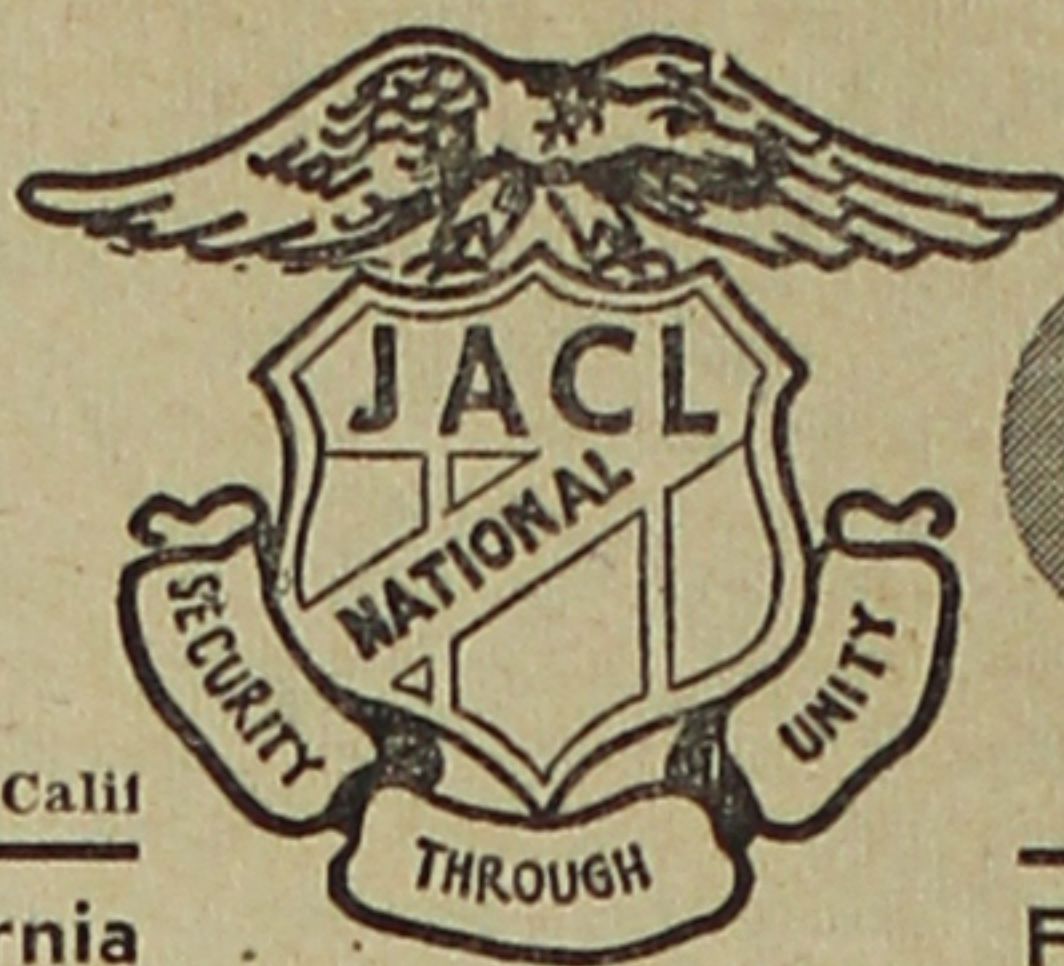


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BY THE BOARD:

Racial discrimination in home-buying

Pattern of racial discrimination in private housing is still very much in existence, particularly in new tracts and subdivisions in Southern California. Nisei themselves are still victims of this vicious mode regardless of their standing in the community, credit rating, employment or financial ability.

Many realtors, subdividers and home financing institutions and banks have attempted to circumvent by various methods the effect of the 1948 Supreme Court decision declaring racial restrictive covenants were not enforceable in state courts.

Realty boards have exacted a "code of ethics" among themselves that members of such board are not to become agents for racial minorities who desire to purchase homes listed with them. Members who violate this "code" are sometimes summarily ejected and deprived of multiple listing advantages, etc., of considerable benefit to members.

Subdividers specifically instruct their selling agencies not to sell to racial minorities.

Certain home financing firms have cooperated in perpetuating the pattern by refusing to finance homes of minorities or reject credit applications arbitrarily.

Existence and continuation of these practices is a deliberate flouting of our national governmental policy at home and abroad that the United States proclaims its leadership in world brotherhood and opposed to discrimination of persons because of race, color or creed.

Since public funds are a public trust of the federal government, such funds must not be utilized to perpetuate racial discrimination. No financing institution today could enjoy the confidence of its depositors but for the guaranty by the federal government of deposits or loans to homes under provisions of the FHA, VA or state GI loans.

One of the most effective ways to combat the pattern of race discrimination in private housing is for the federal government by appropriate legislation to withdraw or deny to all lending institutions the guaranty of the federal government where the Government determines that race discrimination is practiced by such institutions.

—Frank Chuman.

CL endowment fund reaches \$90,000; list recent donors

SAN FRANCISCO. — Contributions to the national JACL endowment fund totaled \$1,055 for the first quarter, Mas Satow, national director, acknowledged this past week.

Of the total, \$1,000 has been added to the trust fund, making a total of \$90,000.

The 1956 first-quarter check for \$704.59 has been received as interest from the endowment, making a total of \$1,873.30 received in interest for current operations for the first two quarters of the JACL fiscal year. The following donations were acknowledged:

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Alameda JACL aids in Red Cross fund drive

BY GRACE HAYASHI

ALAMEDA. — The local JACL chapter assisted in the American Red Cross drive by soliciting \$138.50 this year, which surpasses last year's sum by \$50. Mrs. Nellie Takeda was drive chairman, assisted by Kitty Hirai, Haru Mae-yama, Haru Yamashita, Takeo Yamasaki and Kay Hattori.

The chapter is having its spring season bass derby this Sunday with weigh-in at Tak's Garage, 2323 Buena Vista Ave., between 6 and 7 p.m. No specific area for fishing was set. A second derby is being tentatively scheduled for September or October.

Attends Governor's confab

FRESNO. — Dr. George Miyake of Fresno, president of the Central California Optometric Society, participated in the Governor's Conference on Children and Youth in Sacramento last week. He is a member of the Fowler PTA and a charter member of the JACL.

MIKAMI QUALIFIES FOR JUNE 5 PRIMARIES

FRESNO. — Seiichi H. Mikami has qualified as candidate for the Democratic Fresno County central committee in the June 5 primaries. He is among three who have qualified for four positions in his district, according to Mrs. Thira Prior, county election clerk.

442nd reservists wear wartime shoulder patch

HONOLULU. — Reservists of the 442nd Infantry Regiment have received the wartime insignia of the regiment to wear on their uniforms since Apr. 1. Lt. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, Pacific Army commander, presented the reservists the 442nd shoulder patch at a brief ceremony at Ft. DeRussy late last month.

Denver home for aged opens soon

DENVER. — Organization of a home of aged Issei here is being contemplated by the Japanese Association of Colorado after observing the number of aged Issei who have no place to go or no one to care for them.

Most of them are staying in the cheap hotels surrounding Nippon-machi here. It was further observed that when they are placed in county welfare institutions they disliked the food and care. Generally, the Issei will always prefer rice to American food.

One of the first steps the Association has taken is obtaining the lease of a hotel at 2143 Larimer St. It will be cleaned and made into livable condition. It consists of 11 rooms and meals will be served to the residents family style.

Georgia Sansei wins county spell-down

WAYCROSS, Ga. — Donna Ozaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ozaki of Woodbine, was crowned Camden County spelling champion recently and won a \$25 savings bond given by the Atlanta Journal. She competes here in the district finals today.

District winners then compete for state honors with the state champion going to Washington, D.C., for the national finals.

Miss Ozaki, a seventh-grade student at White Oak School, competed with three other schools in the county to win.

GOV'T URGED TO PROMOTE INTEGRATION IN HOUSING AS WELL AS IN SCHOOLS

SEATTLE. — To promote integration in housing as well as in the schools, the federal government should refuse to guarantee mortgages where race discrimination is practiced, Robert W. Dowling declared here Thursday last week.

Dowling, a New York real estate executive, is president of the National Urban League.

He spoke at the 25th annual meeting of the Seattle Urban League at Norway Center.

His subject was "The Responsibility of Lending Institutions to Promoting Housing for Minority Groups."

"It is an established federal government rule not to deal with manufacturers who practice discrimination in employment," Dowling said.

The same policy should be extended to FHA transactions, he said.

This would mean that Negroes (as well as Nisei—See today's PC editorial) would have a chance to buy or rent wherever there is an FHA guarantee and would be a "short cut" to integration in housing.

EX-PORTLAND C.I. HEAD ATTENDS MEDICAL SEMINAR

BY SHIZUKO OCHIAI

PORTLAND. — Dr. Toshio Kuge, who was a local JACL president when it was reactivated in 1946 and still an active member, is attending the armed forces seminar in obstetrics and gynecology at the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C., this week.

He will also visit the grave of his brother, Pfc. Thomas Tamotsu Kuge, interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Dr. Kuge was recently promoted to the rank of major in the 41st Infantry Division, Oregon's National Guards. Meanwhile, his wife is visiting her parents in Chicago.

30,000 Americans visit Japan during 1955

WASHINGTON. — About 30,000 Americans went to Japan last year, according to the passport division of the U.S. State Department and the number is expected to be larger this year.

Travel in the Pacific was up 30 per cent last year over 1954 and with Americans starting to travel earlier, this year's total is again expected to show a gain.

ing. He pointed out that 90 per cent of all housing in the country is FHA.

Dowling explained the Urban League's first concern is to provide equal job opportunities for all races. He said that all too often now when a Negro finds employment he discovers he can't rent or buy a house.

"The Supreme Court has said there shall be no discrimination in schools," Dowling said. "But in every city where there is a Negro 'black belt' integration never takes place."

The situation in the South has reached the point where it is retarding the economic development of Southern cities because major companies are deciding not to build new plants there, he reported.

Phila. Japanese directory slated

PHILADELPHIA. — At the recent Philadelphia JACL executive board meeting, plans were announced for publication of a Directory of Japanese Families in Philadelphia and Vicinity by Sept. 1.

Directory committee members are Mary Toda, Betty Endo, H. Higuchi and S. Horikawa. Advertising will be solicited to defray costs.

82 REFUGEES FROM JAPAN ARRIVE BY AIR

SAN FRANCISCO. — Eighty two Japanese emigrants, largest group ever to leave Japan by air, arrived here last week aboard a Pan American clipper en route to jobs on California farms.

The group included 80 men, one woman and one seven-month-old baby.

Seventeen continued their flight to Fresno, four more went to Los Angeles, and chartered buses took the others to various points in the central California valley.

The Japanese were granted entrance under the 1953 Refugee Act. All are from the typhoon devastated area of Kagoshima.

ELECTRONIC GADGET SOUNDS LIKE BAGPIPE

OTTAWA. — A Nisei has invaded the Scotch bagpipe field through electronics. D. M. Sugimoto, student at the Royal Military College at Kingston, recently demonstrated a gadget about the size of a table-model radio emitting tones of a bagpipe, though lacking in lusty volume which a Scot can by harnessing lung power.

Developed as a class project, it is called the square-wave oscillator and may be used for tuning real bagpipes, according to the student.

Twin Cities UCL opens '56 membership drive

MINNEAPOLIS. — Emi Takato and Sam Shijo were named co-chairmen of the current Twin Cities UCL membership drive by chapter president Tom Kanno. James Tabata will handle Issei memberships and Fred Ohno will spearhead the 1000 Club campaign.

A Japanese movie will be shown at the Apr. 27 chapter meeting, it was also announced.

Denver Issei tour group allowed to place wreath at Tomb of Unknown Soldier, unaware of Army red tape involved for tribute

WASHINGTON. — Honoring the war dead were 17 newly naturalized Issei members from the Mountain-Plains area, who were touring the eastern part of the United States this past week.

Unaware of the red tape involved in order to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the group arrived at Arlington Cemetery to honor the war dead with their wreaths.

When informed that it would require a special permit which would take at least a day to obtain, and noting the keen disappointment evidenced by the group, the sergeant in charge stated that he would see what he could do.

After a hurried call to the Department of the Army, permission was obtained. It is believed to be the first time such permission had

been received in short order and considered most unorthodox.

Laying the wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were George Fukuma and Zensuke Kanegaye of Denver, Colorado.

Leading the cherry blossom tour is Zensuke Kanegaye under the management of Frank Torizawa and assisted by George Fukuma. Other members include Mrs. Zensuke Kanegaye, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Morimitsu, Mr. and Mrs. Hichirobei Kosuge, Mr. and Mrs. Sansaku Shizuru, Mrs. Hatsuko Menda, Mrs. Tatsuno Oka, Mrs. Matsuno Kobayashi, Mrs. Kaoru Urano, Mrs. Hisaye Mitsuda, Mrs. Togashi and Mr. Satori Sakano.

Naturalized citizens of the United States, these Issei are experiencing firsthand what they learned for their citizenship test. Historical

sights included in their itinerary are trips to Capitol Hill, the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.; Independence Hall in Philadelphia; Statue of Liberty on Staten Island and the United Nations Building in New York; colonial centers in Boston, Mass.; a side trip to Niagara Falls in Canada; a visit to the Dearborn Museum and the Ford Plant in Detroit; and the financial center of the Midwest, Chicago, on their return to Denver.

Joining the group at dinner in Washington, D.C. were Mike Masaka, Washington JACL representative; Mr. and Mrs. D. Kida, Mrs. Yoshiro Tsubokawa, Mrs. Kayo Ota, Mr. and Mrs. James Shizuoka of the Voice of America, and Helen Mineta.

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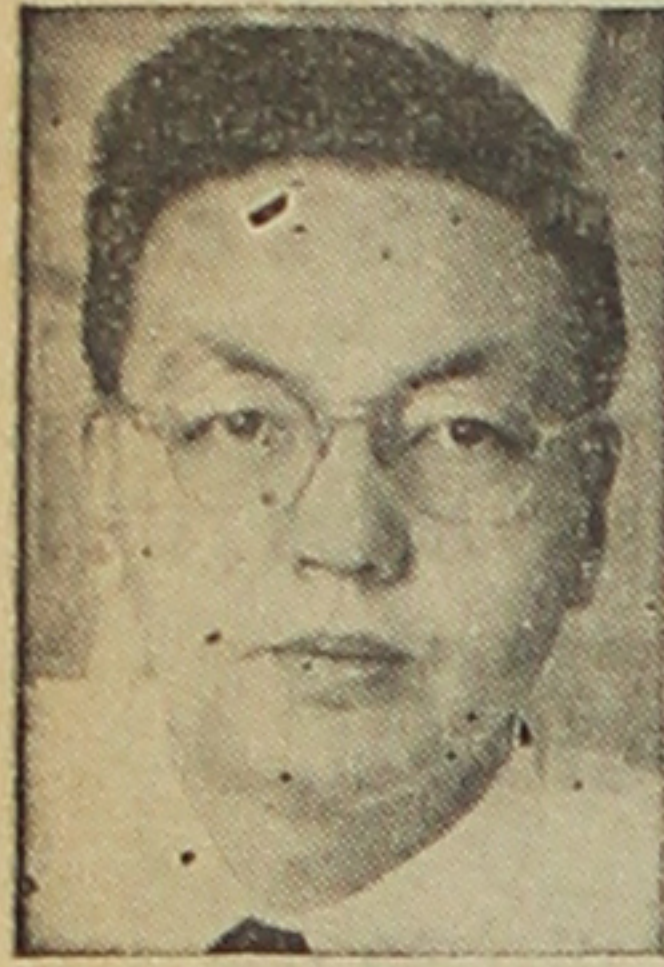
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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Japan trade exhibit

Denver

Pick two men for a team and you could hardly get a pair with names more incongruous than Genzo Maezawa and Charles Von Loewenfeldt. But a team they are, dedicated to telling Americans about the fine goods the Japanese have for export. Maezawa is the quiet, graying executive director of the Japan Trade Center whose American headquarters are in San Francisco. Loewenfeldt and his partner, Jere True (that's a she), operate a public relations firm, also in San Francisco, which handles a number of Japanese accounts including the Trade Center.

The team of Maezawa and Loewenfeldt was in Denver this week to lay plans for a Japan Trade Exhibit in this landlocked city. According to present plans, the exhibit will open about the first week of July and run for at least a month. It will be held in the Transportation Building of Mile High Center whose clean, uncomplicated architecture should complement the wonderfully beautiful objects which will be displayed. A complete Japanese house, approximately 20 by 30 feet, will be built in Japan for the exhibit, dismantled, shipped to Denver and reassembled here.

In the exhibit will be samples of Japanese lacquer ware, ceramics, silks and brocades, art objects, bamboo ware, cameras and precision optical instruments, all with the emphasis on quality. Landscaping around the Japanese house will be supervised by a former gardener to the Imperial household. There will be collectors' dolls, gay festival banners, perhaps even a miniature Japanese garden in the pools that grace Mile High Center.

Somewhat similar exhibits have been held, among other places, in Dallas (in the Neiman-Marcus store) and Los Angeles. (Bullocks). Although both were on considerably smaller scales than the Denver exhibit will be, they were resounding successes. "One of the most astonishing of human phenomena," says Von Loewenfeldt, "is the welcome that Americans are giving Japanese products when, only a few years ago, the two countries were at each other's throats."

LONG RANGE EFFECT

The exhibit will be aimed at both Coloradans and a goodly portion of the three and a half million tourists who visit the state each year. Maezawa says: "We do not expect to make sales directly as a result of the exhibit. What we are looking for is a long range effect, to arouse an interest among Americans in things Japanese."

For the people of the Rocky Mountain Empire, this will be a strange and wonderful attraction, the likes of which has never been seen hereabouts. Many of these inlanders have had their curiosity about Japan whetted by servicemen sons and friends who have come home hearing fascinating tales, but to them Japan is still little more than a strange land far across the waters. Now, examining some of the things that the Japanese manufacture, viewing one of their homes, seeing a little of Japanese artistry and culture, they cannot but learn, respect, admire and become more friendly.

The exhibit will be a splendid opportunity for Issei, Nisei and Sansei as well to learn a bit more about the land of their origins, near or distant as the case may be. To most Sansei, Japan is merely a name. The experience of seeing the exhibit will impress on them the wealth of their ancestral heritage.

JAPANESE SERVICE WELL-DONE

One of Von Loewenfeldt's accounts is Japan Air Lines which, thank you, is doing mighty well in the trans-Pacific passenger business. Von Loewenfeldt reports that JAL's schedule will be upped to four flights per week starting the first of May, and already all seats are sold out until the middle of May. Why the popularity? "You can't beat Japanese service," he says. "They're looking after you all the time."

But sometimes the stewardesses carry service a bit too far. One of them, it seems, tapped a sleeping passenger on the shoulder and woke him up. "Sir, she asked pleasantly, 'are you comfortable?'"

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Club names change

We have already recognized the changes that have swept into the Japanese American community since passage of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. . . . Thousands of Japanese alien residents have become naturalized citizens and in recent weeks, a goodly number registered as voters. I wouldn't be surprised if an Issei ran for public office somewhere. . . . It is also changing the face of a long-established Issei landmark in the United States. . . . The *kenjinkai* (prefectural associations), which thrived in every major Japanese community before the war and in lesser numbers since, have long been the social hub for Issei. Its membership comprised immigrants from a particular prefecture. When their children sought social contacts, junior *kenjinkai* groups were formed—although none have been reactivated since the war. . . . Implicit were the matter of Japanese citizenship, one might say, and native ties with the prefecture. But with Issei becoming naturalized, technically they renounced their ties with their mother country. . . . So some of these groups have changed their names to accommodate naturalized Issei as well as their citizen Nisei children. Two San Francisco groups, the Yamanashi and Hiroshima prefectural associations,

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EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL TO MEET AT SEABROOK FOR 2-DAY CONVENTION

SEABROOK, N.J.—JACLers on the Eastern seaboard will gather here for a two-day convention of the Eastern District Council this weekend.

EDC Chairman K. William Sasagawa of Philadelphia said in addition to the general assembly and business meeting at the Seabrook Community House, the program will include a chapter clinic at which time discussion will center of problems and difficulties experienced by various chapters and the exchange of methods to stimulate interest and membership participation.

Bill Marutani of Philadelphia will moderate the clinic.

Highlights of the convention will be the EDC banquet-dance at the Cumberland Hotel ballroom Saturday night.

While the primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss various problems facing chapters, the viewpoints of the EDC to be presented at the national JACL convention in San Francisco will be reviewed and coordinated.

Nominations for new national JACL officers are expected to be

Hawaii statehood gets first mention on Senate floor during tax debate

WASHINGTON. — For the first time this year, the question of statehood for Hawaii received more than passing mention on the floor of either House of Congress on Mar. 30, when Senate Minority Leader William Knowland (R., Calif.) felt statehood is "not too" far off but probably must wait for a new Congress.

The forecast came on the Senate floor during debate on legislation to repeal a federal tax on travel to Hawaii and Alaska.

"The thought of continuing to collect 10 per cent of the cost of tickets for travel to Hawaii and Alaska is exceedingly repugnant because of the refusal of Congress to extend the thoroughly-earned right of statehood to the territories," Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.) said in the tax appeal discussion.

Sen. George A. Smathers (D., Fla.), a leading opponent of statehood, defended the Senate Finance Committee action in rewriting the House bill to continue the tax with respect to travel to

Hawaii and Alaska.

It was during an indorsement by Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) restoring House exemption of Hawaiian-Alaska travel that Sen. Knowland offered his prediction for statehood.

"I wish I could be sure," he said, "that Statehood legislation would be enacted at this session of Congress. I am not that optimistic at the present time."

"However, I hope consideration may be given to Statehood legislation at an early date."

"But by the time these two great territories become states — as I think they are destined to become in the not too distant future — I hope we can eliminate the entire transportation tax."

The Hawaii-Alaska Statehood measure has been regarded as dead for this session ever since the House voted it back to committee last spring.

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discussed as well as possibility of another EDC-MDC joint convention in 1957.

On the social calendar also will be bowling, golf, goh and shogi tournaments, according to Charles Nagao, convention general chairman.

Henry Furushima, chapter president, released the program as follows:

Apr. 14 (Saturday)
Seabrook Community House: Registration, all day; chapter clinic, 10 a.m.; luncheon for delegates, 12:30 p.m.; EDC general assembly 1:30-5 p.m.; Cumberland Hotel ballroom, Bridgeton: EDC banquet, 6:30 p.m.; EDC ball, 9:30 p.m.

Apr. 15 (Sunday)
Seabrook Community House: EDC session, if necessary, 11 a.m.; church services, 11 a.m.; Sightseeing in afternoon.

Special Events
Bowling—Bridgeton Bowling Alley, Apr. 14, 1:30-5 p.m.; Spiegel's Bowling Academy, Vineland, Apr. 15, 12n. Goh-shogi — Seabrook Community House, Apr. 14, 1:30-5 p.m. Golf—Cohanick CC, Bridgeton, Apr. 14, 12n-5 p.m.



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Over the past week-end the Company has held its seventh annual meeting. Whereas recently there have been some differences amongst various shareholders as to the course the management should take—such differences have been healthy and in the long run should prove constructive. At the annual meeting, these varied viewpoints were discussed. The exchange of ideas helped clarify the fundamentals upon which the Company has been built and at the same time reaffirmed the foundations upon which the Company can continue to grow and provide better and expanded services to a broader segment of the consuming public.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, the shareholders expressed their confidence in the future of Western Pioneer Insurance Company and elected their Board of Directors, who in turn selected the officers for the coming year.

The officers and directors have great faith in the Company's future. We all believe that if the Company's shareholders and friends, whether they be Japanese-Americans or Caucasians, will pull and work together for the Company's best interests, Western Pioneer Insurance Company will continue to prosper and can expand its operations by serving efficiently an ever increasing broad segment of the public.

Furthermore we all believe the Company will go forward to reflect additional credit to those individuals who have had faith in its objectives from its small beginning six years ago and will become a model of what can be accomplished through the joint efforts of Japanese-Americans and Caucasians working side by side for the benefit of the policy-holders, shareholders and the community at large.

All of us, the officers and directors of Western Pioneer Insurance Company, pledge ourselves to these objectives. We ask all our Japanese-Americans and Caucasian friends to join with us in working towards this worthy goal.

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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Alien land law

Denver

■ It seems long ago, but there was a time when the so-called "Japanese problem" was a major factor in California affairs.

What motivated this long campaign, the badgering of a small racial minority over more than four decades of California history? Some say it was the racial purist of white supremacy. Others say it was economic greed or political opportunism. Undoubtedly, it was a combination of all.

In its time the anti-Japanese movement in California numbered within its ranks the state's leading politicians, editors, businessmen, labor leaders and agriculturists. Senators Hiram Johnson and James D. Phelan brought the "Japanese problem" to the attention of Congress. William Randolph Hearst was one of the high priests of the anti-Japanese cult and his papers gave national circulation to myths and half-truths about persons of Japanese ancestry. Authors Peter B. Kyne and Wallace Irwin wrote popular novels which incorporated anti-Japanese propaganda and were serialized by the *Saturday Evening Post* and *Cosmopolitan* respectively. Mrs. Vernon Castle, the dancer, made a pseudo-patriotic movie called *Patria* during World War I which exhibited allegations against Japanese in the United States which inspired a protest from President Wilson.

ANTI-JAPANESE MOVEMENT HITS PEAK

■ The anti-Japanese movement reached its tentacles into every phase of California life. In the first two decades of this century, the California hatemongers demanded the total exclusion of Japanese immigrants, and proposed the legal intimidation of resident Japanese through passage of an Alien Land Law, restricting their right to own and lease property. There was little opposition, organized or otherwise, to these goals—for example, the California Republican, Democrat and Socialist parties in 1910 all carried planks in their platforms supporting Japanese exclusion.

What opposition did materialize was carried on mainly by a handful of sincere men with religious backgrounds who tried vainly to stem the successive waves of race-baiting. But the valiant few were consistently out-manuevered. In trying to oppose the anti-Japanese movement, they tried to defend Japan, and placed themselves in the unenviable position of apologists for an expansionist Nippon in the Far East. In a larger sense the Yellow Peril represented imperial Japan and the Japanese in California were pawns caught in the midst of a conflict not of their own making. But it was the California Japanese who were to bear the scars.

Perhaps the first instance of violence occurred in 1890 when 15 Japanese shoemakers who worked in a San Francisco factory were attacked by members of the shoemakers' union and forced to quit the premises. There were sporadic outbreaks for many years thereafter. The final series of overt acts against persons of Japanese ancestry, inspired by racial hostility, occurred in 1945 when homes of Nisei returning from war relocation centers were set afire in central and northern California.

The shoemakers' incident was sparked by fear on the part of the organized cobblers that Japanese were being brought in to take away their jobs. During the early period of anti-Japanese agitation, the unions played an active part and the AFL's State Federation of Labor was an integral part of the California Joint Immigration Committee, the fountainhead for many years of the anti-Japanese movement. Other members of the Joint Immigration Committee, formed under the leadership of the Sacramento publisher, V.S. McClatchy, were the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Grange and the American Legion.

In the last decade of anti-Japanese activity, the 1940s, the union movement, led by the CIO, vigorously opposed racially oppressive activity against persons of Japanese ancestry.

ORGANIZED LABOR'S EFFORT IN 1900s

■ The organized anti-Japanese movement had its origins in labor's effort to exclude what they considered "coolie" competition from the Orient. In November, 1904, the California AFL, which heretofore had directed its fire against the Chinese, called for the exclusion of Japanese and Koreans from the United States. The *San Francisco Chronicle*, which long since has changed its mind, backed the exclusion campaign. And in May, 1905, the Asiatic Exclusion League was formed, mainly with labor backing and with a labor leader, V. A. Tveitmore, an immigrant himself from Sweden, as president. Branches of the Exclusion League soon were organized in other coast cities and as far east as Denver. Within three years the league claimed a membership of 110,000 with 238 affiliated bodies, 202 of them being labor unions.

It was not long, however, before the politicians took over. In 1906 in San Francisco there were 93 Japanese pupils in a total school population of 25,000. The school board resolved to segregate these pupils in a separate school for Orientals, and the repercussions of their action became an international issue. President Roosevelt called the San Francisco school board to Washington and a compromise was reached was to have a definite impact on the future. The San Franciscans agreed to drop their segregation move and, in return, the federal government promised to obtain an agreement with Japan restricting future immigration.

The school segregation issue, which was to influence United States policy, was provoked by San Francisco's mayor, Eugene Schmitz, and Abe Reuf, a political boss, as a diversionary measure. Schmitz and Reuf were on the verge of being indicted for graft when they struck their bonanza. The politicians, from then on, moved in to mine the vein of emotionalism connected with the "Japanese issue."

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

■ Although the unions opposed Japanese workers, increasingly large numbers of the latter were being brought to Cali-

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Salt Lake market owner thought stick-up was April Fool joke at first

SALT LAKE CITY. — What at first appeared to be an April Fool joke turned out to be a real holdup Easter Sunday night at Fred's Market, 1035 E. 2nd South. And the "joke" cost Fred Aoki, proprietor, some \$100 in cash.

Aoki told investigating officers that he was held up about 6:13 p.m. by a lone gunman who entered the store and asked for two packages of cigarettes.

After receiving his merchandise, the "customer" said, "This is a stickup."

Aoki, thinking it was joke, paid little attention to the man. But when the bandit pulled a .38-caliber German Luger out from under his coat and said, "Make it snappy, I'm nervous," the store owner complied with his orders.

The victim placed about \$100 in cash in a paper sack and handed it to the thug. The bandit then ordered Aoki to the rear of the store and fled. He was seen getting into a car which sped off to the north along McClelland St.

Name Nisei to U.S. raisin committee

FRESNO. — Jack Noda of Denair was nominated as alternate grower representative from Stanislaus County for the Federal Raisin Advisory Board in a recent election.

The veteran JACLer was one of 20 men of 24 nominees who are already serving on the current board. The new term will be for three years, beginning May 1.

Madera community picnic

MADERA. — Madera Japanese community picnic, sponsored annually by the local Japanese American Community club, will be held Sunday, April 15, at the Kearney Blvd. Park in Fresno. General chairman of the event is Harold Tamura.

NICC elects Nikaido

DENVER. — Dave Nikaido was elected 1956-57 president of the Nisei Intercollegiate Conference at its 11th annual meeting here Mar. 30-31. Seiji Horiuchi of Brighton was principal banquet speaker.

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Special 88th anniversary fete of first Japanese immigrants to Hawaii being planned; group seeks documents

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO. — Former residents of Hawaii here are planning a gala celebration of the 88th anniversary of the first Japanese immigrants to Hawaii on June 18. While an 88th anniversary may have little meaning to a foreigner, to a Japanese it has symbolic significance as the written characters of "88" mean rice—Japan's principal item.

A compilation of important historical data is also being planned. Its merit lies in the fact that Japanese know very little of Hawaii and particularly the struggle of those pioneers back in 1868 in a new country.

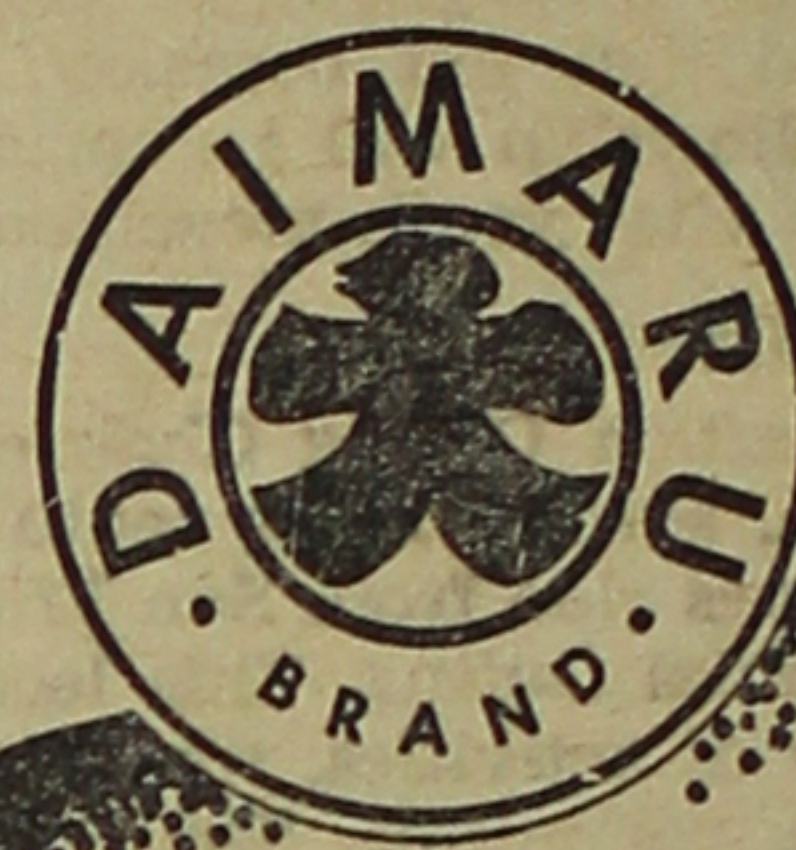
The first group of Japanese left for Hawaii on the 800-ton British ship *Scioto* arriving in Honolulu on June 18, 1868 after 32 days of rough sailing. A memorial was erected at the Makiki cemetery marking this event in 1927.

The group consisted of 146 men, five women and two children. Thirty remained in Hawaii (then a monarchy), 40 left for the United States and the remainder returned to Japan.

In 1884, there was a conference in Honolulu inviting Japanese contract laborers to work in the sugar plantations. The interesting aspect of this meeting was the presence of a Nisei interpreter—Itoko Ozawa, one of the first Nisei girls of Hawaii and about 88 years old were she still alive.

It has been conjectured that Manjiro Nakahama, only Japanese to participate in the California Gold Rush, must have touched Hawaii.

With so many Hawaii-born Nisei leaders in the United States being active in various fields, there is a natural yen to learn of their parents who were pioneers in Hawaii.



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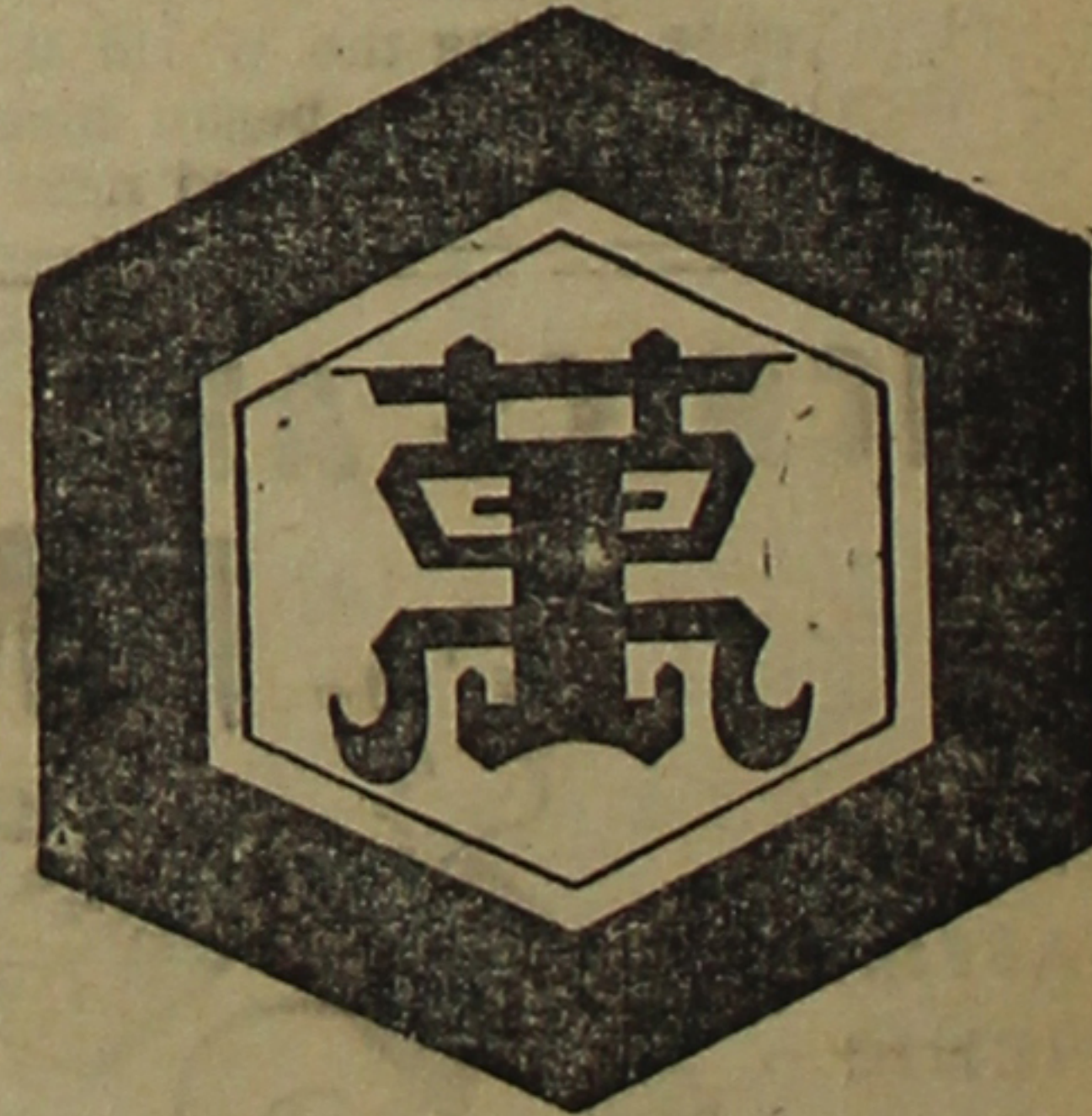
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San Francisco
As reported in this corner last week, the Souvenir Booklet staff of "Changing Perspectives" was left without its leading light when our good friend Yori Wada was forced to submit his resignation. However, he has continued to lend his considerable talents to our Biennial by coordinating the first concrete movement toward making our proposed "Youth Project" a reality.

At a recent meeting of a nucleus of interested representatives among the younger Nisei group, it was suggested that a panel discussion be held around the topic, "What does JACL mean to me?" This serious side of the program will be balanced by an evening social to be programmed by the youth, to which all conventioners will be invited. The locale for both events will be the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, an orchestra will be available for the social, and the entire project will be underwritten by the Convention Board. One of the facets of our theme, "Changing Perspectives" is the place of younger Nisei in JACL, and the "shot in the arm" that new blood can often give to any organization. In that sense, this refreshing project will contribute much to the 14th Biennial.

It is hoped that our Jr. JACL groups throughout the country will be represented en masse, and that this occasion for constructive exchange of ideas and fellowship will be springboard for the continued growth of this vital youth movement.

SUN AND FUN

It was recently reported by Convention Outing Chairman Frank Dobashi that the Matassi Ranch, several miles south of San Jose, and about one and a half hours ride from San Francisco will be the site of our 14th Biennial Outing. This locale will provide ample space for a variety of activities, which are now being lined up by Frank and his committee. There will be games for young and old, prizes, STEAKS, moonlight dancing, and entertainment. The beauty of this spot is the insurance it provides in the event of rain (heaven forbid). This insurance is in the shape of a large converted barn into which 1,000 conventioners can flee to escape the elements and still continue with the festivities. The only thing missing is a swimming pool, for which we apologize, and ask your indulgence.

ODDS AND ENDS

Many thanks to all of you JACLers from coast to coast for your gratifying cooperation on "Operation Mercury". We hope that the tickets are selling like hotcakes. . . . If you'll check the calendar you'll note that the Convention looms ever closer. May we urge all you chapters to shoot us your package deals and pre-registrations, because you all know how difficult last minute rushes can be. Besides we want you to get a crack at the prizes lined up for those who pre-register.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

Continued from the Preceding Page
fornia by the large agricultural interests which needed a constant supply of labor. Many of the Japanese farm workers turned from migratory labor to become tenants and sharecroppers and, eventually, owners. This transition worried the small farmers who feared Japanese competition and alarmed the big farmers who wanted to maintain the migratory status of the Japanese. Both groups supported the agitation for an anti-alien land law which would prevent the Japanese from buying or leasing farms.

The difficulty was in drawing a law which would apply to the Japanese but would not affect European aliens who were farming in California. U.S. Webb, who was to be a leader in the anti-Japanese movement for 30 years, drew up a bill which applied only to "aliens ineligible to citizenship." It restricted the Japanese, but did not affect the English and Dutch who had large land holdings in California. It was passed by the California legislature by overwhelming majorities. Their names are forgotten now but there were five men out of a total of 107 in the Senate and Assembly who stood up against the hysteria.

The 1913 Alien Land Act was loosely-drawn and proved ineffective. The anti-Japanese leaders immediately started working on amendments to make the restrictions foolproof. They had to pause during the World War I years (Japan was an ally then) but agitation began again after the armistice. (To be concluded next week)

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WHO'S WHO ON THE CHAPTER CABINET:

Ex-Spokane engineer heads Milwaukee chapter, sketch of other officers made

Now that most of the chapter cabinets have been listed in past weeks in the "1956 Cabinet" column, we shall glean from various chapters newsletters a personality sketch of the current officers. If such information has not been previously published, we trust chapters will inform the Pacific Citizen as soon as possible.—Editor.

MILWAUKEE. — James Momoi was installed as Milwaukee JACL president at its inaugural dinner at the Knickerbocker Hotel recently. It also served as a kickoff for its annual membership drive with Taka Naruo, new vice-president, in charge.

Momoi, a production engineer with Kyle Products in South Milwaukee is a native of Spokane, Wash.; married, three boys and a girl, and active with the Boy Scouts.

Naruo, shop foreman for Process Displays, Inc., is a native of Berkeley; married, two boys, and a most ardent sportsman in golf, fishing and bowling.

Shiro Shiraga, treasurer, is a chemical engineer at Kyle Products; hails from Gardena, Calif., married, three girls, and a graduate of Univ. of Wisconsin after a service in the Army.

Mrs. Aya Teramura, correspond-

ing secretary, was born in Columbia, Utah, but spent most of her life in Inglewood, Calif., and Chicago before she and her husband Ken came here three years ago.

Mary Oura, recording secretary, secretary to the sales manager at Midland Co., garden equipment manufacturers, hails from Seattle.

The three delegates on the cabinet are George Higuchi, Tetsu Tada and Chic Tanouye. Higuchi lived in Monterey, Calif., graduated from Univ. of California, and is design engineer for Pack Rite Machine; married, wife Pat is active in the PTA, have three children—two of them of school age. Seattle-born Tada is testing engineer at Ben-Hur Mfg. Co., manufacturer of freezers, married last fall. Tanouye of San Jose, Calif., has been employed as group leader for Westinghouse Electric's motor department for many years; married, one girl.

Angeleno who lived in Denver during wartime guiding East Los Angeles CL

While Smoglite columnist Mary Oyama has devoted her recent report to the East Los Angeles JACL president Fred Takata, here is a brief capsule report of members of the 1956 cabinet as reported in their chapter bulletin.

Takata, an Angeleno who attended Denver's South High, served two years overseas with Uncle Sam's Army, until moving to Los Angeles, operating Crown Market now in the path of the Golden State freeway near Hollenbeck Park.

Mrs. Beti Yoshida, v.p. in charge of program, hails from Exeter, attended Lindsay High, Fresno State, UCLA and Los Angeles State College; works part-time with the U.S. Credit Bureau.

George Nomi, v.p. in charge of membership, was born in San Francisco but attended Los Angeles schools. He operated a restaurant in New York before joining Owl Rexall Drug Co. as a commercial artist.

Kathryn Yoshida, v.p. in charge of socials, hails from Lindsay, at-

tended schools there before coming to Los Angeles to work as secretary for Occidental Life Co.

Ikuo Kaneko, recording secretary, a native Angeleno, is an auto rater for General Insurance Co. Mich Okino, corresponding secretary, of Parlier is legal secretary of the law firm of Arnerick, Del Valle and Sinatra.

Treasurer Lois Ohno is a Los Angeles girl, attending Belmont High and Metropolitan Business College, now employed by Bank of America. Auditor Joe Komuro is also a native Angeleno and working in his ninth year with Victor M. Carter (hardware firm).

Historian George Watanabe, brother of former chapter president John, works for Robert Prentice Co., creators of distinctive furniture; a native son who finished Hollywood High and Chouinard Art Institute.

Roy Yamadera, publicity chairman, was born in Oakland, but attended Roosevelt High here, and is physical therapist today.

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DASH KANATOMI ELECTED VENTURA COUNTY HEAD

OXNARD. — Dash Kanatomi, newly-elected president of the Ventura County JACL, was installed here Sunday night at the chapter's annual dinner-dance at the Colonial House.

Dr. Toru Iura, past president of the Southwest LA JACL, installed president Kanatomi and his new officers and later on joined two members of his chapter, Roy Sugimoto, publications chairman, and Jim Yamamoto, vice president, in presenting an entertainment skit of his famed Kabuchi troupe.

Willis Hirata, local pharmacist, was master of ceremonies. Fifteen newly naturalized Issei were among the 75 persons in attendance. The new citizens were congratulated by retiring president Nagao Fujita who was presented with the JACL past president's pin.

New York JACL to open bridge club April 21

NEW YORK. — The first meeting of the JACL Bridge Club here will be held Saturday, Apr. 21, 8:30 p.m., at the American Buddhist Academy, 331 Riverside Dr. The sessions will be open to all those interested, including beginners as competent instructors will be present.

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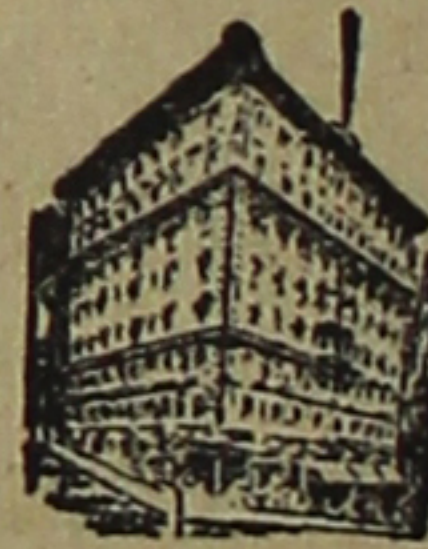
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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow



Convention tempo

San Francisco

■ As we watch the wheels moving in preparation for our 14th Biennial National Convention, we are convinced that we must have been out of our mind in accepting the National Council suggestion that the National Headquarters put on the 14th Biennial in the absence of any chapter bid at the time. And we are increas-

ingly grateful that the San Francisco Chapter has come to the rescue despite hosting the conclave as recently as 1952. San Francisco is definitely on its way, as attested by the manpower recruited in its membership drive; and enthusiasm for the Convention is picking up locally as well as spreading to the various chapters.

The distribution of Operation Mercury tickets has brought requests for more, the advertising forms for the convention program booklet will be out this week, chapters will soon be naming their official delegates, and boosters will start planning to spend the Labor Day weekend in air conditioned San Francisco. Reservations forms for the Sheraton-Palace Hotel will be out soon, and convention goers are reminded of the special 25% reduction in rates for the weekend.

What looked at one time like a watered down, stilted, all-business affair is blooming, under San Francisco's enthusiasm and hard work, into what promises to be as memorable as any convention we have had. New program items include an Issei forum, a forum and social for younger JACLers, and we may wind up with a special meeting of representatives of Women's Auxiliaries to discuss this particular phase of JACL activity. Remembering how the choir added so much to the impressive opening ceremonies in 1952, plans are being made to repeat the choir presentation.

As to the business part, we are contemplating a change in the format of the sessions, particularly the usual national committee meetings, with a view toward avoiding a rehash of items which fill pages of former National Council minutes.

MEMBERSHIPS

■ While San Francisco presently continues to lead the membership effort nationally, Chicago and Southwest Los Angeles confidently predict that this will not be the last word. Southwest L.A. insists that the slow but sure "kamesan" will again overtake the faster, overconfident "usagi" in traditional fable style. During the past month Alameda, Detroit, Mt. Olympus, and San Jose chapters have demonstrated that extra bit of hustle which have enabled them to surpass their last year's membership figures.

FAIR EMPLOYMENT

■ We have been meeting with representatives of other human rights groups in San Francisco on a program to achieve for this city an ordinance for equal job opportunities. We are glad to report that the San Francisco Chapter was the first to kick in its share of the necessary finances to carry on this effort. Included in the city-wide Sponsors Committee are Dr. Kazuo Togasaki and Victor Abe. Yori Wada was a member of a sub-committee which recently enlisted the support of one of the supervisors. About three dozen other cities and fifteen states now have an FEP law.

JACL WEEKEND

■ It was good to have Frank Chuman and Tats Kushida up from L.A. last Saturday for a meeting to prepare some special material in connection with our public relations program. Also adding their brains and experiences were Joe Masaoka, Yas Abiko, and Seichi Mikami from Fresno.

The following day was the regular Northern California-Western Nevada Executive Board meeting. We commend the devotion of these District officers who gave up a most pleasant Sunday afternoon to help plan for JACL, most of them driving many miles to be in attendance: Kay Kamimoto (San Benito), Frank Oda (Sonoma County), Sam Itaya (Stockton), Akiji Yoshimura (Marysville), John Enomoto (Sequoia), and Chairman Yas Abiko and Secretary Sumi Honnami of San Francisco. Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki (Richmond-El Cerrito) and Ginji Mizutani (Sacramento) joined in as members of the DC National Nominations Committee.

A workshop discussing the hows and wherefores of specific programs reported by the three chapters placing in the Chapter of the Year contest is being planned in connection with the DC second quarterly meeting on May 20 hosted by the San Jose Chapter. The annual DC golf tournament will also be held at this time.

OTHER DISTRICT COUNCILS

■ The Eastern District Council is meeting this weekend of Apr. 14-15 at Seabrook. The meetings feature a chapter clinic, a bowling tournament for the first time, and a Goh and Shoji tournament for the Issei. We fly north on Apr. 22 for the Pacific Northwest meeting sponsored by the Gresham-Troutdale Chapter, and will also meet with the Portland group interested in forming a Women's Division of the Chapter. The Long Beach-Harbor District Chapter welcomes Pacific Southwest delegates on May 6.

ONE YEAR STRETCHES TO A DECADE

■ We will attend the Midwest District Council meeting in Cincinnati on May 26 and 27 to help honor Cincy's Mayor Charles P. Taft who was so helpful to us as one of our National Sponsors during wartime. It was exactly ten years ago last week that our Cincinnati Chapter came into being.

We remember this rather distinctly, for it was our first week as a JACL staff member to serve as the JACL catalytic agent to communities in the east and midwest where Japanese Americans had resettled from camps. At the first postwar National Convention we agreed to help out for one year. It's become a long y-e-a-r, but an exciting, enriching and satisfying one.

Warmup duplicate bridge tourney for CL meet held

SAN FRANCISCO. — In the first warmup bridge tournament for the coming National JACL convention duplicate bridge session Apr. 6, the team of Dr. Wilfred Hiura and George Clem Oyama took first place with the top score of 25½.

Taking second was the duo of Viola Nakano and George Araki with 22. Eighteen took part in the warmup tourney which was held in the bridge room of the Nichi Bei Times.

Easter egg hunt feature at D.C. potluck supper

WASHINGTON. — With children present for an Easter egg hunt, the Washington D.C. JACL held its family potluck dinner at Joppa Lodge last Mar. 31. Eiko Mitoma and Marie Tashiro were supper co-chairmen, assisted by Lily Endo, entertainment.

Others on the committee were Fumi Baba, Alice Endo, Sally Furukawa, Mrs. O. Hayaishi, Kinu Hirose, Yuri Kitagawa, Sue Komai, Toshi Morgan, Sumi Sumida and Martha Tokumasu.

Sequoia JACL sponsors Japanese double feature

PALI ALTO. — Sequoia JACL will show Japanese movies Saturday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Palo Alto High School auditorium here. The two features being shown are "Appare Ukiyo Dochu" and "Aokusa ni Zasu." Both pictures have English subtitles.

Mile-Hi fixes date for annual 'Family Night'

DENVER. — The Mile-Hi JACL will sponsor the annual "Family Night" at Potenza Hall, 1900 W. 38th Ave., formerly known as the D-X Club, Saturday, Apr. 21, 7 p.m. Games for both young and old are being scheduled by the committee.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER TO HONOR NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS ON APRIL 22

BY NOBIE NARITA

LONG BEACH. — Honoring newly naturalized citizens of the Harbor area, the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL New Citizen Recognition dinner will be held on Sunday, Apr. 22, 6 p.m., at the Harbor Japanese Community Center.

Mayor George Vermillion will be the guest speaker. Colored slides of Japan which the mayor took when he attended the Pacific Coast Mayors' conference in Tokyo last November will be shown.

Guests will include the mayor and his wife; Judge and Mrs. Martin De Vries; Councilman Pat Ahern; JACL Regional Director Tats Kushida and Mrs. Kushida; and National JACL treasurer, Dr. and Mrs. Roy Nishikawa.

Offering entertainment to the guests will be Akira Endo, violinist; Fukuji Higashi, soloist; and Joy Tanigawa, pianist.

The Rev. Nick Iyoya of the Grace Presbyterian church and the Rev. Kosai Osada of the Buddhist church will give the invocation and the benediction.

Members of the Harbor Fujinkai will prepare the dinner, under the direction of the cooking committee chairman, Mrs. O. Nakanishi, and president Mrs. Helene Tanigawa.

Toastmaster for the evening will be Mas Narita, who is also the banquet committee chairman.

Long Beach schedules Monday dancing classes

LONG BEACH. — Dance classes are being scheduled Monday nights, beginning Apr. 16, 8 p.m., under auspices of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL at the Harbor Japanese Community Center. The dance classes are co-chaired by Helen Kobata and Virgie Iwata. Two Arthur Murray School instructors will conduct 1½-hour classes. Refreshments will be \$1 per woman student and \$1.50 per male student.

Others on the committee are Easy Fujimoto, tickets and invitations; Haj Fukumoto and George Iseri, decorations and flowers; Fred Ikeguchi, entertainment and guests; and Marlene Hada, hostesses.

Nobie Narita, GA 4-2483 should be contacted for reservations or further information. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased for \$1.50 per person.

50 Issei registered as voters by Gardena CL

GARDENA. — Some 50 Issei citizens were registered as voters at the Japanese Community Center this past week, the Gardena Valley JACL reported.

Frank Kurihara representing the Japanese American Democratic club and Katsuma Mukaeda representing the Japanese American Republican Assembly spoke in behalf of their respective political parties.

Nisei Deputy Registrars Ruby Chuman, Kats Kunitsugu and Tats Kushida registered the new voters while Henry Ishida of the Gardena Valley chapter assisted.

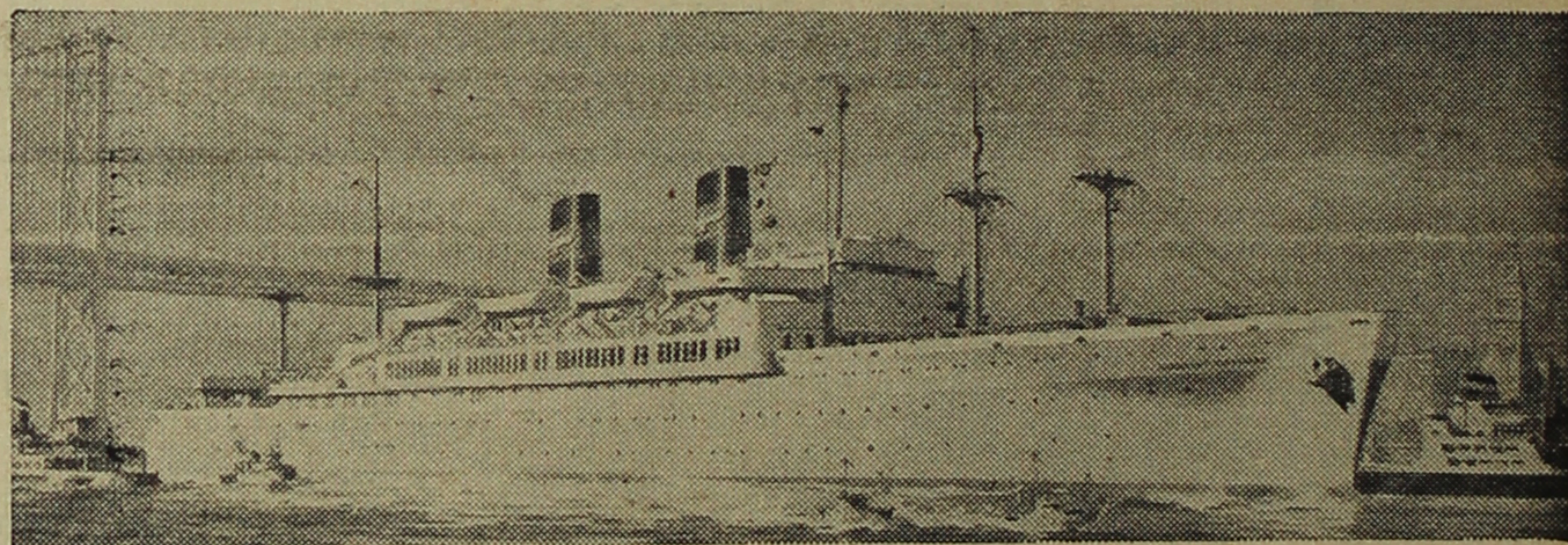
Bridge-scrabble party

CHICAGO. — A bridge-scrabble party will be held Apr. 28, 8 p.m. at the Monroe YWCA. Sponsored by the local JACL, Kay Sunahara and his committee are making plans for an enjoyable evening. Prizes and refreshments are on tap. A \$1 admission will be assessed.

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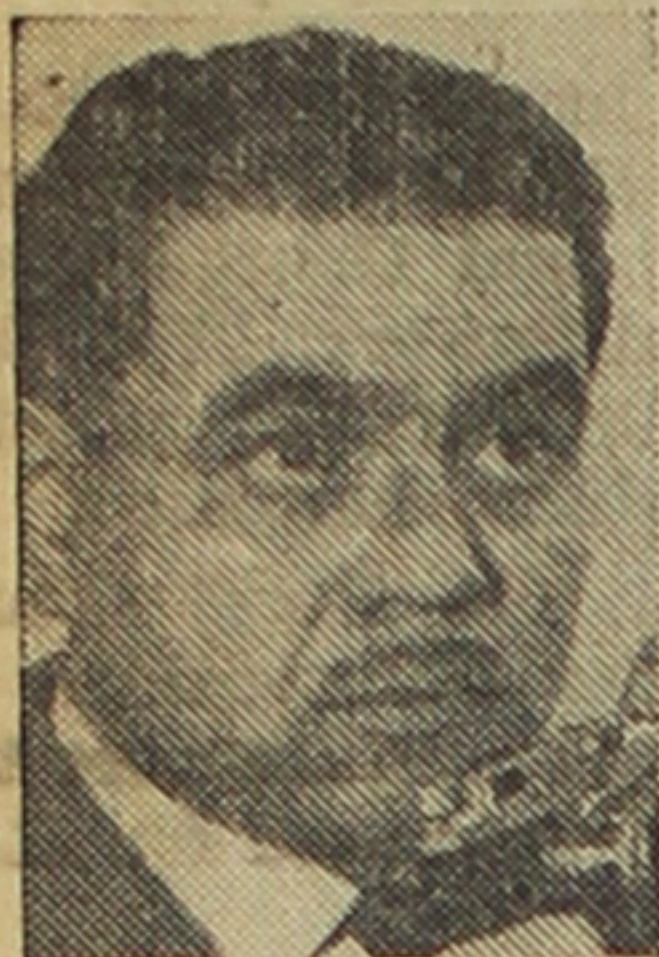
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THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



Charles E. Fisher

Seattle

One could hardly say that having missed the upheaval of mass evacuation during the war years is a cause for regret. But being away for so many years is a cause for regret. But being away for so many years was no help in the matter of keeping informed on what happened in this Northwest corner, or being aware of the names and personalities that figured in the events of the times.

A few weeks ago we tried to outline the story of Albert Bonus and how he courageously went out to the Kent-Auburn area to voice his protests at a "Remember Pearl Harbor League" meeting when the outfit was organizing to prevent the return of the evacuees.

The first to tell us about Charles E. Fisher was George Maki Yamada, prominent CLer of Auburn and long time friend of Charles Fisher; how Mrs. Fisher heard a loud report, hurried downstairs to find Mr. Fisher mortally wounded by gunshot. He was 75. "We've lost a staunch old friend," said Yamada, "and perhaps the PC and its readers should know."

Fisher owned a lot of land from as far back as most of the old timers hereabouts can remember. He did lease some of it to Japanese farmers and kept enough for his own cattle raising. Even in those days there were Japanese dairy farmers in the valley, and a Japanese-owned creamery. He organized the Milk Shippers' Association in 1925, and naturally was a helpful influence in the scheme of things.

In 1937, Fisher organized the Farmers' Auction Market devoted principally to the marketing of livestock. His interests were always directed toward the economic development of the valley farming community and he was indeed a leader. When the "League" was formed to oppose the return of the evacuees, he was forthright in the defense of his former neighbors. It was a defense which the tactical boys call first rate, namely a strong offense. His principal weapon was ridicule. He verbally assaulted the group and its objectives with the vigor of a young campaigner, and was in turn attacked with much name calling. He lost old friends and was ostracized by those friends.

On the phone, Mrs. Fisher told me that her husband's campaign reached a victorious conclusion when Uncle Sam stepped in and indicated displeasure at the R.P.H. League's policies. The lost friends resumed the interrupted friendships.

Just recently, when Maki Yamada and Frank Natsuhara were circulating their petition in support of the Lane Hillings amendment, as reported in the PC of February 3, it was Charles E. Fisher who by phone supported the effort from his sick bed. And as it was reported, there were no refusals to sign the petition.

TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama



Told for 1st time

Tokyo

We have welcomed in recent weeks in Japan two prominent Americans who have devoted much for the general welfare of Japanese in America during and after the war.

First was Earl M. Finch, known as the "godfather of the Nisei" for his befriending of Nisei GIs who were training at Camp Shelby, Miss., with the 442nd RCT. This reporter has met him on several occasions but this is the first time we have learned this heart-warming story.

Kinnosuke Endo, prominent restaurateur here, had been trying to find a bride for the quiet-talking Mississippian who, Endo thought, must be lonesome without a good housekeeper and better-half to comfort him. Finch politely refused to have a Japanese wife—or any wife. It seemed difficult to understand as he is around 40 and not too young to marry. The story that was never told is this.

Earl had a 23-year-old fiancée, a beautiful hometown girl. She just turned him down and told him everything was over when he began to spend most of his time and much of his money befriending the Nisei. He determined thus to remain single to cherish his beautiful love. She still remains his idol and sweetheart.

Because of his interest with the Nisei, Finch has remained a bachelor to this day. Still engrossed in promoting Japanese-American friendship, he has turned down many offers from authors and movie studios who want to do a story on him.

His courage and spirit is to be admired. He's a great guy.

NISEI CITIZENSHIP CASES STUDIED

The other man is attorney A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles, investigating a number of Nisei citizenship cases. On his way here, he successfully pleaded the case of George Fujii before the federal court in Honolulu. "This decision is tremendously important in view of the reinstatement of Nisei American citizenship," Wirin explained. Fujii's American citizenship was restored by court order even though his application for passport was denied. Fujii had filed an application for a U.S. passport just before the Walter-McCarren Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 went into effect.

Previously, the U.S. courts in Los Angeles and Honolulu, Wirin said, had held passport applications filed in November and December, 1952, by Nisei in Japan were too late.

Wirin felt the Walter-McCarren act was too harsh for many Nisei residing in Japan since they cannot return to America to file a legal suit for reinstatement of their citizenship. (Some 5,000 Nisei out of the 10,000 stranded in Japan were drafted by the Japanese Army and Navy.) President Eisenhower has felt the same Act harsh and unfair in many respects, he continued.

Theoretically, a Nisei in Japan can obtain a certificate of identity in order to return to America for legal proceedings, however in reality no Nisei has been issued such by the U.S. consulate here, Wirin declared. In explaining his mission in Japan, Wirin hopes to confer with consular officials and meet with as many Nisei strandeas as possible. "No Nisei asked to become a soldier or sailor during wartime. They were drafted; they had no choice. Thus, they lost their American citizenship. I must fight to find a proper remedy for them," he explained.

YOKOYAMA COPS BOWLING HONORS AT SANTA ROSA

SANTA ROSA. — Fred Yokoyama, 169-average bowler, fired successive games of 236-200-218 (654) to capture the top honors in the Santa Rosa Men's City Bowling Tournament.

Yokoyama's three games, plus a 62-pin handicap gave him a total of 716 to win the singles events by 45 pins over the runner-up.

He also bowls each Thursday in the JACL Bowling League.

Konno, Oyakawa lose AAU titles

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Two Nisei swimming stars lost their National AAU titles last Saturday in this year's indoor championships at Yale University pool.

Ford Konno of Honolulu was dethroned as 440-yard freestyle champion by George Breen, long-distance swim sensation from Cortland (N.Y.) State, who added another title to his record-breaking 1500-meter victory.

Breen beat out Konno by a touch in an exciting race.

Frank McKinney of Indianapolis A.C. upset Yoshi Oyakawa, who with Konno swam for Coca Cola club of Cincinnati, in the 220-yard backstroke. His time of 2:21.7 was a new meet record, bettering the 2:22.5 set by Oyakawa last year.

Jiro Nagasawa of Japan who set a new world mark in the 220-yard butterfly last Friday with 2:19.4, finished third in the 100-yard butterfly. Al Wiggins, winner of the event, bettered the world record with a time of :54.5.

NCWNDC golf meet set for Hillview

SAN JOSE. — The annual Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council golf tournament will be held Sunday, May 20 at Hillview course, it was announced by Clark Taketa, co-chairman for the event.

The first foursome will tee off at 10 a.m.

The tourney is being held in conjunction with the second quarterly session of the 25 chapters in the district here that day.

Taketa said he expects a large entry of JACL members from all parts of Northern California in this event.

Entry fees will be \$5 for those planning to take part in the golf tournament only and \$7.50 for those who will attend the district meeting banquet and dance to follow.

Segregation note

SEATTLE. — Royal Brougham, sports editor of the Post-Intelligencer, this past week added a "segregation note" in his daily column.

"Now that the colored stars who distinguished themselves in the basketball trials will represent the United States in the Olympics, will Alabama and Mississippi secede from the Union?"

Of course, there wasn't an answer. Brougham, who has spoken before many Nisei events here, has championed for fair play in sports.

STOCKTON NISEI HEADS FOR BOSTON AAU RING FINALS

Shig Takahashi, Stockton boxing agent and manager, is serving as assistant coach for San Francisco amateurs competing this week in the national AAU boxing championships at Boston.

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Honolulu's Asahi nine to reopen roster to non-Japanese this season

HONOLULU. — The Asahi baseball roster is wide open, the Asahi Old Timers Club was informed at a recent meeting here. Original member of the Hawaii (Major) League formed in 1925, the team was exclusively composed of players of Japanese ancestry until 1942.

The name was changed to Athletics that year as players of Caucasian ancestry joined ranks to help the club garner the HBL crown. In 1951, the club reverted back to the "strictly Japanese" rule.

The change was due to this year's 42-game schedule, franchise owner Angel Maehara explained. The Asahis haven't won a title since 1947 and "it's about time we did something about it".

"We'll welcome the best in Hawaii to turn out for the Asahis. I'm not predicting a champion-

ship, but we are sure going to try . . . Those phone calls after each game have gotten to be a bit tiresome," he concluded.

More than 100 of the Asahi old-time ball players including Sen. Wilfred Tsukiyama and Rep. Steere Noda of the Hawaiian Legislature were present.

Prewar Nisei jockey injured by horse kick

SAN BRUNO. — Joe Kobuki, 36, of Sacramento, a former jockey now employed by trainer Reggie Cornell as an exercise boy, was kicked in the head by a horse in the receiving barn at Tanforan race track Apr. 3 and suffered a possible skull fracture.

Kobuki was kicked by a three-year-old colt named "The Aga" while he was walking in the barn just before the first race. He was taken to Peninsula Hospital in Burlingame.

Kobuki rode on the California fair circuit several years ago. He was the only Japanese jockey riding in the United States until George Taniguchi skyrocketed into top ranks of the nation's jockeys.

Runs 100 in 10.3

SONORA. — Yo Shibata of Livingston High was a double-winner in a four-way track meet here last week. Shibata ran the 100 dash in 10.3, the 120 high hurdles in 16.1.

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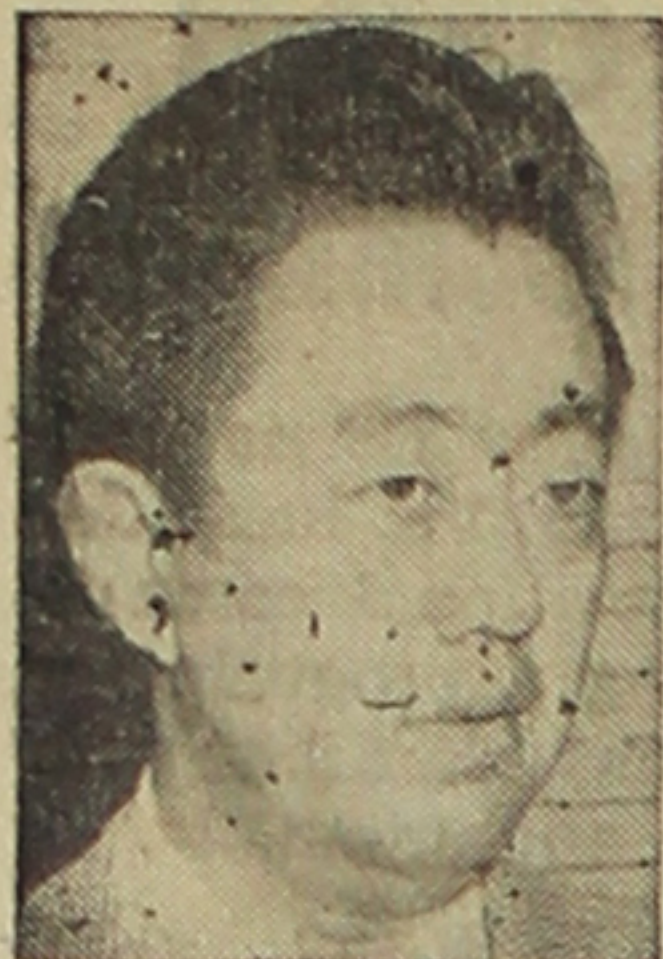
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Heads Optimists

Los Angeles
 ■ Downtown Los Angeles JACL member Willie Funakoshi was elected to serve as president of the Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles at last week's dinner meeting. Quiet and unassuming Willie is a charter member of the 1000 Club and was the 1955 "Optimist of the Year" winner. Serving as vice-president in charge of program, he has really kept the interest of the group alive by scheduling good speakers each week.

Willie becomes the third president, succeeding market operator Yosh Inadomi, and travel agent Elji Tanabe. Funakoshi is an insurance broker. The all-Nisei organization, first of its kind formed by the Optimist International, was established in April, 1954. The Optimist board includes attorney George Maruya, also of Downtown L.A. JACL, who has just transferred his law office from East Los Angeles to the Seinan district with attorney David Yokozeki.

RECEIVES 30-YEAR SERVICE PIN

■ Men and women who have worked under Los Angeles County Civil Service for more than 25 and 30 years were honored Tuesday at a Board of Supervisors ceremony. One of the coveted 30-year pins went to Taro Kanow, first Nisei engineer in the country service. Kanow was among the 37 veteran county employees who were so honored. The eldest of eight brothers and sister, Kanow, 55, has been with the county since April, 1926. His brief absence was during the war and a short time in Detroit where Kanow was a designer of airports.

His job today includes bridge design throughout the county, traffic control, and construction of highways and mountain roads. Kanow and his wife, formerly Shige Takai, make their home in Alhambra. They have two children, son Terry, and daughter Joy.

Kanow's wife is a high school teacher; one of his brothers, Shimpachi, a Christian minister at Salinas Japanese Presbyterian Church. Kanow's mother, Mrs. Hide Kanow, is an active church leader at Grace Presbyterian Church in Long Beach where the veteran engineer was raised.

FESTIVAL BOOKLET NETS \$225

■ The price of editorial talent and knowledge comes expensive at some quarters.

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce made public a balance sheet report of the 14th annual Nisei Week Festival souvenir booklet which was published last August. In seeking bids for the coming summer edition, in conjunction with Festival No. 15, the Chamber listed all the expenses involved in putting out a 55-page issue of which 4,000 were printed. The editorial and layout cost was \$1,125; the price of publishing it was \$2,900.

Gross income from sales amounted to \$1,276.28 and from advertising, \$4,686.40. The commissions almost amounted to one-fourth of ad intake, or \$1,014.86. It seems that all accounts receivable are not yet closed since the balance sheet only represents figures to Mar. 30 this year. Meantime, the profit on the 1955 enterprise is \$225.37.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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have changed their names in recent weeks to Yamanashi Keiyukai (Fraternal Association) and Hiroshima Nikkeijinkai (Japanese American Association).

● The movement to retitle existing Kenjinkai names began about a year and a half ago when the Okayama group in Los Angeles adopted Okayama Kei Club (club for Okayama descendants). Suggestion for this change has been credited to former JACL regional director Elji Tanabe, who is active in the group and who saw the need for a change in the name to properly label the group because of the naturalization of Issei . . . The Japanese chamber of commerce avoided the "Nihonjin (Japanese) descriptive when it reactivated its services by substituting Nikkeijin (Japanese American) in its Japanese version. The local Japanese Women's Club (Rafu Nihonjin Fujinkai) changed its name recently to Nikkei Fujinkai. . . The Japanese American Citizens League is known in the Japanese community as Zaipei Nikkei Shimin Kyokai—Zaipei meaning "of the United States".

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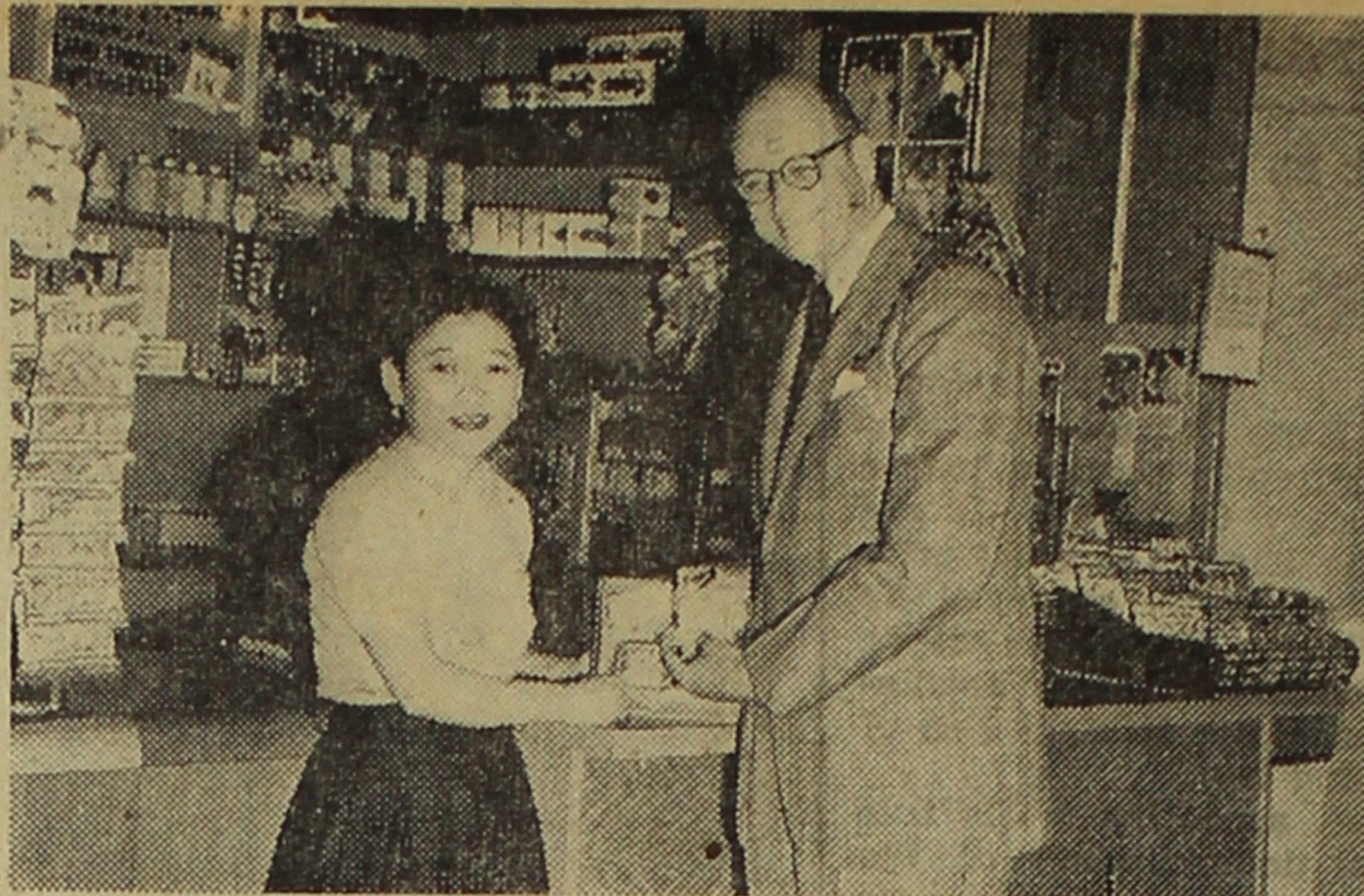
● Wildflowers and weather were mentioned here last week. As a sequel this week was our first outdoor picnic of the season 'neath the pine trees in the San Jacinto mountains and a breath of summery desert air in Coachella Valley for dessert as it were . . . One of the joys any Angeleno can immediately sense riding beyond the hustle of city traffic is batting your eyes in smogfree air. Nothing like getting your orbs air-cleaned . . . We rustled our tiny hibachi from the garage to prepare for the day's chicken and beef teriyaki al fresco (in the fresh air). The thick blue smoke curling across the mountain road from the picnic table must have teased passing motorists. It was saturated with fragrance any teriyaki gourmand recognizes . . . A cloudless sky resting against the profile of the rugged mountains and stately ponderosa pine trees, only encouraged to picnic again before the summer crowds take over . . . While the mountain air wafted in the mild 60s, the desert air an hour's drive downhill to Coachella Valley, soared to the high 90s. The cactus were in bloom; the desert verbenas were gone . . . It was really a day worth recording. It tingles the mind to vacation-days ahead. And some may be fortunate enough to extend theirs to include the forthcoming JACL convention during the Labor Day holidays in San Francisco.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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when it states:

"While many attorneys for claimants have taken issue with the Attorney General's position on this matter (of management and conservation costs, crop losses, and fair rental values), it should be noted that under the Court of Claims alternative remedy provided in this bill, they may secure, in instances where final award payments have not been made, a judicial determination on the validity of these items of expense and loss."



Rep. James Roosevelt (D., Calif.) visited several business establishments operated by blind persons in Los Angeles recently. He received a Japanese memento from Mrs. Mae Kumashiro Carlton, who operates the snack bar in lobby of the General Psychopathic Court and Hospital Bldg. The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt is credited with starting the rehabilitation program for the blind when he sponsored the Randolph-Shepherd Act, guaranteeing the blind people right to be licensed to do business in government buildings. Mrs. Carlton, a CLer, presented the metal desk smoking set in appreciation of his stand protesting the infamous Lincoln Yamamoto letter.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

ABE, Tokio (Toshiko Ebata)—boy Richard Hiroshi, Feb. 23.
 BERGSTRAND, Harry (Akiko Shimizu)—girl Julianna, Feb. 17.
 DOI, Vincent T. (Agnes M. Inouye)—girl Joanne, Feb. 20.
 ICHINAGA, Jack K. (Bertha M. Misaki)—girl Ellen Shizu, Feb. 18.
 ISOZAKI, Takeshi (Esther T. Yabumoto)—boy Kevin D., Feb. 24.
 KAI, James T. (Alice Masae Izumi)—boy John Tetsuo, Feb. 23.
 MATSUDA, Dan—girl Mariko Julie, Mar. 8.
 MATSUI, Frank T. (Masako Murano)—girl Kathleen Yuriko, Feb. 22.
 MATSUURA, Gary A.—Boy, Mar. 14, Pasadena.
 McGRATH, Herbert R. (Kiyoko Horiuchi)—girl Marjorie Kine, Feb. 20.
 NAKASHIMA, Roy Y. (Ayako Harada)—girl Lisa M., Feb. 19.
 NISHIYAMA, Hideo (Setsuko Kadota)—boy Curtis T., Feb. 9.
 OSAKA, Mitsugu M.—boy, Mar. 3, Alhambra.
 TAKAYAMA, Soichi (Kuniko Tamura)—boy Nelson Isamu, Feb. 21, West Los Angeles.
 UYEKAWA, George (Teruko Nakagami)—girl Donna Mitsuko, Feb. 19.
 YANASE, George A. (Yoshiko Kato)—boy Bryan Akitsumi, Feb. 17, Alhambra.

FRESNO

FURUTANI, A.—girl, Feb. 25.
 HIRATA, George—boy, Feb. 18.
 KUBOTA, Frank F.—girl, Feb. 24, Clovis.
 NAKAMICHI, Tom—boy, Mar. 17.
 NISHIDA, Carl K.—boy, Mar. 8.
 TANI, Yukio—boy, Feb. 23, Clovis.
 TANIGAWA, James Y.—girl, Mar. 15, Sanger.

STOCKTON

BABA, Harry J.—girl, Mar. 10.
 FUJITANI, Eddie—boy, Mar. 12, Lodi.

WATSONVILLE

KAJIHARA, Howard (Grace So)—girl, Mar. 23.

SAN JOSE

KUBO, Harold K.—girl Marsha Sanae, Mar. 16.
 SAKUDA, Mike—boy Allen B., Mar. 19.
 SANTO, Robert—boy Dean L., Mar. 16.

SAN FRANCISCO

ENDO, Hiroshi—girl, Jan. 13.
 OISHI, Masaichi—boy, Mar. 22.
 OMOTO, Minoru—boy, Mar. 12.
 TANAKA, Eichi—boy, Mar. 15.

MARTINEZ

NAKATANI, Iwao—boy Ronald Haruo, Mar. 14, Concord.

SEATTLE

IGUCHI Roy—girl, Mar. 27.
 SAKUMA, Kazuo—boy, Mar. 28.

DENVER

KAWAMURA, George M.—girl.
 KODAMA, George—girl.
 MURAMOTO, James—girl.

NEW YORK

NOJI, Tom (Yoshie Nakamura)—boy David Ken, Mar. 18, Huntington Sta., LI.

Engagements

ABE-KUBO — Kikuye, Santa Monica, to Henry, Los Angeles.
 FUKUDA-MORITA — Janet, Anaheim, to Sam, Los Angeles.
 MORIGUCHI-TAKESHITA — Betty, San Francisco, to Roy, San Mateo, Mar. 25.

Deaths

AIGA, Asataro: Spokane, Mar. 30.
 ASANUMA Kimi, 74: Seattle, Mar. 27, survived by husband Takejiro, sons Kazuichi (San Jose), Carl (Ocean Park, Wash.), Sam (Long Beach, Calif.), daughters Mrs. Masuno Kitamura and Mrs. Yukino Imada (both Anchorage), and 10 grandchildren.
 DATE Chikae, 64: Seattle, Mar. 14, survived by husband Hideo, daughters Mary (New York), Mrs. Bernadette Kamihachi, mother Mrs. Tami Mitsumori, brother, Dr. Hajime Mitsumori.
 FUKUSHIMA, Kame: Dinuba, Mar. 25, survived by sons Akio, George, Harry, Yoshinori, daughters Mmes. Yoshiye Uyemaru (Fresno) Takako Uyeda (Los Angeles), Sachiko Niino (Madera), Shigeko Komoto (Fresno) and 15 grandchildren.
 HARAIZAWA, Nisaji, 65: San Jose, Feb. 17.
 HASEMOTO, Seiji, 73: Reedley, Feb. 16, survived by wife Fuji, son Masaharu, daughter Mrs. Tsuru Namba (Fresno).
 HIRATA, Kikuye, 64: Seattle, Mar. 13,

survived by sons Hajime, Osamu, Satoshi and five grandchildren.

HOSOKAWA, Hatsuyo, 66: Chicago, Feb. 5, survived by husband Mitsusuke, sons Kiyoshi, Masami.

IKE, Yasugi, 70: Seattle, Mar. 26, survived by wife Tsuya, sons Nobutaka (Palo Alto), Akira (Chicago), Gyo, daughters Mmes. Yuri Nakata (Chicago), Ayame, Kadaguchi, and three grandchildren.

IKEUCHI, Fujie, 67: Walnut Grove, Mar. 26, survived by husband Hina, kichi, sons Kazumi, Isamu, Yoshio, daughters Mmes. Yaeno Kimura, Matsuko Suyama and five grandchildren.

INOUE, Leilane, 2 mos.: Ogden, Apr. 1, survived by parents, Mr. & Mrs. Kay (Norma Yoshinaga), brothers, three sisters, two grandmothers Mrs. Tone Inouye (Japan), Mrs. Toki Yoshinaga (Sacramento).

IWAMOTO, Gennosuke, 75: Gardena, Mar. 24, survived by wife Taka, sons Noboru, Ted T., Tom T., Akira, daughter Katie Takako.

KADO, Teichi, 72: Gilroy, Mar. 14, survived by wife Suzuyo, sons John, Mike, Shigeru, daughters Mmes. Shizue Yoshifuji, Masako Katani, Elsie Kono, Betty Nagareda.

KAIHARA, Masaki, 74: Long Beach, Mar. 29, survived by son Masato, George Kenzo, daughter Helen Fumiko.

KAMBE, Toshiharu, 68: Los Angeles, Mar. 31, survived by wife Ko, sons George, Charles N., Victor M., daughter Mrs. Esther M. Oda.

KAWATA, Neokichi A., 79: Santa Cruz, Feb. 24, survived by wife Hatsuno, five sons Harry (Los Angeles), Ted, Tom, Chick, Rudy, daughters Mmes. Dolores Kaneyuki, Norma Tominaga, Beverly Higuchi (Hawaii).

MATSUYAMA, Masuji: Cheyenne, Mar. 6, survived by wife Yoshi, sons William, Harry, daughters Margie Mrs. Toshiko Zaiman, Mrs. Louise Ibata.

MORIKAWA, Kanetaro, 75: Fresno, Mar. 19.

MORITA, Genjiro, 78: Sacramento, Feb. 27, survived by wife Ai, son Masaaki, daughters Tomoye, Mmes. Yukie Emelvin, Natsuko Tamaki, Kunie Morita.

MURAI, Sumatara: San Francisco, Mar. 27, survived by wife Tomo, daughter Mrs. Toshiko Nishimoto.

MURATA, Minoru, 79: San Francisco, Mar. 10.

NAKAHARA, Ikuhei, 79: Los Angeles, Mar. 28, survived by wife Masaye, boy Tomoyuki, daughters Takako, Mmes. Toshiko Kawaguchi, Tsuyaki Hirose, Hiroko Miyahara.

NAKANO, Koichi, 70: Salt Lake City, Mar. 3.

OKIYAMA, Chiyo, 60: Seattle, Mar. 28, survived by husband Yeikichi, sons Yeizi, Ebo, daughter Mrs. Yasu Nakatani (Japan).

OUCHIDA, Tadanori, 71: Pasadena, Mar. 24, survived by wife Ayano.

SAKAI, James M., 76: Salt Lake City, Mar. 26, survived by two brothers and daughter (Japan).

SASAKI, Ichiji, 73: Torrance, Mar. 22, survived by wife Shika, sons Hiro-mu, Masakazu, Mike H., daughters Mmes. Peggy K. Nishina, Natsue A. Vincent.

SASAKI, Yvonne, 7: Salt Lake City, Mar. 14, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H., sister Karen, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. K. Okawa, Layton; Mr and Mrs. K. Sasaki (Japan).

SHIGEMURA, Emi, 74: Denver, Mar. 12, survived by husband Kinichi, son Tomio, daughters Sakaye, Mrs. Josie D. Morimoto.

SHODA, David D., 17: Los Angeles, Mar. 20, survived by parents Mr. & Mrs. Frank, brothers Robert Koga, Fred Koga, grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Yoshimatsu Yoshino, and Karoku Shoda.

SUEHIRO, Kurata, 68: Los Angeles, Mar. 28, survived by wife Taka, son Roy Shigeru, daughters Mmes. Harumi Kawasaki, Miyeko Yamahata, Chiyoeko Nakano.

TAMURA, Mignon K., 4½ mos.: Bountiful, Utah, Mar. 16, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Kaumi, sisters Sharon, Alvin, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Shinobu Tamura (Orosi Calif.), Mr. and Mrs. Tokujiro Sawada (Japan).

TAZAWA, Jinosuke, 72: Portland, Mar. 3, survived by wife Mary, daughter Mrs. Marian Nishimura.

UJIMOTO, Nakazo: Seattle, Mar. 25, survived by wife Marj.

UYEMURA, Naoya, 79: San Francisco, Mar. 14, survived by wife Funo, sons Joe, Naoki, Koichi daughters Mmes. Tomiko Yamamoto, Nulko Urabe, Fusako Takahashi.

Yashima's 'Crow Boy' book wins two awards

Taro Yashima's colorful book, "Crow Boy", won recognition from the Child Study Association and the American Library Association in recent weeks.

The 1956 Child Study Association award for best art work in books for children was made to "Crow Boy" and a scroll was accepted by May Massee of the juvenile department of Viking, book publishers, at the annual association dinner in New York Apr. 2.

Upon recommendation of the American Library Association, the committee for the Caldecott Award rated "Crow Boy" as runner-up to "Frog Went A-Courtin', A-Courtin'" by Feodor Rojankovsky, the Caldecott Gold Medal winner for 1955. These books were selected on the basis of best books for children published during the year in the estimate of the award committee.

Yashima is presently heading the Japanese American Art Institute of Los Angeles, 200 N. St. Louis St.

Japanese artists assist Welcome House benefit

TRENTON. — Several famous Japanese musicians, singers and dancers performed last Saturday at a benefit for Welcome House, an adoption agency for children of Asian-American parentage founded by Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Walsh. (Mrs. Walsh is author Pearl Buck who taken a lifelong interest in the Orient and its people.)

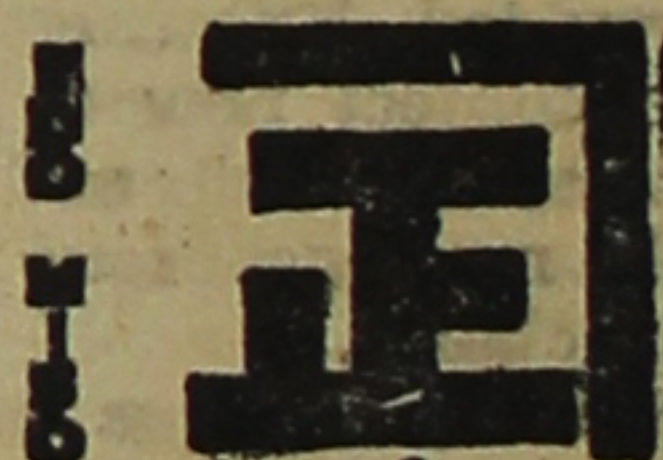
The benefit was held at the Walsh home in Bucks County, Pa. Welcome House is situated at Dublin, Pa.

Among artists entertained by friends and neighbors of the Walshes were architect Junzo Yoshimura, koto player Shinichi Yui-ze, composer Toshi Ichianagi, dancer Sahomi Tachibana and folk singers Keika Makigawa and Mrs. Lillian Mizuno.

25th anniversary

PARLIER. — A three-day celebration marking the 25th anniversary of the local Buddhist church and dedication of a new chapel will be held this weekend. A "chigo" parade Sunday afternoon climaxes the festival.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Lane claims bill

Washington

Although the Lane Evacuation Claims Bill, which is currently pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee, is not as generous as the original measure prior to restrictive amendments approved by the House Judiciary Committee, it is, nevertheless, considerably more bounteous than its predecessor Hillings Bill of 1954 and more munificent than existing law.

Since the bill's primary objective, according to its title explanation, is "to expedite the final determination of the (evacuation) claims", the legislation accomplishes this purpose by authorizing the Attorney General to compromise and settle all of the remaining claims.

The 1948 statute provided that the Attorney General could only adjudicate (determine according to law) claims.

This method proved so cumbersome and costly that the Congress approved in 1951 an amendment that authorized the Attorney General to compromise and settle the smaller claims for not more than three-quarters of the amount of the compensable items, if any, of a claim, or \$2,500, whichever was less. Under this procedure, a claimant was penalized 25% of the compensable items of his claim for the privilege of having it compromised and settled.

The original Hillings Bill in 1954 removed the \$2,500 ceiling and provided that the Attorney General could compromise and settle all claims regardless of the amount. It retained, however, the 25% penalty of the 1951 amendment. In addition, it provided that if the Attorney General offered 50% or more of the original amount of the claim, the claimant had to accept the Attorney General's offer.

The Lane Bill provides for compromise settlement by the Attorney General of all the remaining claims, without penalizing claimants an automatic 25% for electing this expeditious procedure and without requiring acceptance if the offer is one-half or more of the original claim.

In this respect alone, the Lane Bill enables the remaining claimants to receive 25% more of their compensable items than either the smaller claimants received or proposed in the 1954 Hillings Bill. In other words, claimants are entitled up to 100% of their compensable items.

Court of Claims alternative . . .

The Lane Bill also provides that a claimant, if dissatisfied with the Attorney General's compromise settlement offer, may appeal to the Court of Claims for a judicial review of his claim.

Existing law fails to provide any appeals procedure for claimants who are not satisfied with either the compromise settlement offer or the adjudications, providing only that the Attorney General's decisions were final and conclusive.

The 1954 Hillings Bill provided that claimants who were not satisfied with the Attorney General's compromise settlement offers could request a formal adjudication by the Attorney General. This bill also provided that a claimant who did not desire a compromise settlement could elect to have his claim determined by the Court of Claims.

The instant Lane Bill gives the claimants an opportunity to find out what the Attorney General will offer them in compromise settlement of their claims. If they are not satisfied with the compromise settlement, they are entitled as a matter of right to appeal to the Court of Claims, and beyond to the federal courts on appeal.

This means that an appeals procedure beyond the Attorney General is provided. Knowing that his valuations and interpretations are subject now to judicial review, it is possible that the Attorney General, and his Department of Justice attorneys, may be more generous than they have been heretofore in determining claims.

Moreover, items of loss and methods of computing the amount of loss may be judicially reviewed by the Court of Claims if the claimants so desire.

New categories of claimants . . .

In precedent-setting adjudications adverse to claimants, the Attorney General has ruled that corporations, internees, and those whose claims were postmarked before the Jan. 3, 1950, deadline but received after that date are ineligible as beneficiaries of this remedial statute.

The 1954 Hillings Bill validated these claims which were postmarked prior to the deadline but failed to mention either corporations or internees.

The Lane Bill specifically rewrites the definitions to include both profit and nonprofit corporations, partnerships, associations, etc., and west coast internees as "eligible" claimants, as well as claimants who mailed their claims prior to the Jan. 3, 1950, bar date.

Management expenses, crop losses, rentals . . .

In interpreting the 1948 statute, the Attorney General devised restrictive formulas to determine the amount of loss sustained because of management or conservation expenses, crop losses, and fair rental values. The Attorney General justified his restrictive formulas on the basis that the prohibition against "anticipated profits or loss of anticipated earnings" prevented him from using other standards than those proposed by him.

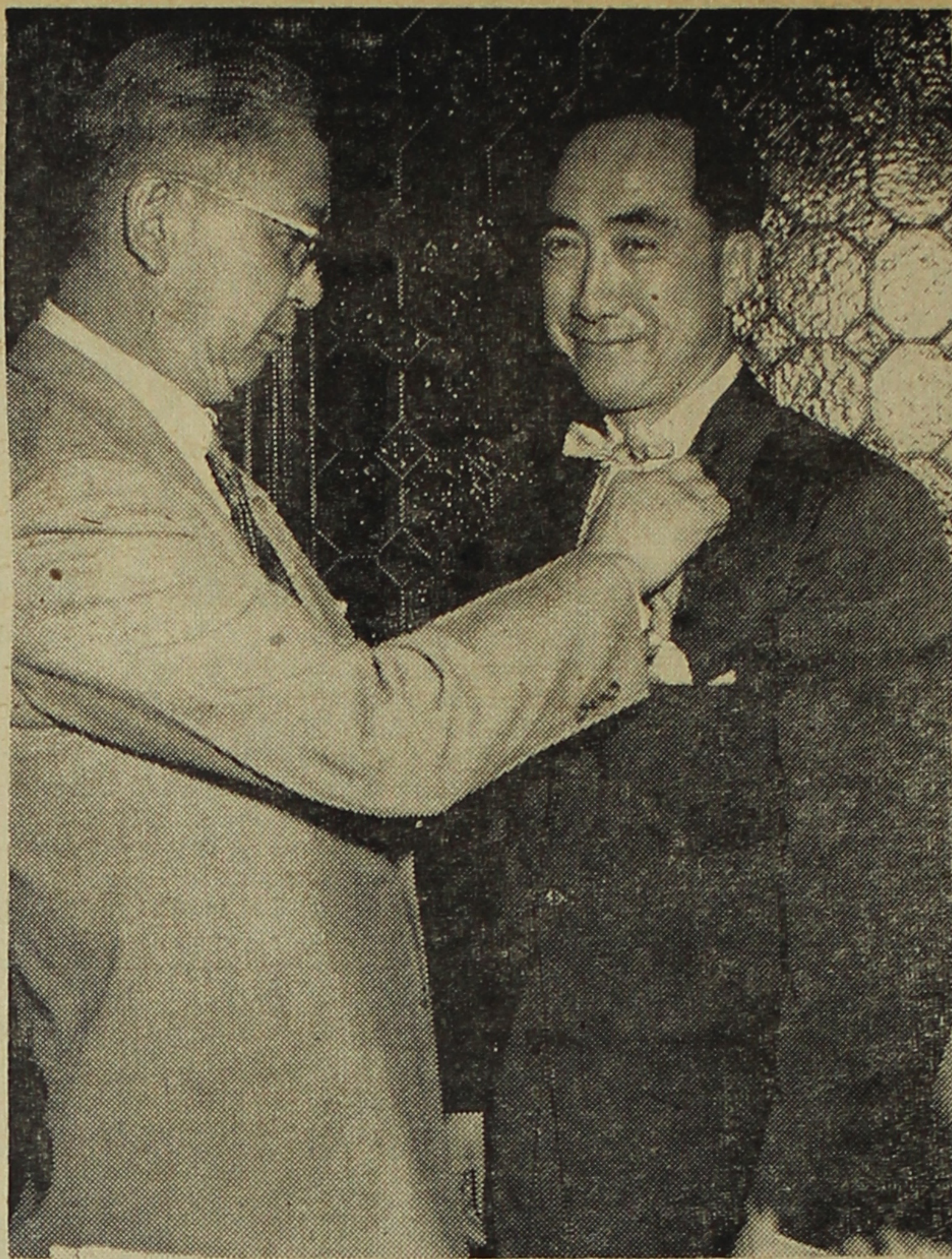
The Hillings Bill of 1954 did not mention this subject.

The original Lane Bill, however, specifically provided more liberal methods for calculating these management and conservation expenses, crop losses, and fair rental values. The House Judiciary Committee eliminated these items from the Lane Bill on the ground "that their inclusion would substantially reopen the entire project and would thereby delay and not expedite the final conclusion of this program".

There has been some confusion as to the effect of these deletions, but it is clear that the Lane Bill does not prohibit the Attorney General from considering these items of loss; rather, the Lane Bill by failing to order the Attorney General to utilize more generous standards for measuring the losses suffered in these categories merely tolerates the continued use of the present restrictive formulas. In other words, nothing is subtracted because the House Judiciary Committee eliminated the bounteous language of the original Lane Bill.

On the other hand, by adding the Court of Claims alternative, the Lane Bill creates a new procedure for challenging these same restrictive formulas. This is clearly recognized by the House Judiciary Committee, in its Report on this measure,

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Kumeo Yoshinari, immediate past president of the Chicago JACL Chapter, received a pearl-studded JACL pin from Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe (left) of the National Board in recognition of his faithful and loyal service as president of the Chicago Chapter for two terms, 1954 and 1955. The occasion was the chapter's Appreciation Dinner held at Old Cathay Restaurant honoring the members of Yoshinari's cabinets.

WHO'S WHO ON THE CH APTER CABINET:

Chicago president formerly served as first, second, third vice-president

CHICAGO.—Brief sketches of 1956 Chicago JACL officers were first published late last year in the Chicago JACLER prior to elections.

Dr. Frank Sakamoto, president, formerly of Wapato (Wash.) and Guadalupe (Calif.), came to Chicago in 1942. He graduated from the Chicago School of Optometry and practicing since 1946. Associated with JACL for a number of years, he was first, second and third vice-president in earlier cabinets; active with the Boy Scouts, Cooperative Investors and the Church of Christ. He is married to the former Toshi Kurotsuchi and they have one boy.

William Fujii, 1st v.p., comes from Sacramento. A talented baritone who sang with the Univ. of California Glee Club and a graduate of the Berkeley campus, he came to Chicago in 1943, became active in bowling and golf circles. He was instrumental in organizing the Fine Arts Society. He also served as 2nd v.p. and auditor of the chapter, is presently employed as auditor for Kleen Stick Corp.

Max Joichi, 2nd v.p., spent his early childhood in Delta County, Colo., then moved to Ohio before coming here in 1930. He schooled at Wright JC and American Academy of Arts; active with the Church of Christ, employed as artist for Emosograf Co.

Harry Mizuno, 3rd v.p., spent his early years in Hinckley, Utah, then moved to Salt Lake where he became prominent in YBA activities during the war years. A man of many talents, he holds several typing and shorthand awards. In 1946 he moved to Chicago and became a staunch JACLER, serving on many committees and filling two terms as 2nd v.p. His wife is the former Alma Kurisu, JACLER editor. He is a partner in the Disney Color-Ad, Inc., and recently joined the 1000 Club as a life member.

Satoru Takemoto, treasurer, hails from Watsonville; received his bachelor degree in accounting at California. Past treasurer of the Cooperative Investors, he has been employed during the past eight years at S. Reifler & Co., public accounting firm. His wife is the former Chizuko Hayashi, sister of Tom Hayashi of New York and former national JACL v.p.; and he is the father of two girls.

Itoko Katayama, recording secretary, is a Univ. of Illinois graduate of the 1955 class, now teach-

ing third grade at North Lake. Formerly of Long Beach, Calif., she lived for five years in Des Moines before coming here. She is a twin. One of her sisters is married to Dr. Roy Kurotsuchi, brother-in-law of Dr. Frank Sakamoto.

Grace Kohatsu, corresponding secretary, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Y. Kohatsu, Honolulu; received her early schooling in the Islands, then attended Joshi Dai in Japan, graduated from the Northwestern University Gregg Division. A qualified court reporter, she is presently employed as secretary in the law offices of Yates and Holleb as well as secretary to Rep. Sidney R. Yates of Illinois.

George Kita, auditor, an Imperial Valley ex-resident, won his bachelor's degree at San Diego State where he played four years of football. He graduated from Drake University Law School, where he starred on the gridiron as fullback. He had signed a contract with the N.Y. Giants but decided to enter the legal profession instead. He was one of the first Nisei to open up law offices in Chicago, coming here in 1945.

Also on the cabinet are four delegates: George Inouye, Henry Morikawa, Lillian Oda and Mrs. Katsumi Pung.

Inouye hails from Seattle and graduated Univ. of Washington. He went to Detroit from Minidoka WRA Center, coming here in 1951. He is married, has two girls and is employed with the Andrews Lumber Co.

Morikawa was born in Sacramento, has a fine baritone voice and is active in the Lakeview community neighborhood. He is married to the former Chiyoko Sakamoto and they have a boy. He played basketball with the Zephyrs, was treasurer of the local Nisei Athletic Association, and is an apprentice pressman.

Miss Oda came here from The Dalles, Ore., via University of Maine and Drexel Institute of Technology with a major in textile merchandising. She is with the Sears, Roebuck & Co., textile laboratory as home economist.

Mrs. Pung, from Sacramento, graduated U.C. School of Nursing; served two years with the Army Nurse Corps during the war, and came here in 1946. A medical stenographer at St. Luke's Hospital, she is the sister-in-law of Tom Hayashi of New York.

Chicago CL to aid new Issei citizens in voting technique

CHICAGO.—With over 800 naturalized Issei in Chicago, the local JACL and JASC educational committees are developing a program for naturalized citizens unfamiliar with voting procedure and methods.

Demonstrations with the voting machine and mechanics at the poll will be planned. Arrangements are also being made to help Issei register at their respective precincts.

Also planned are forums to inform voters Apr. 17, May 15 and June 19 on the different parties, their platforms and local political organizations.

A mass pre-election meeting in October will include several candidates for various offices.

Livingston Fruit Exchange re-elects Ohki president

LIVINGSTON.—Robert Ohki, a 1000er, has been re-elected president of the Livingston Fruit Exchange.

Other officers are Buichi Kajiwara, v.p.; Tom Nakashima, sec.; William Yoshino, treas.; Fred Kishi, James Kirihara, Noboru Hashimoto, Henry Kashiwase and Gilbert Tanji, directors.

Fred Hashimoto again was named manager. The election came during an annual dinner meeting Apr. 4 in Modesto at which Hashimoto and Dave Kirihara, retiring treasurer, described the 1955 season as one of the biggest the Exchange has experienced.

Representatives of the Exchange joined the Livingston Fruit Growers Assn. for a luncheon last week at which the coming season was discussed by Buddy T. Iwata, Ass'n. manager.

Speaker on stained glass to address Phila. JACL

PHILADELPHIA.—Crosby Willit, brother of Henry Lee Willit of the Willit Stained Glass Co., will be guest speaker at the next Philadelphia JACL meeting Apr. 27, 8 p.m., at International Institute, 645 N. 15th St.

He will speak on stained glass along with colored slides. Yosuke Nakano is program chairman. A report on the EDC conference will also be made.

CALENDAR

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Apr. 14 (Saturday)
Placer County—Picnic ball, Loomis Memorial Hall.
Apr. 14-15
EDC—Convention, Seabrook Community House and Cumberland Hotel, Bridgeton, N.J.; Seabrook JACL hosts.
Apr. 15 (Sunday)
Sanger—Community picnic, Kearney Park.
San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Tokyo Sukiyaki.
Placer County—Community picnic; JACL Recreation Park; Issei program, Penryn Japanese Hall.
Apr. 19 (Thursday)
Chicago—General meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan.
Apr. 21 (Saturday)
Mile-Hi—Family Night, Potenza Hall, 1900 W. 38th St., 7 p.m.
New York—Bridge Club, American Buddhist Academy, 331 Riverside Dr., 8:30 p.m. (First meeting).
East Los Angeles—Skating party.
Detroit—Spring Social, Elk's Hall.
Apr. 22 (Sunday)
PNWDC—Quarterly session, Gresham-Trousdale chapter hosts.
Long Beach—Issei Citizen Recognition Dinner, Harbor Japanese Community Center, 6 p.m. Mayor Vermillion, guest spkr.
Apr. 26 (Thursday)
Marysville—Meeting, JACL Office, 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 27 (Friday)
Twin Cities—Meeting.
Philadelphia—General meeting, International Institute, 645 N. 15th St., 8 p.m.
Apr. 28 (Saturday)
Pasadena—Benefit movie, Cleveland School Auditorium, "24 no Hitomi".
Chicago—Bridge-Scrabble party, Monroe YWCA, 8 p.m.
Apr. 29 (Sunday)
French Camp—Community picnic, Mickle Grove, 10 a.m.
Cortez—Community picnic (tentative), May 2 (Wednesday).
East L.A.—General meeting.
May 5 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Santa Monica Elks Club.
May 6 (Sunday)
Sacramento—Community picnic, Elk Grove Park.
May 9 (Wednesday)
East Los Angeles—Political rally.
May 11 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Board meeting; Mas Sato to be present (tentative).
May 12 (Saturday)
Cortez—Annual Spring dance, Ballioo Legion Hall (tentative).
May 13 (Sunday)
Detroit—Mothers' Day tea.
Stockton—Community picnic (tentative).