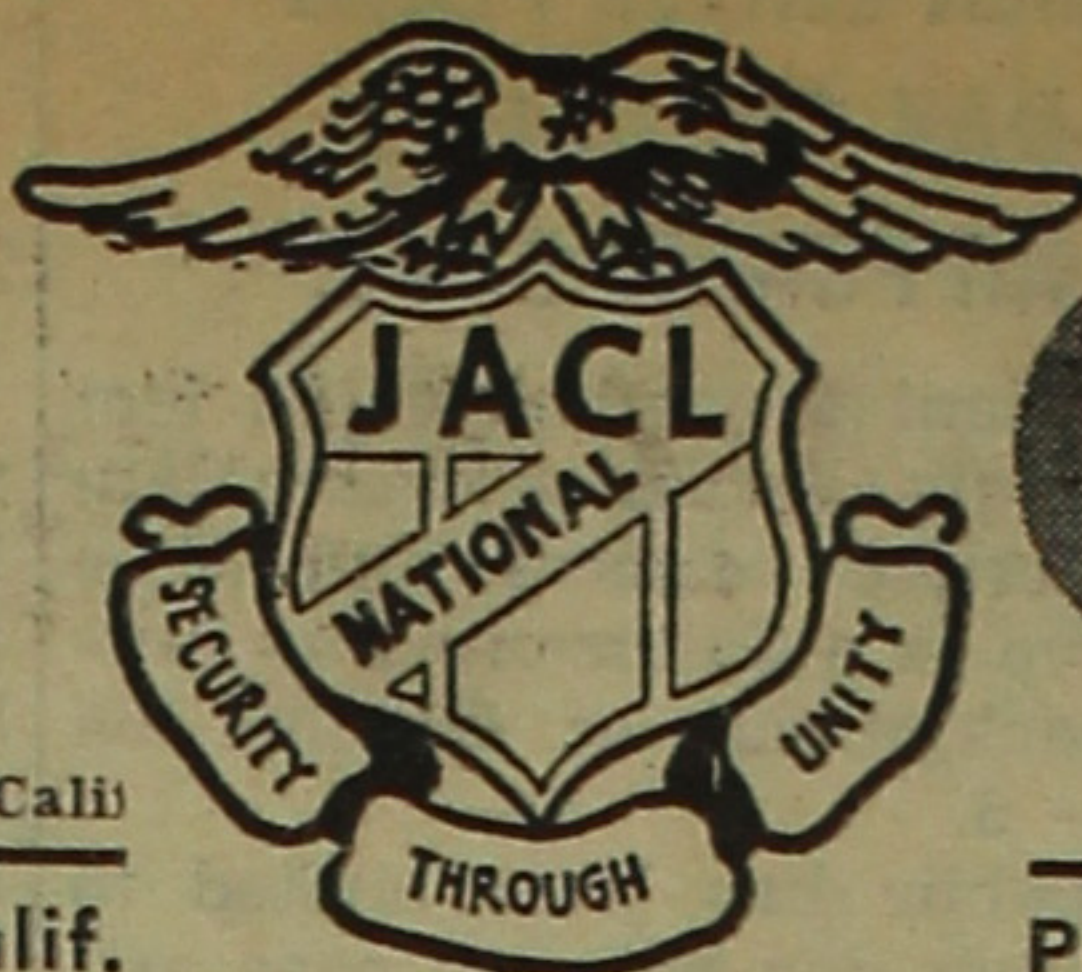


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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

In praise of  
our womenfolk

There are several types of "widows" who have not lost their husbands, strictly speaking. For instance, there is the "fishing widow," the "golf widow," the "business widow," the "poker widow," and we like to add there is that lovely, charming and patient woman who is the "JACL widow."

First of all, let it be said that these women are human. They are not particularly happy about their husband's absence from home.

But through the years, they have acquired fortitude, patience and understanding that enables their "lesser halves" to carry on with the manifold duties of working with an organization whose rewards are measured in services rather than in dollars.

If their husbands have been able to aid in the promotion and protection of the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry, whether on a full-time professional basis or on a part-time voluntary basis, then much of the credit must go to the loyal wives who stood by them and helped them.

So to all "JACL widows"—and we shall mention but a few: Etsu, Chiz, May, Mine, Yuki, Ruby, To, Esther, Mary, Kats, Peej, Mikko and Alice—to all of these lovely ladies and to the hundreds of JACL ladies who are their counterparts, we extend our gratitude, our respect and admiration.

As important to the cause are the many wives who have assumed a direct and integral part in the program of JACL. Some of them are even more active than their husbands in the organization. On some appropriate day, we'd like to extend this afterthought and dedicate a column to them.

Not only have these women become active in the chapter, but have widened their horizons to organize auxiliaries and help with advising the up and coming Junior JACL program. Before long, it seems probable a woman may serve on the national board in a capacity other than secretary.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa

## HOUSE SURVEYING JAPANESE LABOR PROGRAM IN CAL.

A two-man congressional committee investigating the program under which Japanese agricultural workers are brought to California to supplement the farm labor supply winds up its week tour here.

The House subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Byron Rogers (D., Colo.) with Rep. Pat Hillings (R., Calif.), heard testimony from labor, farm and government officials in San Francisco from Monday, in Salinas-Watsonville and Santa Barbara - Ventura County areas later this week and will be in Indio tomorrow.

The investigation ends Tuesday at Los Angeles.

At the opening session, the committee heard both sides. Labor held the scheme as "under which both American and Japanese workers are abused for employer profit."

John F. Henning of the California State Federation of Labor and Ernesto Galarza, representative of the AFL-CIO agricultural workers union, both regarded the worker shortage as artificial only because domestic workers would not work.

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## Japan temporary farm labor quota to be filled

SAN FRANCISCO.—The quota of 1,000 for the program of bringing Japanese farm laborers to work in California farms will be filled before the end of April, according to Shoichi Ban, local vice-consul in charge of liaison on this program.

Originally the 1,000 quota was to have been filled before the end of 1956, but the program faltered due to the lack of requests for workers.

Ban indicated that at present 787 Japanese are in California under the program. Arrangements have been made for another 63 and plans are now under negotiations to bring the remaining 150.

## 1st Nisei 'reported killed' in Korea very healthy, re-enlists for 6 years

HONOLULU.—Sgt. Jack Arakawa, who reenlisted at Fort Shafter for another six years last month, might be the only Nisei who can show you pictures of his funeral and the Silver Star and Bronze Medal which were awarded posthumously.

(The Pacific Citizen of July 23, 1950, on its front-page, dutifully published the U.S. Army Headquarters report of his being killed in action and adding that he was probably the first Nisei to be killed in the Korean war on July 16.)

Death has been dogging his heels for a long time. As Arakawa recalls the first night of action near Taejon, Korea: "An enemy bullet hit by BAR clip. I was knocked to the ground, stunned. My pals, who were retreating in the face of heavy enemy fire, saw me drop. When they got back to the command post, they reported me killed in action."

A Nisei decorated for gallantry while fighting with the 442nd RCT in Europe, Arakawa was captured by North Koreans. His captors took great delight in firing bullets at his feet while he stood at attention—their way of expressing displeasure of an Oriental fighting for the "white imperialists."

Not only that, Arakawa looked like a Korean. A traitor of traitors. But this was his salvation. "We marched from Seoul to Pyongyang," he recalled. "Only 33 of more than 300 prisoners survived the march. When we got

## 'Red' smear over Hawaii statehood refuted by CL; anti-Nisei editorial in Oklahoma slammed by senator

WASHINGTON. — Declaring that the Communist issue was over-emphasized as a diversionary appeal, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, urged the House Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee on Territories to report out legislation admitting Hawaii as a state.

The Nisei spokesman who has

attended every statehood hearing since the end of World War II was the last witness before the Subcommittee closed its record for the session last week.

Testifying immediately after an Australian, who is an expert on communism, suggested that Communists could control the Pacific Territory through control of the International Longshoremen's and

Warehousemen's Union, Masaoka declared that in his estimation the Nisei volunteers who served with him in the 442nd Combat Team in Italy and France, including several who are now members of the Territorial Legislature, could not but be loyal to the nation for which they suffered and sacrificed so much.

Under questioning by Delegate Burns, Masaoka stated that if the Communists had such control over the rank and file of the ILWU, they would have used it during the Korean conflict to immobilize Hawaii as the great materiel and staging area for United States troops being sent to the Far East.

"When the Red hordes began driving United Nations troops into the sea, and United States prestige and influence in the Orient hung in the balance, there and then, if the Communists had the power, they would have done everything to destroy forever American influence in the Far East. If Hawaii could have been rendered ineffective as a staging area for troops to be rushed to reinforce those in Korea, the Communists would have won their greatest victory. The fact that the Communists didn't even try to stage strikes and boycotts in Hawaii demonstrates that they knew that in any showdown between the United States and any other country ILWU members would remain loyal to the United States."

Rep. Walter Rogers (D., Tex.) questioned Masaoka about the non-contiguity argument, asking whether he and the people of Hawaii would give up their demands for Statehood if it could be demonstrated that Statehood for non-contiguous areas was against basic American principles.

Masaoka replied that the non-contiguity argument was now obsolete because of rapid communications and modes of travel. He further declared that all arguments weighed, Statehood for Hawaii would bring many more advantages to the nation than would depriving the Territory of this status of equality.

Asked what advantages Statehood would mean for the people of Hawaii, Masaoka pointed out that it would allow them to legislate their own laws in Hawaii without fear of veto from a Governor appointed in Washington and that it would give them national representation in both the Congress and the White House.

Before he spoke, Rep. William A. Dawson of Salt Lake City, Utah Republican, introduced Masaoka as one of the outstanding citizens of his state and the eloquent, effective spokesmen for Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

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## Anti-Japanese bigotry injected by Tulsa editorial fighting Hawaiian statehood

WASHINGTON.—An irate Hawaiian Statehood delegation was up in arms over a vicious attack on the Territory made by an editorial in the Tulsa (Okla.) Tribune late last month.

The editorial, "Stop Statehood for Hawaii," appeared Mar. 30 and was signed by Richard Lloyd Jones, the paper's president and publisher. Copies of the editorial, apparently sent to all members of the U.S. Senate, were on Capitol Hill the first week of April.

"Do we Americans want to put a couple of Japs in the Senate of the United States?" the editorial asks in its opening sentence.

Among other things, the often factually-incorrect editorial charges that in Hawaii, "there is no common language and there are fragments of conflicting cultures."

It also alleges "the Japs now control the Islands. And the Communists control the Japs". The concluding paragraph of the lengthy editorial says:

"Give these polyglot Asiatics the colonial right of self-government. Let them take care of themselves, make their own laws, live their

own lives. But let them not be seated in our Congress to shape laws for us."

Chairman James E. Murray of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, which is handling the statehood legislation, branded the editorial as based on "racial bigotry" and "factual error."

In a letter to the Tulsa publisher, the Montana Democrat said he read his editorial "with genuine sadness" that any American newspaper would publish such an attack "against a half million American citizens whose attainments and whose loyalty to American ideals has been irrefutably proven in peace and war."

"While the racial bigotry, implicit in your reference to 'Japs' and 'polyglot Asiatics' is the basic issue, there are some patent misstatements of fact which I am surprised that you, as a newspaperman, did not bother to check before using," the Senator wrote.

Among the point-by-point refutation made by the Senator, he showed how Nisei do not control elections in Hawaii (as was charged in the editorial). "The fact is that Americans of Japanese ancestry haven't elected one of their numbers to the delegateship to Congress or to the mayoralty of Honolulu, offices to which they may aspire as American citizens."

Sen. Murray then added, "However, I have known many citizens of Asiatic ancestry, both in Hawaii and elsewhere, with whom I would be proud to sit in the Senate of the United States. They would contribute greatly to our country—yours, mine and theirs—here in Washington."

As to the editorial's charge that "the Communists control the 'Japs'," Murray said: "You must have knowledge denied to President Eisenhower, the Attorney General, the armed forces, other and Republican administrations, agencies in both the Democratic and Republican administrations. If you have any facts to support this charge, which is a standard Red herring, you have a duty to make them known to the Attorney General."

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## Sponsors seek CL advice at CCDC meet on refugees joining U.S. armed forces

FOWLER.—The Central California JACL Council went on record at its April 3 meeting that it will take no responsibility for Japanese refugee farm workers entering the armed forces through induction or voluntary enlistment.

The issue came up for discussion when some of the refugees approached JACL officials here seeking advice on settlement of financial matters before entering the armed services.

These refugee workers reported

that they were told by their employers who sponsored their entry in this country to pay for the passage expenses before leaving their jobs for the armed services.

Some of the sponsoring farm employers were reportedly irritated to see their refugee workers quitting their jobs to volunteer in the armed services before making full settlement on their transportation expenses: the money spent on bringing them to this country from

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## From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**DOCTORS AMONG THE OYSTERMEN** — You may have noticed a few paragraphs in your newspaper last week about a Japanese doctor named Mikio Kato. The news services, unfortunately, could send out only a brief item and many newspapers did not have space to print even that much. However, there is a heartwarming human interest story in Dr. Kato, and we are dependent on the New York Herald Tribune for the following details.

Herald - Trib Reporter Ralph Chapman was among those who met Dr. Kato, a 33-year-old physician, as he arrived at the Baltimore, Md., airport after a 10,000-mile trip from his home in Kobe, Japan. Dr. Kato's destination was the marshy little island of Tangier in the middle of Chesapeake Bay, home of several hundred fishermen and oystermen and their families.

Three years ago, Tangier started a search for a doctor who would live with them and care for their needs. The Rev. Oscar J. Rishel, pastor of the Methodist church, went for help to the Virginia Council of Health and Medical Care. Edgar J. Fisher Jr., director of the council, told the islanders no doctor would come to stay unless he had the means of practicing modern medicine.

So the islanders raised \$6,000, and the Methodist church matched this fund, and a medical center was built. The islanders contributed another \$4,500 which, together with a \$3,000 grant from a foundation, went to equip the center. After that, a search for a doctor got under way. Hundreds of doctors were made aware of Tangier's needs, but only four showed any interest. And only Dr. Kato agreed to try the post for a year.

Dr. Kato had spend six years in the U.S., first in Hawaii, and later in hospitals in New York City, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., and New Britain, Conn. He went back home to Kobe last year to visit his father, who had become seriously ill. The doctor hoped to return to the United States under the Japanese immigrant quota, but it was heavily over-subscribed. Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia helped arrange for a non-immigrant visa so that Dr. Kato could work in Tangier while waiting for his permanent quota number.

The only way to reach Tangier is by boat. With Dr. Kato, Reporter Chapman made the 15-mile boat trip to Tangier from the port of Crisfield, Md. It was dark as their launch neared the island, and the captain turned on his search light. Chapman writes:

"The light revealed an amazing sight. Hundreds of islanders crowded the waterfront. There were cheers and waves as the launch tied up. As Dr. Kato jumped up onto the small dock, he was embraced by the Reverend Rishel. Eager hands grabbed his luggage and set off down the street with it. The whole crowd, including a dozen friendly dogs, followed the doctor, the minister and Mr. Fisher to the parsonage where Dr. Kato will stay until he moves into his bachelor's quarters at the clinic."

Chapman observed that from the warmth of the welcome Dr. Kato received, and the way his eyes goggled when he inspected the clinic, his stay is likely to be much longer than the required one year.

**CROWDED LITTLE ISLAND** — Among visitors in Denver this past week was Yoshito Kojima, the able, soft-spoken managing director of Japan Air Lines. In telling Denverites of JAL's service across the Pacific, he reported 120,000 tourists, most of them Americans, visited Japan last year. By 1960, he said, trans-Pacific visitors to Japan are expected to exceed 300,000.

This is news that is both encouraging and distressing. Tourists supply Japan with badly needed dollars. And the more visitors Japan has, the better she will become known throughout the world. But with tourists pouring into those crowded little islands at a 300,000-per-year rate, we hope they don't turn Nippon into another Coney Island.

### SHONIEN CENTER PLANS TWO-DAY CHILDREN'S FETE NIPPONESE STYLE

Four giant carps hoisted 30 feet into the air, Japanese paper lanterns, festive banners and kites will serve as a Children's Day Festival background at Shonien on May 4 - 5.

The public has been invited to come either day between noon and 6 p.m. to see the display of Japanese Children's Day dolls, drawings from Sendai school children as well as judo-kendo demonstrations and dancing.

"It's a meaningful part of our cultural heritage and we believe it can prove to be fun for the whole family—from baby to grandparents," declared Mike Suzuki, Shonien director.

Shonien President Nobu Kawai said the festival would "serve to highlight for all of us as it does in Japan the importance of respecting the character of children and youth and promoting their health and well-being".

### Rabbit heart study by prep student wins award

MODESTO.—Haruka Ishihara, Livingston High School senior, presented a study of arteriosclerosis at the annual Modesto Science Fair and won a blue ribbon and plaque. The fair is composed of exhibits prepared by physical and life science high school students.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ishihara of Cortez, her project graphed the high cholesterol diet on rabbits.

### RUTGERS U. BANS RACIAL CLAUSES

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.—Rutgers University has set a deadline of Sept. 1, 1959 for the elimination of discrimination clauses from fraternity charters. Campus fraternities must remove religious and racial clauses from their constitutions or face expulsion from the university.

### CINO MAY OPEN UP MEMBERSHIP TO ALL

SAN FRANCISCO.—Whether or not to restrict membership to Nisei will be mooted at the special California Intercollegiate Nisei Organization meeting being called May 4, 7 p.m., at the San Francisco Youth Association, 995 Market St.

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### Two top honors in music won by Pasadena piano virtuoso inside of one week

It was Michi Ishikawa's big week. On Monday last week, the 19-year-old piano virtuoso of South Pasadena received a letter telling her she had been selected for a full scholarship at Curtis Institute in Philadelphia.

On Thursday, she learned she was one of three winners in the 1957-58 Young Artists contest conducted by the UCLA Committee on Fine Arts.

The diminutive Pasadena City

### Fresno county senator pledges FEPC support

FRESNO.—State Sen. Hugh M. Burns of Fresno County has pledged his support to the fair employment practices bill under study in the state legislature.

He told a Fresno FEPC committee at a recent meeting that he will do all he can to bring about the passage of the measure. A representative of the JACL was among the committee members who met with Burns.

College student, who has been studying for the past 11 years under Lucile Vogel Cole, had auditioned for Curtis only last April 10.

Miss Ishikawa will receive a trophy and \$100 cash from UCLA. "I'll use it for my musical education, of course," she beamed. She also added that she had waited two years for the Curtis audition.

Michi plays everything (even listens to some jazz) but favors Ravel and Villa-Lobos among the modernists and has Bach on her mind constantly. She intends to teach after leaving Curtis but wouldn't turn a deaf ear to any overtures from concert masters.

### ACROBATIC STAR, 10, IN 'TALENTS UNLIMITED'

TURLOCK.—Cathy Okamura, 10, will be the youngest participant in the Soroptimists' "Talents Unlimited" program tomorrow at the local high school. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Okamura, Cortez, she will perform her acrobatic specialty on a rising pedestal.

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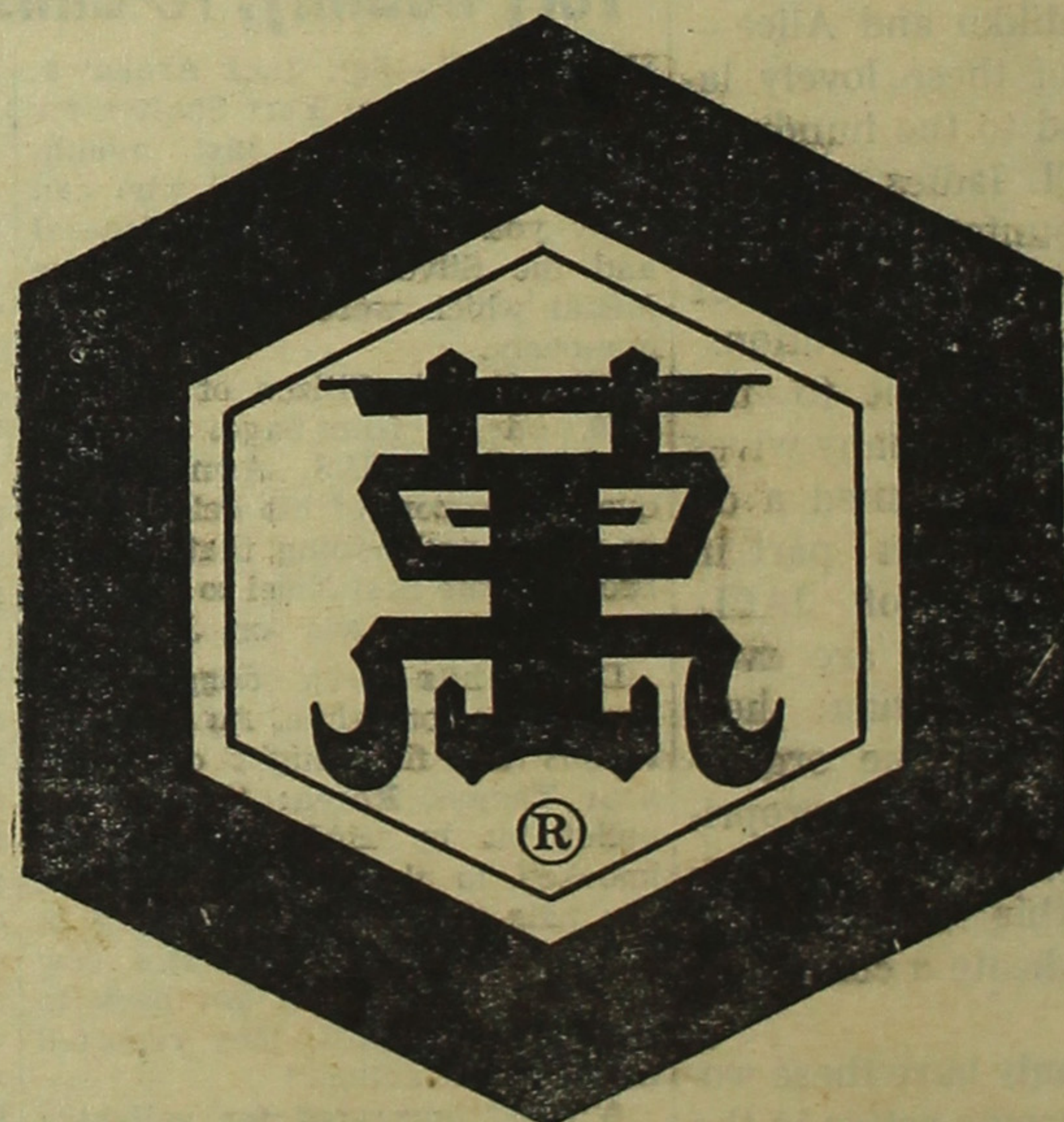
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## VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

### Jazz Pianist Toshiko

Denver

A 23-year-old Japanese girl is one of the world's greatest jazz pianists. Toshiko Akiyoshi, known in the American jazz world as simply "Toshiko", was discovered in Tokyo by U.S. musicians, and she has been a student at Berklee School of Music in Boston for two years.

Miss Akiyoshi recently completed an evolutionary composition, "A Jazz Suite for Orchestra" and it will be presented at the annual concert of the Berklee School on April 28.

Lawrence Berk, head of the school where Toshiko has a full four-year scholarship, believes Miss Akiyoshi will provide the first significant Japanese influence on American jazz. He considers the work an important advance for Toshiko as a composer and believes it may give serious jazz the same tremendous surge given commercial jazz more than 30 years ago by George Gershwin and his "Rhapsody in Blue."

Toshiko's story was told this week by Al Blackman in a feature for International News Service. Writing out of Boston, Blackman noted that Tosh's "seven simple compositions have been welcomed by connoisseurs of the art as the work of a 'future great'."

Her "Jazz Suite for Orchestra" is Toshiko's first long work. The 15-minute composition combines classical elements of instrumentation "with the excitement and emotion of jazz figuration and harmony."

Blackman quoted Berk as being excited over Toshiko's "radically different jazz treatment." Berk, however, introduced a note of caution, said Blackman, by recalling that Toshiko's orchestration is still in its formative years.

"Toshiko's imagination is great," Berk told Blackman. "We fully expect many important works by her that will influence jazz. Writing jazz for large symphonic groups is basically a new idea."

Toshiko told the INS writer she has enjoyed her two years in the United States.

"People have been wonderful to me," she said. "They have accepted me as a friend. I was told things would not be so friendly here, but those who gave me that advice were wrong."

"Too bad we don't have more people in the world who love music as we do," she added. "Music does not differentiate between race, color, creed or nationalities. There would be no possibility of international disagreement if everybody thought musically."

Toshiko has made a record of some of her jazz piano selections, and has appeared in Boston, Chicago and other cities. This summer she will make her second appearance at Newport's famous jazz festival as part of a three-month tour of the United States and Canada. She will appear in leading jazz clubs.

"The genius of Toshiko has been accepted by her American tutors without reservation," says Blackman. Probably her biggest achievement, because of its difficulty, is that she has been accepted as a full-fledged member of Boston Local No. 9 of the American Federation of Musicians. The AFM usually takes a dim view of foreign musicians.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Immigration gave its approval to Toshiko's union membership so that she could put her theories into practice professionally.

Toshiko was heard in Tokyo by Oscar Peterson, himself one of the great jazz pianists, and the latter's influence was considerable in obtaining the scholarship for Toshiko.

The Japanese girl's friends believe she will make a considerable impact on American jazz, both as a musician and as a composer.

The other day in Hollywood Marlon Brando paid a considerable tribute to a Nisei girl who is playing her first movie role opposite him in the Warner Brothers picture, "Sayonara." Her name, of course, is Miiko Taka and she is Hana-Ogi to Brando's Major Gruver in the picture taken from the James Michener novel of interracial love.

Miss Taka's only dramatic training has come as the result of the picture. She has been getting instruction from Brando, as well as from Director Joshua Logan who took one of the gambles of his career when he picked the untrained Miss Taka for "Sayonara."

Now Brando and Logan feel that the Nisei girl, who hadn't previous been in as much as a high school play, will become a star in her first role.

"She is an actress of great sensitivity," says Brando. "A natural, inborn talent. She reads and works with other players extremely well."

Brando told James Bacon of the Associated Press that Miss Taka was "an amazing talent find."

"It's a shame there can't be a wider use of this girl's talent," he said.

The story is pretty well known now that Warners, after a world-wide search for the girl to play Hana-Ogi, finally found her right under their noses—dancing in a kimono in the annual Nisei Festival in Los Angeles. It was a real Cinderella story. One day Miiko was a \$60 a week in a Los Angeles tourist bureau. The next she was emoting opposite Brando.

Solly Baiano, the Warners' scout who found Miiko, tested most of Japan's top actresses for the part. "This is a love story," Baiano said, "and the words 'I love you' play an important part in the script. Most of the girls in Japan came out with something that sounded like 'I rub you.'"

That's when Baiano decided he'd better try to get a Nisei.

Miiko gets a lot of attention these days, according to Bacon. "Her acting is so sensitive that even calloused crewmen interrupt their gin rummy games to watch her and Brando emote. It's the kind of tribute usually reserved for a Katharine Hepburn or a Garbo."

## Illinois assembly acts on four civil rights legislation

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Various civil rights bill in the current session of the Illinois General Assembly have made some headway, according to Robert L. Birchman, Illinois NAACP publicist.

The House Judiciary Committee has approved and the House passed the first reading of HB 528, the open occupancy housing bill which would bar discrimination because of race, color, or creed in "any publicly assisted housing accommodations."

The House Education Committee has recommended passage of HB 254, which would require school districts applying for state aid to file statement with the state Superintendent of Public Instruction that it "has not discriminated in the employment of teachers on the basis of color, creed, race of nationality."

The same committee recommended passage of HB 474, which would advance integration of school districts in Chicago by eliminating school segregation through revision of school areas. While Illinois has had laws against segregation in public schools since 1874, it was pointed out that the patterns of residential segregation, tradition and custom have resulted in the continued existence of all-Negro schools in the city.

Witnesses at hearings on the Equal Job Opportunities bills in both the House (HB 185) and Senate (SB 129) have urged favorable action. This FEPC-type bill passed the House in previous sessions, but was bottled in the Senate.

## Nisei elected head of Boston U. student body

SACRAMENTO.—George Nishikawa of Sacramento, who is presently studying for the ministry at the Boston University School of Theology, was elected president of the school's student body for this semester, it was learned here recently.

Nishikawa, who had served as chairman of the No. Calif. Young People's Christian Conference, began studies at Boston in 1955. He is also deacon of the Methodist church and is assisting at a church in Farrington, while continuing his studies.

## Livingston-Merced JACL slates 3 events to mark Yamato Colony founding in 1907

LIVINGSTON.—This being the year when the old Yamato Colony celebrates its 50th year since its establishment on Jan. 14, 1907, the Livingston-Merced JACL is planning a gala three-event celebration next month to honor the Issei pioneers who were members of the colony.

The Yamato Colony was formed by the late Kyutaro Abiko of San Francisco to open up a Japanese Christian agricultural community in Central California. (See the 1953 PC Holiday Issue.) The barren 2,000 acres were eventually developed into a productive area and community of Livingston.

To commemorate the historic occasion, co-chairmen Kazuo Masuda and Norman Kishi have been planning a dinner, picnic and a finale.

The anniversary dinner will be held May 4, 7 p.m., at the community hall with Rose Hashimoto and Miako Kashiwase heading the committee composed of Grace Church womenfolk. Ken Hamaguchi, Yaye Masuda and Marian Iwata are also assisting.

After the dinner, old pictures of the Yamato Colony will be screened through an opaque projector. The committee is interested in securing all the old photos possible for this showing.

The community picnic on May

## CHINESE AMERICAN MOVES INTO LILY-WHITE AREA, HARRASSED

A Beverly Hills real estate firm was sued for \$50,000 damages two weeks ago by an American-born Chinese doctor who purchased a \$55,000 home in the exclusive, lily-white Highlands area of Arcadia.

Dr. James Chinn, prominent urologist, graduate of Stanford University and USC Medical School, a veteran and a native Californian who was born in Watsonville, moved into the home at 2001 Oaks Pl., Arcadia, about one month ago.

His attorneys, W. J. Schmitt and Fred Howser, former state attorney general and former Los Angeles district attorney, claim that a number of legal obstacles have harassed Dr. Chinn ever since he purchased the home.

Named in the suit are George Elkins, the George Elkins Co. of Beverly Hills and the Camden Wilshire Co., also of Beverly Hills.

## Nisei selected for summer tour of U.N.

STOCKTON.—Marsha Nakawatase, 17, an 11th grade student at Edison High, was named as Stockton's first delegate on the Pilgrimage of Youth to the United Nations, a summer tour sponsored by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges.

More than 600 junior and senior students from high schools in every part of the nation participate in the several of six-day tours of New York City and the United Nations, now in its eighth year.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nakawatase, 209 E. 4th St., she is active in school, feature editor on the school paper, member of several academic clubs, oboist for the school orchestra and was sophomore class president.

## LEADER QUILTS GROUP TO FIGHT UNION BIAS

NEW YORK.—James B. Carey, president of the International Union of Electrical Workers, last week submitted his resignation as chairman of the AFL-CIO civil rights committee. It was reported the committee was not given enough power or freedom to do an effective job of stamping out racial bias in unions.

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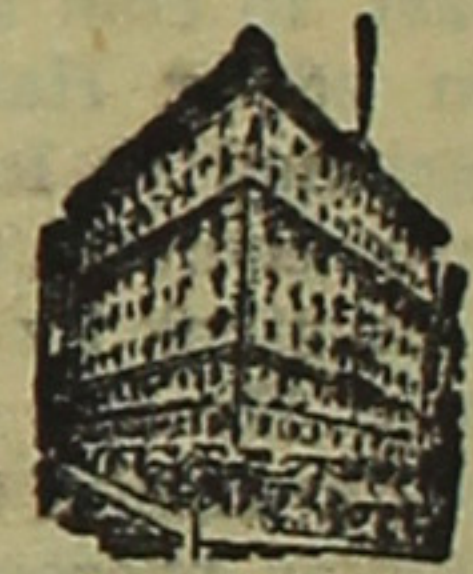
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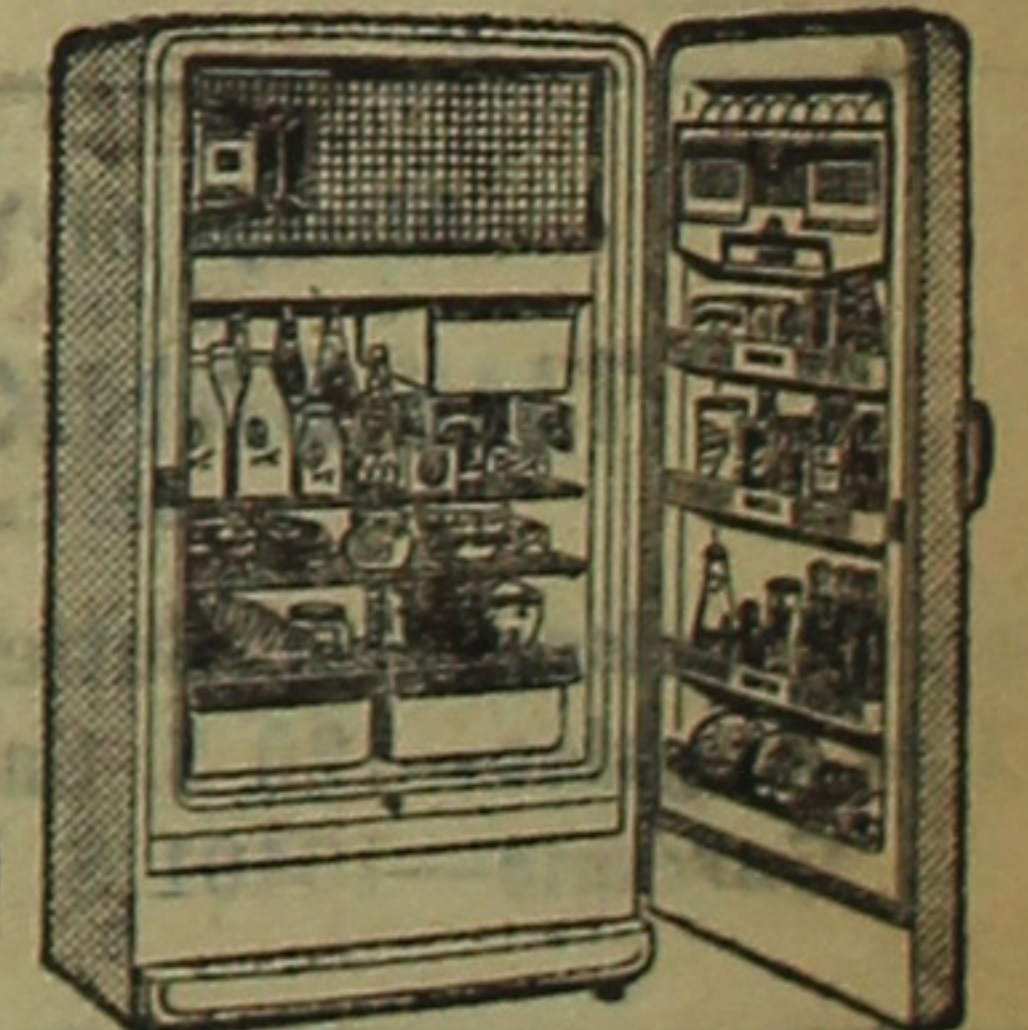


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SOU'WESTER  
By Tats Kushida

Omoi Omoi

In Japanese, *omoi* means either heavy or thought. Both are apropos to the undignified goings-on at a recent board-staff meeting at the home of prexy Roy Nishikawa. After the agenda was cleared, for some reason the subject shifted to food, hence to weight. There followed the braggadocio claims of various board members as to their trim (!) figures and low poundage.

The topic was a natural, for whenever one of these sessions are held at Roy's, Alice invariably dishes up some superlative refreshments. Which was again the case, the victuals consisting of — whoa, before we get carried away, let's continue our report on the extra-session shenanigans.

This is a sort of confidential expose that may result in punitive retaliation but we contend that JACL officers are in a sense public personalities and nothing about them should be concealed from their constituents.

What started out to be good natured banter suddenly became a dead serious issue. We were challenging ourselves. Our honor was at stake. There was only one thing to do. Out came the Nishikawa bathroom scale. The deal was that everyone kick in a dime to the kitty for every pound the scale registered off his own guesstimate, the best score to claim the spoils.

Notwithstanding Alice's warning to Roy that he had been gaining and now was over 165, the Prez obstinately insisted that he couldn't be more than 155. He finally conceded his clothes might weigh three pounds, which made it 158. Silly boy — if anyone should know a man's weight, it's his wife.

With alacrity, he leaped on the scale and his triumphant smile slowly congealed into a mask of utter dismay, disbelief and horror. A fat 170 pounds! After pounding and shaking the innocent scale and testing it a few more times, a very subdued Dr. Nishikawa dug up \$1.20 for the pool.

Then came modest Dave Yokozeki, PSWDC chairman. It turned out he was the only one who did not underestimate his avoirdupois. Considering his once near-rotundity, he had all of us baffled when he declared for only 154 pounds, the scales showing 153. Total cost to Dave: 10 cents.

Equally accurate was nat'l legal counsel, F. Rank Chuman, whose near-miss of 147 was only a dime off the scale's 148.

Now it was our turn. After taking into account the weight of the clothes we happened to have on, the time elapsed since the last natural function of the body, our food intake for dinner, Alice's snack, and the penny-scale reading we had earlier that day, we proudly announced 182 on the nose.

We sympathize a bit with Roy because his scale must surely need adjustment. For us it read 184, which cost us 20 cents. Actually, we had completely neglected to consider our 2nd and 3rd helpings of Alice's *gochiso*.

Callahan Inagaki, the past nat'l prez and now JACL board member, made a quick analysis of his obesity and came up with a svelt 202 prediction. He was off by a shocking (to him) 60 cents.

Last but not least, to coin a new meaning to an old cliché, was Pacific Citizen editor Harry Honda, who, next to Doc, was the most chagrined to learn the terrible truth. We had always told him we couldn't be much heavier than broad-beamed Harry, but he stuck by his guns that his maximum was 174. Came the dawn. He did a double take when the scale registred 180! Harry's wishful thinking cost him 60 cents.

When the two ladies present, our amanuensis Blanche and Alice N., absolutely refused to mount the scale, Dave and Frank, shrewd barristers that they are, divided the loot — \$1.40 apiece.

We have since lost some sleep over that episode, and we have reason to believe three other guys did, too. The only plausible theory is that when Alice made her punch, she used heavy water. At any rate, it's been an *omoi omoi*.

Weight, in Japanese, is *mekata*, a word whose derivation is a dilly: *me* (female) and *kata* (overabundance). That figures. Note, also, its resemblance to *mekake*, the word for mistress or concubine. Now that's a word we'd like to tear into, by which we mean to suggest the Anglocized pronunciations: *me* (first person singular) and *kake* (pastry), two items that go well together. Literally, however, it's *me* (optic) and *kake* (hook), or eye-catcher, which most of them are and that's why they are, *mekake*, that is.

SALAAM SALAMI

Last Sunday, our two youngsters got decked out in their Easter finery, as did our consort, to prod us, below-average Protestant that we are, to go on our semi-annual pilgrimage to church and attend the services at the Gardena Valley Baptist Church. While the Easter rabbit brought several dozen colored eggs to the girls, their father was more fortunate in having bestowed upon him two sticks of Italian salami, a unique but more than welcome Esater gratuity.

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Daisy Uyeda, bossman Mas Satow's girl Friday; and Buddy Iwata of Livingston vacationing with his family.

No rock 'n' roll here  
— teeners taking up  
ballroom dance lessons

DETROIT.—A monthly dance session was launched recently by the Detroit Teen Club with Margaret Page instructing the group in the intricacies of ballroom dancing. The next session is slated April 27 at International Institute.

Shirley Satoh (TY 8-1571) is chairman and may be called for further details and future dates. The class is open to all teenagers. Janice and Marietta Fujita and Marion Kadoguchi are in charge of refreshments.

The group also enjoyed a splash party at the Fisher "Y" last Saturday, followed by refreshments at the home of the Thomas Satohs. Jay Satoh, assisted by Allen Abe, was in charge.

Long Beach opens  
membership drive

LONG BEACH.—A house-to-house membership canvass is being manned by a Long Beach-Harbor District JACL chapter committee headed by George Iseri, membership chairman, and Dr. David Miura, 1000 Club chairman.

Assisting are:

Ruby Mio, George Shiroishi, Tomoehei Shono, Mary and Jim Okita, Harry Hayashi, Gladys and Fumio Takahashi, Peggy Tanaka, Tomizo Joe, Mas Narita, Helene Tanigawa, Shizuka Uchida, Fred Ikeguchi, Mas Shono, Frances Okura, Alice Ueda, Kojiro Kawaguchi, Kay Matsumoto, Frances Ishii, Allan and Frances Kobata, Marlene Hada, Hachiro Yasumura, John Oda, Haj Fukumoto, Lily Arihara, Shallen Kuramoto and Eiko Kusaba.

A general meeting will follow the conclusion of the drive on May 11, 8 p.m., at the Harbor Community Center, according to Tomizo Joe, chapter president.

"This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka" will be shown with George Inagaki, past national JACL president, as guest speaker telling the "inside" story of how Masaoka was made to appear on the TV show. Hachiro Yasumura will be in charge of program arrangements.

San Mateo Chapter  
to stage UNESCO show

SAN MATEO.—The San Mateo JACL and local UNESCO chapter will join forces Wednesday, May 8, to present a program on the culture of Japan.

Saiki Yamaguchi, chapter president, announced the arrangements are presently being made to secure talent for a Japanese program. Japanese dolls and other items will be displayed during the program which will be held in the local Buddhist hall.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT  
SHONEN FOR CL-ERS

A leisure afternoon for the family has been planned by the Hollywood JACL at Shonien, 1815 Redcliff, this coming Sunday, April 28.

Playtime for youngsters start at 3 p.m. while the grown-ups can relax indoors. At 5:30, an "all you can eat" spaghetti feed at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children will be served.

In the evening, George Inagaki, past national JACL president, will recount the behind-the-scenes story of the "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka" kinescope, which will be shown.

Dinner reservations will be accepted today by Danar and Yo Abe (NO 2-3562), Hide and Kay Izumo (NO 2-8378) or Terry and Nancy Kuwata (HO 2-4759).

CHAPTER SPONSORS CLASS  
IN FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

DETROIT.—The spring session of the Detroit JACL-sponsored flower arrangement class began April 10 at International Institute with Mrs. Toshi Shimoura in charge. The 12-week class meets on Wednesdays with Mmes. Millican and Davis of the Koryu School instructing.

Southwest L.A. community center idea  
materializes as three groups in parley

First steps toward building a Southwest Los Angeles Japanese American community center were taken last week when key members of three Seinan area organizations met to discuss formation of a non-profit corporation to build the long-dreamed-of center.

The meeting was called by Kango Kunitsugu, Southwest L.A. JACL president, with representatives from the Seinan Kyogi Kai, responsible Issei group which conducted a fund drive before WW2 for the center, and the Southwest Gardeners Ass'n.

The Southwest L.A. JACL was recently offered two lots located near Foshay Jr. High School by the Kyogi Kai.

(Whether the center is to be constructed on these two lots is a decision to be made by the corporation in charge.)

It was decided a steering committee would be formed for incorporation proceedings with Robert Iwasaki, attorney, named as legal counsel. The JACL chapter was selected by the Kyogi Kai to coordinate and spearhead the community center project because of the diversity and size of its membership (over 1,200 last year), it was revealed.

Present at the meeting were Matsunosuke Oi, Sadano Hayashi, Shikazo Mano of the Kyogi Kai; cabinet members of the gardener's

group led by Morio Hayashida, pres.; Jerry Hashii, exec. v.p.; Min Masukane, Jun Okimoto, Yutaka Niisato, v.p.; and Southwest JACLers Roy Iketani, past pres.; Mack Hamaguchi, past pres. and chairman of the chapter's study committee on the Kyogi Kai property offer, and Iwasaki.

The chapter study committee is composed of Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Dr. Toru Iura, Hana Uno, Dick Fujioka, Tut Yata, Hisashi Horita, Roy Iketani, Mrs. Fred Ota, Mrs. Don Matsuda, Ellen Kubo, Carl Tamaki, Tom Shimazaki, Bob Iwasaki and Kunitsugu.

This committee has also determined that a pressing need exists for a community center in the Seinan area in view of the increase in population since postwar.

The meeting was also occasion for appointment of Matsunosuke Oi as chapter vice-president in charge of Issei division.

"Formation of the Issei division as such is purely for convenience in programming," Kunitsugu pointed out. "Normally, we shy away from making distinctions, but taking the language and age difference into account, we agreed that a sort of Issei 'cabinet' within the chapter would make for a program which better meets the needs of our Issei members."

One-fourth of the chapter's membership is Issei.

Joint parleys promote better 'JACLism,'  
EDC urges continuance for '59 meeting

PHILADELPHIA. — Because they promote better "JACLism", cabinet and chapter officers of the Eastern District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League voted to extend an invitation to the Midwest District Council chapters to continue to join with them in sponsoring joint biennial conventions. The EDC met in special session here April 14. "JACLism" was defined at the meeting to mean a better appreciation and understanding of the work and program of the organization, an opportunity to renew old friendships and to meet new acquaintances, and to join in the inspirational spirit and motivation of the JACL movement.

The bid to the MDC chapters to continue the joint ventures will be made by William Sasagawa, EDC chairman who presided at the recent Philadelphia meeting, at the forthcoming joint EDC-MDC convention in Chicago this Labor Day weekend.

This experiment in combining with the midwestern area chapters in joint convention was tried in 1955, when the Washington, D.C., chapter hosted a most successful two-day affair. The Chicago convention this year will be the second such joint venture, with the next convention, if the joint sponsorship is to continue, probably returning to the East Coast in 1959.

In other actions, the EDC voted to award \$50 to the chapter with the most 1000 Club members as

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, reported on the national organization and the Washington office.

A letter from Kumeo Yoshinari, chairman of the EDC-MDC convention in Chicago this Labor Day this weekend, was read in which convention activities were outlined and a large attendance from the East solicited.

Following the meeting, the delegates enjoyed the hospitality of the Sasagawas, William and Susan.

EDC officers present for the Philadelphia meeting, in addition to Chairman Sasagawa, were vice-chairman Charles Nagao of Sea-of August 1; asked Ben Nakao,

EDC treasurer and author of the district and chapter travel pool last National JACL convention in San Francisco, to rework the district council and chapter schedules in terms of the next National Convention to be held in Salt Lake City in 1958; named Sim Endo as chairman of the district nominating committee to submit his slate of candidates at the Chicago convention; designated Dr. Warren Watanabe to head a committee to review chapter and district assessments and to present recommendations also at the Chicago convention; and asked Dr. George Furukawa to head up a committee to investigate credit union needs and facilities for the various chapters and on a district council level, or in cooperation with the National JACL Credit Union headquartered in Salt Lake City.

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CAST FOR SALT LAKE  
SHIBAI COMPLETED

SALT LAKE CITY.—Among the top attractions at the Salt Lake JACL "Shower of Stars" talent show this Sunday at the Kiwanis Boys' & Girls' Club are two Japanese folk dramas, known as "shibai".

CASTING OF THE COMEDY, "TOCHOKU NO YURI", and melodrama "KOMUSO SHIGURE" (translated titles not provided) was announced last week.

"TOCHOKU NO YURI"  
Ray Kusamura ..... Tamioka  
Tosh Iwasaki ..... Sakamoto  
Takashi Kida ..... Sugita  
Henry Kasai ..... Hirota  
Ichiro Doi ..... Takemoto  
Isamu Watanuki ..... Iimoto  
Sue Kaneko ..... Typist  
Rupert Hachiya ..... Kyuji  
George Yoshimoto ..... Kozukai  
Miki Yano ..... Chiyoha  
John Tanaka ..... Uyemura

"KOMUSO SHIGURE"  
John Tanaka .... Meikashi Bunkichi  
Michi Tsutsui ..... Oman  
Sumi Kanzaki ..... Ohama  
Lessie Yamamoto ..... Oseiki  
Michiko Sanada ..... Omine  
Jiro Sakano ..... Minosuke  
Takashi Kida ..... Wasuke  
Ray Kusamura ..... Jinta  
Tosh Iwasaki ..... Sanshichi

Remainder of the program will feature local amateur talent. Proceeds are earmarked for staging the National JACL Convention to be held here in 1958.

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As we noted here last week, we kept our fingers crossed on the Pacific Citizen press-run being advanced to Thursday morning. In the past, it was printed in the late afternoon with the mailers picking up the bundles on Friday morning to have it ready for the post office that afternoon. As it turned out, our PCs last week were picked up Thursday noon and in the mails a couple of hours later.

So we're hoping our readers got their PCs a day early. Our office copy came in the Friday morning mail — the first time a Friday dated PC came in the mails on a Friday. We'd like to hear from our out-of-town readers on this improvement of service.

The new press schedule provides us with a much-needed day to get our library and PC files in order. Generally known as the "morgue" among newspaper people, we inherited the files and photographs that Larry Tajiri amassed during the decade he served as editor in Salt Lake City. The wealth of clippings (some not dated, unfortunately) from newspapers during the war years has become a priceless possession. With the coming year of Fridays, we hope to have our "morgue" updated. (This is one man who can not remember details, although we know where to look for them.)

And always handy are the bound volumes of the Pacific Citizen since 1942, which form a substantial part of the library.

Maybe we ought to explain the change in press schedules. Bob Kishita, who has taken over the job at Shin Nichi Bei, is able to spend the entire working day at the shop; whereas formerly, Shig Koizumi had a half-day gardening route. Shig is an old-hand at the game, having been in the trade since the prewar Kashu Mainichi days. Now he is on a full-day route. Bob, who has taken photographs for us in the past, is new at the game, but willing and diligent. He's the same fellow who used to work the Japanese movie circuit before the war as a projectionist.

To Shig: thanks for all your help. To Bob: our best wishes.

— Harry K. Honda

## Promise no punch to be spared at Sansei life panel

CHICAGO. — "Let's Talk About Ourselves", general topic for the Chicago JACL Sunday Afternoon discussion series, promises the most exciting topic to date this Sunday at Olivet Institute as seven young people representing a good cross-section of Chicago's Sansei life will speak their mind.

(The term "Sansei" used in the discussion refers to Japanese Americans who are of high school and college age. The term will not necessarily apply to third generation only.)

They will pull no punches in relating their views on such matters as discrimination in schools, employment and housing; conflict at home in areas of culture, friends, careers, money and dating; and their feelings about so-called Nisei organizations.

The audience at the third session in the series will be given ample opportunity to direct questions to members of the panel. Conrad Kurihara of Firman House and Lillian Kimura of Olivet Institute will help guide the meeting. No "outside" resource people have been invited to this session.

High school and college age young people are invited to attend as special guests of the Chicago JACL, announced Abe Hagiwara, chapter public relations committee chairman. The meeting will start

## VOLUNTEERS AID IN EASTER LILY SALES

SAN FRANCISCO.—A corps of 13 members of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary conducted a successful Easter lily sale drive April 13 for the Easter Seal Crippled Children fund.

According to Mrs. Yo Hironaka, chairman for this year's project, the group sold all the paper lilies assigned to them for the sale.

Those who participated in the event were Elsie Uyeda, Bessie Sonoda, Kuni Kodani, Mary Morishita, Bette Takeshita, Tomi Tomimatsu, Yasuko Fujita, Doris Horiuchi, Georgia Tanaka, Mary Minamoto, Riyo and Vi Ichikawa.

## Jr. JACL promotion

FOWLER. — The Junior JACL movement will be promoted in Central California through a committee composed of James Maisubara of Tulare County, Dr. Sumio Kubo of Fresno and Fumio Ikeda of Clovis, it was decided at the spring quarterly CCDC meeting here recently.

## '56 membership topped

BERKELEY.—The latest count of the current membership drive has reached 267, according to Ko Ichi, Berkeley JACL membership chairman. The total surpasses last year's 213.

at 3 p.m.

Members of the panel will be Yoko Arakawa, Elaine Kanzaki, Steve Kumamoto, Michiko Itahara, Bob Omori, and Gayle Teraoka.

## San Fernando Valley JACL installs 1957 officers

NORTH HOLLYWOOD.—The 1957 officers of the San Fernando Valley JACL were installed April 12 by National JACL President Dr. Roy Nishikawa at Hody's Restaurant here. Nearly 50 members and friends saw Kay Nakagiri, a Lockheed engineer, sworn into office. Hilda Imai, past chapter official, was mistress of ceremonies.

## CCDC—

Continued from Front Page Japan.

It was also reported that some of these refugee workers are volunteering in the armed services so that they will be able to obtain naturalization privileges in a shorter time.

Dr. George Miyake of Fowler, chairman of the district's "chapter of the year" committee, reported that the perpetual trophy awarded to honor chapters each year may be kept permanently by any C.C. group which wins it twice. Parlier was the first winner last year.

Dr. James Nagatani of Delano reported that the district finance committee will include: Jonsson Kebo, Hiro Mayeda, Kaz Kumoto, George Abe, Dr. Sumio Kubo and Tom Nakamura.

Tom Nagamatsu of Del Rey, CCDC chairman, reported that he had contacted the Delano elementary school authorities about the textbook incident here recently and also KJEO-TV on its showing of the film, "Betrayal from the

## Nat'l JACL credit union declares 4%, changes also bared

SALT LAKE CITY.—The National JACL Credit Union has declared a 4 percent dividend for 1956, the board of directors informed the annual meeting last Saturday at Dawn Noodle House.

In previous years, members were sent their dividend checks but with the accounting now being done on the Underwood-Sunstrand accounting machine this year, it was found easier to credit the share account of members with the dividend. However, members wishing his dividend can submit a written request for it.

It was reported that last year 223 loans were made totaling approximately \$160,000. The total savings of 648 members as of Dec. 13, 1956, amounted to \$228,595.34, an increase of \$66,000 in savings from the previous year.

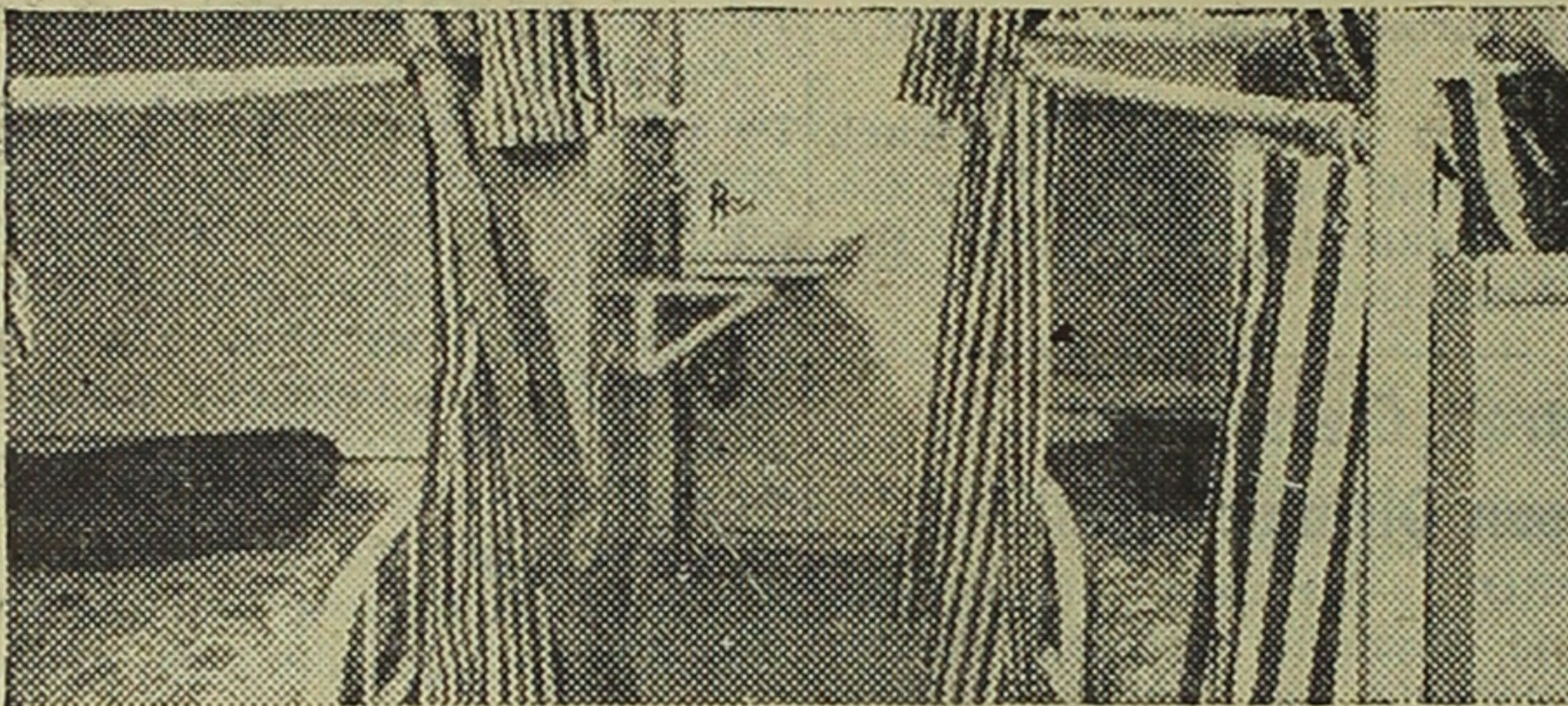
The Board of Directors also announced that effective April 1 the life insurance coverage under the share account has been increased to \$2,000. The previous maximum coverage was \$1,000. This should induce members to increase their savings to \$2,000.

The heretofore maximum loan amount of \$3,000 has been increased to \$6,000.

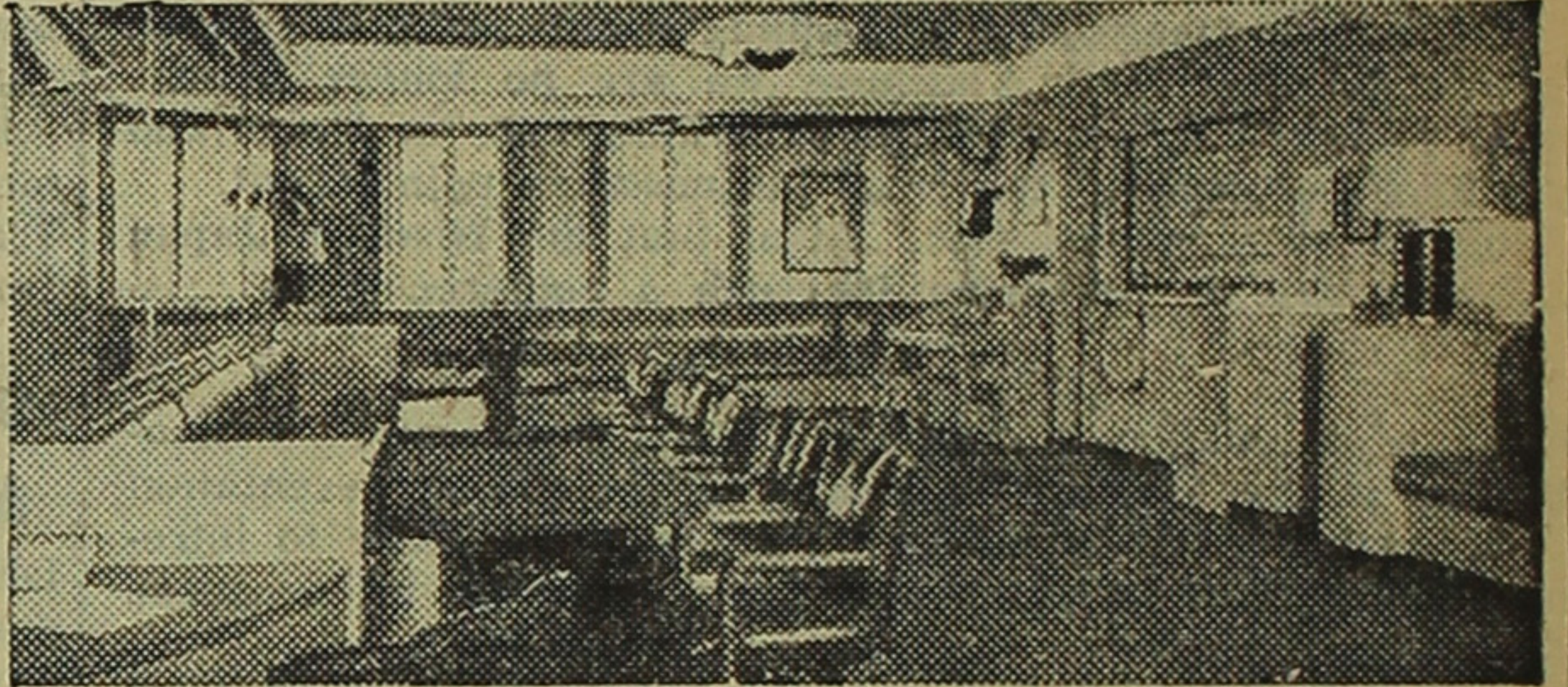
He also reported that the next district meeting will be held in Fresno on July 10.

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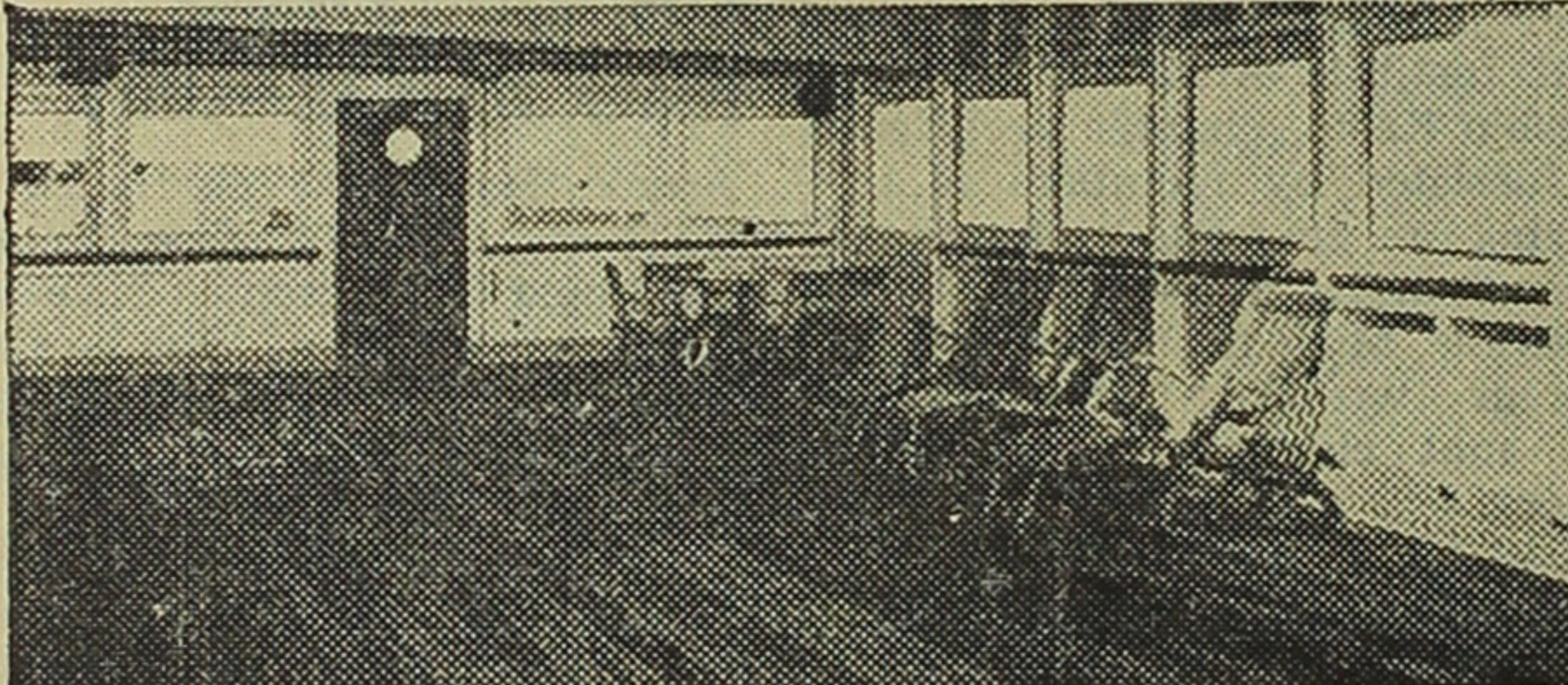
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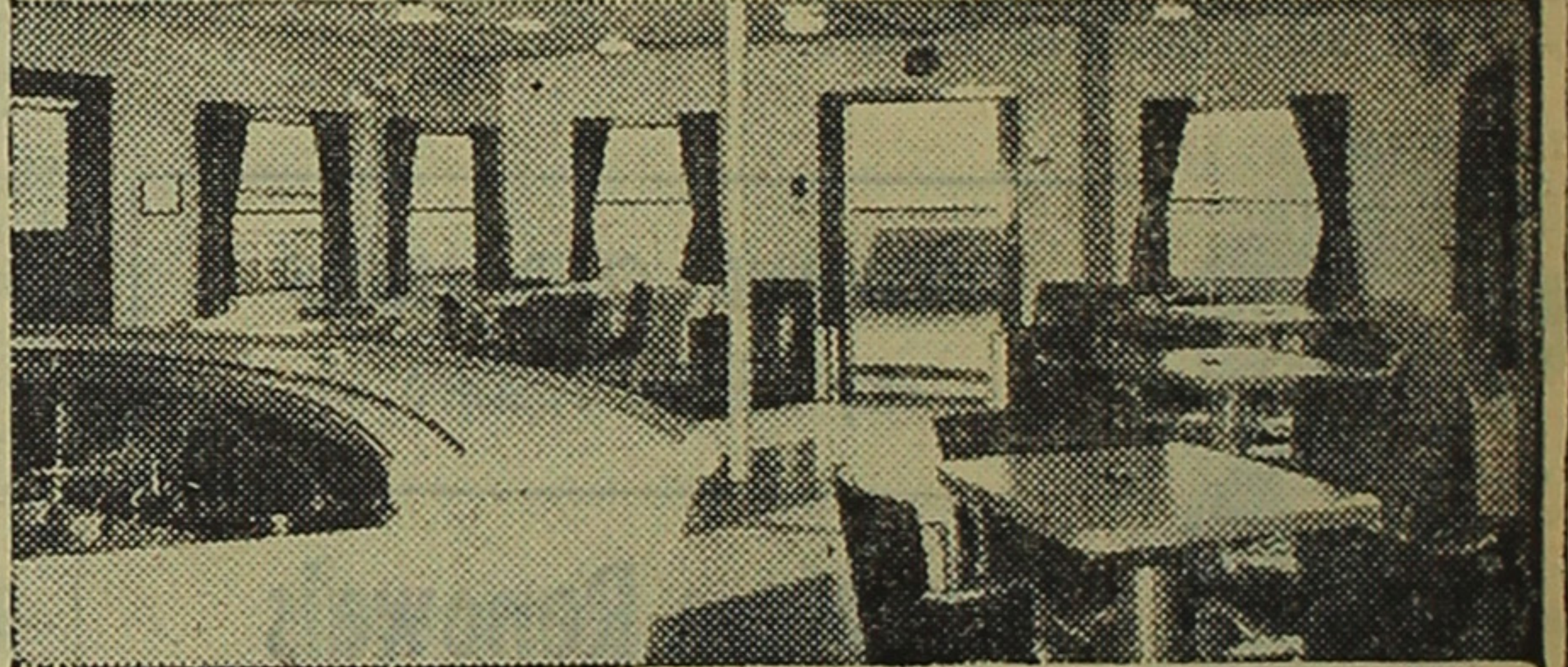
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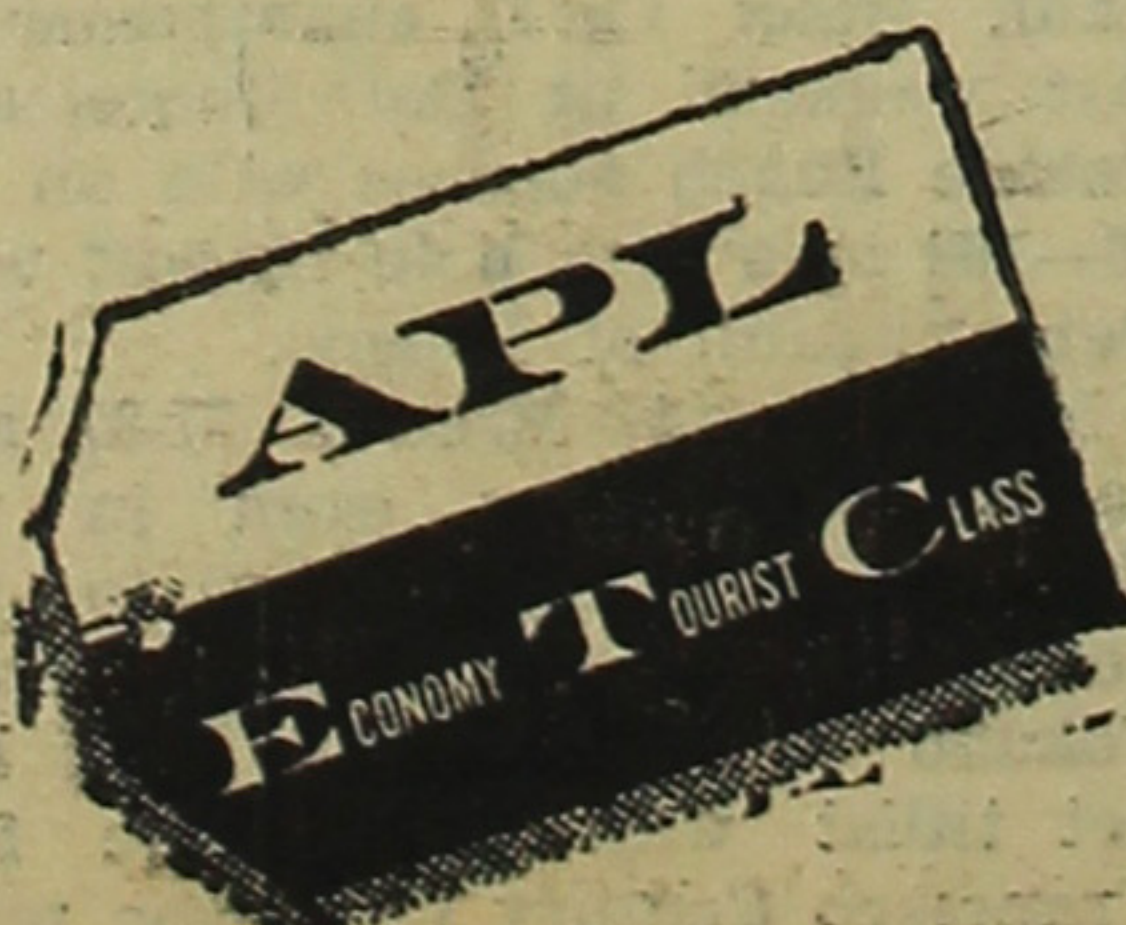
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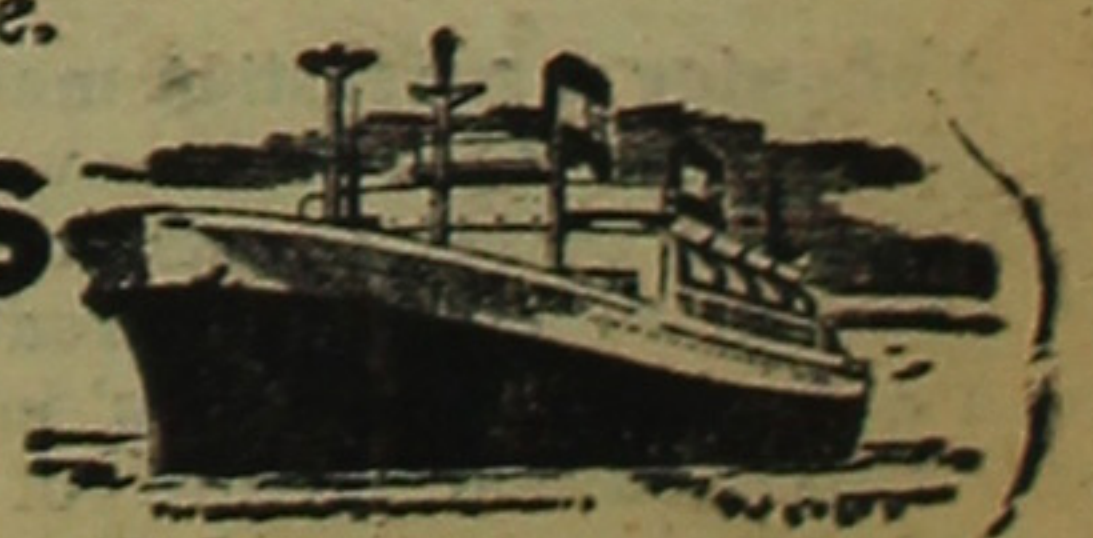
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## TOKYO TOPICS

By Tamotsu Murayama

### Nisei Businessmen

TOKYO.—Gov. Seichiro Yasui of Tokyo may call a conference of American Nisei businessmen in the fall to meet with the leading businessmen of Japan as well as leaders from other fields.

Heretofore, there have been numerous conferences and conventions in Tokyo hosting Caucasian Americans and other nationals. But this could become the first attempt to call the Nisei of Hawaii and the mainland United States for a high-level business gathering in Tokyo.

"I have been long considering to sponsor some sort of a Nisei conference here by inviting businessmen and leaders to meet with Japan's top leaders of business, politics and finance," Gov. Yasui declared.

"I would like to have an opportunity for Nisei in America to become acquainted with things Japanese. From my previous visits to America, I often experienced that many Nisei are not aware of the latest in Japan and felt that there should be some opportunity to have them come to Japan. It may be other than tourist purposes. I am going to study various aspects of this idea before sending out invitations," he added.

This development was disclosed after Taul Watanabe and Kiyo Yamato of Los Angeles and Kiyo Nogami, former Alameda baseball star and prominent Nisei businessman in Tokyo, called on the governor. (Taul and Kiyo are well-known businessmen in California).

"You know," continued the governor, "I want Nisei leaders to have an opportunity of getting acquainted with the actual conditions in Japan. When Nisei come to Japan and see what it's like, they may be able to create something out of such a visit. Japan and America must come closer than ever before."

"Furthermore, I believe that Nisei can interpret Japan to America better than anyone else. Nisei can really accomplish something tremendous for the Pacific area," the governor said.

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"That is what I wanted to see for some time. More Nisei are beginning to understand Japan or want to understand Japan. The ordinary tourist-visitor accomplishes nothing for us," the governor was then informed by Watanabe.

"We like to accomplish something more conclusive when we come to visit Japan, because we are no longer babies. We are confident that we can do something here in Japan and help Japan's economy," the Nisei businessman pointed out.

Nogami also assured Gov. Yasui that the Nisei in Japan would cooperate in preparing for such a conference.

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Meanwhile, a plan to organize a Nisei Businessmen's Association is in the making in Tokyo to include representation from Hawaii and the mainland U.S.A. It would serve to introduce visiting Nisei businessmen from America to Japanese officials.

A Nisei Businessmen's Association would be another Nisei landmark in Japan. Through it, the Nisei in Japan can "play ball" with local business leaders.



## THOUSAND CLUB NOTES

By Kenji Tashiro

### For More Renewals

March was a big month for the 1000 Club in terms of new and renewal memberships. In the first fifteen days of the month we received 112 new and renewal memberships, followed by 52 more during the second half of the month for a record total of 164 for March. This broke all previous records for any one month period.

We were hoping that this trend would continue, but the first two weeks of April brought in only 24 additional memberships, a rather disappointing figure after such a tremendous, previous high. Nevertheless, the 24 memberships so far in April have raised to 1,872 the number of Thousanders whom have joined at one time or another. Our current active list stands at 1,140. This highlights the fact that we are not doing as well as might be in the matter of renewals, and that we must place added emphasis on this phase of our membership campaign.

Plans for the PSWDC Convention scheduled for the weekend of May 18-19 appear to be in high gear. One of the several highlights of the Convention will be the appearance of TV personality Ralph Edwards as guest speaker at the Sunday luncheon. The highpoint from our standpoint, of course, will be the 1000 Club Whing-Ding. Co-chairmen Roy Yamadera and Fred Takata have picked Thousander Ken Dyo of Pasadena to chair this event. They could not have picked a better man for the job. We can be assured of a 'ellarious time with Ken at the helm.

The Chapter 1000 Club Whing-Ding, as instituted by the Parlier Chapter, seems to have caught hold in the midwest, in the fair city of Cleveland to be specific, where Thousander Harry Kaku and cohorts recently put over a rollicking affair. I understand those who attended had such a terrific time of it that they demanded it be continued as an annual event.

Following a suggestion made by my predecessor Shig Wakamatsu, I plan to ask the various District Council 1000 Club Chairmen to be my guests on this column in the months ahead. In addition to providing greater participation, we believe the plan will add to our readers' interests by giving a more thorough and representative picture of 1000 Club activities throughout our entire organization. I find it increasingly difficult to provide topics of sufficient interest. In other words, I'm running out of gas.

## JACL OLYMPICS ENTRY DEADLINE UPPED TO MAY 13

SAN FRANCISCO.—Several changes have been made for the fifth annual San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics at Kezar stadium Sunday, May 26, the committees in charge of arrangements pointed out to all sponsoring chapters this week.

Registration deadline has been advanced to Monday, May 13, due to the early date of the meet. Chapters will receive entry blanks from the track committee soon. These should be returned with a \$1.50 entry fee per contestant before the deadline date. There will be no team entry charge.

Weigh-in will be at Kezar stadium between 9 and 10 a.m. The weigh-in will be held at the actual locale of the meet to avoid transportation problems as well as because of the time element involved.

Trial heats will begin at 10 a.m. and continue to noon. Opening ceremonies will be held after lunch.

As in past meets, rules of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Assn. will prevail. Scoring will be based on 5-4-3-2-1 point system in the track and field events. Relays will be scored on the 5-3-1 system.

Team awards will be presented to the one with the highest accumulated score in three classes—A, B and C. Team trophies in classes will be given to the winner and runners-up. Individual medals will be awarded first and second place finishers of each race. The three other finishers will receive ribbons.

All contestants must be sponsored through their local JACL chapters.

Inquiries concerning the track meet should be addressed to the Track Committee, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco.

## Detroit Clers honor Japan Olympic wrestlers

DETROIT.—Members of the Japanese Olympic wrestling team, now touring the United States, were guests at the Detroit JACL dinner in their honor at International Institute April 12.

Yoshio Kasai, chapter president, was assisted by members in organizing an impromptu Japanese dinner to welcome the team. Dean Rockwell, Michigan chairman of amateur wrestling and former AAU mat champion, hosted the visitors.

## BERKELEY JACL SPONSORS PEE-WEE SOFTBALL TEAM

BERKELEY.—Five weeks of pee-wee softball for a Berkeley JACL-sponsored team will be under the guidance of Tosh Sano, recreation chairman for the chapter, and coaches Walt Morita and Paul Nomura.

Entered in the No. Calif. Japanese American Optimist Club league opening this Sunday, the youngsters cross bats with the East Bay All-Stars here.

Assisting the Berkeley team will be Tosh Nakano, Yoshio Toriumi, Toke Ariyoshi, Tosh Kubokawa, Frank Yamasaki and Tad Hirota.

## Boston marathon

BOSTON.—A Connecticut school teacher, John Kelley, 26, conquered a powerful foreign delegation to win the Boston AA marathon last Saturday in 2h.20m.5s. Keizo Yamada of Japan, 1953 winner, was fifth in 2h.33m.22s. Nobuyoshi Sadanaga, also from Japan, was eighth.

## MARATHON RUNNER'S SON TAKING AFTER FATHER

KAHULUI, Maui.—Ken Tamana, son of Hawaii's marathon star Norman, broke two records in the Lahainaluna Invitational track and field meet novice 880 and mile runs Mar. 30 with 2m.10.4s. and 4m.49.4s. respectively.

Tamana set a new mile record at the Private School championships last Saturday in 4m.45.4s., in what appears to be the best Nisei effort to date in recent years.

## 14-year-old Margie Iwasaki of Canada competes in U.S. nat'l AAU swimfest

Margaret Iwasaki, Canada's 14-year-old hope for the 1960 Olympics, finished third in the 100-yd. freestyle in the national AAU women's indoor swimming championships last week at Beverly Hills High School pool. She had negotiated the distance 59.1s. in the prelims to qualify.

The only Canadian swimmer to break an American record, she marked up a 27.2s. in the 50-yd. freestyle last month at the Multnomah A.C. Invitational at Portland, topping the U.S. mark by .4s.

The Vancouver, B.C., Sansei has competed for the 1956 Olympic trials and since that time has steadily improved. In the British Columbia swimming championships last February, she broke the Crystal Pool (25-yd.) record in the 200-yd. junior freestyle with 2m.15.7s., chopping off 1.4s.

Regarded as Canada's top ten women swimmers, she has been in competitive training only two and a half years ago. She was one of four Canadian Nisei to enter the Olympic trials last August,

taking three seconds and two thirds in both junior and senior events. She is a member of the Dolphin Club of Vancouver, tutored by Howard Firby.

Margaret's younger sister, Lynne, 13, competed in the Olympic trials as a backstroke. The other two Nisei splashes were Lloyd Kishino of Montreal, McGill University butterfly and breaststroke letterman; and Gerald Nakatsuka, 15, of North Vancouver, 100-440 freestyle.

## EDC-MDC—

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Reports on the activities of the four chapters were presented, which featured Seabrook's highly successful community chow mein dinner attended by more than 900 persons to raise money for day camps for children and for the final contribution to the Bridgeton Hospital for a memorial clinic.brook, Woodrow Asai of New York and Dr. Furukawa of Washington, D.C., and 1000 Club chairman Dr. Thomas Tamaki.

The Seabrook delegation was led by chapter president George Noda and included James Nakao, Irene Aoki, Kiyomi Nakamura, John Fuyume, and Vernon Ichisaka.

Joe Imai, chairman of the board of directors of the New York chapter, also attended.

Harvey Iwata, Washington, D.C. president, was accompanied by Mary Ichino and Suzy Sakato.

The Philadelphia contingent included Dr. Watanabe, chairman of the Board of Directors, and Eiichi Koiwai, Jack Ozawa, Sim Endo, Martin Barol, Yosuke Nakano, Mary Watanabe, Hana Fujii, William Marutani, and R. N. Hoshikawa.

The next meeting for the EDC will be during the EDC-MDC convention in Chicago, with a separate session set up for each of the district councils as well as joint meetings.

## Free movie night for San Francisco Issei set

SAN FRANCISCO.—"Kunisada Chuji", a Japanese Robin Hood tale of the Tokugawa era, will be shown free of charge at the San Francisco JACL Movie Night at Sokoji Hall, 1881 Bush St., on Thursday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., it was announced by program chairman Yone Satoda.

The program is in line with the board's policy of better relations with the Issei in the community as well as persons from Japan in the postwar period.

"This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka" will also be shown.

BERKELEY.—Two Japanese features plus "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka" were shown last Saturday at the Berkeley JACL benefit movie night at Burbank Jr. High School auditorium.

Chiyo Sumimoto and Masuji Fujii were co-chairmen.

## French Camp JACL picnic committeemen announced

FRENCH CAMP.—Everything is ready for the French Camp-Tracy area community picnic this Sunday, being sponsored by the local JACL, according to chapter president Lawrence Nakano.

Tom Natsuhara and George Komure, general co-chairmen, are being assisted by John Fujiki, donation; Ben Watanabe, picnic assessment; Terry Hotta, Miyuki Kanemoto, purchasing; Michi Egusa, wrapping; Ben Hatanaka, p.a. system; Morey Egusa, Tak Hamamoto, prog. eqmt.; Fumio Nishisa, transp. & grounds; Fumio Kanemoto, refr.; Aya Tsugawa, prize; Hiro Shimamoto, judges; Lydia Ota, Alyce Shimamoto, corr.; George Ogino, pub.; Dr. James Tanaka, tickets; and Tosh Hotta, ticket dist.

The picnic is being held at Mickle's Grove, north of Stockton on Hwy. 99 leading to Lodi. Tickets for the free gate prize will be distributed between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Refreshments will be free.

## Nisei bowls 300 twice in series for 858—but in practice

HONOLULU.—Charles Kanegawa left eyes agog and heads spinning the night he quit the maples at the Honolulu Bowling Center after a practice series Mar. 30.

Experimenting for some time with a two-finger ball, he found the range on alley 10 and cobbered the pins at the sensational rate of 300-258-300—858!

An all-time house record, surpassing Tad Nagasawa's 824 (also rolled in practice), it was witnessed by Roy Ah Nee and Pete Laura. Even though the performance was not in sanctioned ABC play, the performance is certainly fantastic and must be recorded if not rewarded.

In recording 34 strikes out of 36 shots, Kanegawa had but two Brooklyns and only two spares.

## NISEI RELAYS NAME TRACK MEET OFFICIALS

Arnold Hagiwara, chairman of the 6th annual JACL Nisei Relays to be held on Sunday, June 23, at Rancho Stadium, disclosed chairmen of various committees currently planning the Southland's only all-Nisei track meet.

Chief assistant will be Dr. Robert Watanabe, prominent Nisei sprinter while at UCLA; Carl Hanaoka, fin.; George Yoshinaga, pub.; Steve Okuma, trophies; Jim Higashi, awards.

Relays officials under coordinator Kango Kunitugu are Art Goto, starter; Edwin Hiroto, clerk of the course; Yas Abe, Ted Niiya, timers; Joe Iwanaga, head field judge; Joe Yamashita, registrar; Steve Okuma and Akira Nishiyama, scorers.

## Kameoka on winning LACC quartet at Kansas meet

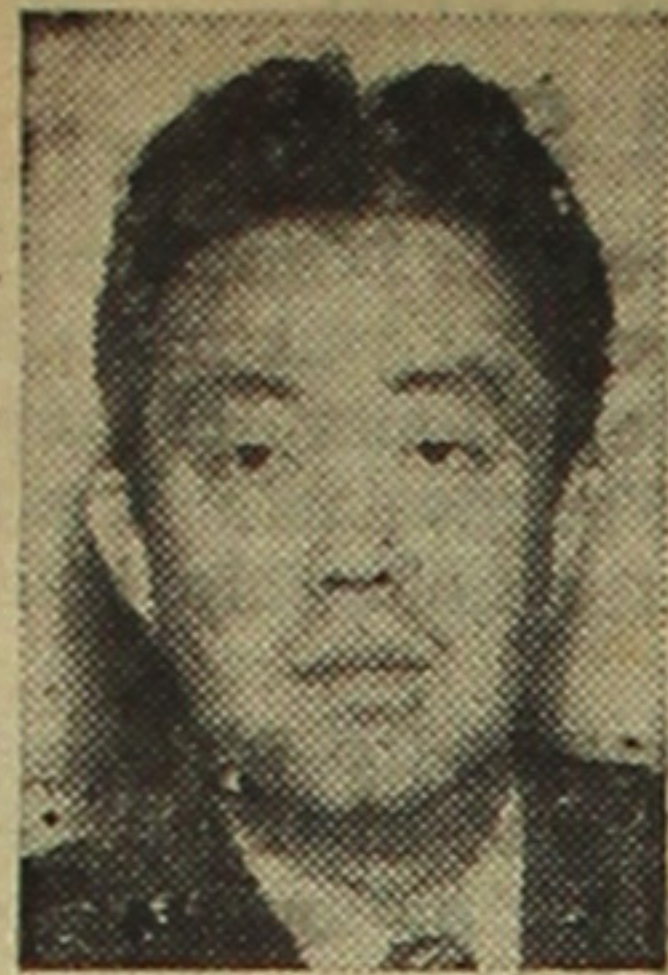
LAWRENCE, Kan.—Los Angeles City College was a surprise winner in the college 880 relay here last weekend in a speedy 1m.26.4s, fastest by a two-year school this year. The quartet included Bobby Kameoka, lead-off man. (World record is 1m.24s. for the 4-man X220 yd. race.)

## CHICK HINAGA CAPTURES NO. CAL. GOLF TITLE

MONTEREY.—Chick Hinaga of San Jose unseated teammate and three-time winner Frank Yoshioka in the 10th annual 36-hole No. Calif. Nisei Golf championships last weekend at Del Monte and Pebble Beach courses with an 81-79—160 in a 37th hole playoff with Pete Tagami of Fresno.

Yoshioka (4) fired a 77-87 and out of the money even in the championship flight where top ten netted between 145 and 155. Frank Tokubo (9) of Monterey was low net titlist with 80-83. The San Francisco Century Club won team honors.





## LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

### Farmer Fred's

**GOOD COMMUNITY** relations usually start through grass-root contacts among residents who live and work together. It would seem that the neighboring city of Huntington Park was not altogether cordial towards persons of Japanese descent at the end of World War II and there was much to be done in a way of public relations.

About five years ago Fred I. Wada, owner of Farmer Fred's Market at 3508 E. Florence Ave. in Huntington Park, was able to patch up some of the ills which had resulted during the last war between persons of Japanese ancestry and their community at large. In the words of one Huntington Park newspaperman, Wada was the "first Oriental" market operator to be given a chance to start his business in that town.

Today, not only has Wada succeeded in his produce business in a spot where two others had failed previously but he has done more than one man's share in building up goodwill.

To prove the point, Wada was the first Japanese American to be accepted into the Huntington Park Rotary Club last spring. He topped his first year's service by winning the "Raff Yearling Award" for 1956 last week.

The lone Nisei member was just elected president of Rotary Club 21, a group within the organization consisting of 21 of the "youngest men" in the club who shoulder the major portion of the activities and projects programmed by the members. Wada is also active in Boy Scout work and is a member of Koyasan Troop 379 parents committee. He is a strong supporter of the Moral Re-Armament movement.

**SOUTHWEST JACL'S** "charm" to sponsor an event—rain or shine—and come up "smelling like a rose," as Mrs. Kango Kunitsugu quotes it, certainly intrigues us. Mrs. Kunitsugu, better known to her intimate friends as "Kats," has reported that another successful Easter egg hunt was held last Sunday at Rancho playground.

Her hubby, the chapter president, wrote to several markets for a donation of eggs several weeks ago. The result was overwhelming. Actually the members had more than they could handle.

But it had rained "cats and dogs" on Easter eve and there was very little incentive to color or decorate 1,200 or more eggs. But braving everything, a crew of volunteers got them up. It was spanking California sunshine the following day and where 75 kids were expected, more than 150 showed up, with an equal number of adults there. In a matter of 10 minutes all of the 1,200 eggs were picked up by the youngsters.

Kats noted a similar situation back in February when the JACLers decided to have a snow hike at Mount Baldy. The blistering sun had virtually parched the area just a few days before but at the last moment rains came in abundance. They practically buried themselves in 30 inches of snow that day.

To top the string of luck, their "Escapade" social on Apr. 13 looked like a question mark what with other events going on the same evening. Bartender Kunitsugu says "it's been one of the best we've had." (Bartender for that night only, that is).

**FROM THE** looks of things our local television sponsor selling shoes on a nightly "Popeye" cartoon program isn't doing too well. Son Bennett since viewing the daily program has heightened the ration on spinach and now-a-days we have it almost three times a week.

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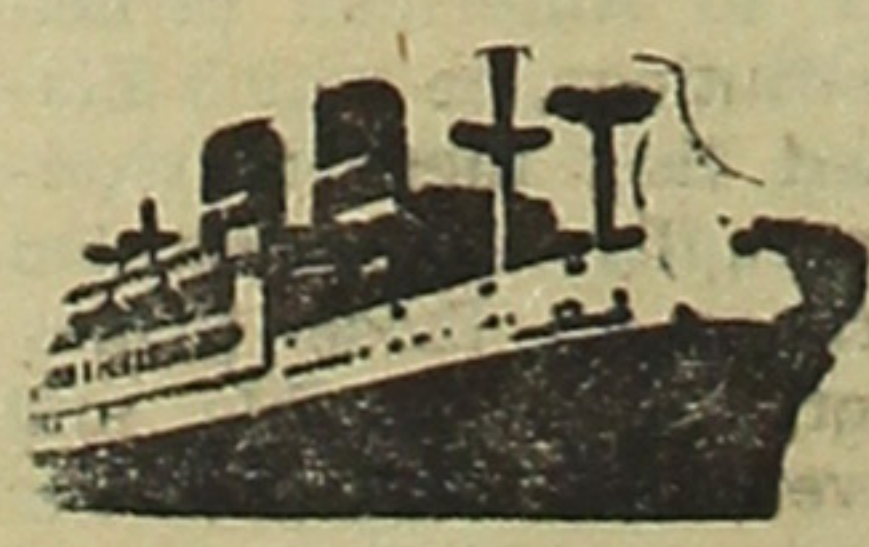
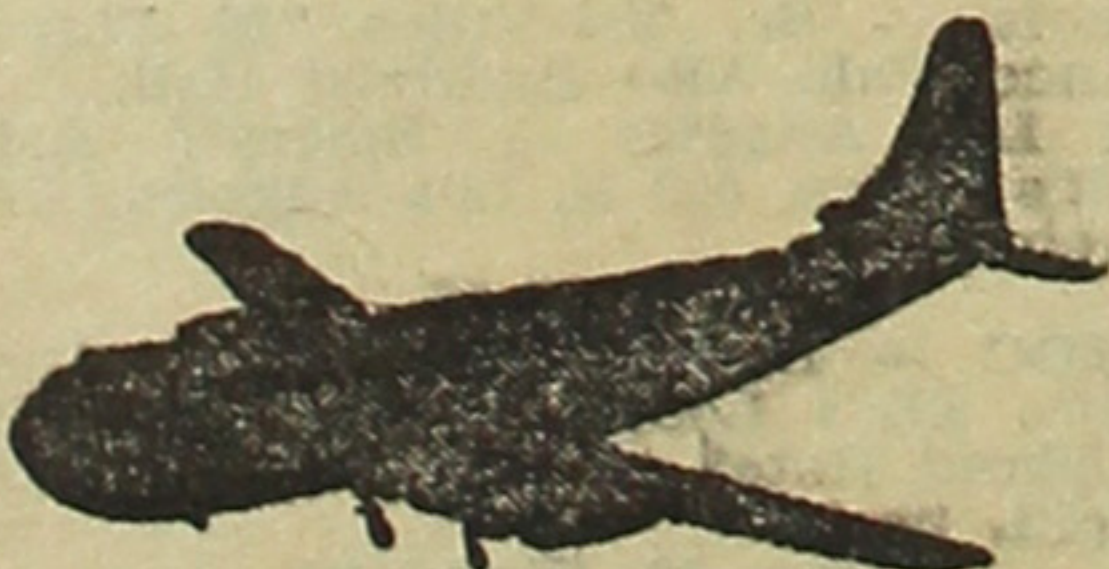
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## Nisei working in Veteran Administration hospital praised



Seattle  
Dear Ed: You can imagine our surprise to see the so-called "Sick Report" occupying the usual space on Pg. 6 last week. Well, we can go along with the Sick Report idea and say that after 11-days incarceration, the site of the big leakage in the pipes of Yours Truly is still undetermined. One comfort thought: no additional transfusions have been needed since the first day.

—Elmer Ogawa.

**ADMISSION** to the VA Hospital is like holding "old home week" with the Nisei Vets. By that we don't just mean welcoming the many visitors, but the awareness that so many of the boys and girls from the club work right here at the hospital, and this revelation carried its own special impact.

The very first morning after the all-night transfusion session, it was necessary to make a "before breakfast" appointment with X-ray. Orders were that the trip downstairs must be made in a wheelchair. Upon arrival at the X-ray and fluoroscopy department, we were shoved into a corner and the escort took off. Very soon, someone came behind me, grabbed the

chair evidently to straighten out the line and a voice said: "Oh it's Elmer. How ya boy. Take things easy." And with a big slap on the back, he was off.

We looked around to see who the departing greeter might be and saw a stocky guy with dark over-size goggles and heavy protective apron. He was Nisei, but who, disguised in all that gear? As we watched his quick, coordinated movements in performing his many duties, the name Joe came to mind. "Joe, Joe, why Joe Kesamaru. That's who it was," I said to myself.

The same Joe who was player-manager at the time when the vets themselves played on the NVC baseball team. The same Joe who one day appointed himself pinch-hitter to squeeze out a victory in a crucial ninth-inning situation, and who now coaches the NVC Little Leaguers.

**ONCE** back in the room, it became a must to call past commander Dave Hirahara, who is a wheel in the VA Hospital purchasing department. He came right up and to him goes all the credit for gathering the facts on this little job of bedside reporting.

Dave is a walking authority on many subjects including this city's commendable record of Nisei integration in higher bracket housing—a subject there will be more later.

The country club atmosphere of

this hospital located on top of Beacon Hill with its commanding view in all directions we described last year.

**IT MAY** be of interest to add that this towering 325-bed edifice is manned by some 525 employees, many of whom are NVC Nisei. Drs. Edo Sasaki, Ben Uyeno and Jim Watanabe have departed for private practice. But still with us in diversified jobs are laboratory technicians, executive and administrative assistants, specialists, RN's, hematologists and dunno what else.

A quick rundown on names will go like this: Kaz Sakahara, Mrs. Sam Kawamura, Mrs. Charles Okada, Mrs. Kallio Suguro, Mrs. Alice Tanabe, Mrs. Sally Furukawa, Mrs. H. Konishi, Haruko Nakashima, Shizu Tatsumi, M. Pete Yamasaki, Ed Honda, Joe Kesamaru, Tak Isoshima, Julie Ann Miyazaki, Dave Hirahara and Fujie Suhara.

These are just a few of what must be hundreds of Nisei civil service employees who do a creditable job in the 176 VA Hospitals and domiciliarys throughout the United States.

It is a pleasure to mention also the substantial number who, along with the many veteran groups, aid in volunteer service projects at the hospital. The NVC Auxiliary is a leader in this activity, maintaining a permanent roster of clerk-typists and other volunteers who contribute many "woman hours" every month.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

#### LOS ANGELES

ABE, Jimi T. (Aiko Kamayatsu) — girl Denise V., Feb. 14.  
AII, Ernest W. (Janet K. Okuma) — boy Thomas K., Feb. 10.  
AKAMINE, Robert N. (Jane F. Higa) — boy Steven Kiyoshi, Feb. 5.  
FUJINAMI, Shigeru (Harumi Shibata) — boy Kurt Shigenobu, Feb. 17.  
HASHIMOTO, Paul M. (Kay Hozaki) — boy Gene W., Feb. 28.  
HAYASHI, George I. (Yuriko Yamana) — girl Dee A., Feb. 13.  
HIGASHI, Richard I. (Satoko Kamikawa) — girl Joan L., Feb. 16.  
HIRAGA, Ben Y. (Sonoye Maeda) — girl Susan M., Feb. 17.  
HIRATA, Tomoharu H. (Kimiko J. Kuroiwa) — boy Kunio Lyle, Feb. 8.  
HONDA, Shigeru (Kazuko Shibahara) — girl Susan Kiyomi, Feb. 28.  
IKEDA, Hideo (Fumie Nitahara) — girl Deborah M., Feb. 11.  
INOUE, Y. (Jane Y. Cato) — boy Myles Takayuki, Mar. 1.  
ISHIBASHI, Hiroshi (Midori Yoshimoto) — boy Richard Toshio, Feb. 27.  
ISHII, Toshio (Katherine S. Oyama) — girl Jody Junko, Mar. 7.  
KAJI, Bruce T. (Midori Tashiro) — girl Miki Angela, Feb. 8.  
KAMIMORI, Hiroshi J. (Sue Fukuyama) — boy Steven H., Feb. 6.  
KAWAGUCHI, Masami B. (Miyeko Nagasawa) — girl Cheryl L., Feb. 11.  
KITAMURA, Edward T. (Misao Naruse) — girl Yoko, Feb. 7.  
KOTAKE, Seigo (Miyoko Shizumura) — girl Cynthia Sugiko, Feb. 19.  
KUNISAKI, James K. (Mary Y. Ota) — boy Randy Kenji, Feb. 4.  
KUWASHIMA, Takashi (Hiroko Ishiuchi) — girl Hiromi, Feb. 10.  
MAKITA, S. — girl Feb. 13.  
MASAOKA, Shigeo (Tsuyako Kane-shima) — boy Robert Akio, Feb. 7.  
MATSUYAMA, Jiro (Nobuyue Tabata) — boy Robert Hiroshi, Mar. 6.  
MAYEDA, Minoru (Sueme Okamura) — boy Scott K., Feb. 16.  
MORGAN, Arthur A. (Anna n. Mochizuki) — girl Cheryl A., Feb. 6.  
NAGATA, Katsumi (Shizuko Terada) — boy Michael D., Feb. 14.  
NISHIHARA, Masao (Shoko Jeniye) — girl Leslie I., Feb. 20.  
NISHIKAWA, Frank S. (Amy Yoshimura) — girl Gail Yoshimi, Jan. 30.  
NISHIMURA, William T. (Toshiye Iso-be) — girl Jacqueline R., Feb. 15.  
NISHITSUJI, George Y. (Blanche Hayashida) — girl Donna J., Feb. 5.  
ODO, Masato (Tomoko Yabumoto) — boy Marcus Kenji, Feb. 20.  
OGANEKU, Nobuhide R. (Myrle Miyashiro) — girl Teresa, Jan. 9.  
ONO, Tokumi (Dorothy Y. Honda) — boy Mile Tokumi, Feb. 26.  
OTA, Collins J.-S. (Yoshie Setsugu) — girl Colleen N., Feb. 21.  
PIEDRA, Richard G. (Shizuko Kuri-kawa) — boy Richard V., Jan. 30.  
SAIKI, George K. (Elsie Eto) — boy

William Ko, Feb. 8.  
SAKAMOTO, Henry K. (Jacqueline Murayama) — boy Brian Tsutomu, Feb. 4.  
SAKODA, Carl M. (Mitsuye Hirahara) — boy Daniel Riki, Mar. 1.  
SATO, Shigeru — girl, Jan. 30, Long Beach.  
SATO, Takeo (Satsuko Uyeno) — boy Timothy Takemi, Jan. 24.  
SHIMAMOTO, Masakazu (Lillian I. Miyashiro) — girl Ann Yumi, Feb. 27.  
SUZUKI, Tadayoshi (Elinor K. Kawamoto) — boy Rodney Yasuo, Feb. 12.  
TAGAMI, Toshiaki S. (Anna M. Low) — boy Michael S., Feb. 19.  
TANI, Yasuo J. (Mary Honda) — twin girls Sharon Yuri, Susan Midori, Feb. 17.  
VARGAS, Marion (Yoshiko Nakamura) — girl Catherine, Jan. 31.  
WADA, George (Eiko Ichihama) — girl Dori Yayoi, Feb. 27.  
WILLIAMS, Marshall (Mitsuko Koshimura) — boy Steven R., Feb. 13.  
Lawndale.  
YAMANAKA, Hiroyuki (Kikuko Yamada) — girl Janet N., Feb. 13.  
YAMASAKI, Henry K. (Lilia Kitahara) — girl Evelyn Michiko, Feb. 25.  
YAMASHINE, Harry T. (Yaeko Matsu-moto) — girl Connie, Feb. 8.  
YASAKI, Ken D. (Tokiko Sumioka) — girl Jan Aiko, Feb. 4.  
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YOKOTA, Minoru (Keiko Onouye) — boy Craig Akira, Feb. 15.  
YOZA, Shigenobu (Haruko Murakami) — girl Carol Toshiko, Feb. 14.  
MINNEAPOLIS  
NISHIDA, Dr. George — girl Naomi Ellen, Mar. 25.

### MAY 4 DANCE

"Calypso Rock" is the theme of a record dance May 4 at Florin YBA Hall. Doreen Kadokawa is chairman.

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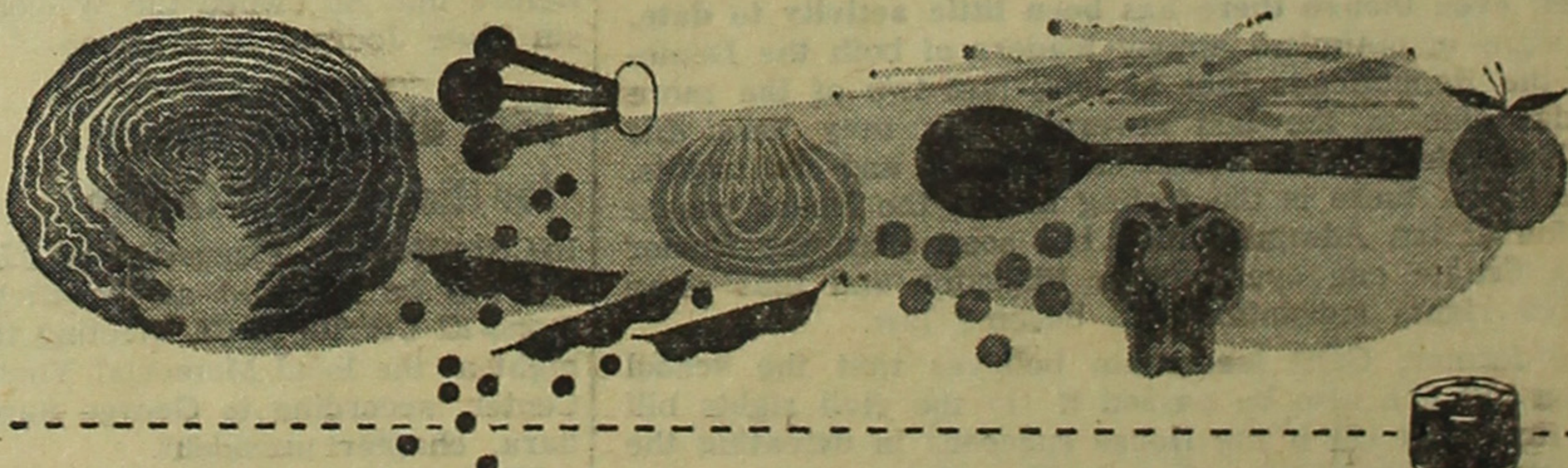
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## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

## At Half-Way Point

Washington

This week Congress is enjoying its traditional Easter recess, which marks the half-way point for this session. Its record thus far is not good; as a matter of fact, as of the Easter recess it's even worse than the "Do Nothing 80th" that former President Truman made famous.

With three and a half months of this session gone, some 13 bills have been enacted into law, only two of which can be considered major legislation. One of these was controversial: the so-called President's Middle East Resolution, passed after two months of leisurely debate. The other was non-controversial: the 15-month extension of corporate and excise taxes that would have expired on April 1.

Otherwise, Congress has achieved little except for what appears to be an economy drive in the House, which has now trimmed more than a billion dollars from the President's record peace-time budget. Many of these cuts may be restored in the Senate, however, for it has been customary for the Senate to restore House reductions and often to add items of their own. This session, though, economy-minded Senator Harry F. Byrd, Virginia Democrat who is chairman of the Finance Committee, has promised that his Committee will follow the House lead in paring the President's fiscal 1958 budget.

While it is not unusual for a new Congress to get off to a slow start in the year of a presidential inauguration, several reasons are advanced for this particularly poor showing at this half-way mark.

One is that the Administration or executive is in the hands of one party, while the Congress or Legislature is in the control of the other party. But it is pointed out here that the President seems to be having about as much trouble with his own Republicans as he is having with the Democrats. Moreover, this difficulty over divided responsibilities is discounted because the President also had a Congress controlled by the Democrats in his last term and yet succeeded in securing a considerable part of his legislative program.

Another is that because of the constitutional provision against a third term for the President he has lost his influence with the Congress. The President himself, at a recent news conference, denied the validity of this contention.

Long-time Capitol observers do, however, claim that there are three rather sound reasons for the present slowdown.

1. Congressional leaders of both parties lack real enthusiasm for most of the measures under consideration.
2. The President's personal prestige and influence with the Congress appears to be at its lowest ebb, but not for the reasons suggested previously.
3. Neither the President nor his Cabinet officers have put strong pressures on the Congress to pass certain bills.

Just prior to Easter recess, GOP legislative leaders bluntly told the President, if we are to accept the newspaper versions, that he would have to throw his personal weight into the legislative struggle if he wanted to see any action on his own program, which is, as the New York Times declared editorially, "another way of saying that he will have to fight a good deal harder than he has been fighting, and more consistently".

The President has responded, at least indications are that right after this recess—next week—he will put strong pressure on for his foreign, or more accurately, his mutual aid bill. This is a cornerstone of his Administration's foreign policy and it is meeting with increased opposition now from both within his own party and from its once historic supporters, the Southern Democrats.

Aid to education, civil rights, immigration—all are matters of first rate importance. Yet, no final action has been taken in either House on the first two, and practically nothing at all has been done on the third.

Membership in the Organization for Trade Cooperation (OTC), another "must" if we are to make good our lofty pronouncements in favor of liberalized international commerce, has just been introduced, and action in the near future is not foreseen at this time.

Statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii have passed the hearing stage at least in one House or the other, but when floor action can be taken is problematical.

And yet, even though there has been little activity to date, there are signs of optimism among leaders of both the Democrats and the Republicans that at long last two of the more controversial bills of the last several years may pass this session—aid to education or school construction and civil rights.

On the latter, there is the feeling that if the House passes their version of the Administration bill soon after the Easter recess, the Senate can overcome a filibuster and that some type of civil rights legislation will become law.

On the former, GOP leadership believes that the school construction bill can also be passed if (1) the civil rights bill is passed first, and (2) if the House succeeds in defeating the so-called Powell Amendment that denies aid to schools practicing segregation. This Powell Amendment would inevitably bring a second Southern filibuster in the Senate, it is argued, and "while we think we can beat one filibuster on civil rights this year, we certainly can't beat two" is the way one Senate spokesman put it.

If this optimism proves justified and either or both civil rights or school construction legislation is approved, this First Session of this 85th Congress will go down in history as one of major accomplishment—even though it is late-starting.

## House votes \$220,000 requested for evacuation claims administrative costs

WASHINGTON. — Although slashing most appropriations requests in an economy wave this year, the House passed just prior to its traditional 10-day Easter recess the full amount requested by the Bureau of the Budget for administrative expenses of the evacuation claims program for the 1958 fiscal year beginning this July 1, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned last week.

The appropriations voted for this program was \$220,000, and is for administrative expenses only.

Appropriations for the payment of awards made during fiscal 1957 will be made through so-called claims documents that will be submitted by the Bureau of the Budget, Rep. Sidney R. Yates, of Chicago, Illinois Democrat member of the House Appropriations committee informed the Washington office.

This is an entirely new procedure for the handling of claims against the government which have been validated by the making of awards, it was explained to the Washington JACL office.

This particular claims document that includes awards for the payment of evacuation claims has not yet been delivered to the Congress but Congressman Yates has promised to expedite its consideration as much as he can as a ranking member of the Appropriations committee that has jurisdiction over such legislation.

In recommending the full amount needed for administrative expenses, the Appropriations committee in its report to the Congress noted that "the Committee is in complete agreement with the statement of the Assistant Attorney General to the effect that the

speed with which these (evacuation) claims are being disposed of is not satisfactory and that the activity should be completed within a period of two years."

## Statehood—

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Rep. John P. Saylor (R. Pa.), who was chairman of the subcommittee when the Republicans controlled Congress in the 80th and 83rd Congresses, joined in welcoming Masaoka as a witness, pointing out that he was a decorated hero of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and one who had rendered a great service to his country and to his fellow Americans of Japanese ancestry in representing them in Washington.

Delegate John A. Burns (D., Hawaii) also joined in paying tribute to the Nisei lobbyist as one who believes in America and works for its extension to Hawaii.

The arch-foe of Statehood, Rep. John R. Pillion (R., N.Y.) challenged Masaoka on the Communist issue, saying that it was a question of internal security for the United States.

To this, the Nisei lobbyist answered that if the Department of Defense with all their investigative sources and the Administration with the FBI and other intelligence resources endorsed Statehood for Hawaii, Statehood certainly could not be a danger to the internal security of the nation. Besides, he added, probably under Statehood they could more effectively deal with this problem than they can as a Territory.

The Upstate New Yorker, who has developed the argument that Statehood would diminish the influence of the people and the senators of the more populous states demanded to know whether Masaoka would approve a constitutional amendment that would give to Hawaii its proportional representation in the Senate of the United States.

Masaoka rejected the idea, stating that the founding fathers long ago decided that there should be two kinds of representation in the national legislature, one based on the political fact of being a state in the Senate and the other on the basis of population in the House. He said he saw no reason why Hawaii should be discriminated against at this late date when all of the other incorporated territories except Alaska had been given Statehood on the basis of two senators and representatives according to population figures.

"You aren't proposing, are you Mr. Congressman," Masaoka said, "that Delaware, for instance, be deprived of one senator because their population is so small that they are entitled to only one representative in the House?" Congressman Pillion assured Masaoka that this was impossible and unconstitutional.

In answer to questions by Congressman Saylor, Masaoka recited the history of Nisei loyalty in World War II and also in Korea. He said that no Hawaiian in the Korean conflict became a "turncoat," no Hawaiian showed any cowardice, no Hawaiian aided and abetted the enemy, even though percentage-wise more of their population served in Korea than the national average. He pointedly emphasized that among Hawaiian troops there must have been many ILWU members and yet not one of them went over to the Communist enemy.

Delegate E. L. Bartlett (D., Alaska) wondered whether either Hawaii or Alaska had ever done any violence to American principles and institutions, to which Masaoka replied that these territories had actually demonstrated their adherence to these principles in every way possible and that long-overdue Statehood for both Territories would do more to destroy Communist propaganda about second class citizens and colonialism than any other single act of Congress could.

After almost an hour of questioning, Masaoka submitted a 15-page prepared statement reaffirm-

## SEATTLE NISEI NAMED WASHINGTON'S BEST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

SEATTLE.—James K. Morishima, 18, of 7746-37th Ave. S., was named Washington state winner of the Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student scholarship contest.

The win automatically qualifies the straight "A" student of Cleveland High School for national competition and a \$1,000 prize, according to E. J. Druxman, exalted ruler of the local Elks Lodge and youth activity chairman of the Washington State Elks Association.

Winner of the national contest will be announced in San Francisco next July at the Elks annual convention.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Morishima, he is active in several school clubs and plans to study chemistry at college. For winning first place in Washington, he wins \$400 and had won \$200 from the Seattle lodge.

Contest is based on several qualifications including scholarship, citizenship, personality, leadership and patriotism.

## Farm laborers—

Continued from Front Page under conditions and low wages paid by California corporation farmers, the major employers of imported labor.

C. B. Rhodes, No. Calif. Growers Ass'n manager, testified that farmers are getting the "cream of Japanese young people" to farm here. He added that he was "sure no Communists are coming into the U.S. and I think that when these people go back they are going to make it tough on the Communists in their country".

He also pointed out that Japanese workers were better and less costly to employers than those imported from Mexico. The Japanese nationals pay their way across, whereas Mexican labor is brought at the association's expense.

Galarza urged the committee to check into the method in which the labor shortage is determined and whether a necessity exists in replacing Japanese for Mexican labor.

ing JACL's arguments that Hawaii was entitled by every standard used in the past to be admitted into the Federal Union as a full-fledged State.

Rep. Leo W. O'Brien (D., N.Y.) was chairman of the hearings.

## CALENDAR

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- Apr. 28 (Sunday)  
Salt Lake City — "Shower of Stars" talent show, Kiwanis - Flet Boy's & Girl's Club.  
Hollywood — Spaghetti bust, Shonien Home.  
French Camp — Community picnic, Mickle Grove, 10 a.m.
- May 2 (Thursday)  
San Francisco — Issei Movie Night, Sokoji Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Japanese feature and "This Is Your Life" kinescope.
- May 4 (Saturday)  
Livingston-Merced — Yamato Colony 50th Ann'y dinner, Livingston Community Hall, 7 p.m.  
Cortez — 10th Anniversary potluck.
- May 5 (Sunday)  
Sequoia — Jr. & Sr. Tri-Villes Parent's Get-Together.  
PNWDC — Spring Quarterly, Puyallup Valley JACL hosts.  
Marysville — Community picnic.  
Chicago — Discussion Club: "Who Says We're Prejudiced?" Olivet Institute, 3 p.m.; Henry Tanabe chmn.
- May 8 (Wednesday)  
San Mateo — UNESCO program, Buddhist Hall.
- May 9 (Thursday)  
Pasadena — General meeting, Kensington-Union Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.; "This Is Your Life" film.
- May 11 (Saturday)  
Long Beach — Gen'l meeting, Harbor Community Center, 8 p.m. "This Is Your Life" kinescope.
- May 12 (Sunday)  
Detroit — Mothers' Day buffet, International Institute.
- May 17 (Friday)  
Mt. Olympus — Spring dance, Avalon Ballroom.
- May 18 (Saturday)  
Detroit — "Caribbean Fantasy" dance, St. Andrew's Society Hall, 431 E. Congress.
- Sequoia — Sr. Tri-Villes "99 Ways" dance, Palo Alto Buddhist Hall.  
East Los Angeles — Emerald Ball, Elk's Lodge, 423 N. Los Angeles, Anaheim.
- May 18-19  
PSWDC — District convention, Anaheim Elk's Lodge on May 18; Disneyland Hotel on May 19. East L.A. JACL hosts.
- May 19 (Sunday)  
NC-WNDC — Quarterly session, Alameda JACL hosts.  
Livingston-Merced — Community picnic, Haganan Park.
- May 25 (Saturday)  
D.C. — Square dance (ten).
- May 26 (Sunday)  
San Francisco — JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium; 9 a.m.-weigh-in; 10 a.m. Heats; 1 p.m. — Opening Ceremonies and Finals.