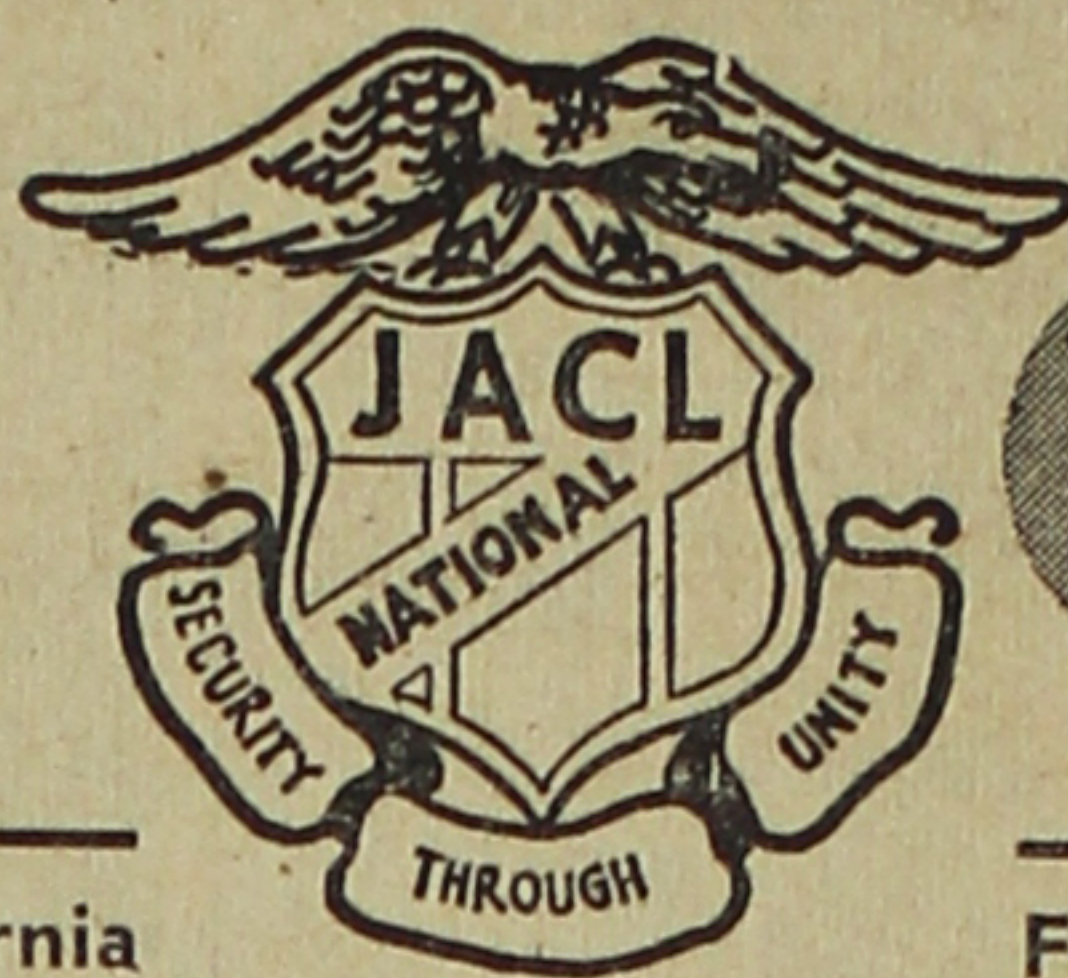


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EDITORIALS:

Big-hearted Yego

If a lesson can be gained by the sudden death of Tom Yego, national JACL 1st vice-president, of Placer County, it may be gleaned from the long-active services to the community during the past quarter century.

He was a co-founder of JACL and played an active role in the organization until his final moments. He had inducted officers of four Eastbay chapters only last Sunday in Oakland. He was respected as a leader in the Republican party and in his community, as an expert in agricultural and horticultural exhibits, and with his church.

As full as his civic life was, his home life was blessed with four children. Veritably a family man, his outlook for the welfare of his neighbors was never dimmed.

While he died of a weak heart physically, spiritually its strength was hard to surpass.

Tuscaloosa riots

Violent mob reaction marred the first days for Autherine Lucy, the first Negro to be admitted to the Univ. of Alabama. She was suspended by school authorities from classes this week for her own safety and the safety of students and faculty.

The national attention it drew this week can only mean joy in the Kremlin where propagandists delight at confusing the rest of the world over the hypocrisy of American democracy.

The tragedy of the Tuscaloosa demonstration is that it overshadows the few strides made in desegregating the schools in the South.

While several states have resorted to legal procedure to circumvent the order of the Supreme Court to integrate schools, this was the first major incident of mob violence to flout the courts. The moral fibre of this country is sadly lacking in discipline, if immediate action is not taken to reinstate and protect Miss Lucy as well as punish the perpetrators of this crime against society.



Tom Yego (left) was awarded the JACL sapphire pin for his long and meritorious service to the Japanese American Citizens League at the 13th annual dinner of the Placer County JACL in 1953. George Inagaki, national JACL president, pins the award.

IN TRIBUTE TO TOM YEGO:

Yego synonymous with JACL

The news of the sudden passing of Tom Yego, national JACL 1st vice-president, came as a great shock to me. Even as I write this, it is impossible to realize fully that Tom is with us no longer.

The name of Tom Yego is synonymous with that of JACL for he has been closely associated with the organization from its very beginning more than a quarter century ago. During that entire period, Tom gave unselfishly of himself to the organization, the building up of the organization and to the successful accomplishment of the many programs sponsored by JACL.

That the JACL membership esteemed him and recognized his tremendous contribution and his inspired leadership is indicated in

the fact that he had been elected to many responsible offices, the last of which was to the National Board as 1st vice-president.

There is no doubt whatsoever that he will be sorely missed by his fellow members of the Board. However, to imply that his demise is a loss only to JACL is not doing justice to Tom. He will be missed by all Japanese Americans because he was one of the outstanding Nisei Americans of our times and as such, he is irreplaceable.

In this hour when grief and despair envelope Mrs. Yego and family, I know that the entire membership extends its heartfelt sympathy and condolences and stands ready to assist in any way.

—GEORGE INAGAKI,
Nat'l JACL President

Remained at the Fore

San Francisco — Tom Yego's sudden passing Wednesday morning served to remind us again of the uncertainty of life. Hardly anyone was prepared for this shock, especially in view of his usual active participation at the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council quarterly meeting just this last Sunday and also knowing that he was taking care of himself since his first heart attack last summer.

Tom was one of the really old timers of JACL. He was a charter member and the first president of the Newcastle chapter, forerunner of the present Placer County chapter organized two years before national JACL came into being.

NEW JAPANESE ENVOY TANI NAMED FOR POST AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

WASHINGTON. — Japan's new ambassador to the United States Masayuki Tani is scheduled to leave Tokyo on Feb. 21, arriving in San Francisco by Japan Air Lines. He plans to stay overnight before proceeding to his post here.

He is replacing Sadao Iguchi, who recently submitted his resignation after serving for about two years. Iguchi is scheduled to leave here Feb. 13 for Japan via Europe and India.

Thus for more than a quarter of a century he was active in JACL helping to develop it from a modest beginning to a place of national prestige and accomplishment, even though in his own

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JACL disappointed in Eisenhower's immigration plan

BY MIKE MASAOKA

WASHINGTON. — The President's message on immigration was regarded as a great disappointment to JACL, for once again his immigration proposals favor Europe and almost overlook Asia.

Of his 14 proposed amendments to the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, only three would substantially benefit persons of Japanese ancestry.

These are proposals (1) granting the Attorney General discretionary power to adjust status of hardship cases presently requiring private bills, (2) repealing "inequitable provisions in relation to Asian spouses and adopted children" and (3) eliminating the one-year requirement for marriage of temporary visitors, such as students, to American citizens to qualify for adjustment of status without leaving the

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1st veep Tom Yego dies of heart attack at home

BY ROY YOSHIDA

NEWCASTLE.—Early Wednesday morning death claimed the life of Placer County's foremost Nisei leader. Thomas Masaru Yego, 48, regarded by many as the father of Placer JACL and at the time of his passing, national JACL first vice-president, succumbed to heart attack at his home at Penryn. He was born at Newcastle on May 23, 1908, and graduated from Placer Union High School at Auburn when Nisei graduates were a rarity.

Although he had been under medical care off and on during last several years, his health had been considered to be good. His sudden passing therefore came as a great shock to his many friends in the county. The weight of his many duties as a leader of various local organizations and his tireless efforts in the service of his fellow Nisei may have hastened his death.

In addition to the national JACL first vice-presidency, Yego was serving in following capacities:

Treasurer of Placer Credit Union, board member of Placer Buddhist Church, president of Loomis Area Lions club, board member of 20th District Agricultural Fair, member of Placer County Republican Central Committee and board member of Folsom Lake Services, Inc.

Following evacuation he relocated to Idaho from Tule Lake relocation center where he was engaged in extensive farming operation. Upon returning to Placer County he farmed several orchards near Newcastle for several years, before joining the Placer County Agriculture Department staff. He served as senior agricultural inspector for about five years, dur-

ing which time he had charge of the county's exhibit at the California State Fair in Sacramento. About a year ago he became associated with Mountain Fruit Growers Association at Penryn as a field man.

Yego's JACL activities go way back to 1928 when he spearheaded a movement to form a local countywide Nisei organization to safeguard the interests of Japanese Americans. He was elected the organization's first president in tribute to his untiring efforts during the formative period. He was reelected in 1929 and served again in 1934.

Yego was present at the historic 1929 conference of west coast Nisei leaders in San Francisco, which planned the framework of what was to become Japanese American Citizens League. He also represented the local group at the first national JACL convention in Seattle, Wash., in 1930. And right up to his death he has been a relentless supporter of JACL and its program for Nisei betterment.

He served as chairman of Northern California District Council when Central California chapters were still an integral part of Northern California body. And he

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EISENHOWER URGES CONGRESS TO INCREASE IMMIGRATION TO U.S.

WASHINGTON. — President Eisenhower this week urged Congress to admit additional aliens to the United States through a more equitable use of the quota system in his message on recommendations for revision of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act.

The President said he thought the immigration ceiling should be raised from 154,657 to approximately 220,000 each year.

"Experience in the post-war world demonstrates that the present national-origins method of admitting aliens needs to be reexamined, and a new system adopted which will admit aliens within allowable numbers according to new guide lines and standards," Congress was told.

Recommendations of particular interest to persons of Japanese ancestry made by the Chief Executive include:

1. Change the immigration bases from the 1920 census to the 1950 census as a determination for the "overall ceiling," increasing the present annual quota of 154,657 immigrants by 65,000.

2. Distribution of the additional 65,000 among countries in proportion to their actual immigration to the U.S. in order "to eliminate some of the inequity resulting from the fact that several countries have large quotas which they do not use while others have small quotas which are usually oversubscribed."

3. Creation of a special annual quota of 5,000 to be used for admission of aliens with special technical and cultural skills regardless of nationality or national origin.

4. A pooling of unused quotas

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INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE CASE RESUBMITTED TO SUPREME COURT

BY HELEN MINETA

WASHINGTON. — A motion was filed in the United States Supreme Court this week that it reconsider the Ham Say Naim interracial marriage case, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

In view of the recent decision by the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals rejecting the order of the U.S. Supreme Court to remand the test case on the validity of interracial marriages to a lower court for further information, the motion was made by David Carliner,

attorney for appellant.

The JACL joined, with other interested parties, in this test case since many GIs bringing back their Japanese war brides or Nisei soldiers bringing back their European wives found discrimination facing them in the States.

Of the 48 states in the Union, 28 forbid interracial marriages.

Signing the brief for the JACL was Frank Chuman of Los Angeles, legal counsel of the JACL, and Edward J. Ennis, special legal counsel to the Washington JACL

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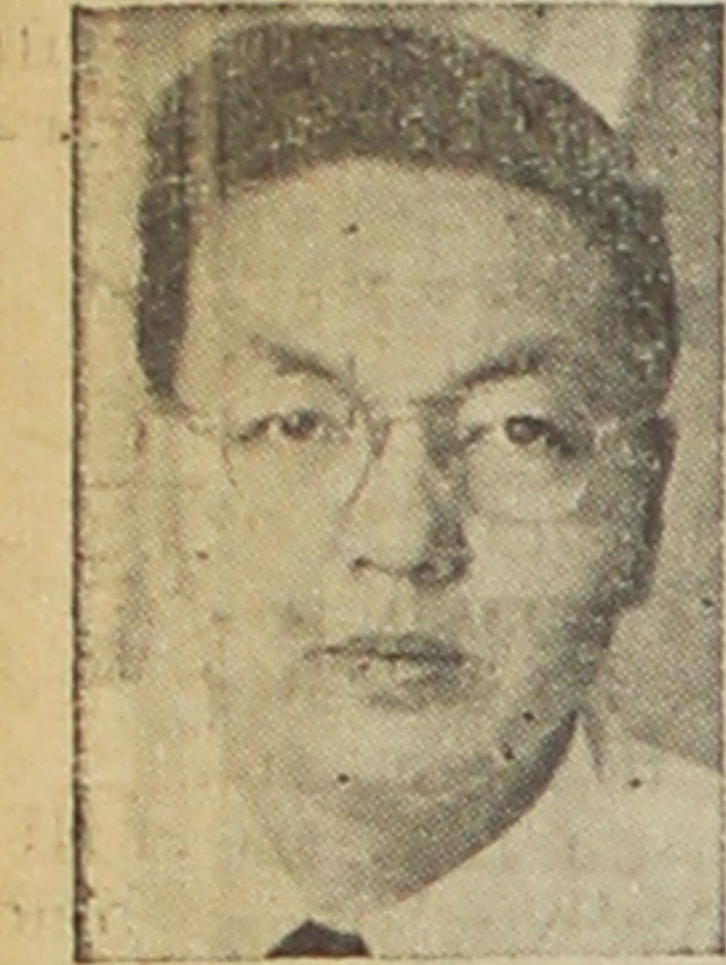
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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Below-Zero Memories

Denver

■ Ever notice how sounds, smells, and flavors arouse memories? I seldom bite into a thick, juicy, medium-rare steak (which isn't often) without remembering the way Pa fixed them. He was a great one for good eating and he saw to it that his boys shared his appreciation even though a lot of times a good many weeks passed between servings of beef. But whenever he could afford it, he grilled up some wonderfully tasty steaks.

Or take the other night when the temperature ducked down below zero after our first snowfall in a month and a half. As I walked along the snow squeaked in protest underfoot with that peculiar sound that occurs only in a cold, dry, climate. The squeaking carried me back to Heart Mountain, Wyo., the winter of 1942-43. Our block had a sort of volunteer fire patrol. We'd be tagged for a couple of hours of patrol duty about once a week, walking the lonely night through the snow that lay between the wooden barracks. I remember the smoke rising into the still cold air, and the snow creaking underfoot. And we clapped two pieces of wood together in the traditional Japanese fire-watcher tradition, making the reassuring clack-clack which meant that all was well. It wasn't much fun dragging out of bed with the thermometer at 10-below, but the feeling of teamwork and contribution to community welfare gave a fellow an inner warmth. Clack-clack, squeak-creek, sleep on, all is well.

JAPAN CAN BE PROUD OF 'SAMURAI'

■ We had a chance to see the new Japanese film *Samurai* a few days ago. While motion pictures seem to be a special province of fellow columnist Larry Tajiri, let me urge you not to miss this one if it happens to come to your town.

Samurai is a film of striking beauty with a story that is easy to follow even if you don't understand the dialogue. The producers have taken advantage of color film and Japan's breathtaking scenery, yet the scenery never dominates the narrative. The opening scenes, of the battle of Sekigahara, are as powerful and awesome and fearful as these eyes have ever seen on the screen, and certainly much better staged than many of the spectaculars that Hollywood glories in. The Japanese film industry can be proud to create picture of *Samurai's* quality.

PETULANT PETE

■ The day is never long enough for our Pete, the second grader. In addition to the huge number of things remaining to be done when bedtime rolls around, he's afraid he's going to miss some great excitement. So he hates to go to bed. (He also hates to get up come morning.) One of the things that he admires about his older brother, Mike, is that Mike can (or rather, has to) stay up late wrestling with his geometry, English and Spanish.

So it was with something other than scholarly ambition that Pete remarked the other evening: "When I grow up and get to East High School, I'm going to take all the hardest subjects there is so I can stay up all night long."

We'll see. By that time, I expect Pete will have learned what a pleasure sleep really is.

TRADE FAIR THIS SPRING

■ I hear tell that a Japan trade fair may be in the offing for Denver this spring. That ought to be good fun in view of the beautiful realization by American consumers, that not all Made in Japan items are cheap and shoddy. Japanese chinaware, fabrics, jewelry, art goods, cameras and optical items command admiration in any market; and quality, it seems to me, must be the salvation of Japan's critical export trade.

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\$24,000 RECEIVED BY MARYSVILLE FLOOD COMMITTEE

RICHMOND.—A total of \$24,023.90 has been received from donors throughout the country by the joint Marysville JACL-Buddhist flood emergency committee, it was reported here Sunday.

Frank Nakamura, chairman of the joint committee also reported at the NC-WNDC meeting that the first distribution of a portion of the fund was completed last week.

Dan Nishita, Marysville JACL president, told the district delegates that 564 Issei and Nisei were flood victims in Yuba City, Nicolaus, Tudor area and in Sutter county.

This included 107 families and 18 single men.

Nakamura said each of the 107 families received \$150 while \$10 went to the single men.

Total disbursement came to \$16,230, leaving a balance of \$7,793.90.

He explained that the rains had not stopped when the first distribution of funds started and his committee decided to hold on to a portion of the money for any future emergency.

A second distribution will be made shortly, it was reported.

Both Nishita and Nakamura expressed the thanks of the people of the flooded to all those who generously donated to the fund.

Sam Itaya made a report on the flooded Stockton area.

HERE'S NIGHT MARE THAT DIDN'T PROVE TO BE A NIGHTMARE

SEATTLE.—It was no night mare that Mrs. Mattie Wellman of 4720 Morgan St. saw looking in her window Wednesday night last week.

"There's a horse looking in my window," she told a police complaint clerk.

"A night mare?" he asked.
"Absolutely not," she replied.
"He's still there watching me telephone."

Patrolmen R. O. Jackson and H. F. Johnson were sent to look after the horse, but before they arrived, Yuki Wada, of 4818 Warsaw St., owner of the gelding, had discovered him missing from its pasture and taken him home after finding him looking through Mrs. Wellman's window.

U.S. JUDGE RULES ON LEGALITY OF JAPANESE COURTS TO TRY G.I.s

WASHINGTON.—Legality of an international agreement giving Japanese courts the right to try American GIs stationed in Japan for criminal offenses was upheld Thursday last week by U.S. District Judge Joseph C. McGarraghy.

The court decision means that four American soldiers must go on trial in a Japanese court Feb. 10 on charges of obstructing justice, assault, and assault and battery.

Judge McGarraghy turned down their plea, made through attorneys, for an injunction to halt their trial.

Tsuneo Yamaguchi, a judge in Maebashi, (see *Tokyo Topics*, PC, Jan. 27) had postponed the trial to permit the soldiers to test the validity of a jurisdictional arrangement relating to U.S. armed forces in Japan.

At the end of more than two hours of arguments, Judge McGarraghy ruled the agreement was a valid exercise of the administrative power of the U.S. government.

The United States and Japan entered into the jurisdictional arrangement Sept. 29, 1953.

It gives American military authorities exclusive jurisdiction



The final stage of the recent Marysville flood was in the distribution of monetary contributions and relief items received from all parts of the country. Here committeemen are sorting out canned goods. They are (left to right) Ben Kawata, Frank Nakamura (chmn.), Tom Kurihara, Henry Kodama, Ralph Kitagawa, Frank Okimoto. Also active on the committee but absent from the picture are the Rev. Nagatani, John Sasaki and Kazuo Nakagawa.

—Marysville JACL Photo.

No. Calif. Flood Contributions

MARYSVILLE.—The Marysville JACL acknowledged the following contributions to the emergency flood relief fund:

Jan. 21 Report
Nisei Women's Society, West View Presbyterian Church, \$10; Eddie Shinseki, S.J., \$10; Joji Ogawa, Walnut Grove, \$10; Aetna Kadoi, Marysville, \$25; Elk Grove Community (Elk Grove Citizens League), \$50; Bakersfield Buddhist Church, \$50; Palo Alto Buddhist Church, \$75.75; Northern Calif. Bukkyo Fajinkai League, \$25; Mrs. Tosa Yamada, Los Angeles, \$5.

Jan. 22 Report
Tulare Co. chapter JACL (Lindsay, Calif.), 4 boxes clothing; Oakland Synagogue Church, 7 boxes clothing, 1 box canned foods; Yolo Rikeji Koyasan Buddhist Church (West Sac'to), \$100; K. Kitabayashi, S.J., 1 box clothing; Santa Barbara Buddhist Church, \$65; Walnut Grove Japanese Town Assn., \$30; Kijiro Murata, S.J., \$20; Jirokichi Takeuchi, Rio Oso, \$20; Keiji Doizaki, Wheatland, 20 doz. eggs; G. M. Fish Market, Marysville, 1 - 28 lb. turkey, 40 lb. fish; Palace Meat Market, Marysville, 1 - 28 lb. turkey;

Jan. 24 Report
Frank Nakamura, Marysville, \$25; Toyomi Nakahara, Wheatland, \$10; Dr. Robert T. Obi, Los Angeles, \$5; Geo. Nakata, Marysville, \$10; Haruko Tatum, Los Angeles, \$3.

Jan. 25 Report
Fort Lupton YBA, c/o Tomiko Hayashi Box 5 Ft. Lupton, Colo., 5 boxes clothing; S.J. Jr. YBA, 1 box clothing & canned food; Cleveland Buddhist Church, \$71; Western Young Buddhist League, \$75; Selma YBA, \$10; San Mateo Sunday School, \$10; Fowler YBA, \$10; Mitsuru Hamamoto, S.J.J., \$2; Kichiji Tamoto, S.J., \$15; Rev. K. Nagatani, Marysville, \$25; Toyoko Hoshiko, Fresno, \$15.

Jan. 26 Report
Boyd & Teresa Townsend, Nubieber,

Calif., 28 boxes clothing; Mrs. Masako Sasaki Marysville, \$20; Seicho no Iye, Sac'to, \$25; Puella Society, Sac'to, \$83.38; Ben Furukawa, Sac'to, 1 box clothing; Fowler Buddhist Hubo-no-Kai, \$20; Seattle Buddhist Church, \$34; Fowler Buddhist Friendship Society, \$10; Oakland Buddhist Church, \$115; Kawai Taiyo, S.F., \$15; Seichi Miyastka, Yuba City, \$25; Japanese Merchants of Marysville, (Merchants, instead of giving oimaito to individual customers, they contributed to the Yuba City Flood Relief Fund), \$250.

Jan. 27 Report
Sakato Bros., Clarksburg, 22 sacks onion, 2 carton fresh onion and \$50; Japanese People of Winters & Esparto, \$75; Japanese Hotel Assn. S.F., \$15; Anonymous, Los Angeles, \$5; Ojima Bros., Woodland, \$25; Frank Yamakoshi, Reedley, 1 box clothing; H. S. Kawamoto, Colo., 1 box clothing; Yakima Buddhist Church, Yakima, Wash., 3 boxes clothing; Rev. B. Fujimura, Salinas, \$10, Holland Do-Shi-Kai, \$50.

Jan. 28 Report
S.J. Nisei Memorial Post No. 9970 VFW, \$50; Haruta Itano & Eichi Shibusawa, Modesto, \$10; Matias Sanchez, Wheatland, \$10; Hatsunobu Nakao, Thornton, \$20; Heitaro Fuchigami, S.J., \$10; Hanford Harlow Memorial Presbyterian Church, \$30; Northern Calif. Church Federation, Berkeley, Free Methodist Church, Issei Division, \$52.20; Northern Calif. Church Federation, Berkeley Free Methodist Church, Nisei Division, \$43.40; Yuba Market, Marysville, \$50.

Jan. 29 Report
Fred Sakamoto, Gridley, \$5; West Tenth Methodist Church, Oakland, \$240.45; S.J. Japanese Methodist Church, \$5; Tacoma Japanese Methodist Church, \$37; Berkeley Methodist United Church, \$89.36; Sac'to Community, 26 boxes clothing, 1 box canned food; Stockton JACL, \$25; Mrs. Tani Yokohari, Yuba City, \$25.

Correction for Jan. 13
Fred Nitta, \$30, should have been read as Watsonville Buddhist Church, \$30.



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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Celestial Cookery

Denver

■ When we were growing up in Los Angeles—a long, long time ago—"going out to eat" with the family usually meant "China-meshi". Dinner in a Chinese restaurant usually was a festive occasion for most Japanese American families, and most Nisei have grown up with a taste for Celestial cookery. We'd guess we are

no exception.

The Nisei taste, in general, is for the kind of Chinese cuisine served on the west coast, which mostly is Cantonese in origin with American adaptations. In Hawaii, it's Cantonese with some exotic Polynesian additions. Legend says that chop suey and chow mein, the two dishes which represent standard Chinese fare for most Americans, were conceived in San Francisco by an Irish cook. Whatever their genesis, as far as we know, you can't get a plate of chow mein in China.

These best Chinese cooking in the United States is served in the multitude of restaurants around Grant Avenue in San Francisco, where it's both good and inexpensive, and in an assortment of places in Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle and other Pacific coastal cities. When the mass evacuation of 1942 sent the west coast Nisei eastward beyond the Sierras and the Cascades, one of their complaints was the lack of good Chinese food in their cities of wartime resettlement. There is a plenitude of Chinese cafes across America, nearly any town of any size has one, but most of these places stick to the chow mein-chop suey-egg foo young routine. As the proprietor of a Chinese cafe in Iowa told us, "That's all the customers ask for."

Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. are exceptions, but the bill of fare is pretty bleak elsewhere. The reason, mainly, is a lack of demand and a lack of ingredients. New York, which literally has hundreds of Chinese restaurants, is served by a truck farm on Long Island where Asian vegetables are grown. The changing political situation also affects the quality of the Sino-American cuisine. With the Communists in control of the Chinese mainland, items like black mushrooms and water chestnuts are not as easily come by as in former years, though supplies are still funneled in through Hong Kong.

CHINA-MESHI IN VARIOUS CITIES

■ In two decades and more of newspaper work, we've had Chinese meals in some likely, as well as some unlikely places. One of the best was in Yokohama with shark fin's soup, and a dinner in Honolulu with bird nest's soup. In Mukden we once were offered a 1,000-year old egg, or so the menu said. In Mexico City one night three years ago we walked 20 blocks looking for a Chinese restaurant. When we found it, Cafe China turned out to be more of a neighborhood tavern filled with off-duty policemen, and its bill of fare was mostly Mexican. We've had a pretty good Chinese dinner at a shopping-center restaurant in Levittown on Long Island and a terrible one in a city in South Dakota.

The American palate has developed an appetite for Chinese cooking, and Chinese dishes are available in various forms. An insipid chow mein is available at the lunch counter of the corner drug store. Chop suey and chow mein are canned by various firms, though mostly they come out of the can looking like so much goo and taste worse. Sweet and sour pork and fried rice are in the supermarket frozen food cabinets. Most Americans, unhappily, haven't tasted real Chinese cooking.

1000-YEAR-OLD EGGS

■ Two dishes that have intrigued us were the 1,000-year-old egg and the bird's nest soup, having been told varying stories of their origin. The other day we saw a dispatch in the *New York Times* which claimed the 1,000-year-old eggs actually are turned out these days in three weeks. Here is how they are aged and made to smell like something from 956 A.D. The eggs are first dipped in a bucket of lime. Then they are coated with mud—not any old mud, but baked mud. Three weeks in the mud mold ages them to their putrid delicacy. Through chemical reaction the eggs have become hard-boiled.

Bird's nest soup is just what the man said. They're made of swallow's nests found on south Pacific islands. It's said they derive their delicacy from the saliva the swallows add to the fabrication of their nests. We've heard another story, though, that the nests are those of coastal birds who build their nests on seaside cliffs. These birds use a special seaweed for their building material and this, according to one version, imparts the delicious flavor to the brew. Whatever its origin, bird's nest soup is hardly for us common folk, being priced at something like \$5 a bowl.

OUR PERSONAL FAVORITES

■ Medieval eggs and bird buildings aside, we'd just as soon have such plebian favorites as seaweed soup, sweet and sour spare ribs, pork with bean cakes, Chinese greens and beef and won ton. If it's to be an occasion, there's abalone in oyster sauce, lobster or crab in curry sauce, barbecued squid, pressed duck and a whole chicken stuffed with water lily seeds.

And then there's always egg foo young. We don't know whether it's really a Chinese dish but we like it and tried to order it one day long ago in a restaurant in northern China. It wasn't on the menu—but then Chinese American cooking is mostly Cantonese. We described it to the waiter, figuratively breaking each egg into a bowl and frying the patties. He went back to the kitchen with the order and emerged, all smiles, ten minutes later with a stack of scrambled eggs six inches high!

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words he was taking it easy since last summer.

Always conscious of his responsibilities as first national JACL vice-president, he remained at the fore whenever it came to JACL and yet was apologetic that he could not take more active part.

Tom had the foresight to see that the work of JACL required many willing hands through his own tireless example. He encouraged and inspired other to shoulder responsibilities, thereby adding to the strength of our national organization and to the stature of those whose responded to the fact.

We Will Miss Him

Los Angeles

"I have bad news for you, Sab," said Tats Kushida of the regional office over the phone. I thought he was kidding; but when he gave me the sad report about the passing of Tom Yego, I knew he was serious.

I met Tom for the first time when he attended the conference in San Francisco held in April of 1929. He had come as a representative of the Placer County Nisei to the meeting which had been called to organize a nation-wide young people's organization. The result was the launching of the JACL. We promised to drive up to Seattle, for the first convention the following year.

When the time to go to the Pacific Northwest came, those of us from San Francisco agreed to meet him in Sacramento. From that point on, we drove up on his car. The five of us from the San Francisco chapter had a total of only \$75 for expenses which had been raised through a benefit dance. Without Tom's furnishing of his car all of us could not have made the trip, which still lingers as one of the pleasant memories of my association with the JACL.

Ever since, Tom has been a staunch JACL supporter. During the war years after he left Tule

That our Placer County chapter today is consistently outstanding year after year in scope of community participation and richness of program is a tribute to his leadership, for the ultimate test of good leadership is whether it can reproduce itself and the work to which it has dedicated itself even though the original leadership has withdrawn.

We shall miss his invaluable counsel and experience at both the district council and national levels. For though extremely active at the local level, he was very conscious of the larger picture of "security through unity" not only within our own group but among all Americans.

—MASAO W. SATOW
Nat'l JACL Director

Lake, he was up in the hinterlands of Idaho. I remember making the trip to visit him. He was raising potatoes and onions instead of fruits. All through the years of our exile, he came to Salt Lake City or wherever the JACL meetings were being held.

The evacuation days saw Tom display his leadership. He was a dependable and sincere leader who had the respect of his fellow workers. His community service helped the people of his region during the darkest hours.

During pre-war days, Tom rose to become a leader among the Nisei farmers of California. He was the elected first president of the Nisei Farmers Federation which held a state-wide conference in Los Angeles in 1940.

Every year about Christmas time since his return to Placer County, he used to send us persimmons, fresh or dried. We began to look forward to his remembrances. Even when we failed to thank him, he continued to keep us on his list.

Last summer, when my son wanted to experience work on a fruit ranch, I turned to Tom for help. He found jobs for two young city lads during the whole summer.

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Nisei Leadership at Its Best

Washington

We will miss Tom Yego as we will few Nisei, for he personified Nisei leadership at its best. So though accepted by his fellow American of non-Japanese ancestry as few Nisei ever have been, he was among those who recognized the value and need for an organization like the JACL.

One of the first Nisei to take an active part in county and state politics and one of the few Nisei to be accepted as a community leader long before World War II, he nevertheless devoted more than 30 years to the JACL on all levels—local chapter, district council and national.

Much credit for the outstanding record of the Placer County chap-

ter over the past quarter century must go to him. And he was among those who organized and made the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, the largest and among the most cooperative of all in the national organization.

Recognition of his tremendous contributions to his community and nation, as well as to persons of Japanese ancestry, came in 1954 when he was awarded the Distinguished Community Leadership medallion at the National JACL Convention in Los Angeles. His inspiration and his counsel and his example by doing will be missed by all of us who knew and admired the very human person who was Tom Yego. —MIKE MASAOKA

Dedicated, Loyal Leader

San Francisco

JACL has lost one of its most loyal and hard-working leaders in the passing of Tom Yego. During the past 25 years, there was hardly a meeting of the Northern California chapters or National JACL convention or important conference that did not find Tom present to offer his advice and assistance.

Those of us who had the pleas-

ure and honor of working with him will feel greatly the loss of his counsel and guidance.

The steady growth of the JACL which he helped to organize and the recognized position it has attained is due to efforts of its dedicated leaders among whom Tom Yego was one of the most active and loyal.

—YASUO ABIKO,
NC-WNDC Chairman

Envisioned Need of JACL

Penryn

Untimely and certainly most unexpected death of Tom Yego early Wednesday morning (Feb. 8) was a great shock to his many friends in Placer County. We mourn the loss of truly one of the great Nisei leaders of our time who dedicated his life to the betterment of the Japanese people.

Tom was one of those few foresighted Nisei who early in life envisioned the need of an organization like the Japanese American Citizens League. Through his efforts Placer County JACL was organized way back in 1928, and he has served as its first president. Since then he has worked hard to help

build our chapter into an organization that has earned the respect of the people of Placer County.

Without his faithful concern of our needs, our chapter would not have grown from 14 charter members to nearly 400 members this year. His sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow Nisei and his strong sense of responsibility as a citizen will not be forgotten. We have lost a great champion of Nisei rights in the passing of Tom Yego.

Our heartfelt sympathies go to his family in their hour of great sorrow.

—GEORGE ITOW,
Placer County JACL President

Yego dies—

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again in 1954 when the group became the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council. He resigned this post when he was elevated to national JACL first vice-presidency. In 1953 Yego was awarded the JACL sapphire pin in recognition of his long outstanding service.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Masako Yego, 42, son Thomas, Jr., 24, daughters Florence Miyuki, 21, Elaine Tsugiyu, 16, Lucille Haruye, 11, and mother Mrs. Kisayo Yego, 68. Also surviving are his brothers Masayuki Hike, 46, Tadashi, 37, and sisters Mrs. Masuye Noda, 41, of Newcastle and Mrs. Kimiyu Ishisaka, 32, of Sacramento.

Wake services will be held Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., and funeral services will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m., both services at Placer Buddhist Church at Penryn. Interment will follow at the Amity plot at New-castle cemetery.

Calif. Nisei VFW units to convene

SAN JOSE.—The sixth annual Nisei VFW convention will be held here Feb. 25-26 with the local Nisei Memorial Post 9970 acting as hosts. A record turnout of veterans and their families is expected at the Hotel Sainte Claire in downtown San Jose, site of the all-California gathering.

Mike Sakamoto, general chairman, said complete convention information has been sent to Nisei posts throughout the state. Tak Higuchi, 771 N. 6th St., is handling advance registrations.

DORM MOTHER HONORED BY NOTED COLUMNIST

SALT LAKE CITY.—Mrs. Gladys Takasaki, "mother" of the girls' dorm at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, was given a pat on the back in Dan Valentine's column, "Nothing Serious", in the *Salt Lake Tribune* recently.

(The column is a daily feature highlighting the lighter side of the day with emphasis on local events and personalities.)

Mrs. Takasaki was described by the coeds as "mother to 27 of us for nine months of the year and she puts up with a lot from us—pillow fights and broken windows".

"And she listens to our troubles, and gives us good advice, and she manages to keep things in order—which is not too easy with 27 girls—and she's just an all-around wonderful person, and we'd like her to have some credit."

Immigrants—

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country. The President's major proposals relating to increase in quota numbers and pooling unused quotas are not applicable to Japan because of allocating methods which virtually exclude Japan from their benefits.

Though increase of 65,000 was recommended, this number would be distributed according to actual immigration from countries since the quota system was established in 1924. Since Japanese immigration was barred from 1924-1952, the practical effect is no increase in Japan's already small annual quota of 185.

Pooling of unused quotas is to be done on a regional basis—Europe, Africa, Asia and Pacific Ocean areas—with countries within areas authorized use of unused quotas of countries only in their own designated areas. Since Asian quotas are generally oversubscribed, Japan would not benefit under the proposed formula for the large unused British quota, for example, would be made available only to European countries like Italy and Greece.

Medical student

LONG BEACH.—Miss Naomi Nakashima has been accepted to study at the Univ. of California Medical School at Berkeley this fall.

PERSPECTIVELY YOURS: by Jerry Enomoto

Behind the Scenes

San Francisco
Now that my auspicious debut as a writer is history, if any of you are still around, I shall again take pen in hand and tell you some more about "CHANGING PERSPECTIVE".

Characteristic of the success of any project, large or small, is the number of good, reliable, and enthusiastic people who make the wheels spin. The 14th Biennial National Convention is no exception. By this criterion your writer can't see how we can miss. San Francisco has always had its share of strong JACLers, and many pioneers as well as "freshmen" have appeared to spark the planning of the 1956 parley.

Our good doctor Hedani (Tok to his friends) will again play a leading role as Convention treasurer. Many of you will remember the successful 1952 confab, Tok so capably directed as chairman. We shall rely heavily upon his experience and guidance.

Jackson Hirose, for several years an active leader on our chapter board, will be our finance chairman. Jack and his charming wife, Kiyo, were recently blessed with a bouncing baby boy, and his willingness to give us his time when he is still enjoying the novelties of fatherhood, is much appreciated. Jack's a CPA and you can bet that the Convention finances will be in good hands.

Continuing the lineup of talent, we come to a personable and attractive bundle of energy, without whose abilities the San Francisco Chapter would have been hard pressed to maintain an effective program during the past biennium. I speak of pert Sumi Honnami, who has accepted the herculean task of registration chairman. This is the gal who, as membership veep, directed a campaign which netted the Chapter its largest membership in history, and third largest in the nation for 1955. She will be asking for your cooperation very soon via pre-registration mailings, so this is an advance plug. Please give her a hand by sending in pre-registrations early, and try to hustle a lot of "package deals", they're a bargain at \$20.

PLAGIARISM

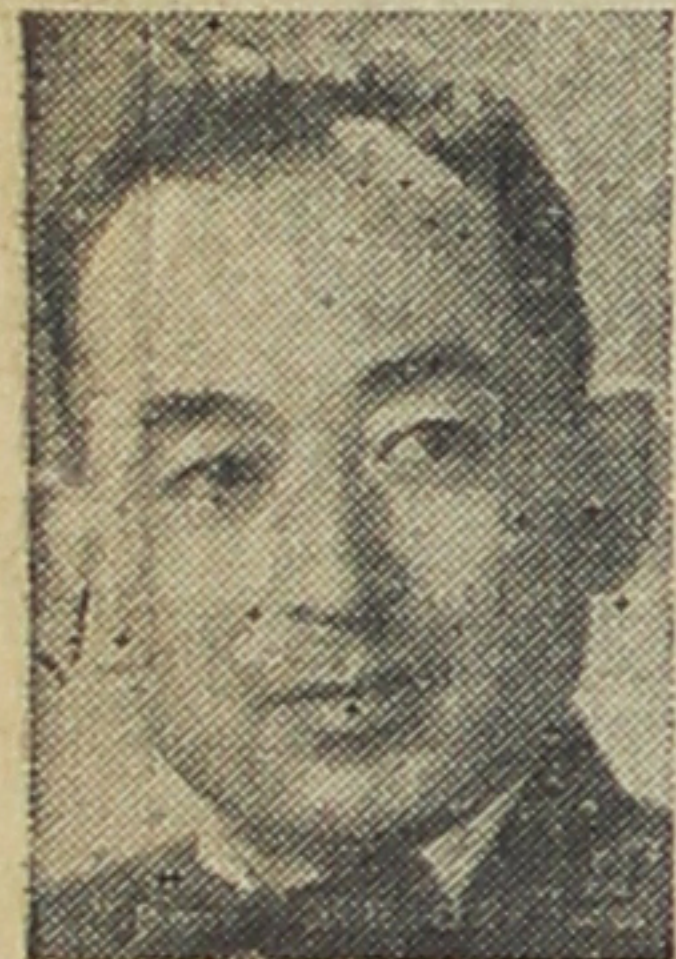
If any of you have been intrigued by that catchy title, "PERSPECTIVELY YOURS", you will be disappointed to learn that these inspirational words were not hatched by the writer. The author is George Kaz Sakai, who is chairman of the all important Official Events Committee. The same originality and imagination which concocted this title will go into the overall direction of the Convention opening ceremonies, luncheon, and banquet. These events under Kaz's wing will be chaired by Fred Hoshiyama, Alice Shigezumi, and Hisashi Tani, respectively. More about these personalities next time.

DISTRICT COUNCIL CONFABS

Last weekend yours truly was among the S.F. delegation attending the 1st Quarterly meeting of the NCWN District Council, and no chances were missed to acquaint everyone with "CHANGING PERSPECTIVE".

This weekend, at the kind invitation of the PSW District Council, this writer will attend the Chapter Clinic at the Green Hotel in Pasadena. This column hopes to make new friends and spread the Convention doctrine down there, too.

CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada



Young Citizen

Chicago

Helen Hikido, 843 W. Wellington Ave., 18-year-old honor student and mid-term graduate at Lake View High School, holder of the title "Outstanding Young Citizen of the Month" for January, said:

"Bad habits formed in grammar school years are hard to correct in high school. The 7th and 8th graders who lose interest in school are the future high school drop-outs.

"Home and environment are important. Children in bad neighborhoods have to toughen themselves for defense against hoodlums.

"We've had no major trouble at Lake View. It is smaller than some city schools, about 2,500 students. Better relationships develop in smaller schools. People get to know each other better.

"The Parent-Teacher Assn. has worked hard to help instructors and students form new activities to interest all students. The teachers give their own time."

Helen is listed in the 1955 edition of "Who's Who Among Student Leaders of America," and is active in the Lakeside Japanese Christian Church. She said: "Religion helps boys and girls even when they've lost respect for all other authority. I am shocked when I see that some parents send their children to Sunday school or church but don't go themselves."

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL OFFICIALS

During the Jan. 29 worship, the Rev. George Aki installed new officers of the Christ Congregational Church: Martha Oye, church clerk; Shinro Matsumoto, treas.; Chester Kaneyuki, special treas.; June Kushino, del.; Cherie Nakayama, Kimi Muroasaki, Helen Kitabayashi, Hideo Tokumasu, Noburo Kurita, Jack Okawara, additional deacons and deaconesses; Dr. Joe Nakayama, Masaji Morita, Frank Kunitomi, additional trustees.

New committee chairmen and members include George Takaki, Otto Ikeda, Henry Ishizuka, auditing; Victor Shintani, Dorothy Ito, Henry Fukui, Hank Suzuki, Betty Ezaki, nominations; Jean Sasaki, Jeanne Kushino, Gayle Teraoka, library; Sessue Shintani, Tom Oye, Ikue Itami, Corky Kuromiya, relig. educ. advisory bd.; Teruo Nagai, Every Member Canvass; Henry Fukui, bldg. maint.; George Nakamura, worship; John Takemoto, memb.; Frances Sugai, Church School supt.; Harvey Aki, refugee; Tom Oye, pub. rel.; Shig Matsumoto, soc.; Don Ikeda, music; Kiyo Ikenaga, Passage editor; Mike Kaneko, pub. mgr.; Tosh Hirabayashi, moderator.

John Y. Yoshino, 1000er and director of the American Friends Service Committee job opportunities program, was guest speaker at the January meeting of the Milwaukee Commission on Human Rights. He spoke of his work in Chicago. Corneff Taylor, commission executive secretary, invited Yoshino.

Dr. Theodore Yenari, New Orleans (La.) optometrist, recently visited Dr. Newton Wesley here. Yenari is a former Chicagoan and active in Nisei veteran circles.

SAN FRANCISCO SHOOTS FOR 1,000 MEMBERS THIS YEAR; 8 TEAMS SOLICIT

BY YO HIRONAKA

SAN FRANCISCO. — The 1956 membership goal for San Francisco JACL has been pegged at

1956 Cabinets

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Arkansas Valley CL installs 1956 cabinet members

ROCKY FORD, Colo. — George Ushiyama and his cabinet were installed into office Jan. 16 by Masao Satow, national JACL director, at the annual dinner held at the Rocky Ford Christian Church.

Some 200 were present to witness presentation of printed Pledges of Allegiance and a flag from the chapter to nearly 100 Issei citizens. The Rev. Eizo Sakamoto, who was number one to become a citizen, was especially cited for his work in schooling the Issei.

Harry Shironaka read the JACL creed and Sue Kusuno and Mrs. George Nakayama sang the JACL Hym. James Roebertson sang "America the Beautiful". Mrs. Robertson was accompanist.

According to Ushiyama, almost all the Issei residents of the valley have been naturalized. Ninety-seven have been made citizens since 1952 when the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act became effective permitting their naturalization.

The buffet dinner of Japanese and American dishes and gay decorations with "cherry blossoms" of popcorn were supervised by Mmes. George Ushiyama, George Nakayama, Matsuyo Sumida and Ted Maruyama.

San Francisco Auxiliary to meet

BY RYO ICHIKAWA

SAN FRANCISCO. — Draft of a constitution and tentative calendar of activities were made by the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary executive board meeting presided by Miss Viola Nakano.

These will be presented for approval at the first general Auxiliary meeting Feb. 15 at the Booker T. Washington Center, Sutter and Presidio sts., 7:30 p.m. Public is invited.

Due to the National Convention being held in San Francisco this year, Miss Nakano stated that the annual Women's Auxiliary fashion show will be on a larger scale during the convention and more elaborate in design from all previous years.

Other activities for the year include a talk on furs, dance, rummage sale, luncheon, demonstration in Chinese cooking, visit to Laguna Honda Home and an outing. Further suggestions may be submitted for discussion at the general meeting.

A get acquainted hour is being arranged by Miss Mary Hamamoto assisted by her committee of Mrs. Hats Aizawa, games; Mrs. Yori Wada, refreshments.

1,000, according to Thelma Take-da, membership chairman, who also announced that the current campaign by eight solicitation teams will end Feb. 24.

Much planning and conscientious preparing preceded the launching of the membership campaign last week. Sawaye Fukumori was named assistant drive chairman. Team captains and members are:

Captain Miyuki Aoyama—Lucy Adachi, Mary Hamamoto, Tess Hideshima, Fred Hoshiyama, Tom Hoshiyama, Vi Nakano, Sumi Utsumi, Daisy Uyeda.

Captain Sachiko Kawaoka—Noboru Hideshima, Yaye Iwasa, Joanne Kataoka, Josephine Matsuda, June Uyeda, Daisy Yamane.

Captain George Miyamoto—Stella Horita, Rosie Horita, Kaneo Miyoshi, Jerry Mizuri, Frank Morohoshi, Wayne Osaki, Arthur Tomita, Robert Toyama. Captain Yone Satoda—Hatsuro Aizawa, Jack Hirose, Mickey Inouye, Fred Obayashi, Sam Sato, Hisashi Tani. Captain Yo Hironaka—Kathy Asano, Louise Endo, Dr. Tok Hedani, Dr. Wilfred Hiura, William Hoshiyama, Mike Inouye, Marshall Sumida.

Captain Jack Kusaba—Hana Abe, Fumi Azuma, Sumako Fukumori, Florence Higa, Dr. Robert Kiyasu, Bessie Sonoda, Suzy Tada, Emi Yokogawa.

Captain Dick Nishi—Joyce Enomoto, Sumi Honnami, Ryoko Ichikawa, Miye Magota, Wallace Nunotani, Ben Okada, Alice Shigezumi.

Captain Margie Shigezumi—Kuni Koga, Janice Muramoto, Masako Nakamura, Kathy Reyes, Virginia Sato, Misa Sumida, Tomi Yasueda.

Yukio Kumamoto, Ichiro Sugiyama and Dr. Hedani will assist in specialized areas of membership: Issei, credit union and 1000 Club, respectively.

Team and individual credits will be determined at the end of the drive on the basis of a point system. Recognition awards will be made to the winning team and individual attaining the greatest number of points.

(The Mile-Hi chapter has announced a 1956 membership goal of 1,000 in recent weeks, while the Chicago chapter set a new high of 1,500. The Southwest Los Angeles JACL is expected to announce its plan for a 1,000 members shortly. —Editor.)

ALVIN SENO PRESIDENT OF FLORIN CHAPTER

FLORIN. — Alvin Seno, a graduate of the Univ. of California college of agriculture at Davis and member of the Florin Japanese Methodist church board of directors, was named president of the Florin JACL at an election meeting held at the citizens league office here recently.

The new officers will be installed Friday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Buckboard on Stockton Blvd. here. Mas Satow, national JACL director, will be the inducting officer.

Special guests at the event will be Rev. and Mrs. Sadao Masuko of Florin Methodist church, Rev. and Mrs. Takujo Suginari of the Florin Buddhist church and Rev. and Mrs. Roy Ishihara of Mayhew Baptist church.

Serving on the installation dinner committee are Paul Ito (1955 president), Woodrow Ishikawa, Judy Gotan, Kae Nakamura, Al Tsukamoto and Oscar Inouye.

Dancing class opens

SAN JOSE. — Social dancing classes are being sponsored by the San Jose JACL on Wednesday at Onishi hall from 7:30 p.m., chapter officials announced.

John Hotta and Sam Okazaki are instructing the course open to the public.

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'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — New memberships and renewals in the JACL 1000 Club received at National Headquarters during the month of January, 1956, are as follows:

LIFE MEMBER
Livingston-Merced—Buddy Iwata.

EIGHTH YEAR
Gardena Valley—Joe Kobata.

Washington, D.C.—Mike Masaoka, Sequoia—Masao Oku, Alameda—Sim Togasaki.

SEVENTH YEAR
New York—Thomas T. Hayashi.

SIXTH YEAR
Chicago—Harvey N. Aki.

Reedley—Toru Ikeda.

Washington, D.C.—Mrs. Etsu Masaoka, Philadelphia—Jack K. Ozawa.

Livingston-Merced—Frank Suzuki.

FIFTH YEAR
Philadelphia—William M. Marutani, Dr. H. Tom Tamaki.

FOURTH YEAR
Reedley—Mrs. Michi Ikeda.

Spokane—Mark M. Kondo.

Philadelphia—Takashi Moriuchi.

Denver—Mrs. Mary T. Sakata.

Salt Lake City—Kay Terashima.

THIRD YEAR
Philadelphia—S. Sim Endo, Dr. Mitsuo Hirata.

Oakland—Katsumi Fujii.

Seattle—Dr. Susumu Fukuda.

Mt. Olympus—James M. Hirabayashi.

Twin Cities—Thomas T. Kanno.

Pocatello—Akira I. Kawamura.

Chicago—Mike M. Kudo.

Portland—Dr. Matthew M. Masuoka.

Ft. Lupton—Lee Murata.

San Francisco—Viola Nakano.

Richmond—El-Cerrito—Yuhel Oshima.

Denver—Frank Torizawa.

SECOND YEAR
Livingston-Merced—Eric Andow, Euchi Kajiura, Norman Kishi, William S. Koda, Samuel Y. Maeda, Kazuo Masuda, Kenji Minabe, Tetsu Morimoto, Tom Nakashima, Robert Ohki, Roy Okahara, Frank Shoji, George Yagi, Lester K. Yoshida.

Ft. Lupton—Harry Ida, Floyd Koshio, Jack Tshura.

Washington, D.C.—Mrs. Elizabeth Murata.

Denver—John T. Noguchi.

East Los Angeles—Cy Yuguchi.

FIRST YEAR
Marysville—Mrs. Shizue N. Baker.

Ft. Lupton—Hirokichi Funakoshi, Jackie Hisamoto, George Komishi, Sam Koshio, Taneji Koshio, George Masunaga, Tom Sugihara, Dr. George Uyemura, Mrs. Margie Uyemura, Frank Yamaguchi, Frank Yokooji.

Chicago—Moses Hagiya.

Sonoma County—Iwazo Hamamoto.

Livingston-Merced—Fred M. Hashimoto, Henry K. Kashiwase, Hatsuko Miyake, Sam Okuye, Taro Tani, William B. Yoshino.

Selma—Yoshio Kajitani.

Denver—J. Zensuke Kanegaye.

Downtown L.A.—David Monji.

San Francisco—Shotaro Yasuda.

If it's time to renew your 1000 Club membership this month, remit directly to National JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

Venice-Culver CL plan chomp-stomp fest Feb. 25

VENICE. — It'll be chomp and stomp. at the V Bar C roundup Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Venice Gakuen, 12448 Braddock Dr., the occasion being the annual potluck-square dance party of the Venice-Culver chapter.

Ken Keeley, who has called at many local Nisei functions, will lead in the square-dancing. Steve Nakaji and Miyo Nishi, vice-presidents, are in charge while Betty Yumori heads the food committee. George Isoda, George Mikawa and Frank Hayashida handle the decorations and music.

Gingham and jeans are advised.

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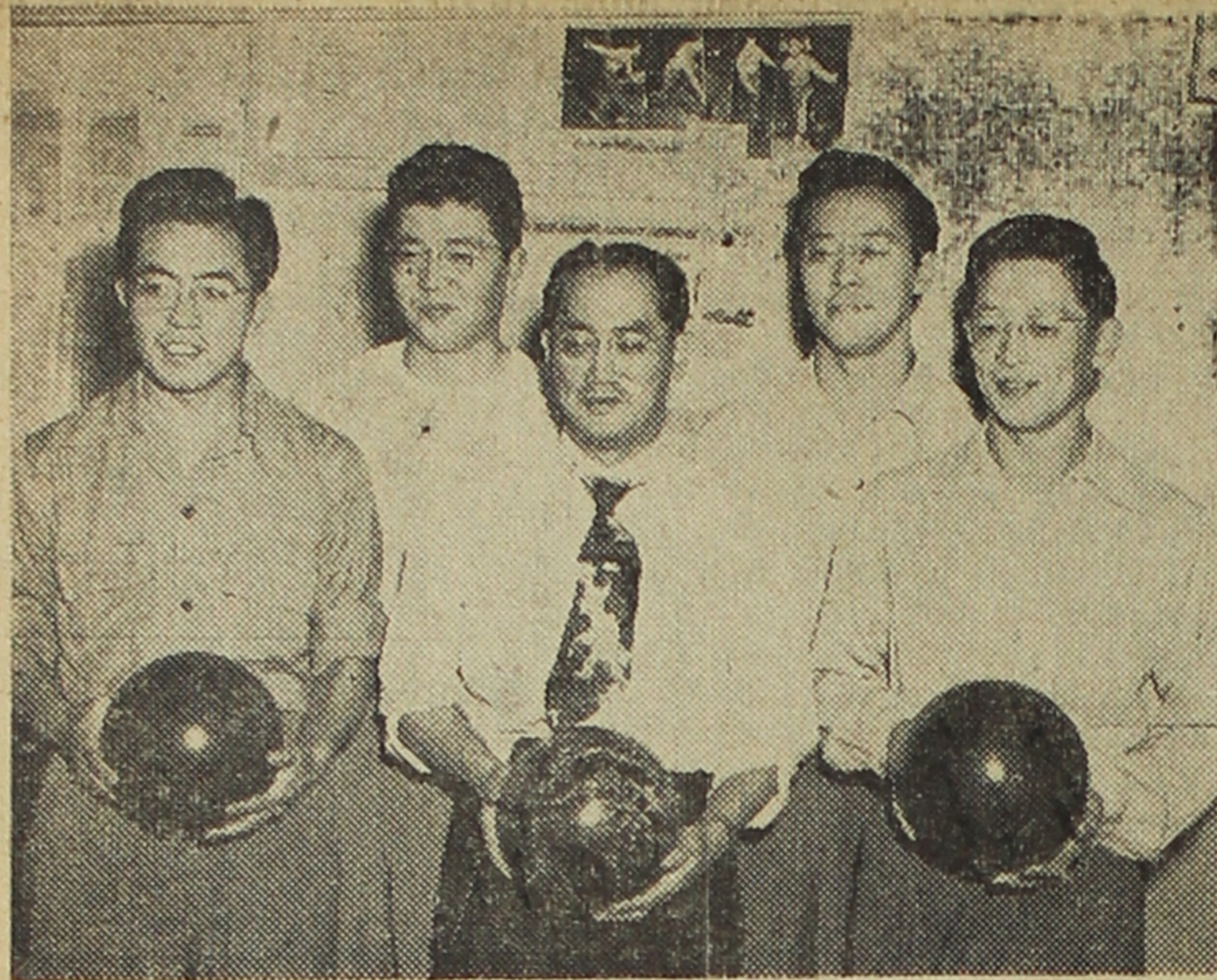
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This squad of Nisei bowlers (left to right), Herb Furuta, Floyd Yamamoto, "Mud" Tsujikawa and Tak Shibuya, became national figures bowling for the Boeing Clippers back in 1949. How they became such is told in "The Northwest Picture" column today.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



Bowling Lore

Seattle

● Fred Takagi is owner-manager of the Main Bowl (12 ABC sanctioned alleys) besides being a 1000 clubber and National JACL bowling advisory board member. When questioned about Mas Satow's comments in his P.C. column of Jan. 27, about things looking good for Seattle getting the 1958 JACL Bowling Tournament. Fred

quietly nods in assent, and admits that things do indeed look good for Seattle.

Seattle is a natural for the big tournament. This town is rich in bowling lore. It was the launching site of the big offensive against the American Bowling Congress "White Males Only" clause in its constitution as it concerned league play.

Prior to September, 1949, there had been sporadic comments in the press concerning the injustice and absurdities of discrimination shown by the American Bowling Congress. One such comment concerned a Chicago Nisei team and it appeared in *Scene Magazine*. (The national JACL bowling tournaments, held annually since 1947, were originally conducted to break down the all-white-male only clause in the ABC as well as provide competition among those ineligible for ABC tournaments.—Editor.)

BOEING CLIPPERS OF 1949

■ But the big blow off came when the case of the "Boeing Clippers" was aired by Royal Brougham, sports editor of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. Jack Bunsey, president of the Boeing Airplane Co. Bowling League was notified by the American Bowling Congress that the "Clippers" would be ineligible to compete in ABC-sanctioned tournaments on account of the "Whites only" clause. The P-I carried a front page story with picture of the Nisei Clippers and asked "How Come?" The story went on the wire and gained national attention.

On the following day, Sept. 28, 1949, Royal Brougham in his nationally famous sports column, "The Morning After", described the dreams of fox-hole GI's in Italy dreaming about an enjoyable evening of bowling once they got home, and said: "Tak, Tom, Floyd, Mud and Herb can fight for their country but they can't bowl in a friendly game in the same building with other Americans, and this is the enlightened year of 1949?" For the record, as R. B. said, Tak and Tom were in Italy, Floyd in the South Pacific and Mud and Herb were turned down on the physical when they volunteered.

The Nisei members of the team declined to comment on the case or make an issue of it, as it grew in national prominence.

The next day, Sept. 29, 1949, Royal Brougham quoted an ABC executive who "reached across the country" to deliver this ultimatum to the Boeing Bowling League: "You will be barred from all competition if you bowl in the same league with a certain team, even if its members are loyal Americans with brilliant war records, and regardless of the fact that your league members voted overwhelmingly to include them in your competition."

At this point, we should say that the Boeing Bowling League, 12 days earlier voted 582-26 that the "Clippers" be officially accepted as regular members of the Boeing Bowling League in defiance of bowling regulations. The Seattle Bowling Association concurred shortly thereafter.

COLOR BAR DROPPED

■ The final result of the hassle came when the ABC held its annual meet in Columbus, Ohio, in May 1950. The Seattle P-I report of May 13, 1950, said that Jack Bunsey of the Seattle Boeing League made the motion to scratch the "whites only" clause from the constitution and he was seconded by Phil Connolly, past president of the New York Bowling Association. Voting score of the 518 delegates present was not reported. But it's a matter of record, that in the short space of eight months, the matter was corrected to the evident satisfaction of all.

Perhaps the most succinct report of this part that Seattleites played in this national issue was reported in Budd Fukei's *Northwest Times Holiday Issue*, when he said,

"When the Nisei Clippers coined the Boeing Majors, last season, little did they realize that they were to play an important role in the dramatic nation-wide movement to ask the American Bowling Congress to rescind its white male only clause—which it did! The issue of whether or not the Clippers were eligible for competition in an ABC sanctioned league created quite a stir down tenpin alley. Royal Brougham, popular P-I sports scribe, turned in a grade-A job of crusading for the Clippers with his magic typewriter."

Chuman main speaker at PSWDC clinic banquet

PASADENA.—Frank F. Chuman, national JACL legal counsel since 1952, will make one of his rare appearances as main speaker in addressing delegates from 18 chapters of the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council this Sunday at the Green Hotel, it was announced by Ken Dyo, chapter clinic chairman.

His topic for the 6:30 p.m. banquet will be the "Legal Counsel Speaks". The PSWDC winds up its one-day chapter clinic with the dinner.

Richmond-El Cerrito named '55 NCWNDC chapter of year

OAKLAND. — The Richmond-El Cerrito JACL was declared the winner of the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL's annual Chapter of the Year competition.

The top choice of the committee was announced by Kenji Fujii Sunday night at the combined banquet of the first quarterly meeting of the District Council with the four East bay JACL chapters.

Presentation of the plaque previously won by Placer County, San Benito County and San Francisco chapters was made to Marvin Uratsu, chapter president during 1955 by Kenji Tashiro of Oro-si, National JACL 2nd v.p.

Fujii said Richmond-El Cerrito, one of the newest chapters in the district, had made great progress in program and activities and had given excellent cooperation in the national program of the JACL.

Runner up chapters for the award were Sonoma County and Marysville JACL.

The judging was conducted on the basis of replies to a detailed questionnaire sent to all chapters in the district last month.

Stockton JACL donates to kiddie's wonderland

STOCKTON. — One of the four new attractions at Pixie Woods, the children's wonderland in Louis Park when it reopens next month will be a Kiddies Corral donated by the Stockton JACL.

This project will be a series of horse swings.

Pixie Woods is being prepared for opening on a limited basis.

Sonoma County hits 230 membership mark, may surpass last year's total

SANTA ROSA. — With "Fire Chief" Edwin Ohki presiding at his first general meeting of the Sonoma County JACL Chapter held here recently the calendar of activities for the year was planned in rapid fire order. A large group of members was in attendance to share in planning the program of the year.

The month of February will be devoted to completing the membership drive. The latest tabulation on the drive revealed that 230 members have been signed up to date. From all indications with several areas still to be completed the total membership will surpass the 1955 figure. Upon completion of this drive the male members will have an opportunity to howl when a "Men's Nite" will be sponsored in March. Johnnie Hirooka assisted by George Hamamoto are planning for this new event.

Appealing to the younger members will be the graduation dance

Eden Township JACL installation set Feb. 18

HAYWARD. — Preparations were completed for the Eden Township JACL installation dinner-dance to be held Saturday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m., at the Blue Room of the Lake Merritt Hotel in Oakland. Sho Yoshida and his cabinet will be honored. Kenji Fujii is the retiring president.

PSWDC chapter clinic Sunday set; expect 150 to attend in Pasadena

PASADENA.—The Pacific Southwest District Council conducts its annual chapter clinic this Sunday at the Green Hotel with the local JACL chapter as hosts for the day. Upward to 150 delegates and boosters from the 18-member chapters are expected, according to Ken Dyo, clinic chairman.

Two features added to the clinic program of unusual interest are the fashion show during luncheon presented by Kow Kaneko and a mock meeting staged by Dr. Toru Iura during the afternoon session in the style of his famed Kaboo-chi troupe.

David Yokozeki, PSWDC chairman, announced the program would open at 9:30 a.m. in the Palm Room with Swish Ogura leading in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by greetings from the District Council and host chapter. Saburo Kido will present the historical background of JACL, followed by Mas Satow's report on the organizational structure, program and objectives. Frank Chuman will explain legislative

and legal aims. Dr. Roy Nishikawa will explain membership and finance.

Luncheon at 12 noon will include the fashion show moderated by Flo Wada. The afternoon chapter clinic session begins at 2:15 p.m. with Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco explaining chapter programming and mechanics.

The 4:15 p.m. meeting will include presentations by Tats Kushiida and Harry Honda on public relations and the Pacific Citizen, Frank Chuman on housing discrimination, Mas Satow and Enomoto on general problems and the 1956 national JACL convention.

Ted Tajima will be toastmaster at the dinner starting at 8:30 p.m. in the Green Room. Chapter of the year awards will be announced by Tut Yata, committee chairman.

Package registration of \$5 will cover luncheon and dinner. Each person attending the clinic must register at 50c and will receive a clinic packet, more elaborate than in previous years.

150 delegates attend first NC-WNDC quarterly meeting at Richmond auditorium

RICHMOND.—Some 150 delegates gathered at the beautiful new Richmond Civic Auditorium Sunday for the first quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council meeting.

All 25-member chapters were represented and it was one of the best-attended business sessions in several years.

The delegates heard a number of reports on JACL activities including reports on the Yuba City flood emergency by Dan Nishita, Marysville JACL president, and Frank Nakamura, chairman of the Marysville joint relief committee, and on alien land law legislation by Kay Kamimoto, NC-WNDC vice-chairman.

A report on the refugee relief program was given by Seiichi Mikami of Fresno who has made several trips to Japan to expedite the clearance of Japanese applying for entry into this country under this program.

Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco, general chairman for the coming National JACL convention over the Labor Day weekend at the Sheraton-Palace hotel, outlined the tentative program.

All chapters in the district were also asked to select their candi-

dates for a convention queen contest.

Kaye Uyeda, chairman for this contest, said that the final selection will be made at the August district meeting.

Yasuo Abiko, chairman of the district council, presided over the business session.

A crowd of 350 persons were at the dinner which followed at Sands ballroom in Oakland.

This affair was held jointly with the installation banquet of the four East bay chapters.

Tom Yego of Penryn, National JACL first vice-president, (who suddenly died of heart attack last Wednesday morning) installed the 1956 cabinets headed by George Ushijima, Alameda; Paul Yamamoto, Berkeley; James Tsurumoto, Oakland, and Sei Kami of Richmond-El Cerrito.

Yego also presented pearl-studded past president pins to John Towata (1946) and Yas Koike of Alameda, Ben Fukutome of Berkeley, Paul Nomura of Oakland and Marvin Uratsu of Richmond-El Cerrito.

A special presentation of a sapphire pin was made to Haruo Imura of Alameda for his long and active service in JACL.

Masao Satow, National JACL executive director, was the main banquet speaker. He reviewed the accomplishments of the JACL and the change in the status of the Issei and Nisei in the past decade.

However, he warned that the work of JACL and its membership must be carried on to maintain and improve it still further in the future.

Tad Hirota of Berkeley was the toastmaster for the banquet.

During the entertainment period Kathy Osaki, Sacramento dancer, and vocalist Misa Asakawa of Fresno, now both San Francisco residents, were well received.

Mayor Clifford Rishell of Oakland, Assemblyman S. C. Master-son of Richmond, Assemblyman Byron Rumford of Berkeley and a number of other civic dignitaries attended the dinner.

YUGO NAYEMATSU HEADS MONTANA JACL FOR 1956

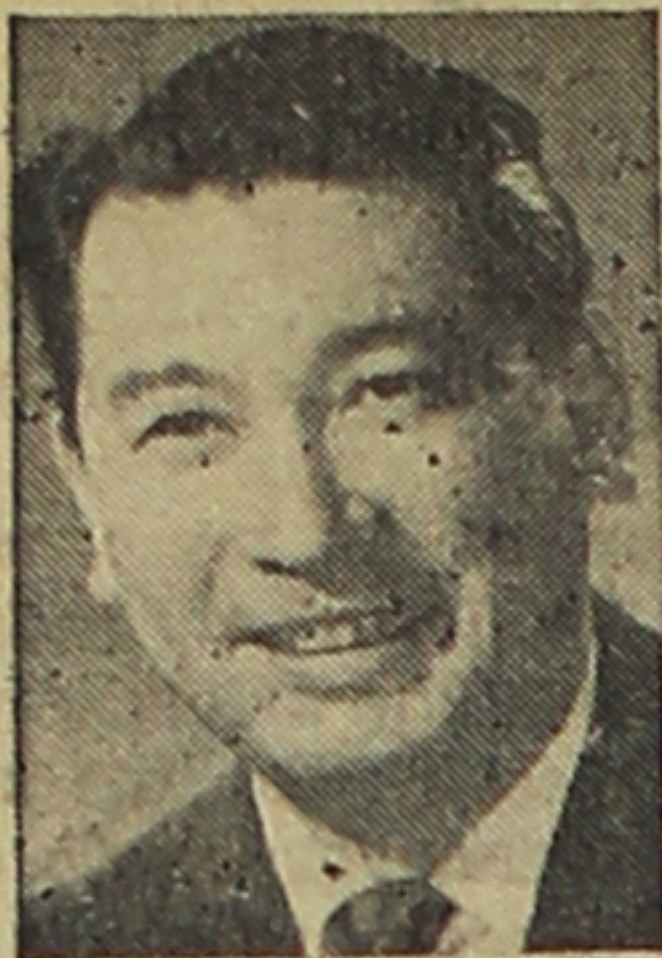
HARDIN, Mont.—Yugo Nayematsu of this city was elected 1956 president of the Montana JACL, which is planning to hold its installation of new officers Feb. 24 at the Shangri-La Club in Billings.

National JACL Director Mas Satow will be present to install the new officers, it was added.

March of Dimes benefits

DENVER. — The Mile-Hi JACL "March of Dimes" benefit last Saturday raised \$35, according to Kent Yoritomo, chairman. Over 30 were present at the home of John and Ruby Sakayama, 1838 W. 47th Ave.

SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida



Tribute to a Good Man

Los Angeles

At no time in JACL's 1/4-century have so many of its leaders gone the way of all flesh, for the past one year has taken its toll of two past nat'l presidents, three district council chairmen and a couple of chapter prexies. And now, Tom Yego, our first nat'l veepee.

Judging from his grown children, Tom could be classified as an older Nisei, but not far distant from our own generation now pushing forty. We first met Tom at a nat'l CL conclave and had the distinct impression of his being a go-getter fireball with lots of zip belying his years.

One of the founders of the JACL, Tom's been a constant inspiration to CLers everywhere with his zeal, enthusiasm and know-how. He's one of the rare old-timers who have consistently been in the thick of JACL, as chapter, district and national officer. He possibly was our next national president.

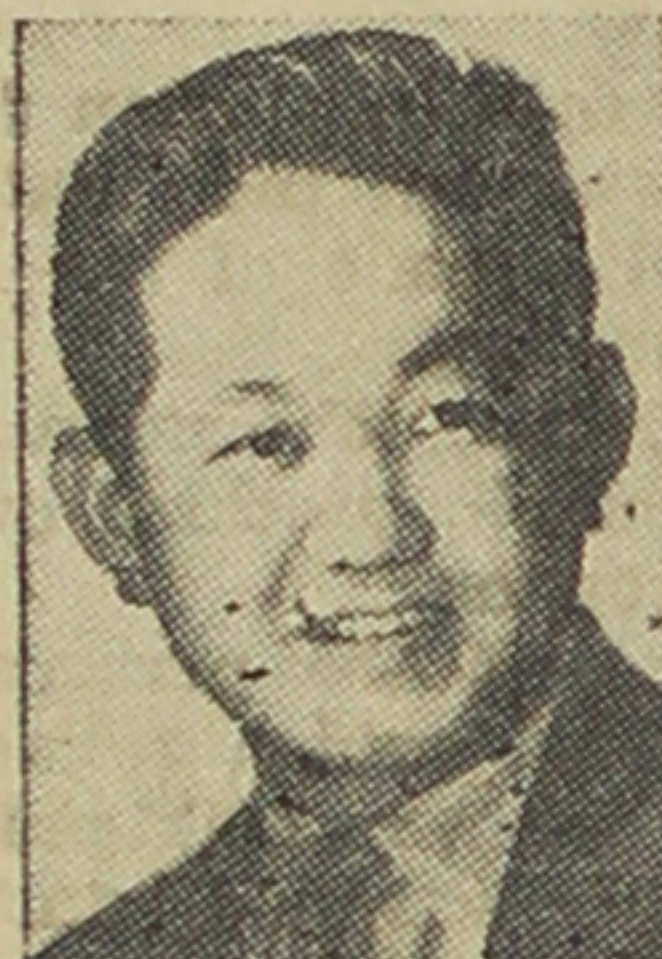
A respected leader of his community, he did much through his civic activities to bring honor and prestige to all Japanese Americans. Locally, he was known as Mr. Republican. We recall that for the '54 convention in L.A., Tom alone was instrumental in assuring the attendance by Governor Knight.

To JACL, he was known as Mr. Reliable, for he would unflinchingly carry through on important project assignments. Support for the PC holiday issue from the Placer County Chapter could always be depended upon, with Tom carrying the load.

A thru-and-thru JACLer, Tom gave unselfishly to advance the organization, in precious time, effort and resources. And he'd remember JACL staff members with his Christmas box of persimmons while expressing his thanks, mind you, to those who are paid to do a JACL job, and him a volunteer!

There's no doubt in our humble opinion that Tom will be immortalized as one of JACL's great leaders.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Good News

If slight variations can be noted in this week's *Pacific Citizen* (look at the back page), these are in line with suggestions made at our last meeting of the PC Operating Board. Get more news in! ... Mike Masaoka's well-scrutinized *Washington Newsletter*, which often spread over three full columns, will be found hereafter inside of two columns on

the back page. And Larry Tajiri, who occupied that corner, has been moved inside on page 3 ... *Tokyo Topics* by Tamotsu Murayama will be continued but not at the present weekly basis to "get more news in" ... We are dickering with prospects of starting fortnightly columnists to represent various JACL districts to give the PC a truly "home organ" tone ... The tightening of space for columnists, in addition to getting in more news, will open space for more pictures. People still flip pages and look at pictures first instead of story headlines.

Our proposal to have 12 pages sometime this year was duly presented. It would provide needed space to report the top Nisei stories of the week as well as some human interest items that go to make any newspaper, add deeper coverage of JACL chapter news and encourage photographers to submit newspictures—now that engraving facilities are so convenient ... What is lacking, however, is the necessary amount of added advertising to justify the expense of adding four pages each week ... In the meantime, we are boosting circulation figures, which currently account for one-third of PC income. Old subscribers are being asked by the business department to renew during this month of February. Chapters are being asked to pass out buff-colored order-form-envelopes to help gain new readers ... This business of income and more reading matter go hand-in-hand for newspapers of this type ... Probably the ultimate answer in our circulation problem is to have the PC go with JACL membership, an idea that has been informally discussed in past years.

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Nisei oil, uranium company formed

DENVER.—An all-Nisei organization for the purpose of exploring, developing and operating oil and uranium properties was announced here last week.

The Monarch Oil and Uranium Corp., chartered by the State of Oklahoma with principal offices in Denver, has completed initial filing of papers for the sale of stock with the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission and the Colorado State Securities Commission.

Believed to be the first Nisei group, it is headed by Jack Y. Furukawa, president-director, who has taken graduate work at the Univ. of Colorado in production management and law.

John H. Sakayama, 1956 Mile-Hi JACL president, is vice-president. Herbert H. Inouye, secretary-treasurer, is consulting geologist for independent companies and was formerly with the U.S. Geological Survey in Sacramento, Calif.

(Bill Hosokawa, Sunday magazine editor on the Denver Post, who authored a magnificent series of 13 daily installments on the "Uranium Age" last summer in the Post explained to prospective investors in uranium stocks: "I'm not qualified to advise anybody about investments. How a man spends his money is something he has to decide for himself." He spent over three months researching the subject, traveling thousands of miles and interviewing hundreds of persons to get the facts.—Editor.)

Fresno WYABL confab Feb. 18-19 plans set

FRESNO.—The Western Young Adult Buddhist League convention here in Fresno, Feb. 18-19, is being dedicated to the late Rev. I. Kyogoku, announced Mike Iwatsubo, general chairman. Delegates are expected from Intermountain, Tri-State, Pacific Northwest and Midwest YABLS.

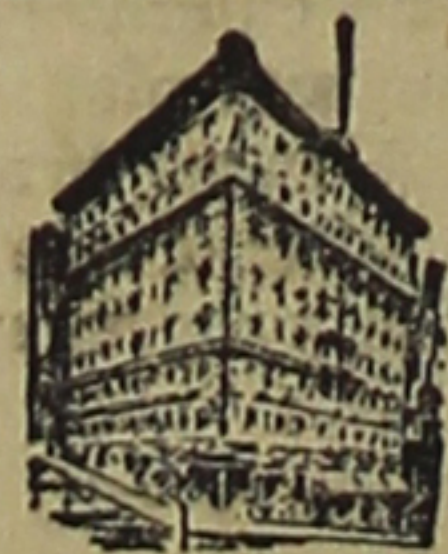
A special golf tournament is set in conjunction with the convention at Fresno Airways, Feb. 18, 11 a.m., according to Robert Kimura, chairman. Fee will be \$3.

Among topics for the Sunday panel discussion are "American Buddhism", "What Are You Doing for Your Sunday School", and "Comparing Notes on Church Administration".

Fair election practices code adoption urged

MILWAUKEE.—The Milwaukee Commission on Human Rights congratulated candidates who have announced their intention to run for public office in the coming primary election and urged adoption of the principles of a fair campaign practices code.

The fair election practices declaration repudiates racial and religious prejudice in campaign.



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Weight-lifter

DENVER.—Hiro Yanagi won the 132-lb. city weightlifting title at the local YMCA recently with a total lift of 632 lbs. The former national jr. champion is a postal clerk and will defend his Colorado title Mar. 3.

Kido—

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I saw Tom on the Sunday before Labor Day last year. I wanted to see Okei San's grave; Mrs. Kido and I wanted to thank him for looking after our son; and we wanted to show Miss Japan, Keiko Takahashi, the country side of California. Tom drove us around that region, including John Marshall's monument to commemorate the discovery of gold in California. I kidded him because we lost our way in hunting for the grave of the first Japanese girl in this country.

As an active Republican, Tom was prominent through his campaigning for Governor Goodwin Knight. His name was always mentioned. His valuable services and influences aided the Japanese people at Sacramento when the state legislature was in session.

His being over-weight had weakened his heart. Therefore, he had to reduce. When I saw him last year, he seemed to be in good physical condition. It is difficult to believe that he has passed away. My visit to him with Miss Japan has turned out to be a farewell.

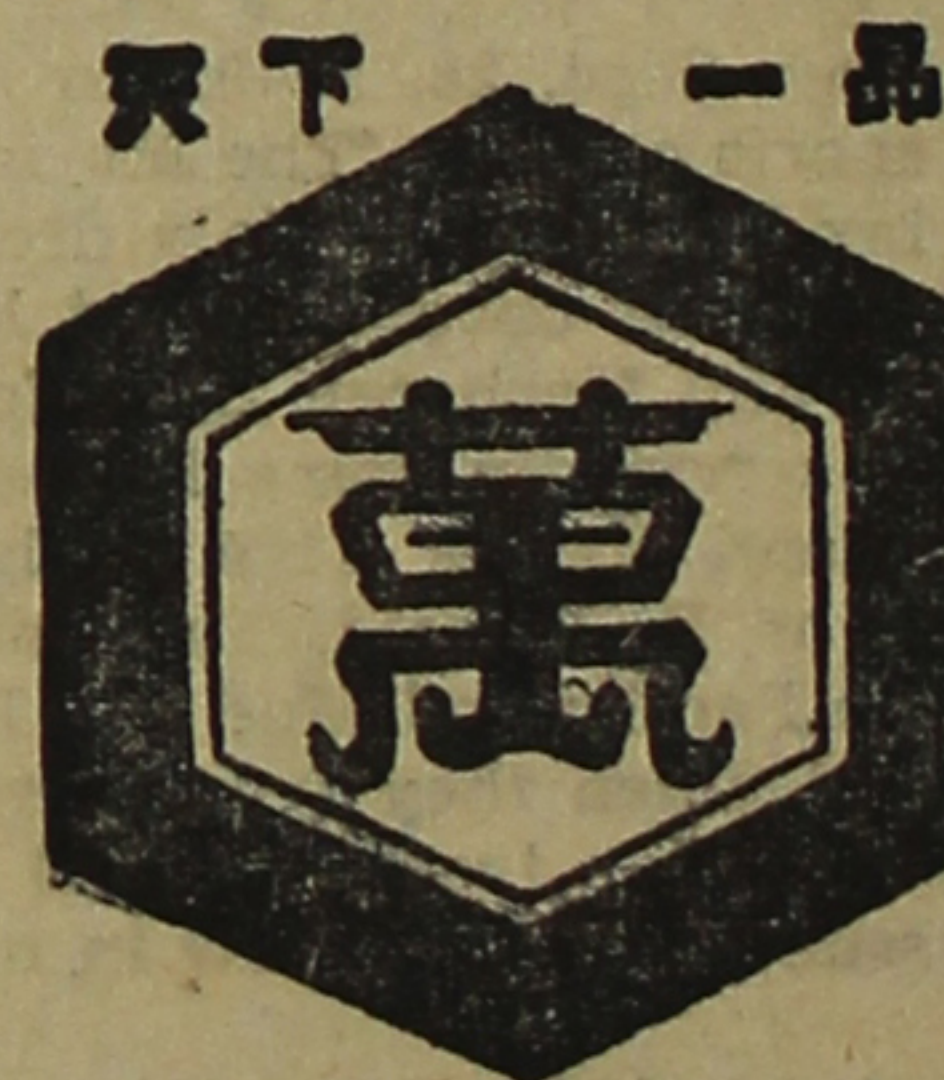
Tom has been a very good friend. JACL has lost one of its staunchest supporters. And the community of Placer County has lost a sincere leader. His jovial greetings will be missed by all JACLers.

—SABURO KIDO
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KEEP rehabilitation program underway

TOKYO.—A bigger and better KEEP (Kiyosato Education Experiment Project in Yamanashi prefecture) has been revealed by a group of civic leaders last week.

Fire destroyed the main lodge last Nov. 11 and its founder-director, Dr. Paul Rusch, is in the United States trying to raise \$30,000 for rehabilitation of the model farm project.

The local rehabilitation committee is headed by George K. Togasaki, former Nippon Times president.

Named best tackle

SANTA MARIA.—Tadao Uno has been named best tackler on the 1955 Santa Maria High School football squad.

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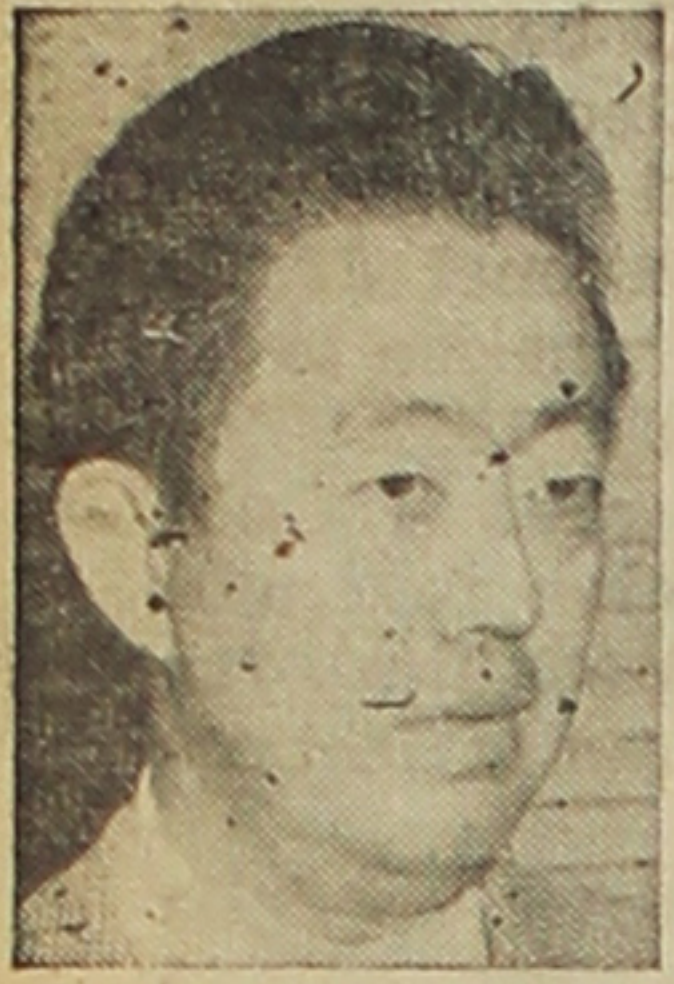
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Political Groups

Los Angeles

Local politics is humming what with the two-day conclave just concluded by the California Democratic Council in Fresno having passed an anti-bias housing resolution presented by the Nisei members, while the GOP leaders prepare some kind of a luncheon meeting for Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel next Tuesday.

We are quite happy to see both sides being well represented by persons of Japanese ancestry. Among the Nisei you can almost cut a straight line between the Democrats and the Republicans and get an equal number—but among naturalized Issei citizens, the figures lean heavily toward the Republicans.

There must be some kind of an explanation for this, although we have not attempted as yet to ferret grass-root opinions from these new citizens. It may be that the former alien Japanese live in the realm of conservatism, an inborn trait from the old country.

There's an old gag rule that when the Democrats have no Republicans to fight with they quibble among themselves. This may have been the case with them at the Fresno conclave.

At any rate, Demo delegates—2,000 of them, representing 450 organizations—took a mean political whack at former Congressman Samuel W. Yorty by voting 1,480 to 127 in support of State Sen. Richard Richards to oppose Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel in the June primary.

The Japanese American Democratic Club, with attorney Frank Chuman as its president, went along with the California Democratic Council. Yorty had left a few unkind words about the Issei and the Nisei before the war but that probably had nothing to do with the Sunday's choice, so far as the JADC was concerned.

Yorty, not buckling to any pressure groups, called the convention "rigged" and "stacked" against him. His declaration raised a loud boo. He intends to keep his name on the ballot in June.

Richards, on the other hand, has all the makings of a good political aspirant. He was one of the few Democrats who was able to defeat a GOP candidate in the 1954 state election. The aggressive and dynamic Richards halted a "precedent in the making" feat when he won over charming Mrs. Mildred Younger for the senatorial seat from Los Angeles county.

Had Mrs. Younger been elected she would have become the first woman in the state's history to hold an office in the Sacramento Legislature. She, incidentally, took the measures of then racist Senator Jack Tenney to gain the Republican bid.

Meantime, Senator Kuchel, who must face either Richards or Yorty or some other "dark horse," if it should develop, may have his hands full in his own party, although he appears a likely shoo-in today for the GOP nod. Last time out, he overwhelmed Yorty of his bid for a senatorial seat in Washington.

HOUSING RESOLUTION PASSED

The JADC, in its baptism before the state confab, did well by receiving approval on its drafted resolution, condemning practices of discrimination in housing against minority groups.

According to Chuman, there were upwards of 40 resolutions on civil rights and only seven were passed by the full resolutions committee.

The Nisei resolution sought to deny Federal funds or credit in any housing, education or other projects whose benefits are not available on a non-discriminatory basis. The appeal was aimed at the present Administration.

The CDC also advocated state and Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission which Richards pushed so hard in the state senate during the last session. For the first time in California history, a state FEPC bill was able to pass the assembly.

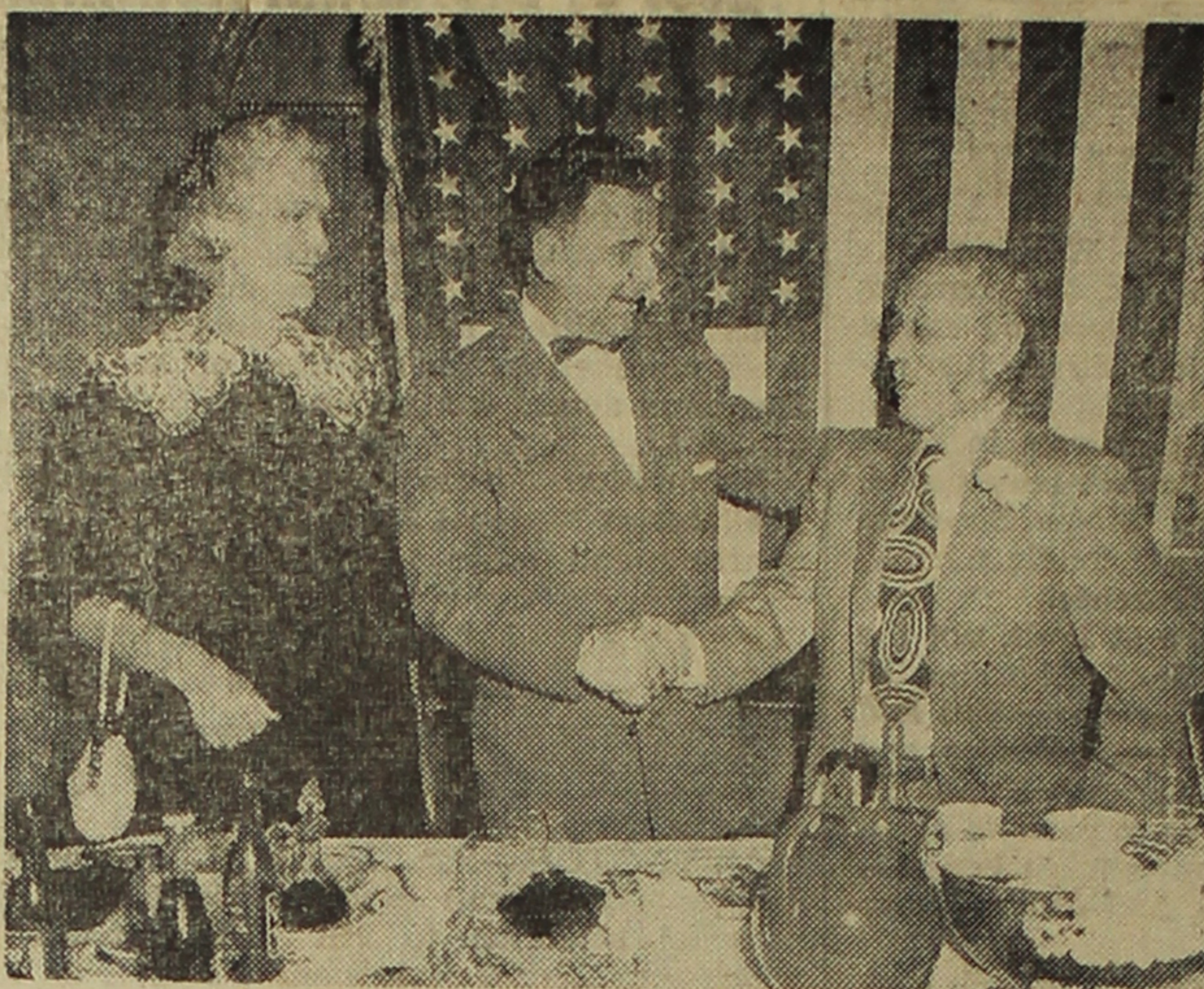
WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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"self-congregated" churches are necessary and proper. (The St. Mary's Episcopal Church in uptown Los Angeles, which began as a Japanese mission over 40 years ago, last Jan. 25 was raised to the status of a parish church. The Rev. John H. M. Yamazaki is rector—Editor)

This is evidence of the growing integration and assimilation of the "Japanese" population into the general community and the answer may well be another test of Christianity in practice.

In the meantime, it is anticipated that the "Japanese" Christian churches will be particularly insistent that their fellow churches in the Deep South will abide by the teachings and practices of their respective denominations.



Mayor Adiel F. Stewart (center) and his wife congratulate one of the old-time residents of Salt Lake City, Masusaburo Chiba, who was among the fourth group of Issei citizens to be honored by the Salt Lake City JACL recently. Fifty persons naturalized in 1955 were invited to a banquet at the Pagoda where former Chief Justice of Utah Supreme Court, Martin M. Larson, was featured speaker. The first recognition banquet was held in February, 1954, for 22 new citizens. The second banquet held in May honored 22 more. The third banquet was held in January, 1955, with 22 again. Since then, some 100 new Issei citizen have been added to the Salt Lake-Murray areas bringing the total to about 170. Northern Utah areas of Brigham City, Tremonton, Ogden and Davis County boast a higher figure.

—Terashima Studio Photo.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

SHIMABUKURO, Kiyoshi (Nobuko Ida)—girl Susan Kikue, Nov. 27.
SHIMATSU-U, Kiyosaburo (Sumiko Utsushigawa)—girl Paul Kiyoko, Nov. 12.
SMITH, Leon F. (Emmy T. Todoroki)—girl Shelley L., Nov. 23, Pacoima.
SUENAGA, Keizo (Jane K. Akira)—boy Norman Yichi, Nov. 27.
SUGAMURA, Masaichi (Teruyo Kawaguchi)—boy David M., Nov. 8.
SUMI, Masao (Nanako Shintani)—boy Herbert Akio, Nov. 9.
TAIRA, Takeichi (Yoshiko Tamashiro)—girl Barbara Junko, Nov. 27.
TAKAMINE, Kiyonori (Fukiko Nakashima)—boy Mark K., Nov. 30.

Reedley rancher killed by runaway tractor

REEDLEY. — Mantsuchi Murase, 75, was killed Feb. 1 when a tractor he was working on in a vineyard broke loose and ran over him. Surviving him are his wife and three sons, including Kenneth, who has been a contributor to the Pacific Citizen.

Pioneer nurseryman of Richmond dies at 76

BERKELEY. — Funeral services were held for Yuhei Oshima, 76, pioneer nurseryman, and father of JACLer Heizo Oshima of Richmond-El Cerrito, last Monday at the local Buddhist church. He died Feb. 3 after being hospitalized for a week with a heart condition.

Coming to the United States from his native Kyoto in 1906, Oshima established his nursery in Richmond in 1913 and was active in many Bay Area Japanese community projects.

Last year, he donated \$1,000 each to the National JACL and Berkeley Buddhist Study Group.

Whereabouts sought

DENVER. — The Mountain-Plains JACL Office, 1225-20th St., requests information on the whereabouts of Katsugoro Miyagishima, formerly of P.O. Box 775, Ogden. JACL was advised his insurance policy matures in April and he would be entitled to an endowment.

Voted to I.I. board

DETROIT. — Walter Miyao, 1st vice-president of the local JACL, was elected to a three-year term as council member representing the Japanese community at the International Institute annual dinner meeting Jan. 24. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. O'Neill and Setsu Fujioka.

Ph.D. conferred

DETROIT. — Mary Fumiye Kosai, daughter of Mrs. Masa Kosai, 120 Cedarhurst, was conferred her Ph.D. degree in science from Wayne University last week. She has a medical license from Japan and is now a staff resident at Biltmore Mercy Hospital.

Marriage

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office.

The U.S. Supreme Court had remanded the case in November of last year on the basis of inadequate information and asked for additional evidence as to whether Virginia courts had jurisdiction since the marriage was performed in North Carolina.

Since the Virginia State Supreme Court adhered to its original decision, sustaining the miscegenation law on Jan. 18, Carliner petitioned that the case could now be appropriately heard on its merits and should be set down for oral argument.

It was Carliner's contention that if the Naims had not been bona fide residents of Virginia when they were married, Virginia would have no power to set the marriage aside, and therefore the Virginia Supreme Court had clarified the point on jurisdiction in adhering to its original decision.

He therefore asked that the U.S. Supreme Court hear the case.

If the Supreme Court refuses to act on the case under the present circumstances, the alternative which Carliner has submitted is that the high court bypass the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and send it back to the Circuit Court of Portsmouth for clarification since the Virginia Supreme Court has refused to send it back to the Circuit Court.

Carliner contends that the Virginia law on interracial marriage is unconstitutional on the basis of the Fourteenth Amendment.

The case involved a Chinese husband, Ham Say Naim, the appellant, a seaman, and his Caucasian wife, Ruby Elaine Naim, the appellee, a resident of Virginia, who were married in 1952 in North Carolina since they could not be married in Virginia by its laws. Immediately after their marriage they returned to live in Norfolk, Va., as husband and wife.

Fifteen months later, in 1953, the wife, then a resident of Portsmouth, Va., filed a bill for the annulment of her marriage in the Circuit Court on the basis that the marriage was "void in law."

The appellant petitioned that the bill for annulment be dismissed.

The Circuit Court overruled the appellant's motion to dismiss and entered a decree annulling the marriage on the basis of the Virginia Statute.

The case was appealed to the Virginia State Supreme Court which reaffirmed the lower court's decision.

The appellant then appealed the decision to the United States Supreme Court in a writ of certiorari.

The Court in November vacated the decision of the Virginia court and asked that the lower court rehear the case in order to obtain adequate information "clearcut and unclouded" so that the constitutional issues might be clearly outlined.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Churches & Color Bar

Washington

Contrary to expectations, the churches in the South are not welcoming racial integration, according to a survey just released by the United Press.

That survey shows that even in those states where communities are obeying the orders of the United States Supreme Court to desegregate their public schools, the color barriers are solidly up in many churches.

It seems that the individual churches are at fault, not the church organizations. The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., speaking for its 30 major Protestant and orthodox communions, embracing 144,000 local parishes and more than 35 million individual members, has called upon its member churches to open their congregations to persons of all races and colors. Most of the large Protestant church bodies—Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal, and others—have taken similar action on their own.

Although Negroes are now accepted at certain church conventions and conferences, it is reported that the appeals for racial integration have had almost no effect on individual Protestant churches in the South.

The Roman Catholic and Unitarian churches have taken the longest steps toward integration, according to the newspaper survey. Negroes are welcomed at all Catholic masses, although integrated parishes still are rare in Dixie. On the other hand, parochial schools have none of the segregation restrictions that Southern States impose on public schools. Unitarian churches in Atlanta, Charleston, and Richmond have taken in several Negro members without incident.

Several white Presbyterian churches in Arkansas and Methodist churches in Kentucky voted to lift color bars but only one Negro was reported interested in membership. Arkansas and Kentucky are border states not usually associated with the Deep South.

One of the main factors in continued church segregation, the survey found, appears to be the reluctance of Negroes to join non-Negro congregations.

Of the 660 non-Catholic churches in metropolitan Kansas City, only two—both basically Negro—have integration. In West Virginia, school integration is described as "far ahead" of that of the churches, although a few Negroes have been invited to join white churches in that state.

The National Council of Churches recently made a study of three big denominations—United Lutheran, Congregational-Christian, and the Northern Branch of the Presbyterian Church—and found that only 9.8 per cent of the 13,597 churches had some form of bi-racial membership.

Outside the South, integration of churches, where it exists, has not always been accomplished without incident.

In Chicago, the Rev. Philip Johnson of Salem Lutheran had a 24-hour police guard for several months when his church was integrated, along with the movements of Negroes into a previously all-white neighborhood. In New York City, most denominations now favor integration, though there are few Negro pastors. A few churches do have Negro assistants, however.

In Washington, D.C., many of the churches have embarked on a quiet campaign of building up interracial congregations and have a substantial number of Negro worshippers every week. The National Presbyterian Church, which numbers among its members President Eisenhower, is one of these.

When the Christian churches are not able to effectively indoctrinate their own members with the practice of racial tolerance, Southern leaders against public school desegregation ask how it can be reasonably expected that the general community will be willing to accept racial integration.

CHURCHES AND THE JAPANESE

There are some sociologists and Nisei leaders who charge that the practice of the Christian churches in establishing separate churches for the immigrant Japanese when they first arrived in this country half a century ago hindered their integration and assimilation into the community at large.

They allege that these "segregated" churches with their Japanese-speaking ministers and programs encouraged the development of racial ghettos and the retention of too many customs and traditions of their native land. If these immigrant Japanese had been forced to attend church with other members of their respective communities, they would have been compelled to learn English and thereby integrate with their fellow Christians.

Church leaders have been quick to point out that these churches were not "segregated" in the sense that the Japanese could not join other non-Japanese churches.

As immigrants, alien to this land, they naturally "congregated" together for comradeship and fellowship. The so-called "Japanese" churches were part and parcel of the larger church organizations and much of the funds needed to carry on church activities, including those of building and maintaining the churches, were provided by the parent bodies.

Besides, "it was a case of whether these early Japanese would go to a church of their own or no church at all," so the only practical alternative which would allow the teaching of Christian doctrines was this special "Japanese" church for Japanese.

Be that as it may, as the Nisei grew older, even prior to the outbreak of World War II, Sunday school was taught in English and the programs and activities patterned closely after those of non-Japanese churches. And a few Nisei entered the ministry and became assistants to Issei ministers.

The evacuation and relocation resulted in an entirely new pattern.

Several of the outstanding Nisei ministers now have integrated churches of their own, some with no Japanese in their congregation at all. Other Nisei ministers are assistants in integrated churches, some with but many without any Japanese worshippers.

In large areas of "Japanese" concentration, "Japanese" churches have been reestablished. But, because the Nisei and their children are now predominant, English is the dominant language, except for special Issei services.

As the need for "Japanese" services disappears, we suspect that the self-styled "Japanese" churches will need to re-examine their objectives and determine whether such special

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Nisei of Biennium nominations to close July 31, official forms available at JACL offices; name winner at 14th Biennial meet

CHICAGO.—Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, first (constitutional) national JACL president who is heading up the National JACL Recognition Committee, announced this week nominations for the Nisei of Biennium award would close July 31, 1956.

Nomination forms are now available at National JACL Headquarters and other regional of-

fices.

Dr. Yatabe pointed out that "distinguished community leadership" is the criteria of the award, and must be based upon signal success and meritorious accomplishments which have helped advance the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, and to bring about a great acceptance of them into the American way of life.

Five finalists will be selected by a nucleus committee, and these five will be presented to the Board of Judges at the National JACL Convention in San Francisco to be held over Labor Day 1956. The winner will be awarded a Gold Medallion, and the other four will be awarded Silver Medallions for "distinguished community leadership."

Various JACL district councils have selected their Nisei of the Biennium Award chairman, who are to forward nominations to Dr. Yatabe, 39 W. Adams St., Chicago 3. They include Elmer Uchida, PSWDC; Johnson Kebo, CCDC; and Larry Tajiri, Mt.-Plains.

HAWAII LAND RETURN BILL TO GET PERSONAL ATTENTION OF SENATORS

WASHINGTON.—Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) is giving his personal attention to HR 7186, which provides for review and determination of claims for the return of lands in the Territory of Hawaii conveyed to the government during World War II by eleemosynary organizations composed of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Sen. Jackson is chairman of the subcommittee on Territories of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

The action was the result of a request made by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the

Japanese American Citizens League.

It was Senator Jackson's opinion that on the face of it the bill appeared to be an equitable one, and just as soon as he had an opportunity to look into the bill himself, he would bring it to the attention of the subcommittee.

Masaoka stated that good conscience and fair play dictate the return of these properties in view of the pressures under which these people worked and lived during the trying days of World War Two.

Senator James E. Murray, chairman of the Senate committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, has stated that he had no objection to the measure, and thanked Masaoka for calling it to his attention as did Senator Jackson.

The bill, which was introduced by Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, Republican delegate from Hawaii, was passed by the House on July 30, 1955.

It provides for eleemosynary organizations an opportunity to file claims to their former lands in order to resume their pre-war activities. If the organizational conditions have changed so that the property will not be used for eleemosynary purposes, then the petitioners must show why they want their property back and what they intend to do with it.

Japan in tribute to Rep. Walter

TOKYO.—Japanese Diet and government officials paid tribute last Monday to Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), who co-authored the Immigration and Nationality Act with the late Sen. Pat McCarran ending immigration and citizenship restrictions against Japanese.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs honored the Pennsylvanian, enroute home from a recent trip to Australia, at a reception held in a downtown hotel. Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu said Japan was grateful for his aiding Japanese living in the United States to obtain American citizenship and reopening immigration privileges halted by the 1924 Oriental Exclusion Act.

U.S. Ambassador to Japan John Allison attended the reception. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama presented a cłoisonne vase in appreciation for co-authoring the 1952 Act.

Rep. Walter arrived here Sunday to study immigration and nationality problems in Japan. In his interview with United Press, he pointed out as the outstanding accomplishment of his Act the naturalization of many thousands of Issei. "I have been proud of that," he said.

He is accompanied by two State Dept. officials: Scott McLeod, Refugee Relief administrator, and John Leahy, liaison officer in the House of Representatives. They are on the last leg of a Far East tour and were expected to stay in Japan for five days.

Six L.A. Nisei attend state Democratic meeting

FRESNO.—Six delegates of the Los Angeles Japanese Democratic Club attended the annual convention of the California Democratic Council here last Sunday. They were Frank Chuman, president; Frank Kurihara, James Mitsumori, George Maruya, Kango Kunitugu and Wilbur Sato.

GI with Japanese bride refused S.F. home rental

SAN FRANCISCO.—A Watsonville war veteran who has a Japanese war bride wrote to the *San Francisco Examiner* last week that he was refused as a tenant when he tried to rent a house on 25th Avenue.

David L. Goodman, who had explained to his Japanese bride about the freedoms of America, especially in the West, also made efforts to rent a San Francisco home through a rental agency.

After his experiences on 25th Avenue, he was told by the agency that "it would be difficult" to find a home for him.

"I am leaving San Francisco," he continued. "I am going back to my home town of Watsonville, where we have just about every race in the book and we live in complete harmony."

(Last Saturday, Pa Watsonville added his comments in the editorial pages of the *Watsonville Register-Pajaronian*: "To that, may I add on behalf of the community—'Welcome Home!'")

Japanese class

A class in the Japanese language is being offered at Dorsey Adult School Wednesdays, 6:45-9:45 p.m. Dr. Noboru Inamoto, lecturer at Univ. of Southern California, is instructor. The course emphasizes conversational Japanese.

CALENDAR

Feb. 12 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Chapter clinic, Hotel Green, Pasadena.

Feb. 15 (Wednesday)
San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Booker T. Washington Center, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 17 (Friday)
So. Alameda County—Pot luck supper.
Florin—Installation dinner, Buckboard, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 18 (Saturday)
Watsonville—Installation dinner-dance, Resetar Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Eden Township—Installation dinner, Lake Merritt Hotel, Oakland, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 18-19
Sacramento—JACL Bowling Tournament, Alhambra Bowl.
Detroit—Installation dinner-dance, Stockholm Restaurant, 7 p.m.

Feb. 19 (Sunday)
East L.A.—Snow Hike. (Conditions permitting).

Feb. 24 (Friday)
Montana—Installation banquet, Shangri-La Club, Billings.

Feb. 25 (Saturday)
Venice-Culver—V Bar C Roundup, Venice Gakuen, 6:30 p.m.
No. Wyoming—Installation, Mas Satow visitation.

Feb. 29 (Wednesday)
Salt Lake-Mt. Olympus—Pre-bowling tournament mixer, Ollie's Terrace.

Mar. 1-4
Salt Lake—Nat'l JACL bowling tournament. Pal-D-Mar (men's), Ritz (women's).

Mar. 4 (Sunday)
Salt Lake—Tournament award dinner-dance, Ollie's Terrace.

Mar. 10 (Saturday)
WLA-Venice-Culver—Joint dinner-dance, Santa Monica Elk's Club, 7 p.m.