from Japan under the McCarran Act. These problems will need to be worked out on a local basis for the most part.

The JACL has had some negative criticism from various sources primarily because of its emphasis upon problems and programs for persons of Japanese ancestry.

This criticism does not seem to be justified by this writer. In the first place, JACL is not discriminatory as to membership as long as one is an American citizen and in good social standing. Second, the JACL has shown in the past to be interested in the over-all general welfare of all persons and groups in local, state and national areas of human relations. Third, there is a need for social, fraternal, and in some instances political security for persons of Japanese ancestry. This the JACL can do much more effectively than any other organization. The JACL Credit Union alone has proven how efficient such an organization can function in the economic field.

The recent trends in JACL history have proven the organization has indeed "come of age." New Horizons stretch beyond!

## Past Presidents

The record of past presidents for the Yo-Solano JACL as published in the 1955 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue should read as follows:

1935-36—Allen Aoyagi  
1937 —Mary Obata  
1938 —Bill Kato  
1939-42—Harry Aoyagi.

about. The State A-2 Class is composed of schools with an enrollment not exceeding 500. Vale's student body numbers 325, but some 60 turn out for football, bespeaking for the coach's personal popularity and recognition of his ability. Kawasoe must also teach the boys how to grow, for his line this year averaged 191.

Dutch is an exponent of the balanced line single-wing which experts say requires plenty of drilling in the fundamentals of football to be successful. His greatest satisfaction comes from working with boys and watching them develop.

In the final championship game, his second and third stringers played out the second half. With six veteran starters and thirteen lettermen returning, it looks like a sure bet that the string of 22 consecutive wins will increase. Small wonder that the towns in that area are hoping that their respective populations will increase to enable their high schools to graduate out of the A-2 Class so they will not have to play Kawasoe's team.

The coach came by his football fundamentals by playing one year for the Univ. of Idaho, then lettered at the College of Idaho for three years at the guard spot. One look at this squat, solidly built guy, and you know he does not shove around easily.

After a two-year stint in the army and graduate work at the Univ. of Oregon, Dutch began his coaching career at Parma, Idaho, then moved to Vale as line coach before becoming head coach. Sounds like someone has sold him on California's sunshine, for he said he would like to take a crack at a coaching job in California. Then again, it may be an opportunity to play golf year-round. He modestly admits playing with a 4 handicap rating.

Coach Kawasoe singles out Jerry Watanabe, the one Nisei on his team, a 215 pound four-year letterman, as a likely candidate for college honors. Jerry is scheduled for additional grooming this next year at Boise Junior College.

Because of his interest in youth, Dutch voluntarily helps to supervise recreational activities during the summer, and is never too busy to lend a hand in coaching track and baseball. During the school year, he also doubles as instructor in biology.

Playing at college, Dutch tipped the scales at 220 pounds. When asked how he managed to waste away to a mere 200, he said, "Well, that's coaching for you".

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## Japan skier wins Swiss international test

ADELBODEN, Switzerland — Japan's skiing star, Dartmouth student Chiharu Igaya, won the year's first pre-Olympic test here Jan. 3 in a field of 34 entries including the leading Swiss, French, and American Olympic hopes.

Igaya won the slalom race of the Adelboden International ski tournament with two runs of 78.3 and 82.3 secs. respectively, a total of 160.6 secs.

## Kayo Hayakawa cops S.F. men's bowling title

SAN FRANCISCO — Kayo Hayakawa of Downtown Nisei Majors won the senior all-events title in the San Francisco Men's Bowling Championships with a 1870 scratch and 2002 total. His winning total is the best in eight years and second to 2023 set in 1947. Fuzzy Shimada won high series honors with a 267-204-266-737.

## Shimada misses nat'l match semis by 4 pins

CHICAGO — Fuzzy Shimada, San Francisco bowling star failed to qualify for the semi-finals in the national match game championships at the Coliseum alleys last month. He ended the 24-game preliminary round with a total of 4699, four pins short of the needed 4703 to stay in the running.

Shimada did make a creditable showing, bowling 1195 on the fourth night of the tournament. He had scores of 194-202-215-180-187-217, finishing with an average of 195.8 in 24 games.

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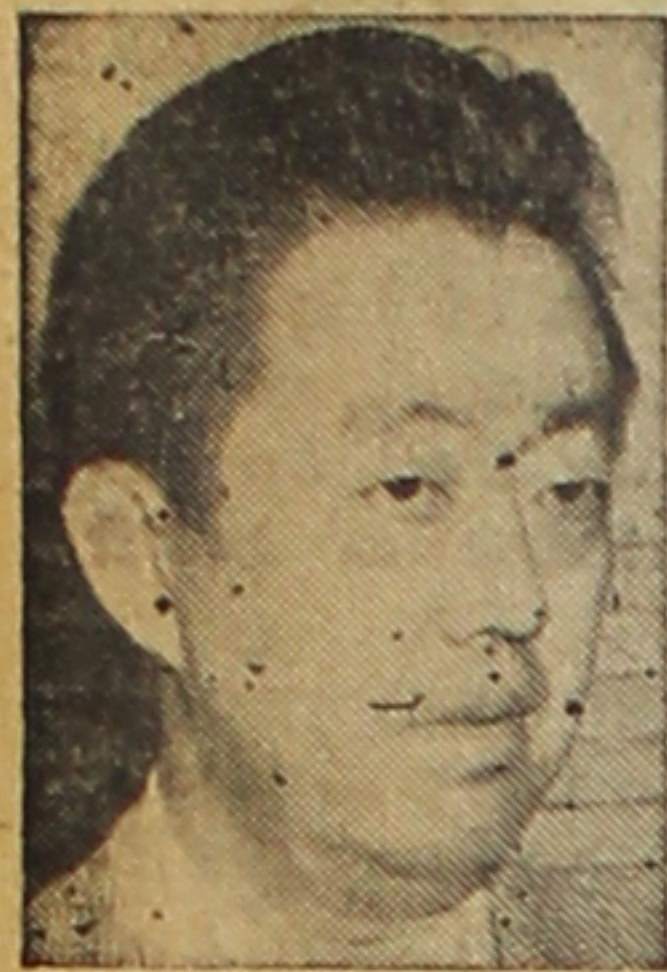
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Quiet New Year's

Los Angeles

With sons Bennett getting over the niffles and Dana, in his third month in this hectic world sneezing and crying for more milk we were kept close to home over the year end. Bennett couldn't get over the idea that Christmas was over and we had to dispose of the tree. He gave with a heaping howl when the decorations came down and we sent the tree to the backyard incinerator.

Adults who take simple things as a matter of fact can learn much from the kids' innocent actions. We never suspected the emotional impact of a child losing his Christmas tree until this year. We also had a hard time convincing our son that every package that comes into the house doesn't belong to him. But he managed to "inspect" all of baby Dana's gifts and his first Yule presents before he conceded.

'DEAR FRIENDS' CARD

When we received a Yuletide card from Mr. and Mrs. Frank "Match" Kumamoto, nee Flora Suski, addressed to us as "occupants," it floored us no end. As a gag, we thought it was rather strange since we've known the Kumamotos for many years. But the joke was on us. The wife inadvertently forgot to sign our greeting card to them and they, in turn, didn't know who lived at 269 Twickenham Ave.

"We don't know who you are because we aren't familiar with that address," wrote Flora in rather frustrating tone. We corrected that by sending them another card, this time with a short note saying we've moved since the 1954 holidays.

"Match" is a big wheel in the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion. Flora's dad, Dr. P. M. Suski, used to be our family doctor until evacuation relocated him to Denver.

BOYLE HEIGHTS GUSHES WITH LIFE

Third time was a charm for the Richfield Oil Co. when they announced they had struck oil in the residential section of Boyle Heights where many persons of Japanese ancestry reside. It appears to be a nice year-end present for many of them if the oil continues to flow from the recent drilling. They will be in line for royalties.

Richfield in their last two attempts in 1946 and 1948 has signed about 1,500 individual leases on 5,000 acres in search for oil. The Japanese Hospital on First and Fickett sts. will share in the profitable venture if "black gold" continues to flow.

OPTIMIST OF 1955

It would be appropriate for us to finish our first column of 1956 with a note of optimism: to wit the report that 1000er Willie Funakoshi has been named the "Optimist of the Year" by the Japanese American organization here. The charter program chairman of the first all-Nisei unit of the Optimist International since April, 1954, was honored at the year-end dinner meeting. He received an honor plaque from Yosh Inadomi, president, and ovations from his fellow Optimists.

Funakoshi, an insurance broker, is active in the Downtown Los Angeles JACL as well as in the Nisei Pioneers where he served as past president. He was also ex-president of the Japanese American Casualty Insurance Association, and a member of the Los Angeles Insurance Association. His better half is nee Kinu Mihara. The Funakoshis have two daughters, Joanne, 11, and Kay, 6. The honoree's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ryosuke Funakoshi, are naturalized citizens.

CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada

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Parisian artist of the gay '90s, will be exhibited for the first time at the Art Institute, Jan. 10-Feb. 15.

CHICAGOANS GREET NEW YEAR

The Enterprisers, Inc., greeted the new 1956 year in the cozy atmosphere of the North Park Hotel last Saturday night. Aki Tani, new president, chaired the gala buffet-dinner affair. Other officers are Dr. Kenji Kushino, v.p.; Aki Teramoto, sec.; Mitchell Nakagawa, treas.; and Harry T. Ichiyasu, aud. Past president George Adachi pointed out that names of Teramoto and Nakagawa were missing from the Enterprisers' greetings in the last Holiday Issue, which this Corner regrets were missing but gladly rectifies.

The other big New Year celebration was sponsored by the local Nisei American Legion post at the Olivet Institute.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

Fred Odanaka, 1000er and Enterpriser hailing from Los Angeles, is a designer and supervisor at the Lincoln Bedding Co. He is married to the former Fukiko Uba, also of Los Angeles. She is Girl Scout leader at Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, den mother for a cub scout pack and social chairman of the Ravenswood PTA. Daughter Susan, 12, is a girl scout and Wilson YWCA member. Their two sons are Erick, 9, and Michael, 6.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births

**LOS ANGELES**  
ADACHI, Ichiro (Michiko Matsuda)—girl Elaine Miharu, Nov. 5.  
EMERSON, Donald (Chieko Yamaguchi)—boy Norman E., Oct. 25.  
FUJIOKA, Robert K. (May S. Tanaka)—girl Susan Naomi, Oct. 28.  
FUMIYE, Joseph—girl, Nov. 14, Long Beach.  
FUKUZAWA, Kenneth K. (Teruko Inuzaka)—boy Randy K., Oct. 30.  
HAMASAKA, George M. (Toshiko Kamei)—girl Caroline Masayo, Nov. 8.  
HAYAMIZU, Robert T. (Sumiko Nakashima)—girl Susan Shizue, Nov. 1.  
HIRAGA, Ben Y. (Sonoye K. Maeda)—girl Patricia A., Oct. 28.  
IMAZU, Kazuo (Miyako Uyeda)—girl Nancy Shizue, Oct. 16, Sun Valley.  
KANESHIMA, Chiyoto (Kazuko Kise)—girl Nina Chizuko, Oct. 28.  
KATO, Seiji (Mineko Hamada)—boy Karl Yukio, Oct. 13, West Covina.  
KATO, Tatsuo (Kazuko Toji)—boy Chris A., Oct. 15.  
KAWASHIMA, Toworu—boy, Nov. 29, Long Beach.  
KITAYAMA, Ryoyei (Kimiko E. Nakagawa)—boy Craig Takashi, Nov. 1.  
MURAKAMI, Takewo (Chiyoko Nishimoto)—boy Glenn Takashi, Oct. 26.  
NAKAMURA, Don U. (Chieko Yoshii)—girl Laura Miyuki, Oct. 21.  
NAKATA, Larry—boy, Nov. 27, Pasadena.  
NOGUCHI, James M. (Tokie Kinoshita)—girl Dora Yumiko, Dec. 1.  
OKUMURA, Toshibumi—girl, Nov. 11, Long Beach.  
REDFORD, Douglas E. (Kazuo M. Masuda)—boy Clarence S., Nov. 3.  
SAKAZAKI, Yoshitaka (Mary N. Murata)—girl Denise Yoshimi, Oct. 23.  
SHIMATSU, Toshiaki (Masako Akiyama)—girl Jennie, Oct. 12.  
SUZUKI, Yoshimasa F. (Florence Nemoto)—boy Donald I., Nov. 1.  
TANABE, Mikio (Namiye Terasaki)—girl Lucille Yuko, Oct. 29.  
UJIHARA, Fred—boy, Nov. 25, Norwalk.  
YAMADA, Kiyoshi (Barbara A. Jenkins)—boy Dana Yoshio, Oct. 28, Pasadena.  
YAMANO, Masaharu (Sachiye Izuha)—girl Janet Sachiko, Oct. 21.  
YAMATE, Masao (Mieko Obata)—boy Mark R., Oct. 16, West L.A.  
YOSHIMURA, Mitsuru (Elsie S. Muraoka)—girl Karen, Oct. 25.

SANTA ANA

HOSAKA, John—girl, Nov. 30, Buena Park.  
OKADA, Yutaka—boy, Nov. 14, Garden Grove.  
YAMAOKA, Yukio (Shizuko Hiroshima)—boy Thomas Hideki, Oct. 30, Buena Park.

RIVERSIDE

HIROHATA, Herbert H. (Toshiye Dohatake)—girl Theresa Y., Nov. 3, Thermal.

TULARE COUNTY

HATAI, Shigetomi—boy, Nov. 17.  
ISHIZAKI, Koichi—boy, Nov. 6.  
WARD, Craig (Satsuki Machida)—girl Patricia L., Nov. 15.

SACRAMENTO

KUWABARA, Paul Y.—boy, Nov. 5.  
NOGUCHI, Yoshio—girl, Nov. 12.  
TAKEOKA, Yoshio—girl, Nov. 14, North Sacramento.

YAMAMOTO, Richard—girl, Oct. 13, Davis.

YOSHIMURA, Haruo—girl, Oct. 12.

MARYSVILLE

NAKATANI, Charles—girl, Nov. 9, Live Oak.  
SHIMIZU, Asayuki—girl, Nov. 22.  
YOSHIMURA, Tim—girl, Nov. 30.

OREGON

KAWASHIMA, Zitsuo—girl Vita K., Oct. 23, Warm Springs.

MINNEAPOLIS

EZAKI, Bill—boy William T., Oct. 26.  
OYANAGI, Kenji—girl, Nov. 10.

Engagements

KAKIMOTO-FUJIKAWA — Nobuko, Colusa, to Charles, Berkeley, Nov. 13.  
KAWACHI-HASEGAWA — Yuri to Mark, Hood River, Ore.

NAKAGAWA-NAKAGIRI — Donna to Shigem, Los Angeles, Dec. 4.  
NAKATSUKA-ISHIDA — Mariko to Tom, both Denver.

NIYAMA-TANIMASA — Fumi to George, both Watsonville.  
YAMAMOTO-URUSHIMA — Mary to Richmond, both Sanger.

Marriage Licenses Issued

ITOW-FUJII — Donald S., Berkeley; Helen N., Richmond.

Weddings

ISHIBASHI-SUGENO — Nov. 11, Samuel, Mt. Cisco, N.Y.; Florence, Chicago.  
IWATA-HOSHIKO — Nov. 27, Allen, La Salle, Colo.; June, Greeley.

KARIYA-TAKAYAMA — Dec. 3, Yoneo, Buena Park; Mary, Los Angeles.  
KASHIMA-NAGAYAMA — Nov. 20, Mitsugi, Redwood City; Evelyn C., Mt. View.

KIDO-INOUE — Nov. 12, Robert, Nyssa; Yae, Ontario, Ore.  
KUBOTA-KUBO — Nov. 13, George and Yoshiko, both Reedley.

KUSUDA-ISHIKAWA — Nov. 5, Thomas T. and Tomoko, both Minneapolis.  
LEE-LIEBERMAN — Nov. 19, Sang Gwan and Masayo, both Denver.

MOTOYAMA-KURAMOTO — Nov. 24, Masaru and Haruyo, both Lodi.  
NAKAMURA-TERAOA — Dec. 2, Masao, Fresno; Mitsuko, Bowles.

NAKAO-HIGASHI — Nov. 6, Cy, Richmond; Yoshiko, Stockton.  
NISHITA-TABUCHI — Nov. 20, Dan, Marysville; Sachiko, Berkeley.

OHTAKI-ODA — Nov. 12, Peter, Seattle; Rose T., Salt Lake City.  
OKI-SAKUMA — Nov. 5, Shig and Fukako, both Chicago.

OTO-ITAYA — Nov. 13, Ted, Walnut Grove; Molly, Stockton.  
SAGARA-FUKUHARA — Nov. 20, Douglas and Ruby, both Denver.

TAMANAH-ITOMURA — Dec. 10, George I., Honolulu; Florence T., Los Angeles.  
TSUJI-DOI — Oct. 22, Spud and Ruby, both Chicago.

YAMAGUCHI-TANAKA — Nov. 20, Noboru and Chizuko, both Sacramento.  
YAMAMOTO-KAGIWADA — Nov. 26, Yoichi, Berkeley; Jeanne, Los Angeles.

YAMAURA-KASHIWAGI — Nov. 27, Henry and Frances Kinuko, Los Angeles.

Deaths

DATE, Osamu, 51; Chicago, Dec. 6, survived by wife Fukuko, sons Sumu, Isamu, daughters Hiroko, Reiko and parents Mr. and Mrs. Imasuke Date.

GOTO, Chiyu, 62; Inglewood, Dec. 19, survived by son Shigeru, brother Keiji Yamauchi.

HATA, Kunio, 76; Los Angeles, Dec. 9, survived by sons Tsutomu, Henry, daughters Mmes. Shizuko Shitakubo, Mitsuko Ojiri.

HAYATA, Tsuruko; Los Angeles, Dec. 3.  
HORINO, Mitsuno, 62; Los Angeles, Dec. 13, survived by husband Kaichi, sons George K., Tad T., daughter Mrs. Rose Y. Furukawa.

HOSHIZAKI, Donald, 7; Venice, Dec. 17, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur, brothers Howard, Michael, sisters Ann, Eml, Fumi.

KAGAWA, Masutaro, 33; Los Angeles, Nov. 28, survived by wife Ayano, sons Isao, Noboru, George M., daughters Mmes. Masako Numamoto, Miyako Oba.

KAITA, Kinu S., 2; Compton, Dec. 24, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom M., brother Randall T., sister Cathy S.

KAKUDA, Toshiyuki, 48; Torrance, Dec. 16, survived by wife Hisayo, sons Kiyoshi, Keichi, Katsuchi, Yukio, daughter Hideko.

KAWABATA, Hatsuyo, 53; Gardena, Dec. 10, survived by husband Kenkichi, daughters Mmes. Ayako Akune, Fumiye Usui, Miyoko Nakano.

KAWAGUCHI, Shigeji, 73; Los Angeles, Dec. 6.  
KOZUMA, James; Chicago, Dec. 22, survived by sister, Mrs. Misui Emura.

KUBOTA, Alan R., 11; Los Angeles, Nov. 24, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Gene, brothers Frank M., Norman Y., Raymond S.

NISHIDA, Tokuji, 76; Long Beach, Dec. 24, survived by wife Tatsue, son Tom Takasaburo, daughters Mmes. Mitsuyo Nakai, Masuyo Uchimura, June Uchimura.

SATO, Mrs. Mary; Hood River, Ore., Nov. 23, survived by husband Tosh, infant son.

SUZUKI, Yonezo, 58; Los Angeles, Nov. 26, survived by wife Mineko.

TABUCHI, Buntaro, 69; Los Angeles, Dec. 5, survived by wife Matsuo, son Hiroshi, daughter Mrs. Yukiye Toshiyuki.

YAMASHITA, Denbei, 71; Long Beach, Dec. 17, survived by wife Naka, sons Pete H., Hideo, daughter Mrs. Sadako Takagi.

YAMAUCHI, Teijiro; Santa Ana, Dec. 12, survived by wife Yoshi, son Chikara Enomoto, five grandchildren.

JACL participates in Bill of Rights rally at Denver

DENVER.—The Mile-Hi JACL was represented at the Civil Rights Day rally held Dec. 15 at East High School auditorium through Min Yasui, Mountain-Plains regional representative.

The chapter joined 32 local organizations. Irvin Matsuda, acting Mile-Hi chapter president, made necessary arrangements for JACL's local participation.

Similar rallies were held in a dozen other American cities, all sponsored by some 50 national organizations including the JACL together with labor unions, civic associations, religious and fraternal groups.

The local rally commemorated the adoption of the Bill of Rights to the Constitution and called for congressional action in the next session to eliminate discrimination in employment, housing and education, as well as passage of anti-lynch and anti-poll tax laws and banning of interstate transportation segregation.

Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive director, was featured speaker.

Denver Mothers hold Yuletide party for family

DENVER.—A Christmas party for Denver Nisei Mothers Club members and families was held Dec. 18 at the Globeville Recreation Center under chairmanship of Mary Suenaga. Assisting were Bernice Ohashi, Michi Ando, Millie Kiyotake, Betty Suzuki, Masako Shiramizu and Nobuko Sekiya.

The children's program consisted of numbers given by children whose mothers are members. They included:

Pamela and Donna Gay Shiramizu, Linda Kiyotake; Allison, Chrissie, Steve and Susan Ando; Susan Ohashi, Julie Nishiyama, Gail and Gene Takamine, Kathy Shiramizu, Ronald Hirokawa, Susan Hosokawa, Lynn and Honey Matsumoto and Kristine Kutsama.

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## VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



## 'Sayonara' as film

Denver

■ *Sayonara*, James Michener's best selling novel about the bittersweet romance of a Takarazuka dancing star and an American jet pilot, may be made into a motion picture after all. Two years ago, when the book first was published in McCall's and was a Book-of-the-Month club choice, *Sayonara* was offered to Hollywood for \$150,000-plus by Michener's agents. MGM, 20th-Fox and an independent producer, William Goetz, all bid for the right to transcribe this interracial love story on celluloid. Meanwhile, Michener announced in New York that the film rights had been sold to Josh Logan, the Broadway producer of such hits as *Mr. Roberts* and *Picnic*.

It was Logan's intention to adapt *Sayonara* to the Broadway musical stage, and later to make it into a movie. Irving Berlin, in fact, agreed to do the lyrics and completed a number of them before litigation, initiated by the three disappointed studios, forced a halt. Attorneys for the Hollywood trio claimed each had a prior right to *Sayonara*. Meanwhile, negotiations were started to settle the matter out-of-court.

Several weeks ago, Warner Brothers, a studio which hitherto has not been mentioned in the controversy, registered the title *Sayonara*. This has incited speculation that movieland's hassle over the right to make a Japanese-American love story is near settlement. The angle is that Warners recently concluded a producer-director deal with Logan. The fact that the studio has claimed *Sayonara* as a title is taken to mean that an agreement is near and Logan now will be able to go ahead with his stage version of *Sayonara*, and will make the film at Warners.

## MOVIE LOCATIONS GO OVERSEAS

■ Except for the years of war and forced evacuation, Hollywood always has had a sizable colony of Japanese Americans who have made "extra" money by providing atmosphere for films with Oriental backgrounds. Hundreds performed in such pictures as Paramount's *Madame Butterfly* (1932) and Warners' *Oil for the Lamps of China*. One of the most recent calls for Japanese atmosphere was in Mike Todd's *Around the World in 80 Days*, in which several score of Hollywood's Japanese appeared.

In recent years, because of such factors as popular acceptance of the wide screen and blocked studio money held in foreign countries, the trend has been to make motion pictures whenever possible in their actual locales. Metro, for example, is converting a little Japanese village near Kyoto into the replica of an Okinawa town for *Teahouse of the August Moon* and has borrowed Japan's leading actress, Machiko Kyo, to play Lotus Blossom opposite Marlon Brando's Sakini. The MGM decision means, of course, that hundreds of Hollywood's Japanese types who might have been used in crowd scenes and bit parts will miss out on one of the coming year's biggest films.

## MARI MICHENER WRITES

■ Speaking of *Sayonara*, Mari and James Michener were in India last week on their honeymoon world tour. Mari writes from a plane, traveling between Perth, Australia and Singapore, that "it has been an exciting and wonderful trip" and that "I'm anxious to see Asia. Although Australia is considered a part of Asia by some, I don't feel that it is."

"We have been for the past month in the (Australia's) 'outback' and bush country where the temperature hovered between 106-115 degrees. It was the hottest that I have ever experienced . . ."

## HOLIDAY ITEM: XYLOPHONIST BUSY

■ Holiday mail: Few Americans who lived through those weeks of crisis between Munich and the start of World War II in 1939 will ever forget the important role which radio played in that hectic time. Those who were tuned to NBC in those critical hours may remember Yoichi Hiraoka, who was and who still is the world's outstanding xylophonist. Yoichi was an NBC staff artist in 1939 and he was on a standby basis night and day during that time when the decision in Europe hovered between peace and war, and a wakeful America awaited the news from the capitals of the world. They heard much of Hiraoka's musical artistry.

Yoichi Hiraoka won a place for the xylophone as a concert instrument. He appeared with the New York Philharmonic and other symphony groups. He was a guest on some of the top radio shows of the period, appearing with Fred Allen, Edgar Bergen and Kate Smith. He made an album for Decca, *Japanese Folk Songs*. Then came Pearl Harbor. Yoichi technically an "enemy alien", and NBC released him after 10 years on the network's roster. Without much prospect of a future in America, he arranged to go to Japan with his Nisei wife, the former Shizu Yamaguchi of New York, and their children on the exchange ship Gripsholm in 1942. The late Fiorello La Guardia, then mayor of New York, learned belatedly of the decision. The mayor remembered all of Hiraoka's services on behalf of the city, for Yoichi is an artist in the full democratic tradition. He gave then, and he still gives freely of his talent wherever there is need. Mayor La Guardia told the Hiraoka story over the radio, invited the artist to play over the city's station. But the Gripsholm was sailing, and it was too late for the Hiraokas to turn back.

Yoichi Hiraoka was one of the first Japanese to entertain the American forces in the occupation. His artistry is acclaimed throughout Japan and the Orient. A Christmas note from the Hiraokas says: "Yoichi is busier than ever . . . and the rest of us are fine."

It would be fitting, one day, if Yoichi Hiraoka were able to resume in the United States a concert career which was interrupted by Pearl Harbor.

## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

## Hawaiian statehood remains as JACL's No. 1 legislative goal as new congressional session opens; 11 other points told

Washington

■ Following a week of opening formalities, the Second Session of this 84th Congress may begin serious consideration of the legislative business at hand next week.

In anticipation that the congressional mills will begin to grind next week, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced a 12-point legislative program that it will request this Congress to enact in 1956.

1. *Statehood for Hawaii*. This remains the Number One legislative objective for JACL in this Congress, for the seldom-mentioned but underlying objection to Statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii remains the large population of Americans of Japanese ancestry in those Pacific Islands. In other words, racial discrimination is the factor involved in this legislation.

Since the end of World War II, the question of the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry was answered for all time to come, statehood legislation has been a political football that has been kicked around by Democrats and the Republicans alike, with both blaming the other for its failure of enactment.

Last session, the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported a single package deal proposing statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska. The opponents of statehood for both territories or for either one or the other were thus able to join forces to defeat that bill.

The President remains the "key" to this legislative problem.

The Democrats insist upon statehood for both territories, while the Republicans thus far have insisted that Hawaii is ready for statehood but that Alaska is not.

If the President will agree to some compromise under which Alaska may be admitted into the states with certain areas reserved for the military, statehood for Hawaii and Alaska may be realized this year.

## Lane-Hillings Bill

■ 2. *Evacuation Claims Amendment*. Unless the Lane-Hillings Bill to expedite and liberalize the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims is enacted this session, similar legislation probably cannot be considered for at least another two years.

In the meantime, the Department of Justice will be forced to process and to adjudicate the remaining claims under the present cumbersome and restrictive procedures which will mean that the evacuee-claimants will not realize several millions of dollars which JACL and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims believes they are rightfully entitled to under the original intent of the Congress.

In addition, the lump sum indemnity under which all evacuees will be entitled to some automatic sum will be further delayed.

3. *Walter - McCarran Act Amendments*. As stated to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization early last month, the JACL will insist that every amendment to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 provide equal consideration and benefits to Asia as may be proposed for Europe or any other section of the world.

JACL is interested in increasing immigration opportunities for the Japanese and will seek such opportunities either by special legislation or amendments to the basic Walter-McCarran Act.

## Immigration Problem

■ 4. *Refugee Relief Act Amendments*. As with the Walter-McCarran Act amendments, JACL believes that fair play and good conscience requires that, in any amendments to the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, Japan and the Far East countries be granted the same nonquota immigration privileges as may be proposed for the refugees and escapees of Eu-

rope.

The problem of immigration is world-wide, and American international relations and foreign policy should not be discriminatory in this matter if the free peoples of Asia are to be solicited as partners in the present ideological struggle for the hearts and minds of men.



5. *Vested Property Return*. Ten years after the end of hostilities, JACL believes that the Trading with the Enemy Act should be amended to provide for the full return of all Japanese property vested by our Government during the war to prevent their use against the United States.

Many Nisei and Issei residing in this country are involved, as are their rights to provide insurance, bequests, and other grants to their parents and relatives in Japan.

And, to aid former Japanese companies in the United States to aid in the rehabilitation and recovery of Japan's economy and to reaffirm historic American policy relating to the sanctity of private property, JACL will urge complete return of all wartime sequestered property or full payment in lieu thereof.

6. *Appropriations*. To enable the Department of Justice to adequately administer the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Office of Alien Property, and the Japanese Claims Section, as well as to pay evacuation claims awards, JACL plans to urge congressional approval of needed funds for these purposes which are of such concern to Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country.

7. *Horticultural, Agricultural Exemptions*. In the belief that horticultural and agricultural products are entitled to the same exemptions in air transportation as they are in surface transportation, JACL will continue to urge enactment of the Magnuson-Younger Bill to exempt these products from Civil Aeronautics Board regulation.

Consumers in the East are entitled to enjoy fresh flowers and fresh vegetables and fruits at the lowest possible prices, which is one of the purposes of this legislation.

8. *Monogolian Labor Bar*. In the early 1900's, Congress passed a statute specifically barring "Monogolians" from employment on reclamation projects. JACL believes that this vestige of the anti-orientalism of the dead past should be repealed from the books even though it has not been enforced in the past several years.

9. *Social Security Coverage*. With our Issei parent generation growing older, JACL believes that social security coverage should be extended then without discrimination and that as many as possible of the older people in our society should be given the benefits of social security.

10. *Federal Civil Service Benefits*. With more than 5,000 Nisei employed in the federal civil service, JACL believes that they are entitled to the benefits and privileges extended comparable workers in private employment.

11. *Hawaii Property Claims*. Passed by the House unanimously, this bill provides for the return, after proper findings by the courts, all lands and properties which were conveyed to the Territory of Hawaii or one of its political subdivisions by eleemosynary organizations of persons of Japanese ancestry during World War 2.

12. *Civil Rights Legislation*. As in the past, JACL will join with other organizations of goodwill in their never-ending effort to secure federal civil rights legislation which will guarantee to every

individual, regardless of his face, color, creed, or national origin, basic human dignity and opportunities equal to those of other Americans.

These include fair employment practices, the end to the poll taxes, equal protection of the laws (anti-lynching) to all Americans, and desegregation and integration of all segments of our population into one great American people.

## Other Functions

■ *Other Legislative Responsibilities*. In addition to the twelve specific legislative objectives for 1956, JACL's lobbyists will continue two other major functions.

One is to endorse and support general legislation for the good of all Americans, regardless of whether the specific interests of Americans of Japanese ancestry are concerned or not.

The other is to watch for legislation that may, in one guise or another, injure or discredit Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country.

Sleepers, sneakers, or "riders" to other legislation, as well as separate bills, may attempt to take away or limit the gains we have won in the Congress and in the courts since the end of World War II.

Perhaps the most important of JACL's Washington operations is this "watch-dog" function to preserve and protect the hard-won status of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

## San Luis Obispo Issei citizen called for jury

SAN LUIS OBISPO.—Tameji Eto, 72, one of the many Japanese nationals naturalized following the enactment of the Walter-McCarran bill, was recently picked to serve on the local trial jury. He will serve on the jury in the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court.

Eto, who was born in Kumamoto in 1883, came to the United States at the age of 18. He was president of the local vegetable association for 10 years and was the first to grow winter peas in the Pismo area. He also pioneered asparagus growing locally.

## CALENDAR

## Jan. 7 (Saturday)

Sequoia — Installation Banquet, Nipa Hut; Mas Satow, spkr. Sonoma County — Installation Banquet, Memorial Hall, Sebastopol, 6 p.m.

## Jan. 15 (Sunday)

Alameda — Installation Banquet. San Luis Valley — Installation Banquet, Mt. Blanca Supper Club; Mas Satow, speaker.

## Jan. 17 (Tuesday)

Parlier — Auxiliary Meeting.

## Jan. 20 (Friday)

Seattle — Installation Dinner, Roosevelt Hotel; Mayor Allen Pomeroy, spkr.

San Francisco — Chapter-Auxiliary Installation Banquet, William & Mary's Restaurant, 2328 Clement St.

## Jan. 21 (Sunday)

Twin Cities — Credit Union annual meeting, JACC, 5:30 p.m.

St. Louis — Inaugural Dinner, De Soto Hotel, Locust & 10th Sts., 6:30 p.m.

## Jan. 25 (Wednesday)

San Francisco — Nat'l Convention Board meeting.

## Jan. 28 (Saturday)

Livingston-Merced — Installation. Los Angeles — JACL Coordinating Council Installation dance, Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, 7660 Beverly Blvd.

## Jan. 29 (Sunday)

Nat'l JACL Bowling Entry Deadline: Hito Okada, tournament exec. sec., 205 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Calif. Tri-District Councils — Joint meeting, Fresno.

## Feb. 5 (Sunday)

NCWNC — Quarterly Session, Richmond-El Cerrito JACL hosts.

Richmond-El Cerrito, Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda — Joint Installation dinner-dance.