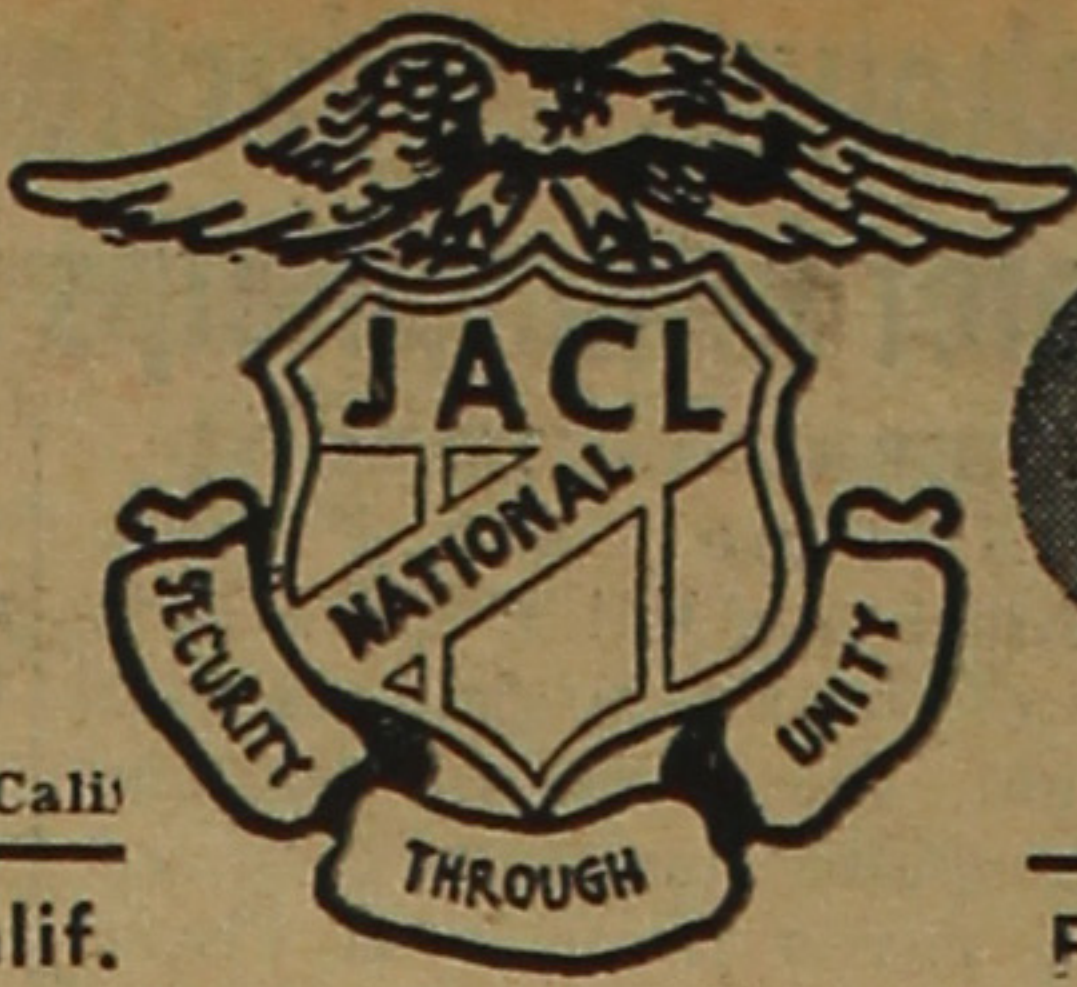


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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Let's look at ourselves

A very fine chapter project that has come to our attention is the Sunday afternoon discussion series entitled "Let's Look at Ourselves," sponsored by the Chicago JACL chapter. These studies had such provocative titles as: The Trouble with Us Nisei, The Dilemma of Nisei Parents, The Sansei Speak Their Mind, and Who Says We're Prejudiced?

Needless to say, these questions are of deep interest to every American of Japanese ancestry in a very intimate and personal way.

We hope that the Chicago Chapter Public Relations Committee, under capable Abe Hagiwara, will go one step further and publish a comprehensive summary of the discussions. We are sure that all of our eighty-six chapters will find this report interesting, valuable and challenging.

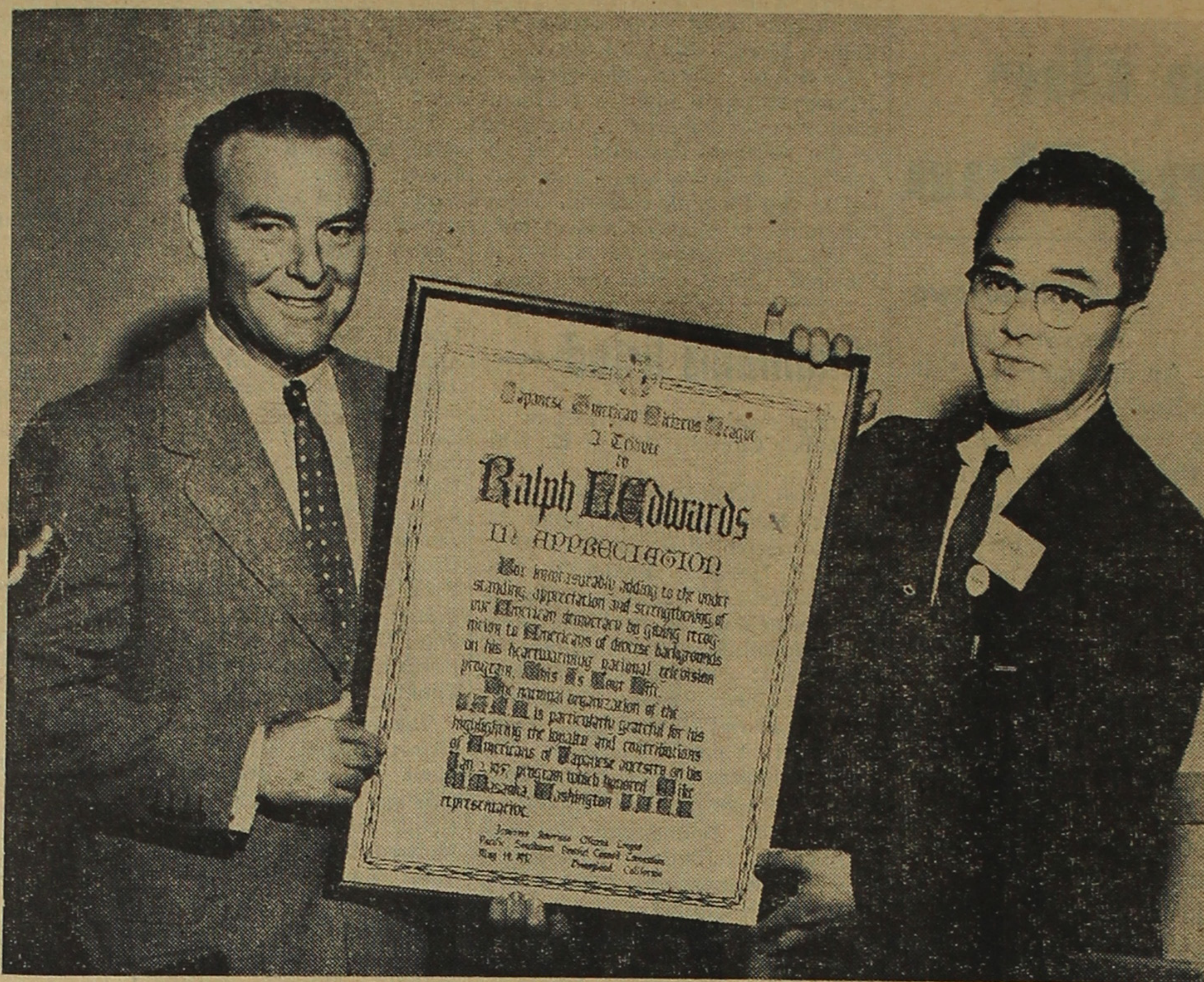
We Nisei and Sansei need this kind of self-analysis in order to better determine our current status and to better evaluate and delineate our future goals. Group analysis such as this project attempts is periodically necessary since we, as individuals, are conditioned to a considerable extent by our heredity and environment.

In this dynamic age, an honest self-study with no punches pulled can contribute much towards self-improvement. We all need to only study ourselves but to also study our relationships with other individuals and groups. We all need to study our relations with our communities, our country, our world.

Carried to its logical and inexorable conclusion, "Let's Look at Ourselves" is a beginning towards the fundamental question raised by Socrates: Know thyself.

Somewhat along the same lines, Spinoza has said: "Do not wax indignant. Do not weep. But understand."

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.



TV personality Ralph Edwards and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, hold the hand-drawn and gilded JACL scroll of appreciation presented at the PSWDC Convention luncheon last Sunday to the man who told the Nisei story on "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka." As might be noted on the scroll, Edwards "immeasurably added to the understanding, appreciation and strengthen-

ing of our American democracy by giving recognition to Americans of diverse backgrounds on his heartwarming, national television program" and "JACL is particularly grateful for his highlighting the loyalty and contributions of Americans of Japanese ancestry on his Jan. 2, 1957 program which honored Mike M. Masaoka, Washington JACL representative."

—Bob Kishita Photo.

## Hearings on temporary Japanese farm labor program completed in Washington; Labor Dep't, labor groups and JACL testifies

WASHINGTON.—The special immigration subcommittee of the House Judiciary that conducted hearings and investigations into the so-called temporary Japanese agricultural workers program in California several weeks ago completed their survey in Washington after hearing witnesses represent the Labor Department, labor unions and the Japanese American Citizens League.

At these hearings, Congressman Byron G. Rogers, Denver, Colorado Democrat, chairman, and Congressman Pat Hillings, Arcadia, California Republican, heard testimony from Rocco C. Siciliano, assistant secretary of labor for employment and manpower, Andrew J. Biemiller, director, Department of legislation, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, and Frank L. Noakes chairman, United States section, Joint United States-Mexico Trade Union Committee.

Also participating in the hearings were Walter M. Besterman, counsel to the Immigration and Naturalization subcommittee, and A.B. Snead, regional director of special projects, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

On behalf of the Department of Labor, Siciliano pointed out that as basic principle his Department is opposed to the admission of any foreign contract workers, except where all reasonable efforts to attract domestic workers have failed then, he continued, the Department favored the admission of workers from such contiguous areas as Mexico and Canada, and under international agreements defining the conditions of employment and other related items. To bring workers from such far distances as Japan, he claimed, would result in similar requests from other distant nations with surplus populations and would result in discrimination against cer-

tain countries in favor of others.

Moreover, Siciliano characterized the present Japanese program as one of supplementary labor; and not an educational one. He also stated that as many workers as are needed in this country for agricultural work could be brought in from Mexico, where they could easily be returned in case unemployment developed among American farm workers.

Under questioning, he admitted that the general agreements covering the Japanese program were roughly the same as those covering the Mexican nationals program as to terms and conditions, except that the latter was under an international, intergovernmental treaty.

He expressed opposition to the continuance or extension of the present program.

The AFL-CIO spokesman repeated the general charges against the program expressed by labor witnesses at both the San Francisco and Los Angeles hearings. Charging that the general agreements were "shocking examples of labor exploitation," Biemiller questioned any shortage of agricultural labor, if the growers were willing to pay "decent" wages. At the same time, he argued that if workers are needed in the agricultural field, they should be Mexicans, rather than Japanese.

Under sharp questioning, he admitted that none of the allegations made were based on specific instances that he could cite, but he insisted that, based upon the past history of these corporate farms, the Japanese temporary agricultural workers could be the victims

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## PSWDC PARLEY IMPRESSES WITH THREE HIGHLIGHTS

BY HARRY HONDA

Three treats stand as personal favorites of the fifth biennial post-war convention of the Pacific Southwest District Council this past weekend at Anaheim-Disneyland.

Our National President, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, addressed the convention banquet with poise and polish. That was treat No. 1.

The re-election of Dave Yokozeki as PSWDC chairman and his hope to invigorate the council cabinet with specific functions; rather than have officers appear as window-dressing was treat No. 2.

The third one still woos the 150 delegates at the luncheon where Ralph Edwards, emcee of "This Is Your Life", was singularly recognized by National JACL

Treat No. 1

Dr. Nishikawa chose a very fundamental topic for a JACL gathering: An analysis of the Japanese American Citizens League by its components and then his synthesis.

"J" (Japanese) illustrates the heritage of the Nisei. "We can't escape our heritage," he declared. (It was interesting to note that Harry J. Sapper, noted Jewish civic leader who was the main speaker at the NC-WNDC quarterly meeting banquet was touching on the same subject the same weekend.) What might have been an apparent disadvantage as a victimized member of an American minority race has been and can be made advantageous, Dr. Nishikawa continued as he cited the glory George Washington Carver has brought to his people through

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## Min Yasui's father dies in Portland, was 70

PORTLAND.—An overflow crowd paid final tribute to Masuo Yasui, 70, on May 14 at the Epworth Methodist Church. A prominent leader in the community, he passed away suddenly on May 11. He was the father of five sons and two daughters, including Min Yasui of Denver, former Mountain-Plains JACL representative and Nisei of the Biennium winner.

The Hood River pioneer is survived by his wife Shizuyo, sons Ray "Choppy", Min, Dr. Roku (Cambridge, Mass.), Dr. Shu (Williamport, Pa.), Dr. Homer, Mrs. Michi Ando (Denver) and Mrs. Yuka Fujikura.

## JACL-COJAEC lists names of awardees ready to be paid by next appropriation measure; more names to appear

WASHINGTON.—As a public service to permit evacuee claimants who were given awards by the Justice Department last year in August and September to check and determine whether their awards were approved by the Bureau of the Budget and submitted to the Congress for payment this summer, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims is listing close to 400 names this week.

This is a partial list of the 1,327 claimants whose awards will total over \$1,600,000 to pay for evacuation claims as listed in a document now before the House Appropriations Committee for payment in a forthcoming supplemental appropriations bill.

Names of awardees sent to the Congress for October, November and December 1956, and January and February 1957 will be listed

in forthcoming news releases.

Evacuee claimants who were given awards by the government last August and September and whose names are not listed below may write to the Washington JACL-COJAEC Office, giving their full names, addresses, dates and amounts of their awards; and the Washington JACL-COJAEC Office in the public service will check with the Dept. of Justice, the Treasury Department, and the Bureau of the Budget to determine reasons for not submitting their awards to the Congress for payment. The address of the Washington JACL-COJAEC Office is Suite 1217, Hurley-Wright Building, 18th and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Claimants who were given awards in August and whose claims were recommended for payment to the Congress are:

Chiye Kamo; Akira Yamada; Frank Moriuchi; Michiko K. Mori-

uchi; Kumeichi Taniguchi; Smile Kamiya; Ichiro Minabe; Kazumi Miyamoto; Minoru Shintaku; Kiyoshi Shintaku; Shizue Maruyama (a.k.a. Shizue Azuma); Ernest Joji Kashiwase; Kiyoshi Yamamoto; Samuel Y. Maeda; Yuri Maeda; Yuriko Masuoka; Yoshiko Okamura; Yuriko Manaka; Robert Kiyoshi Midzuno; John M. Fujita; Frank Fujita; Edward M. Fujita; Mary M. Fujita; George Fujita; Sakubei Fujita; Jim T. Fujita; Ura Fujita; Fred S. Yoshikawa; Yoshiko Shiba Kanase; Ben K. Fuchiwaki; Helen Fuchiwaki Manana; Hilo Fuchiwaki; Hirokuni Fuchiwaki; Masasuke Kido; Kenji Onchi; Nisuke Mitsumori, as administrator of estate of Chikazo Watanabe; Fred Morio Yasukochi; Jentaro Frank Kohama; Frank Namimatsu; Hiroshi Namimatsu; Toshiko Namimatsu; Glendale (Calif.) Japanese Free Methodist Church, formerly known as Mikuni

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## From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**GROWING WITH BOEING** — An oldtimer is a fellow who can remember when Bill Boeing was building seaplanes in Seattle out of canvas, wire and wood. No one imagined in those days that the company bearing his name would, within decades, be building giant jets bombers and airliners. Nor did anyone imagine that some day Nisei craftsmen and engineers would be helping to create them.

Several score Nisei are on Boeing's payroll, many of them in supervisory positions, one of the company's personnel men told us this week. And chances are, more of them will be employed as Boeing begins mass production of the jet 707 airliner and its air force tanker counterpart.

A year ago Boeing had 5,000 employees on this project. Today the number has soared to 15,000, and a year from now it's likely to double to 30,000. Not only are qualified Nisei being sought, but they're being given an opportunity to upgrade their skills through Boeing's extensive free education program.

A far cry indeed from the days when Frank and Sab Hisayasu were being looked on with jaundiced eyes by cop types. They, unfortunately had the foresight to build their market and vegetable stand across the highway from the spot where, many years later, Boeing was to build a plant.

**NISEI AND UNIONS** — Northwest Columnist Elmer Ogawa in last week's PC made a noteworthy point: That despite Dave Beck's less than admirable record of exploiting Nisei labor, not all union leaders have been hostile toward this minority group.

In blowing the whistle on Beck, whose astonishing financial shenanigans continue to make page one news, this column had no intention whatever of turning all union leaders with the same brush. They, good men, are in the considerable majority.

Ogawa singled out William J. Finn, business agent and financial secretary of a Seattle foundry workers union, for praise for having helped Nisei workmen. No doubt there are many other union leaders equally deserving of recognition for extending the benefits of union membership to Nisei and Issei workmen in dozens of professions ranging from carpentry and printing to the garment trades.

Historically, like other immigrant groups, the Japanese in America were exploited for their cheap labor. It took much time and a good deal of struggling before they could leave the ranks of the exploited and bargain collectively in the manner of self-respecting American workmen.

One of the most striking examples of how unionism improved their lot was in the Alaska salmon canneries. For decades, Issei and Nisei workmen were at the mercy of contractors who amassed fortunes on the sweat and hunger of coolie type labor. Unions, with Nisei among the leaders, were instrumental in getting rid of the contractor system and improving both pay and working conditions for all hands. At one time union leaders were being condemned by more conservative elements in the Li'l Tokyos as Communists. In truth most of them were just working stiffs, just a little smarter and more courageous than the rest, who were looking for a better deal.

**MEMORIAL DAY** — Lest the memories grow dim, let us stop for a moment this Memorial Day to remember those who have gone before. Some 600 Nisei, good men and true, filled with youthful love of life, died on the battlefields in the crusade to clear the names of those who remained behind. What we have today in opportunity, reputation and material things, we owe in large measure to those who bore arms, and more especially, to those who did not come back. Let us remember them with respect and gratitude.

## 'Teahouse' production earns unprecedented rave from Phoenix theater critics, helps boost Nisei morale in Arizona

BY CHERRY TSUTSUMIDA

PHOENIX.—Here in Phoenix, where Nisei are but a small percentage of the city's growing total population, the cast of amateur Nisei thespians has earned unprecedented raves from local critics and audiences for their performance in the Phoenix Little Theater production of "Teahouse of the August Moon" this past week.

As Sakini, Mesa photographer Johnny Hirohata gives a performance "loudly cheered", according to the Arizona Republic, and revealing "immense talent", according to the Phoenix Gazette. These comments may seem almost trite in the usual acting world, but in Phoenix where critics are reluc-

tant to appear too enthusiastic about any production, such words can only be interpreted to be sincere and well deserved.

Taking the role of Lotus Blossom, Janet Ikeda, well-known dancer now residing in Mesa with her husband, Tsutomu Ikeda, offers Phoenix a rare treat, not only with a fine display of oriental feminine charm, but also with her undeniable grace as a skilled dancer.

The superb quality of performance is filtered even down to the lesser roles. "All of the minor parts played by those of Oriental race," says the Republic critic, "were excellent, and a special word of commendation should go

to the team who played the wrestlers." (Arizona's JACL president, James Ozasa, was one of the wrestlers.)

The excitement of having so many Nisei participating in a top notch play has been a great stimulation to the spirit of the Japanese American community. Sheer pride can be seen in the stoic but sensitive faces of Issei as they sit in the audience among a jam-packed house of Caucasians.

In terms of public relations, "Teahouse" has been more than compensating. Those who know the Phoenix Little Theater know that next to the public library, no project is more culturally dear to the people of the city than their own Little Theater. As the play, night after night, breaks all past attendance records, the people of Phoenix certainly circulate the news of the exceptional talent on stage.

Cooperation has been a keynote to some of its success. Were it not for the willingness of the young girls in the Salt River valley to bring out their kimono, the local Japanese merchants to assist with props, and the people of the community as a whole to give it the support needed, a bit of the authenticity would have been lacking on the sets.

In the lobby, local farmer Jimmy Komatsu exhibited his commended sumi paintings. So noticed were these art pieces that the Sunday paper featured Komatsu in an article the following week.

As one Nisei put it after seeing the "Teahouse": "Well, this is one time the Japanese (i.e. Nisei) don't have to feel 'hazukashi' about their performance."

Johnny Hirohata, who succeeded to give Sakini a quality that even Brando missed, is rumored to be nominated for the top season's actor award. And those who saw Johnny might add with philosophical agreement, "O, so."

### Kikko-Man pushes sales with huge TV campaign

SAN FRANCISCO.—Pacific Trading Co. reported well over 70 per cent of the independent Southern California supermarkets and practically all of the major chain store groups have been stocked with Kikko-Man soy sauce in recent months. By July, 100 per cent distribution is viewed.

To support distribution and stimulate sales at the retail level, the firm has contracted a \$100,000 advertising program through sponsorship of the "O. Henry Playhouse" TV series in both Los Angeles and San Diego for 26 weeks. The first series began last April 13.

The aggressive sales promotion currently being staged by Kikko-Man is the first Japanese product ever promoted on such a grand scale, it was pointed out.

### Claimants listed —

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 Christian Church; James K. Ishibashi;

Tomizo Ishibashi; Umeno Ishibashi; Eva S. Urabe; John N. Urabe; Seiko Ban; Shigeru Ota; Michael Holland; Frank Y. Motoike; Thomas Tadashi Chikarashi; Iwao Takata; Iwakichi Takata; Hiroshi Naramura; Shizue O. Naramura; Katsukuma Uyeda; Toshiyo Uyeda; Keiko Takikawa; Mitsugi Harley Nakamura; Akira Chiamori; Yasushi Chiamori; Takumi Kamada; Gerald Masuo Ogata; Kiyoshi Asai; Seiichi Asai;

Robert K. Kanagawa; Yasoichi Kanagawa; Jitsuyo Kanagawa; Jerry N. Kanagawa; Hiroshi Mayeda; Chito Hamada; Hajime Hamada; Toshiko Hamada; Shin Aramui; Zentaro J. Aramui; Kazuo Matsushita; George K. Morofuji; Kiyo Morofuji; Ken Kiyokazu Kobayashi; Mabel Ayako Yoneyama; Seitaro Yoneyama; Kaoru Masuda; Seio Masuda; Saburo Minabe; Fred M. Hashimoto; Akimi Sugawara; Yutaka Kinoshita; Ray Yuge;

James Kiriha; David M. Kiriha; Masa Takemura Kajiwa; William B. Yoshino; Sammy Jun-suke Oi; Matsue Muranaka; Minoru Muranaka; Sam Kuwahara; Kazuo Masuda; Norman Minoru Kishi; Tai Tanji Kaneshiro; Tei Tanji; Tomas Tanji; Masaji Fukunaga; Masao Hoshino; Noboru Hashimoto, executor of the estate of Juichi Hashimoto, deceased; Gilbert Tanji; Kwanzo Tanji; Michi Tanji; Ernest Makita;

Haruzo Makita; Shizu Makita; Kenji Tsuchiya; Alice Ozawa; Kimiye Ono; Helen Handa Sahara; Arthur Handa; Jitsuo Handa; Dorothy Handa Hasegawa; Mrs. Chizuko Hayashida; Mrs. Haruko Narita; Owai Okamura; Suyeichi Okamura; Ernest F. Yoshida; Mrs. Mary Wada; Tokueichi Kamimura; Grace Narita; Robert Ohki; Ben Watanabe; Kin Watanabe; Genichi Kimura; Mitsuo Kimura; Yoshie Kimura; Florence Nakano Tsunoda; Ruby Nakano; and Geo. Nakano; Lafayette Noda; Joe Atsushi Nishihara;

Jack Shiro Obata; John Toraichi

Obata; Tom Saburo Obata; Sho Matsumoto; Jack Noda; George Takano; Kengo Takano; Kensaku Takano; Masano Takano Imai; Tsune Takano; William Kimoto; James Kimoto; Saburo Hisayasu; William Sadao Nikaido; Setsu Nikaido; Shigeko Nagare Ogami; Terumi Ogami; Sata Watanabe; Ginzo Nakada; Yoshio Nakada; Fred Kunio Nagare; Sukeji Kitamura; Wm. Kitamura; William Jow; George Yasuhiko Nishimura; Kiyoshi Yemoto; Howell Sonoda; Thomas Sonoda; Leo R. Tanaka;

Yoshiyuki Nakamura; Hideki Hayashi; Toshio Sanwo; Moto Asakawa; Joseph Stanislaus Yonai; Shizuyo Kishi Noda; Fred Kishi; Kenzo Fujimori; Isamu Yenokida; Menoru Yenokida; Tsutomu Yenokida; Tanemi Obatake; Masayoshi Yukutake; Tomoye Manabe Gow; Masami Manabe; Mitsuno Manabe; Suyo Manabe; Toshio Manabe; Matsuye Miyamoto Okada; Sasaichi Miyamoto; Haruo Tashiro; Yeichi Sakaguchi.

### September Awardees

Listed September awardees are: Sawaye Mukai; Shuzo Terazawa; Ryuchi Fujii; Fusao Sakai; Kakuji Okamoto; George Yataro Yamane; Tamezo Kawamoto; Yasutaro Tanaka; Yoshiko Yoshimoto; Masue Kojaku; Miye K. Shiomi; Tajibei Yamamoto; Masuichi Nagai; Shigeji Nomoto; Toshiye Suzuki and Yoshimichi Jafe Suzuki; Tomiki Noda; Hotori Kazahaya; Ryuji Tatsuno; Shizuko Matsumoto; Umekichi Takaki; Gunji Asawa; Buhei Nakasone; Fukutaro Matsumoto;

Kamekichi Tsunoda; Koharu Marumoto; Masukichi Ueki; Mrs. Setsuko Yamaguchi Hashimoto; Mrs. Misao M. Inatomi; Nobu Hamane; Shigeko Kariyama; Shujiro Taiji; Kumaye Mukai; Hikotaro Oyabu; Kura Oba; Tokiko Mano; Kiwa Kikuno; Ainosuke Esaki; Florence Mori; Kwan Uchida; Sohei Kakehashi; Fukusaburo Frank Kosaka; Charles C. Yamaguchi; Henry Fujita, agent for Empei Fujita; Shizuno Yuki; Jiro Fujitaka;

Yasuno Kaneko; Mikino Uyenishi; Magataro Hirose; Masaji Matsura; Sakusaburo Tokuda; Tama Oishi; Raisu Tamura; Gentaro

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VAGARIES  
By Larry S. Tajiri

## Relocating the Navajos

Denver

Robert M. Cullum, whom a lot of Nisei will remember from WRA days, now lives in Gallup, N.M., where he is chief of relocation for the Gallup Bureau of Indian Affairs office.

Those who knew of Bob's interest in resettling the Japanese Americans (he was director of the WRA's continuation study which put out "People in Motion," a report on the evacuation) are not surprised that he is still doing one of the things closest to his heart—working at the job of making all opportunities available to all citizens.

Back in 1947, Bob Cullum wrote:

"The issue of citizenship involves deeply fundamental relationships between men. American doctrine does not hold with the concept of a 'first class people' and a 'second class people.' American doctrine holds to the concept that a man is valued for what he is worth, whether he was born Smith, Gabrilowitz or Yamada. This principle lies so close to the heart of American genius that it cannot be compromised without grave danger of destroying the vitality of our way of life."

He was writing specifically of the Japanese Americans, who were at that time hard at the job of getting back on their feet, economically and socially. But the words are still true, and it's pretty certain Bob is making them apply to the Navajos, with whom he is now especially concerned.

Relocation of the Navajos is a more complex and lengthy problem than that of the Japanese Americans, since it also involves job training, education (including learning English), and instruction in such necessities as how to shop at a supermarket, ride city busses and dial the number of the local relocation office. Indian bureau offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver and Chicago make contact with possible employers, then provide transportation money and a bank account to tide the new families over for the first few weeks.

By now the stepped-up program of relocation is providing encouraging results. Of the relocatees settled to date, more than 85 percent have remained "on the outside." And Cullum estimates that the relocation movement will double and triple within the next ten years.

The WRA was fortunate in having many people like Bob Cullum—they were able and stubbornly devoted to the principles in which they believed. If the Bureau of Indian Affairs is as fortunate, the long overdue solution of America's own "Indian problem" may be in sight.

Author Pearl Buck, whose heart is as wide as the world she has traveled, is planning to widen the scope of "Welcome House," which she set up nine years ago as a home for children of mixed parentage born in the United States. She plans to include children born in the Far East.

Some American-Asian children were admitted under the emergency Refugee Relief Act that expired last year, but Miss Buck now has hopes of getting a number of Japanese-American children and Korean-American children.

Miss Buck has six adopted children, and she has a special feeling for children of Asian-American parentage who need homes.

"After all, they are half-American, as well as half-Asian," she said recently. "The burden of being half-white lies even more heavily on their innocent shoulders than the fact that they are orphans."

Welcome House has already placed some 60 children, all of whom would ordinarily have been considered "unadoptable." And the current waiting list for children is 600, with only six children to place. The demand for children now comes from all over the country, and many other adoption agencies have relaxed their rules to permit adoptive parents to take children of mixed background, regardless of the ancestry of the prospective parents.

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## 1957 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship nomination deadline set

SAN FRANCISCO. — Nominations are now open from JACL chapters for the 1957 Pvt. Ben Frank Memorial Scholarship. Deadline for nominations will be Friday, June 7, it was announced this week by JACL National Headquarters, administrators of the scholarship.

The scholarship is an outright grant of \$200, open to any Japanese American high school graduate of this year who will be continuing his or her education this fall.

Nominees must be recommended and sponsored by a JACL chapter, but any chapter may sponsor only one candidate, it was pointed out.

Chapters are to make their nominations by letter addressed to: Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship Committee, JACL National Headquarters, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco 15.

Letters of nomination should state reasons why the candidate is worthy, a general statement of the person's background, scholastic record and participation in extracurricular and community activities.

If members of the nominee's family have been prominent in JACL activities, the committee would appreciate its mention. Such other material as news clippings and supporting letters from others in the community would be helpful to judges in making the final choice.

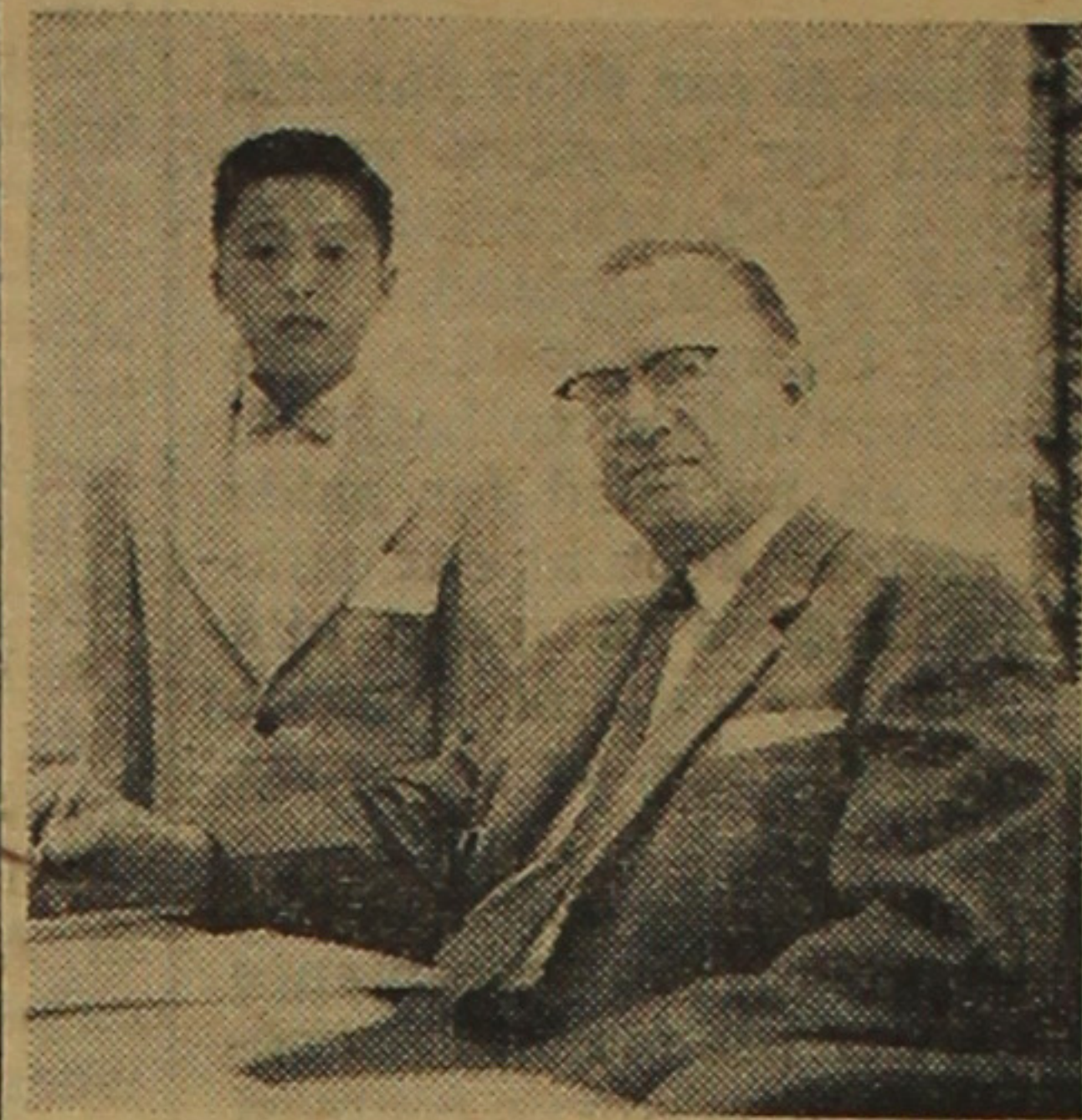
In addition to the letter of recommendation from the chapter, there should be at least:

(1) Letter of recommendation from the nominee's high school principal or appropriate school officer, and

(2) A letter or letters from other prominent citizens or organizations in the community.

Upon receipt of name and address of the chapter nominee, the committee will send the nominee a blank to fill out, giving particulars of his achievement record.

Winner last year was Ted Sakano of Ontario, sponsored by the Snake River Valley chapter, now attending Oregon State College.



Jim Matsumura, Jr., 9-year-old son of the Tulare County JACL chapter president, served as page boy of Assemblyman Myron Frew of the 35th District at the Sacramento Legislature. The fourth-grader served during his Easter Holiday vacation.

## Sequoia workshop for grads prepped

PALO ALTO.—The Sequoia JACL and its Jr. JACL groups are inviting local high school and college students to the "What's My Line" Career Workshop to be held May 24, 8 p.m. at the local Buddhist hall.

Leading Nisei professionals have been announced to lead the various workshop groups. They include:

Minoru Paul Nakada, Ph.D., nuclear physicist with the Univ. of California Radiation Laboratories at Livermore, who will lead the math-science section.

Dr. Masako Baba, M.D., of Atherton, in private practice and clinical instructor of anatomy at Stanford, who will be in charge of all fields related to medicine.

Peter Ida, social science teacher and ass't track and football coach at Cubberly High School, Palo Alto, who will lead the education and social science group. (He is a graduate of Nebraska, M.A. from New York University, and secondary administrative credentials from San Jose State and Stanford).

Stephen Nakashima, lawyer and certified public accountant of San Jose, who will moderate the business and legal workshop. (He is a graduate of Univ. of California and Boalt School of Law, Berkeley.)

The fifth workshop group will deal with semi-professional skills and assisting are Kiyo Nishimura, general contractor, and flower grower Jun Kawano, both from Palo Alto.

"This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka" will be shown before the workshop sessions.

## ANOTHER CITY ADOPTS FEPC FOR CIVIL POSITIONS

BAKERSFIELD.—A fair employment practices ordinance covering city jobs went into effect this week after the city council unanimously passed and Mayor Frank Sullivan signed into law April 22 a bill sponsored by the Rev. H. H. Collins, city councilman.

It provides that no person securing service with the City of Bakersfield shall be employed, promoted, demoted or discharged because of political opinion or because of race, color, creed, ancestry or religious belief.

All seven city councilmen were present when the bill came up for consideration. All voted "aye."

The ordinance does not apply to private firms, nor does it contain provisions for enforcement. It does, however, serve to buttress public policy in city employment.

## Dies of rare muscular disease at Gilroy home

GILROY.—Shigeru Kado, 38, active Detroit JACLER during the past several years, died at the Stanford Lane Hospital in San Francisco on April 26 after a prolonged illness of 18 months.

After being hospitalized in Michigan for a rare muscle disease, he returned to his Gilroy family home last October to convalesce. He had worked for the Eynon-Dakin Co., auto parts manufacturers, and held a responsible position after 15 years of employment there.

## SONOMA COUNTY NISEI ELECTED TO PTA POSTS

SEBASTOPOL.—Mrs. Tae Sumigawa was recently elected president of the Dunham School PTA, while Mrs. Bill Hirooka, who has served in other offices in previous years, was elected secretary of the Gravenstein Union Grammar School PTA.

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**SOU'WESTER**  
By Tats Kushida

## Rep Ripped

Only the compassion and the good taste of our dear national president, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, prevented our complete crucifixion at the hands of certain mike-happy JACL officers at the PSWDC convention luncheon last Sunday at Disneyland.

With a beautiful smirk, emcee Frank Chuman, whose high metabolism burns up his own voracious food intake to keep his weight down, started the snowball with an uncalled for snide reference to our emergency midnight rations kept in our suitcase for overnight trips. We're almost tempted to redub him Taneworm Chewman, but we desist only because of Frankie Boy's performance at the 1000 Club Whing Ding as a blowsy puxom babe.

When Dave Yokozeki got up to spiel on his re-election to the district chair, he couldn't resist converting his acceptance speech into an irrelevant commentary on our pre-marital poundage or 135 pounds, which while factual was a needless contrast to call attention to publicly.

Roy, who made the presentation to Ralph Edwards, handled his chores per McCoy, which was a bit of a surprise considering a recent expose on him in this column.

Even Edwards got into the act but we forgive him because he thought he was doing the fashionable thing in tossing jibes at the hired help. At that, he was quick to note that our successor, Fred Takata, is no slim Jim. In fact Fred's a six-foot hayburner of 205 lbs. which qualifies him well for the job.

### LUSH FLUSHED

One of the best speakers we've heard at any JACL meal-time function, Ralph Edwards is also a terrific entertainer in his own right, bringing down the house with a couple dozen ad lib remarks apropos to the JACLers there. A beaut was his announcement of a drawing to follow the luncheon, the prize to be Ben Joe's mustache, quickly correcting the name to Ken Dyo, PSWDC 1000 Club chairman, to whom befell a post whingding catastrophe when his cookie duster, tenderly nurtured for ten years, was unceremoniously shaved off by Pasadena 1000ers. Benjo, that's where the mustache went, Edwards added.

The emcee for the drawing, George "the Flea" Nomi, wanted his intros to be exactly correct so's not to offend anyone, and began to read off his typed notes. His goof started by introducing H. Okabe, representing American President Lines, the first prize source for Operation Hawaii, as Mr. Okobay, and George T. Aratani, who donated the second prize imported dinnerware set, as Mr. Taratani.

The lucky winners, by the way, were Kiyo Tanaka of 3845 Keeshen Drive, L.A. 66, for a couple's round trip ducats to Honolulu via APL's luxury liner, first class; Richard Tokumaru, convention delegate from Santa Barbara, won the 93-piece fine china set. A clock-radio was won by Shig Ishikawa. The consolation prize, a portable radio, went to Harry Matsukane, proxy of the Orange County JACL. The last two items were courtesy of Tamura and Co. in Ellay.

More than 100 delegates tripled up on a convention block of 33 rooms at the new Disneyland Hotel Saturday night after the Emerald Ball Sort of a glorified motel like Fresno's Hacienda, it has the latest in everything, including indiv. air-conditioning, tv and bathroom infra-red lamps. The missus and our two girls were among the many convention families enjoying this fabulous playland. The host East L.A. chapter, the co-chairmen Roy Yamadera and Fred Takata, and their committee chairmen and members are to be congratulated for a memorable event, and that's straight stuff.

### OH, GEE!

Disneyland, in romaji, is difficult since the Japanese have no di sound in their phonetics, the closest being ji, which is okay with us since we get from jizunirando this derivation: ji (hemorrhoids), zuni (12—in Osaka), ran (orchids) and do (torso). That figures—anyone with this ailment deserves a dozen orchids. A similar analysis comes from ji (piles), zu (map), niran (scowl, from niramun) and do (intensity), which also figures—you'd make faces, too, if you had this dissability. All of which probably won't make Walt Disney happy, unless he learned that the J. version existed only during the era of emperor Itaizo.

### ELBEE PROGRESS

More than 100 JACLers and young people, and several Issei officers of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL were on hand to attend the chapter meeting at the L.B. J. community center on the night of the 11th. We gave our pitch for the alma mater, JACL that is, and showed the half-hour filmed program of Ralph Edwards guesting Mike Masaoka on his show, "This Is Your Life." Prexy Tomizo Joe is doing a great job and he is getting unusually fine support. This chapter will go places this year.

### SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

A sample of regional office work was exposed to Fred Takata on Mother's Day when we asked him along on our drive down to Calipatria where Tak Momita, proprietor of the local drugstore, and Ike Hachimonji, a SWLA member who runs a seed-fertilizer business in nearby Niland, arranged a meeting of Nisei interested in reactivating the Imperial Valley JACL. Not only was the steak dinner great, but the response was encouraging. Everyone present, including the mayor and C of C boss, was all for the chapter being organized again. After our talk on JACL objectives and program, the film of Mike Masaoka's appearance of "This Is Your Life" was shown. Those present signed a petition requesting a chapter charter from nat'l hq.

Originally scheduled to arrive in Ellay around 3:30 ayem, near-disaster struck us near Niland when the rear end (on our trusty Ford) started to growl and funny noises came out from the motor. Fortunately, we got Ike on the phone who in turn got Hide Ishimine, a terrific mechanic, and Yoneo Umosa to make the proper repairs and we limped back to Ellay around 6 a.m. Fred had to report to work by 8:30 while we hit the sack for the day, one of the advantages of being a staff man if boss Satow doesn't hear about it.

Recent JACL visitors: Arizonans Ken Yoshioka and Dave. Continued on Page 7

## PSWDC honors Ralph Edwards—

Continued from Front Page  
his accomplishments as a bio-chemist.

"A" (American) recognizes Nisei birthrights and ideals, especially the hope that Americans are to be judged, not on the basis of face or appearance, but on action and aspirations.

"C" (Citizens) emphasizes the obligations each Nisei American has to his country as well as securing individual rights and privileges inherent in the American way of life.

"L" (League) embodies the above three ideas in positive form by promoting, maintaining and enhancing them. Showing that unified action speaks more loudly and effectively than individual voice, Dr. Nishikawa epitomized the analysis with what he called the syntheses of the four ideas.

The true test of Nisei acceptance in America will come when the chips are down, he declared, and when times aren't as good. He compared the job of JACL with advertising. A top notch firm continues to champion its merits rather than resting on its laurel.

Other banquet principals were toastmaster Jim Higashi, Mayor Charles A. Pearson of Anaheim, Father Clement of Maryknoll and the Dischords, a Nisei musical trio.

### Treat No. 2

After Ken Uyesugi, district nominations committee chairman, announced the slate of candidates for the PSWDC cabinet at the Saturday meeting, campaigners began collaring voting delegates for their favorite nominees. It tended to get CLers to know each other a little better.

Sunday morning, a bitter battle which seemed to be shaping for the top post was smoothly avoided as Dave Yokozeki was re-elected chairman after his opponent, Mas Narita of Long Beach, declined and urged chapters to cast a unanimous ballot. However, delegates saw fit to name him 1st vice-chairman. There was balloting for each post except for secretary. Other officers were Wilbur Sato, East Los Angeles, 2nd v.c.; Roy Iketani, Southwest L.A., 3rd v.c.; Ronald Shiozaki, Gardena, treas.; and Cherry Tsutsumida, Arizona, hist.

Even the selecting of five members-at-large took up more time than was anticipated as 10 nominees were finally named. Outcome: George Nagano, San Luis Obispo; Tom Ito, Pasadena; George Kanno, Orange County; Tom Hirashima, Santa Barbara; and Miwa Yamamoto, Hollywood.

Ken Dyo, PSWDC 1000 Club chairman, urged district officers take on specific organizational functions and the chair replied that such was being anticipated for the next district board meeting.

### Treat No. 3

Bringing the two-day convention to a climax, TV star Ralph Edwards was honored by JACL for his telling the Nisei story on his program, "This Is Your Life —

## CLEVELAND JACL STARTS BIG MEMBERSHIP PUSH

CLEVELAND.—Harry Kaku was named membership chairman of the Cleveland JACL as its annual drive began this past week. An appeal was made through its chapter bulletin for renewals to be mailed, the \$3.50 chapter dues (\$6 per couple), to him at 12036 Sector Ave., Cleveland 11. "The cost is less than penny a day!" he pointed out.

## San Francisco community picnic scheduled June 16

SAN FRANCISCO. — The annual community picnic, jointly sponsored by San Francisco JACL, Nichibei Kai and Japanese chamber of commerce, will be held on Sunday, June 16, from noon, at Golden Gate Park's Speedway Meadows, same locale as of previous years.

Committee members from the chapter include Sam Sato, Harry Makita, co-chairmen; Marshall Sumida, Hisashi Tani, announcers; Vi Ichikawa, Noel Nita, refreshments; Yo Hironaka, prizes; Sumi Utsumi, games; Ki Tanamachi, sports; Yone Satoda, golf.

Mike Masaoka", at the Disneyland Hotel luncheon.

Introduced by Frank Chuman, toastmaster, as the man who has raised over \$10-million for charities through his radio and TV shows as well as having sold a half-million dollars in government "E" bonds, Edwards was visibly touched by the huge 20x40 in. scroll of appreciation (drawn by Kango Kunitzugu) and standing ovation given him.

As Dr. Nishikawa pointed out in presenting the scroll, Edwards did more in one swoop to enlighten millions of Americans watching "This Is Your Life" the achievements of the Nisei in the Masaoka story.

His humor interlaced the response that showed what a sincere and optimistic man he is. He was grateful that his show was able to relate the Nisei story—a story that America can never thank enough for what the Nisei did in the war in a special way of serving our country.

The Rev. Clinton W. Swengel of the Fullerton Free Methodist Church gave the invocation. Tats Kushida, in one of his last official functions as regional director, installed the new PSWDC officers. Miss Uta Shimotsuka sang three selections, accompanied by Ritsuko Kawakami, who was also co-chairmen of the banquet-luncheon with Miyo Fujita.

### Other Treats

The three music students from Univ. of Southern California, violinist Roy Tanabe (son of past regional director Eiji Tanabe), cellist Eugene Wilson and pianist Marilyn Neeley, provided another treat during the luncheon with their sprightly rendition of Mendelssohn's Trio in D Minor.

Fred Takata, who will succeed Tats Kushida as regional director June 15, and Roy Yamadera were co-chairmen of the convention, hosted by the East Los Angeles chapter.

The convention booklet, whose cover was designed by Kaz Fujita, was edited by Larry Park. Fujita also did the last PC Holiday Edition cover.

Over 400 enjoyed the Latin dance numbers of Mike Merez's 15-piece orchestra during the Emerald Ball, chaired by John Watanabe and emceed by Mastro Karasawa.

The 1000 Club Whing-Ding was the best yet for the district, and Ken Dyo's column this week tells the story well.

And the balmy afternoon sun was perfect for sightseeing at Disneyland.

## DAYTON JACL HONORS MOTHERS AT BAR-B-Q FETE

DAYTON.—More than 60 members and friends enjoyed the Mother's Day barbecue picnic here at Borden's Cottage on Dog Leg Road. Honored with lovely plants were the oldest mother present, Mrs. Chiyono Yamasaki; youngest mother, Mrs. Cunningham; and mother with most children present, Mrs. U. Goto.

On the occasion of the third birthday of their daughter Shirley Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Shoji Okino served a birthday cake to all.

A directory of the local Oriental population, compiled by the local chapter, was also distributed.

## Bring your own forks and knives to picnic

FOWLER.—The Fowler JACL picnic will be held from 6 p.m. Saturday, June 1, in the local city park.

Frank Kimura and George Taniguchi are co-chairmen for this event.

Each family will be required to supply their own services for the picnic. A steak dinner will be served. Cost of the picnic will be \$1 per family.



## '1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—National JACL Headquarters this past week acknowledged 107 memberships and renewals in the 1000 Club for the first two weeks of May. As noted in Mas Satow's column last week, the total number of 1000ers who have joined at one time or another is now above the 1,900 mark.

### FIRST YEAR

Long Beach — Momota J. Okura, Gordon Warner, Elliott H. Fukumoto, Dr. Katsumi Izumi.  
Southwest L.A. — Lois Kitagawa, George Fujita, Tak Nomura, Tatsuya Ueno.  
Orange County — Dr. Fred I. Kobayashi.  
Tulare County — Akio Fukushima, Harry Nii, Jack Sumida.  
San Diego — T. Funaki, George Yasuda.  
Twin Cities — Sumiko Teramoto.  
West Los Angeles — Riichi Ishioka, Frank Kishi, Mits Nishizawa, Toshikazu Yamaguchi, Joe Uyeda.  
Cleveland — Jiro W. Habara, Richard F. Kurihara, Takeshi Toyota.

### SECOND YEAR

West Los Angeles — Robert K. Goda, Robert S. Iwamoto, James Kitsu, Sho Komai, Joe H. Minato, Fred C. Nakano, Hiroshi Naramura, Ben M. Nishimoto, Jim M. Nishimoto, Akira Ohno, George Okamoto, Richard S. Okinaga.  
Livingston-Merced — Fred M. Hashimoto, Hatsuho Miyake, Gordon H. Winton, Jr., William B. Yoshino.  
Tulare County — Mike Imoto, James E. Matsumura, Hiroshi Mayeda, Ed Nagata, Yeiki Tashiro, Doug Yamada, John Yamamoto, Hisao Yebisu.  
Arizona — Ben Inoshita.  
Chicago — Gladys Ishida.  
Long Beach — Dr. Itaru Ishida, Frank T. Ishii, Tomizo Joe, Dr. John E. Kashiwabara, Allan T. Kobata, Mrs. Barbara Miura, Dr. David M. Miura.  
Orange County — Asajiro Kanegae, Jim S. Okuda, John M. Tadakoro, T. Takenaga.  
Cincinnati — James M. Takeuchi.  
Oakland — Dr. Russell H. Wehara.

### THIRD YEAR

Livingston-Merced — Eric Andow, Buichi Kajiwara, Norman Kishi, William S. Koda, Yo Kuniyoshi, Kazuo Matsuda, Kenji Minabe, Tets Mori-moto, Ray Okahara, Lester Koe Yoshida.  
Long Beach — Easy Fujimoto, George Mio.  
San Francisco — Mary K. Hamamoto, George T. Inai, Takeo Okamoto (formerly of Oakland), Hisashi Tani, Marysville — George H. Inouye.  
Stockton — Sam Itaya, John Yamaguchi.  
Orange County — Elden Kanegae, Minoru Nitta, Mitsuo Nitta, Sam Nitta.  
Southwest L.A. — Dr. Kenneth K. Nagamoto, John Y. Nishimura, Dr. Katsumi Uba, Jack M. Wada.

### FOURTH YEAR

Oakland — Takeo Higa.  
San Francisco — Shichisaburo Hideshima.  
West Los Angeles — Ichiro Kamiya.  
Downtown L.A. — David McKibbin.  
Cincinnati — Dr. H. James Takao.  
San Fernando — Isamu Uyehara (formerly of Philadelphia).

### FIFTH YEAR

Orange County — Hiroshi Nitta.  
Southwest L.A. — Tatsuo Yata.  
Tulare County — Tom Shimazaki.  
Chicago — Togo Tanaka.

### SIXTH YEAR

Livingston-Merced — Frank Suzuki.  
Tulare County — Kenji Tashiro.  
Gardena Valley — Kazuo Minami.  
Chicago — Smoky H. Sakurada.  
San Fernando — Sus Yokomizo.

### EIGHTH YEAR

Gardena — Joe H. Kobata.  
Eden Township — Giichi Yoshioka.  
Sequoia — William H. Enomoto.

### TENTH YEAR

Venice-Culver — Wataru Kitagawa, Apr. 16.



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Presence of TV emcee Ralph Edwards will be unforgettable for the 200 attending the PSWDC convention at Disneyland last Sunday and most rewarding. Here is red-haired, slightly freckled-face personality who socks home a message in the brotherhood of man fused in light-hearted humor.

You see it there on his show, "This Is Your Life." When you meet him in person, it glows and sets you tingling. Before these JACLers, no one could miss being infected with humor save for a couple of "little consequences" that were running back and forth from the luncheon room. Ralph was telling how he started on radio as an announcer, then created his "Truth or Consequences" program which blossomed to his present TV bonanza.

He had always wanted to inspire, to do good by his talent. It is a matter of record that he helped raise over \$10,000,000 for charities through his broadcasts. What "This Is Your Life—Mike Masakawa" added to America's understanding of one of their neighbors, the Japanese American is in the same realm. And to Ralph, we are not strangers to him as on his Colorado farm where he was born—he had Nisei as neighbors. Thus, he was ever grateful for the opportunity to tell the Nisei story. "America can never thank enough what the Nisei did in war, what they did in a special way in serving their country."

Ralph Edwards' forte to command attention by making his audience laugh — we sat waiting for the next punch-line like: "I can see why your organization elected an optometrist, Dr. Nishikawa, as your president. The eyes have it"—didn't detract. We left convinced he wanted "better Americans in a greater America" through diversity of cultures in the oneness of mankind before God. As he was visibly touched by the special recognition conferred to him by JACL, we were equally impressed by his genuineness of this man.

—Harry K. Honda.

## GROUPS LIKE C.L. NEEDED, JEWISH LEADER DECLARES

ALAMEDA. — Organizations such as the Japanese American Citizens League are necessary and can play a distinct role on the American scene, delegates to the second quarterly Northern California - Western Nevada JACL District Council were told Sunday.

Harry J. Sapper, executive secretary of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, who was the main speaker at the banquet for the meeting at Hotel Alameda, declared that peoples of all cultures have much to "contribute to a better world in this free environment" of America.

He praised JACL for its "dignified and intelligent" approach in seeking to carry out its legislative program.

In answer to those who would do away with all racial groups, Sapper said that the Jews in the U.S. went through this phase a generation ago when many advocated breaking away from things Jewish.

"Now the Jews all over America are giving millions of dollars to preserve Jewish culture as their contribution to the ever-growing culture of the United States," he declared.

Many local civic dignitaries attended the banquet, including Alameda Mayor William McCall who extended greetings from the city.

Greetings were also given by George Yoshimura, president of the host Alameda JACL.

A special presentation was made to former Mayor Raymond Kranelly who is moving shortly to Phoenix, Ariz., by George Ushijima, past-president of the chapter and chairman of the D.C. meeting committee.

A certificate of appreciation was presented by Masao Satow, JACL national director, to Yasuo Abiko of San Francisco who completed his term as NC-WNDC chairman last year.

Nearly 200 attended the banquet. Haruo Imura presided over the program.

Earlier in the day, a record 134 persons registered for the business session conducted by Akiji Yoshimura of Colusa, current district chairman.

A report made by a constitution revision committee, headed by Paul Yamamoto of Berkeley, was approved and a new version will be adopted at the next meeting.

Representing the Cal-Neva Credit Union, a project of the district council, John Enomoto asked member chapters to take more active part in this program by appointing chapter credit advisory committees to simplify the handling of loan applications.

Satow, in his report on national headquarters, asked all chapters with Junior JACL groups to discuss suggestion of separate membership cards and special rates on the national dues for the younger members.

He asked that suggestions be sent to him for further consideration by National JACL officers.

Hoshito (Oyster) Miyamoto, president of the Monterey Peninsula JACL, host of the next quarterly session on Aug. 11, extended an invitation to all chapters to send large delegations to this meeting in Del Monte.

Monterey is planning a dance on the previous night for those who want to make it a two-day visit.

The delegates voted to accept Sacramento JACL's bid for the district convention on Nov. 2. This will be the second time this year that the council meets in the Capital City as Sacramento served as hosts for the February meeting.

The Alameda program Sunday ended with dancing to the strains of George Takamoto's Modern Swing Quintet which included three other Nisei musicians.

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BY KEN DY0

### PSWDC 1000 Club Chairman

DISNEYLAND.—For the first time in 10 years since the reactivation of the Pacific Southwest District Council delegates from various chapters went politicking for candidates to various district council offices. From the time the nominations committee announced the slate on Saturday morning, there were small caucuses in session throughout the weekend until Sunday morning.

There were some heavy conflicts of opinion as to which candidate could best serve, but the atmosphere looked very healthy for the organization. It indicated that the delegates were interested and very concerned about the future leadership of the JACL in Southern California-Arizona.

And perhaps another weakness that has been inherent in our district council will be removed. Outside of the chairman, the secretary and treasurer, the various district council cabinet posts failed to serve any particular purpose. It has been regarded as an honorary office, giving recognition more or less to those who were elected.

It is about time that our district council officers assume certain responsibilities and assignments. It would be well that they serve on national committees in parallel with officers of other district councils and national board. I believe that by doing so, it would help strengthen our district councils.

Likewise, if the 1000 Club chairman is to be of any significance to the district, he should be part of that cabinet and be elected by the delegates instead of being appointed.

Oh yes, I was supposed to report

## Sonoma County CL busy with summer grad dance, picnic

PETALUMA.—Sonoma County JACLers are preparing for the early summer social season by honoring graduates in June and scheduling the annual community picnic at Doran State Park in Bodega Bay on July 7.

Fred Yokoyama, Johnny Arishi and Jim Murakami are picnic co-chairmen and will be assisted by the JACL Auxiliary, it was announced by Jim Miyano, chapter president. The chapter will furnish the game prizes and refreshments. Tickets for many gate prizes are currently available from JACLers, it was added.

The graduates' social will be headed by Mrs. Pat Shimizu. Details are to be announced soon.

At the May general meeting, Fred Sheen spoke on the FEPC bill, which had passed the state assembly but was defeated in the senate labor committee.

Johnnie Hirooka, chairman of the annual men's smoker held in April, reported the party was a success. Sport movies were shown.

## THOUSAND CLUB NOTES

By Kenji Tashiro

## Guesting: Ken Dyo



Believe it or not, this is Ken Dyo of Pasadena, who is pinch-hitting for Kenji Tashiro, national 1000 Club chairman, this week. That "cookie duster" was whisked off several hours after the PSWDC Convention Whing-Ding, where this photo was taken. Ken claims he was "denuded" — See comments below.

about our PSWDC Whing Ding of last week. But inspite of moments when we let our hair down, there were these serious thoughts about JACL.

Our program started with a "legit" fashion show by Kow Kaneko, who described and showed her Oriental influence in design as adapted for Occidental wear. Her models were the tops: Nobuko Atsumi, June Shintani, Margaret Kikuchi (her first appearance as a model for Kow), and Dorothy Tsuchiya. And behind the scenes was Sue Hasamoto.

You could sure hear the wolf calls in the background... but the most sensational model was Mlle. Chuman from Hawaii. Did "she" have the figure and personality, wow! Other 1000ers participating in the program were Dr. Toru Iura, who had us on stitches. (I wonder if he got tied up on a long distance phone conversation or did come to Anaheim via San Francisco? He was late getting there) ... the performances of the East L.A. JACL were terrific. The skit Shashin-Kekkon highlighted the beauteous George Watanabe in "katsura" and "kimono" as bride and tiny Rose Kozen dolled up like the groom. But the one that took the cake (I mean pie) was Ritz Kawakami. At least she had revenge in biting Fred Takata's big finger.

Other hams including Yours Truly shocking the 1000ers and guests into laughs were Tom Ito (as my newly-born), "Jerry Colonina" Kushida, piano-plunking Yokozeki, suave Yamadera with the bowler and others whose names don't register for the moment.

The biggest complaint (from this department) of the convention was that cold draft whipped up by the 1000ers of the Pasadena chapter, especially Tom Ito, Doc Yamaguchi and spectators like Tets Iwa-

## TAKATA NAMED AS SUCCESSOR TO TATS KUSHIDA

Resignation of regional director Tats Kushida from the JACL staff was revealed by Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, national president, at the convention banquet of the Pacific Southwest District Council held last weekend at Anaheim Elks Lodge and attended by over 150 delegates.

Fred Takata, prominent East Los Angeles JACL leader, will succeed Kushida to the national staff position from June 1, it was announced by national director Masao W. Satow.

"It is with regret that the national board accepts the resignation of Tats Kushida who has been on the JACL staff for over ten years," Dr. Nishikawa said. "At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Fred Takata whom we selected from among several qualified candidates."

Kushida first joined the JACL staff as Midwest regional representative in February, 1947, at Chicago, Illinois. He transferred to the Los Angeles JACL office following his appointment as Pacific Southwest regional director in late 1949. Establishment of the JACL Midwest District Council, organization and reactivation of various chapters, fund raising in both the midwest and this area, a lobbying assignment in Sacramento for the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee in 1951 and numerous public relations projects are credited to Kushida's activities in addition to servicing communities and chapters in his district under the direction of the national board and headquarters.

He will be honored at a testimonial dinner on Friday evening, June 7, at the San Kwo Low restaurant in Li'l Tokyo from 7:30 p.m. at which occasion Takata will also be presented to the public.

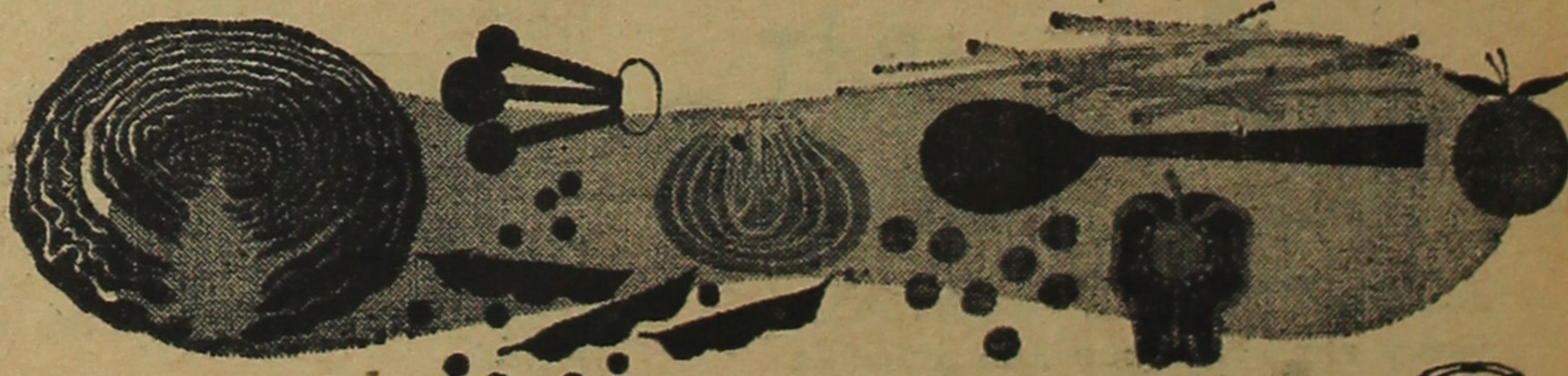
Takata, who attained the PSWDC "Chapter of the Year" award for the East Los Angeles chapter during his presidency in 1956, was co-chairman of the just-concluded district convention at Anaheim. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Takata of 1027 N. Eastman Ave. Until recently, he was engaged in the grocery business when the new eastside freeway was routed through his store location. For the past year, he was employed with the Bank of America.

Kushida, who leaves his post on June 15, will enter the life insurance business and will be associated with Harry Fujita and the Pasadena agency of California Western States Life Insurance Co.

saki (ex-Philadelphia), Harris Ozawa, Kimi Fukutaki, Rose Shimoda, (she just joined) and outsiders like Jim Higashi, Tomizo Joe, Yamadera, Kushida and other I couldn't recognize or see. They disrobed me, yes—even denuded me. I almost caught pneumonia and beyond recognition.

At the business session the next morning, I had to identify myself as to whom and what I was less some delegate, think me a fifth columnist. These are some of the things that could only happen at a 1000 Club Whing Ding.

(Photos taken at the Whing-Ding will be presented next week.—Editor.)



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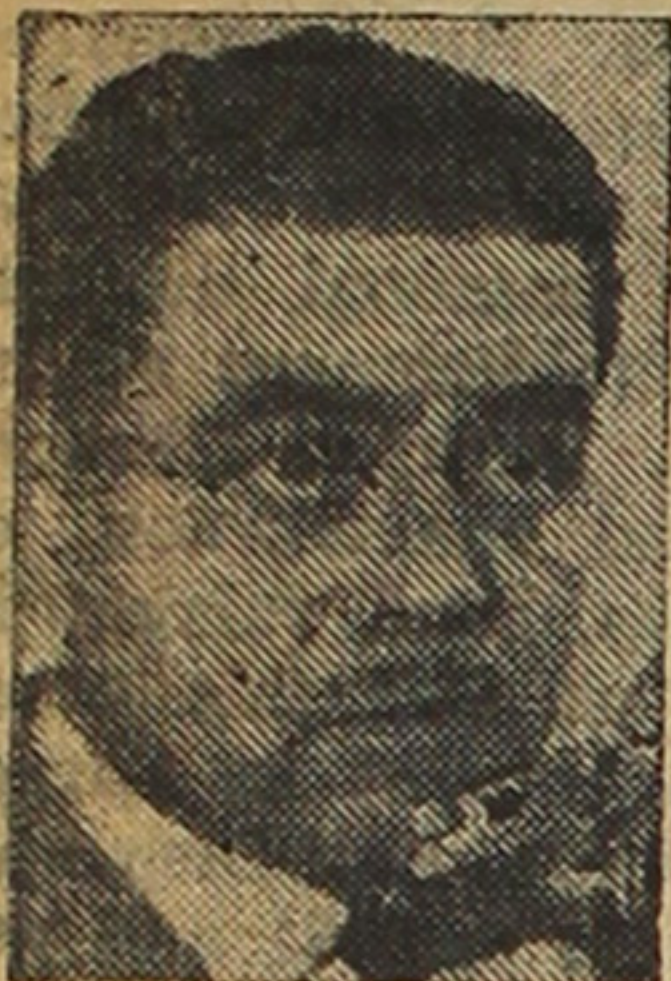
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Traditional "clam gun" held by Jack Nitta (left) got its name only by a long stretch of imagination as anyone can plainly see. It is now being superseded in the armament race by the bazooka-like contraption held by Bill Kunitsugu and his son Jackie, 5. Little Pat, 4, demonstrates that the basic implement, a shovel, is still in the picture, too. Guns were made by Kunitsugu, who is a mechanic for the Seattle Engineering Dept. —Ogawa Photo.



THE NORTHWEST PICTURE  
By Elmer Ogawa

## Clam Gun Old and New

Seattle

In the past, more than one visitor to these shores has been highly amused by what the natives call a "clam gun." In fact, the 1957 neophyte who is sent to the sporting goods store to procure such a weapon will no longer think someone is pulling his leg at the moment the merchandise is shown.

It's a case of the implement now being made to fit its name, whereas in the past it was nothing but an odd looking shovel. We'll no longer hear comments such as the one we heard couple of years ago from a newly arrived Seattleite. "You know, I actually thought a clam gun was a device which would detonate an explosive charge in the sand, so that all we'd have to do would be to gather up our clams in a basket. Imagine my surprise to be shown a parrow blade, crooked handle shovel!"

The very essence of simplicity in construction and operation, the new artillery is intended primarily for dislodging the fragile shelled razor clam which is easily broken by a slight miscalculation by a shovel operator. The cylindrical two-foot gadget is thrust into the sand where a "breather" hole reveals the location of a clam. Two little air vents at the top of the cylinder are then covered with the thumbs, the cylinder pulled upward, filled with sand and a clam. Simple?

The device is so simple that one immediately wonders why it was not introduced before. The answer is that until now it has been illegal. The Fish and Game people have lifted the restriction because it actually conserves the dwindling supply of clams, which are the victims of too many hunters.

The limit is 24 clams per person, catch, or possession, and this is a generous limit as the succulent razor clams are quite large. The rule requires that a digger retain all broken clams as part of his catch, and the thin shelled razors are easily the violator to kick his broken clam back in the hole and move the violator to kick his broken clam back in the hole and move on, and it is difficult to detect such a violator as the wardens are so drastically outnumbered.

A novice can easily dig up his limit with a shovel in couple hours, and even faster with the late model gun. Since nearly everyone gets the limit with old or new weapon, the take-home tonnage is the same, but clams are actually conserved since there is less illegal breakage.

The number of Nisei razor clam diggers has trebled in recent years, partly because the 300-mile round trip to the Pacific is considered worthwhile because of the double killing afforded.

When the tide is at its lowest, the whole family, kids included, have fun getting their quota of clams. Then while the daddies break out their motors and go salmon fishing, mom and the kids either go sight seeing or play in one of the camps or state parks, and incidentally set up the picnic spread.

There is nothing dull about chow-time with such picnic-happy families, and about the only time anyone besides the driver relaxes a little and dozes off, is on the long drive home.

## OVER 150 ATHLETES TO COMPETE IN SAN FRANCISCO JACL OLYMPICS MAY 26

KEZAR STADIUM, San Francisco. —What looms to be the best attended JACL Olympics from the standpoint of chapter participation as well as individual athletes is in the making here this Sunday with at 12 JACL teams (over 150 men) entering.

Track meet co-chairmen Jack Kusaba and Sam Sato late last week announced nine squads have registered:

No. Calif.—Sacramento (20 men), San Jose (27), San Maeto (20), San Francisco (20).

Central Calif.—Reedley (24), Tulare County (7).

So. Calif.—West Los Angeles (20), East Los Angeles (14) and Long Beach-Harbor District (5).

Prelims start in the morning with finals slated for 1 p.m. after the flag raising ceremonies. Track officials include:

Ki Tanamachi and Yasuo Abiko, referees; Dr. Tokuji Hedani and Smoky Toda, clerk of the course; Mo Noguchi and Harry Makita, scorers; Iwao Kawakami, head timer; Dr. Wilfred Hura, Marshall Sumida, Shig Furuta and Fred Hoshiyama, timers.

Jerry Enomoto and Hisashi Tani, announcers; Mike Yoshimine, head judge; Tak Momii, Tosh Horio, George Miyamoto, Sakai Horita, Ken Onishi, Bill Fukumitsu and Nob Iwasa, judges.

EVENTS: high jump—Tets Ochi, head, Taxy Hironaka, Nob Wada and Ken Kiwata; pole vault—Yo Ono, head, Yutaka Handa and Mo Minemoto; broad jump—Yone Satoda, head, Tad

Hirota, Tut Hirano, and Will Maruyama; discus and shot put—Bill Fujita, head, Steve Doi, Tom Kawakami and Noel Nitta.

Kei Hori, head track inspector; Joe Koga, Ben Okada, Sun Saiki, Joje Tondo, Tosh Sakaguchi and Kaneo Miyoshi, track inspectors; Hats Aizawa and Satoda, awards; Yori Wada and Dick Nishi, weigh-in; William Hoshiyama, surveyor and Dr. Robert Kiyasu, team physician.

In the evening, the traditional awards dance will be held at the Buchanan "Y" from 8 p.m. Nancie Moriguchi will be chairman, assisted by Yvonne Fujimoto, Nancy Akashi and members of the Clovets, Sparks and Dots clubs.

### San Jose eyes title with 28-man squad

SAN JOSE.—San Jose JACL will send 28 track and field men to the fifth annual San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics at Kezar stadium this Sunday.

The Garden City team, which concentrated its strength in the class A division to win top honors among Northern California entries last year, will bring a more balanced squad in the three classes in an attempt to score the highest composite score which San Francisco had won last year.

John Kanaya, defending high jump champion, leads the class A roster. Other track and field men include:

CLASS A—Mits Kumagai, Gary Kurotsuchi, Isao Kobashi, Clark Yamasaki, Herb Yamasaki, Paul Uenaka, Tom Ueda, Shaw Sasao, Tony Shimizu, Shig Inouye, Jim Kotsubo, and Bill Wong.

Class B—Bill Hamada, Oscar Y. Sakamoto, Lloyd Ando, Roy Kakimoto, Jerry Ikegami, Mel Inouye, Tom Kinoshita, Gene Matsuura, Tom Tanaka, Al Kogura, Roy Fukumura, Stan Tanaka, and Conrad Kumata.

Class C—Richard Yamaguchi and Junior Masao Hirata.

### Long Beach to sponsor team for Kezar Olympics

LONG BEACH.—The local JACL has entered a five-man team for the San Francisco JACL Olympics, it was announced by Tomizo Joe, chapter president. Ray Sugiyama, sprinter at Long Beach State College, will coach the youngsters, most of them from Long Beach Poly High, although he himself will compete under the West L.A. banner.

Members of the CIF record-breaking team from Poly High will be part of the JACL contingent, Joe said. They include Walter Shioji, Toshio Kimura, Nobuaki Komori. Shioji, however, has

### Furukawa leaves Seattle

SEATTLE.—The Pacific Northwest has lost its top Nisei golfer, Erv Furukawa, to Southern California, it was reported by Elmer Ogawa, PC columnist. Furukawa has won his share of championships in Nisei circles and competed in the national Pub'lix.

Furukawa left here May 13 with his family, driving for Los Angeles. He was a 4-handicap player for Puget Sound Golf Club.

### PAT OKURA SHARES IN OMAHA CITY KEG PRIZE

OMAHA.—Pat Okura, who teamed with Sam Taugi, won fifth-place money in the men's city bowling tournament, which ended last week. Out of 960 doubles combination, Okura-Taugi socked a 1,257 with their 234 handicap to place.

## Santa Rosa Nisei in pro baseball

SANTA ROSA.—Chet Hamamoto, graduate of Santa Rosa High School and later a sensation of Santa Rosa Jr. College, received a horse-shoe of flowers from a local group, reports Phil Esler, sports writer on the Press Democrat here.

The flowers by wire were presented at home plate and made a hit with spectators. Sonoma County Nisei are mighty proud of Chet.

Where is Chet playing? He's currently with Tri-City in the Northwest League of Washington-Oregon-Idaho for his second year of professional baseball.

### WEIGHTMAN WHO MISSED OLYMPICS WINS TITLE

SAN FRANCISCO.—Specialist 3rd Class Ralph Yoshida, who hails from Maui, of Presidio San Francisco lifted his way to the Pacific Coast lightweight weight-lifting title with a total of 700 lbs. at Vallejo recently.

He has annexed titles while in Hawaii, Pennsylvania and Alaska and winner in the U.S. Olympics trials, though left off the team. The Vallejo victory earned him a trip to El Paso last week to compete in the Junior Nationals, held for those who have yet to win a national title.

### Nisei widow of Mille Miglia competitor flies to Milan

NEW YORK. — Fumi Kobayashi Nelson, widow of Edmund Gurner Nelson, co-driver with Marquis Alfonso de Portago when they were killed in the Mille Miglia automobile race in Italy on May 12, flew that evening for Milan to make funeral arrangements.

She left in the care of relatives their 2½-year-old son Peter. Mrs. Nelson is from Hawaii, married the international sportsman in 1947 and spent much of their time in Europe.

### SONOMA COUNTY JACLER TO SERVE AS KEG BOSS

SANTA ROSA.—Fred Yokoyama, Sonoma County JACL vice-president and active bowler, was elected president of the Santa Rosa City Men's Bowling Ass'n this past week.

### OREGON GOLFER CARDS 73 AT INTER-CITY MATCH

ONTARIO, Ore.—Roy Hashitani, one of the top Nisei golfers of the Northwest, shot a 73 to lead 30 twosomes in the first home-to-home matches between Ontario and Nampa here on May 5.

been committed to enter under West L.A. sponsorship. Other team members include Richard Kakita, broad jumper of Stevens Jr. High; Dickie Hada, pole vaulter from Poly and Teddy Abo, shot putter and broad jumper.

Arrangements for their participation were made by Dr. John Kashiwabara, youth director of the chapter's athletic commission.

### EAST L.A. SPONSORS TOP SOUTHLAND TRACKMEN

The Southland will again be represented at the San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics at Kezar stadium this Sunday.

The L.A. Hoboes will compete in the meet under the colors of the East Los Angeles JACL this year. Some of the lads competed with Downtown L.A. last year, when they won the class Aye title.

Matao Uwate who runs Japanese radio programs over two local radio stations every Sunday is helping to finance the trip.

The team personnel includes: Bob Kameoka, Vic Mitsuno, Art Okutake, Franklin Chong, George Noritake, Tak Watanabe, Gerry Osumi, Jerry Ozawa, Clyde Ikuta, Shig Ogata, and David Yamada.

### Tulare County JACL sending up 7 men

DINUBA.—Tulare County JACL is sending up a four-man squad to the San Francisco JACL Olympics this weekend. Competing in the Ayes are three Lindsay Nisei and one Dinuba lad in the class Bee as follows:

Class A—Don Takemoto, high & low hurdles; Jim Ariki, broad jump, high jump, pole vault; Gerald Matsumoto, 440, 880 and mile.

Class B—Gilbert Hara, 50, 100 and 660.

(Three more have been added in the meantime, but names are not available.—Editor.)

## Commend bowlers for assisting JACL with memberships

OROSI.—Tulare County bowlers were commended for their interest and participation in JACL activities by James Matsumura, local JACL chapter president, who was the main speaker at the fifth annual bowling awards banquet at the Orosi Memorial Hall on May 14. Matsumura outlined the current program of National JACL before 70 bowlers, their wives and team-sponsors. He revealed that the bowlers, by participating in the membership drive, helped Tulare County JACL meet its quota, one of the highest in the Central California District Council.

After the T-bone steak banquet, toastmaster Yo Katayama introduced sponsors of the eight teams which rolled at Visalia Bowling Alley, Tosh Sadahiro, who has been secretary-treasurer of the Tulare County JACL Bowling League for eight years, presented the following awards:

Team Champion: Roy's Drug (Tak Yasuda, Yosh Hasebe, Harry Nii, Jack Sumida, Gene Shimaji, capt.) Hi Av: 175 Gene Shimaji; HS: 605 Harvey Sadahiro; HS (Hp) 587-82 Bill Yebisu; HG: 255 Sho Katayama; HG (Hp) 245-18 Mike Katayama; most improved Sam Hiwama 120-138; triplicate award 125 Bill Yebisu.

Bill Yebisu won the bowling ball door prize. The 1957-58 bowling association cabinet is composed of James Matsumura, pres.; Gene Shimaji, v.p.; Tosh Sadahiro, sec.-treas.



Tulare County JACL Bowling Ass'n champions received their awards at a recent banquet. Left to right are Yosh Hasebe, Gene Shimaji, Jack Sumida, Harry Nii and Tak Yasuda.

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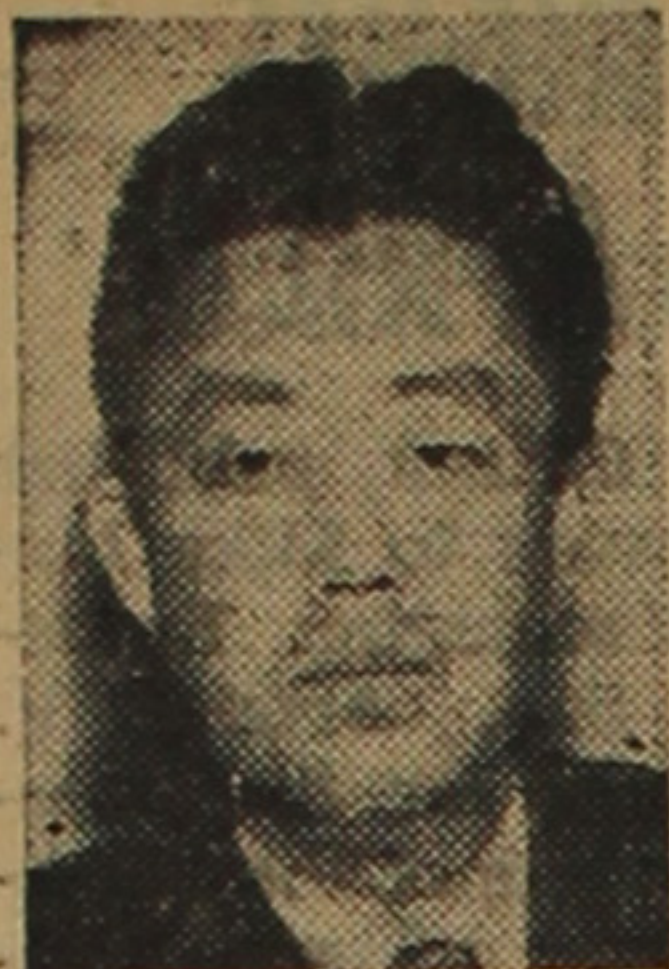
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## LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

## No Finer Day

They couldn't have picked a more beautiful day for the convention-luncheon of the Pacific Southwest District Council last Sunday honoring Ralph Edwards at Disneyland Hotel.

It was also a very fitting climax to a successful two-day parley, hosted by East Los Angeles JACL chapter and co-chaired by Roy Yamadera and Fred Takata.

At our table we were having a cozy time of it with witty Kiyoshi Kagawa, now of Venice-Culver JACL, selling life insurance; our PC editor, newspaper photographer Bob Kishita; Fred Taomae, reporter for San Kido's Shinichi Bei, and his wife; H. Okabe, public relations man for Japanese Dept., American President Lines, who made the "Operations Hawaii" project possible; and So. Calif. regional office secretary, Blanche Shiosaki.

Kagawa claimed to be a newsletter reporter for the Venice-Culver JACL, a similar post we have in the Downtown L.A. chapter edition, the Dee Tee Press (the rub is that the latter hasn't come out in recent months), to sit at the "press" table.

Takata, by the way, had a bevy of feminine pulchritude at the next table. We were able to identify Rose Kozen, May Ishii and Peggy and Rose Tanaka (it says here in small print).

The third annual Emerald Ball, which was held Saturday night in conjunction with the fifth biennial convention was very successful. After two tries, the third one apparently turned out to be the charm and it looks like it's gotten out of the "red." More than 350 dancers were on hand to enjoy the music by Mike Merez and his 15-piece orchestra. Big credit goes to John Watanabe who made most arrangements.

One of the highlights was the presentation of an Appreciation Scroll to Edwards by national JACL president Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa. Credit for the wonderful job of free-hand lettering goes to Kango Kunitzugu, president of Southwest L.A. JACL chapter.

Another entertaining phase of the luncheon was the super artistry of violinist Roy Tanabe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eiji Tanabe. It was his debut as far as programming before a Japanese American audience was concerned.

It seems that Dr. Nishikawa made it official when he announced the resignation of Tats Kushida, So. Calif. regional director, as of June 15. We'll be missing Tats since our pleasant association with him has been more than a decade.

He's our buddy, a bosom pal in the field of philately. We hope he won't be too busy with his insurance business to not be able to drop over for idle chatter now and then, as we all wish him good luck in his new venture.

As to his successor it will be Takata, now employed at Brooklyn-Cummings branch of the Bank of America. He will be at the regional office from June 1 if plans go according to schedule.

For out-of-town vacationers who are planning to spend Nisei Week, Aug. 17-25, in Los Angeles, it will be Jerry Gray and his orchestra at the Hollywood Palladium on Aug. 18, Sunday, for the annual coronation ball.

We mention this despite the fact most of other Nisei Week Festival events run about the same.

## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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student. Three years later, he was appointed an attache in the Japanese Embassy in London.

In 1933, he was sent to Nanking, China, where he was vice consul. Later, he was promoted to Third Secretary of the Embassy there.

In 1936, he returned to Tokyo, where he was attached to the East Asian Bureau of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. In 1940, he was assigned to the Cabinet Information Bureau, an independent agency, and in 1942 was returned to the Foreign Ministry, to the Commercial Bureau.

In 1945, he was transferred to the Central Liaison Office and in 1946 became director of the General Affairs Division of the Foreign Office. That same year, he was assigned to the Economic Stabilization Board, another independent bureau, while still retaining his directorship of the General Affairs Bureau. In 1948, he became director general of the Central Liaison Office of the Cabinet, and the following year he was assigned to the Planning Council of the Secretariat of the Foreign Ministry and made dean of the Foreign Service Training Institute.

In 1951, he was sent to London as chief of the Japanese Government Overseas Agency and from 1952 to 1954 served as Minister Plenipotentiary of the Embassy. He returned to Japan in 1954 to become acting director of the Economic Affairs Bureau in the Foreign Ministry, and in 1955 he was named chief of the Planning Council of the Foreign Ministry Secretariat.

Last year, he was designated as Japan's first post-war Ambassador to the Philippines and recently as Japan's fourth post-war Ambassador to the United States.

Married to the daughter of Ambassador Debuchi who served in Washington in the late twenties, he has three children, two of whom accompanied him to Washington.

Though young for such a post as this, his training and background seem to qualify him well for the great responsibilities that are his.

## SOUTHWESTER: by Tats Kushida

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Moore... Dr. Ernest Murai, the Mr. Democrat of Hawaii... Joe Kadowaki, a recent Shriner and vacationing 1000er from Cleveland... Mrs. Percy Masaki, wife of Sacramento's past proxy... Henry Seichi Mikami of Fresno... Joe Grant Masacka of Atherton.

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AKIYAMA, Tadao (Kayomi Ida) — girl Mona Lisa, Mar. 13.  
ARAO, Raymond M. (Minnie Ichiyama) — girl Brenda Yayoi, Mar. 24.  
ASAWA, Victor H. (Sally Kawaguchi) — girl Cynthia H., Mar. 14.  
CHONG, Ralph Y. (Margaret Maeda) — boy Lawrence R., Mar. 22.  
DARIO, Guillermo (Michi Omura) — girl Amy, Mar. 7.  
ELLIS, Charles (Kazuko Kishi) — boy Robert, Jan. 8.  
FUJIMOTO, Tsugio (Yoshiko Nakashioji) — boy George Hidekazu, Mar. 25.  
HIKIDA, Henry T. (Meiko Kudo) — girl Carol A., Mar. 19, Sun Valley.  
HIRAO, Paul K. (Sherrrie Shimano) — boy Wayne P., Mar. 16.  
HIYAJI, Hiroshi (Mary M. Kawanishi) — boy Glen Takeshi, Mar. 25.  
HONDA, Bob M. (Yoshiye Yoshimoto) — boy Victor Masao, Mar. 29.  
HONDA, Don T. (Nancy Higashi) — boy Alan Kenji, Mar. 15.  
IDO, Sumio (Mitsuko Oda) — girl Patricia Megumi, Mar. 15.  
INOUE, Harry (Frances Nomura) — girl Nancy J., Mar. 16.  
ISHIBASHI, Akira (Mary Matsui) — girl Jean Miaki, Mar. 19.  
IWAMI, Roy T. (Margo Isobe) — girl

Terry L., Sachi, Mar. 3.  
KANAMOTO, Ichiro B. (Clara Takeda) — boy Gary Tatsuo, Mar. 20.  
KAWAMOTO, Masami (Hisako Kusagaya) — boy Marvin O., Mar. 15, Altadena.  
KAWADA, Hideo (Ethel Sato) — boy Calvin, Mar. 19.  
KIKKAWA, Kikuro (Tomiko Nakachi) — boy Vincent Kazuki, Mar. 15.  
KIMURA, Tadao (Kiyoko Kimura) — boy Katsumi William, Mar. 20.  
KOYANAGI, Hiroyuki (Setsuko Teranishi) — boy Jiro, Mar. 19.  
MATSUOKA, Akira (Jessie Yokota) — girl Mary E., Mar. 17.  
MAYEDA, Sadao (Miyoko Yoshimura) — boy Kirk Masahisa, Mar. 10.  
MURAKAMI, Robert E. (Sachiko Inaba) — girl Cathleen Eiko, Mar. 27.  
MURASE, Takashi R. (Yuriko Tsuchiyama) — boy Takeshi Richard, Mar. 12.  
NAKAJI, Masahiro (Hide Aizawa) — girl Linda Reiko, Mar. 26.  
NAKASUJI, Ichiro (Mitsue Yonekura) — boy Fritz Norito, Mar. 26, Long Beach.  
NELSON, Charles (Reiko Tajima) — girl Linda S., Mar. 18, Sun Valley.  
NISHIHARA, Shigeo (Nobuko Endo) — girl Lynne Naomi, Mar. 15.  
OKADA, James M. (Setsuko Kuwahara) — girl Catherine T., Mar. 19.  
OKADA, Jitsumi (Nancy Gushiken) — girl Kerry J., Mar. 17.  
OTA, Jack W. (Tokie Takemoto) — girl Candance N., Mar. 18.  
SERA, George S. (Yoshie Kotoku) — girl Annette, Mar. 17.  
SHIGAKI, Kazuo (Marion Tsutsui) — girl Cynthia Joy, Mar. 15, Costa Mesa.  
TAKECHI, Soichi (Asako Hanaki) — boy Richard Shoji, Mar. 12.  
UYEDA, Shiro G. (Kumiko Inouye) — girl Gail Suzanne, Mar. 21.  
UYEHARA, Hiroshi (Matsue Yoza) — girl Russelle N., Mar. 18.  
UYENO, Noritsugu (Shizue Kumai) — boy Gerald P., Mar. 26.  
WATARI, Philip (Marilyn Mizukami) — boy Richard D., Mar. 30.  
YAMAGISHI, Kiyoshi (Betty Akiyama) — boy Jim Seiji, Mar. 19.  
YAMAOKA, Don N. (Michiko Oshiro) — boy Richard, Mar. 11.  
YAMASHIRO, Fred M. (June Aochi) — girl Susan K., Mar. 21.  
YAMASHITA, Henry K. (Tsuneo Mochida) — girl Joy Teruhi, Mar. 24.  
YAMASHITA, Roy T. (Michiko Kimura) — boy Steven Manabe, Mar. 17.  
YUEN, Raymond (Harue Tanaka) — boy Raymond K., Mar. 16.  
ZISKA, John C. (Mitsue Ohashi) — boy Donald B., Mar. 22.

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FUJIOKA - TAKAHASHI — Tamako, Reedley, to Katsumi, Stockton.  
KAWAKAMI-ITO — Grace, Denver, to Jim, Keenesburg, Apr. 13.  
MIYASAKI-NAKAMURA — Dorothy M., Los Angeles, to Harry T. Venice, Nishida - Hirabayashi — Alice S. to Theodore Y., both Minneapolis, Apr. 14.  
OHARA-AOKI — Margaret, Oakland, to Yasuhiko, Madera, Apr. 6.

## MARRIAGE LICENCES

BAKER-OHARA — Kendall, 24; Hida-ko, 18, both Torrance.  
HASEGAWA-YAMAMOTO — Saburo, 28; Ellen K., 24, both Los Angeles.  
HOKAMA-OKURA — Harukichi, 21, Los Angeles; Elaine S., 20, Madison, Wis.  
INAFUKU-ARAGAKI — Wallace T., 24, Los Angeles; Janet H., 18, Pasadena.  
KURATOMI-KONO — Ray, 34, Gardena; Toyoko, 30, Los Angeles.  
MATSUMOTO-TAKEDA — Bobby R., 23; Fukuyue, 22, both Pasadena.  
MORRISON-JOHNSON — Jim D., 25 (USA); Keiko Y., 26, Granada Hills.  
MIKI-KAWASAKI — Minoru, 23, Wilmington; Asaka K., 21, Los Angeles.  
MURAKAMI-OGIWARA — Yoshiaki, 20, Los Angeles; Fumiko, 27, Sun Valley.

## Conferred 32nd degree

PHILADELPHIA.—K. William Sasagawa, Eastern District Council JACL chairman, was recently conferred with the 32nd Degree by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Free Masonry. Besides being active in JACL, he serves with the Kiwanis and local community council groups.

## Tulare County talent show

LINDSAY — The Tulare County JACL all-local talent show will be held this fall at the Lindsay Memorial Building, it was announced this past week by Jim Hatakeda, chapter publicity chairman. Joe Tsuboi, district chairman, will be in charge.

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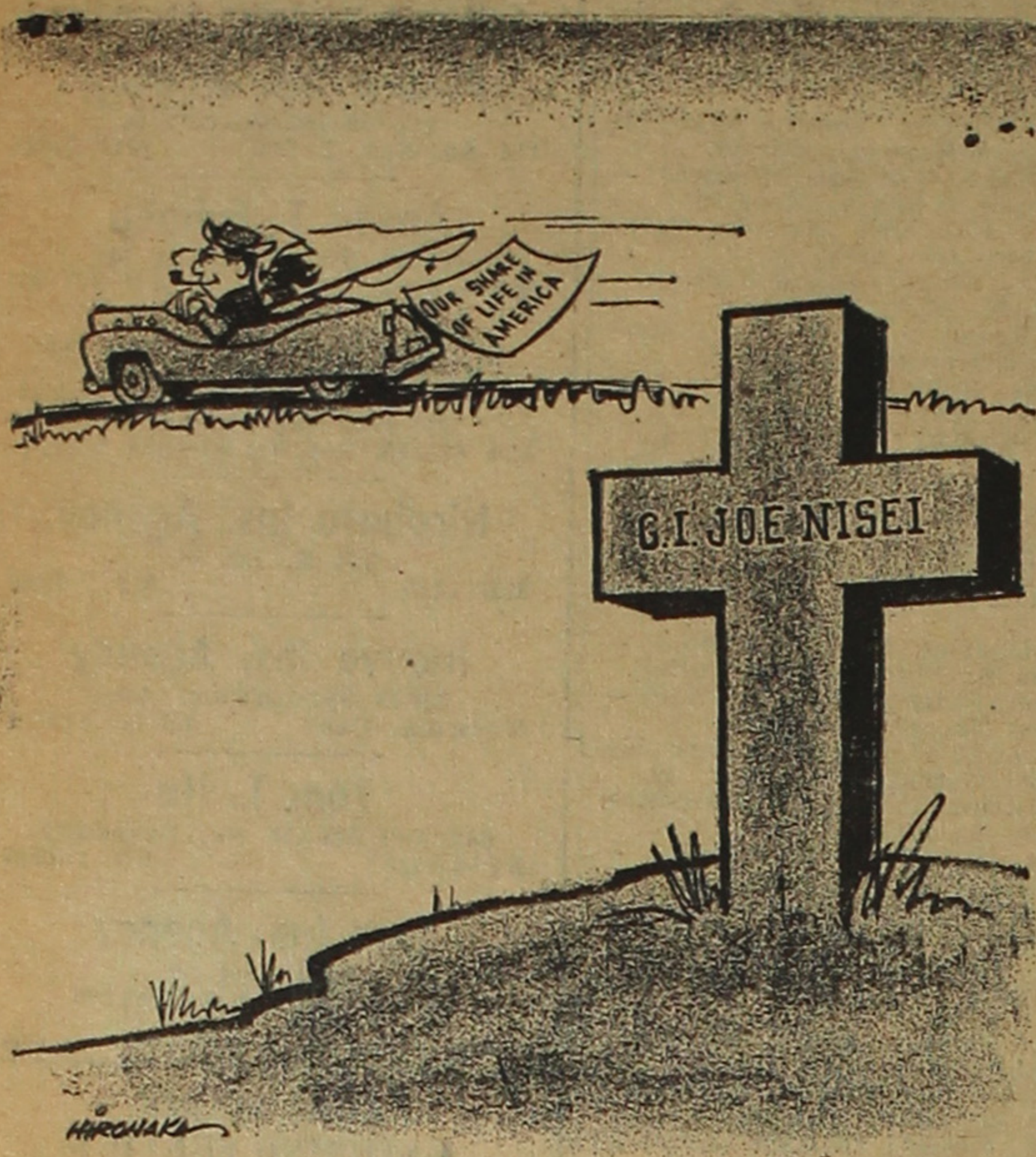
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## Forgotten in Our Rush?



### WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

## New Japan Ambassador

Washington

As Americans who have a particularly vital stake in United States-Japan affairs, we welcome Koichiro Asakai as new Japan's latest ambassador to this country and wish him success in his avowed purpose to seek an improvement in Tokyo-Washington relations.

The new ambassador, who was scheduled to arrive in the nation's capital yesterday (May 23), is not only the youngest of Japan's postwar emissaries to the United States but also the most fluent in English.

Ambassador Asakai is a 51-year-old diplomat-economist whose early assignments were in Great Britain. He married the daughter of Ambassador K. Debuschi who attended the Sidwell Friends School here in Washington. He is said to pride himself on his "frank speaking".

Speaking before the Japan-America Society of Tokyo just prior to his departure for his latest responsibility, Ambassador Asakai remarked that relations between the two Pacific nations needed improvement. He added that it was "most fortunate" that Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi was going to Washington in mid-June to talk over differences with President Eisenhower and other American leaders. He declared that both Japan and the United States "are called upon to make necessary adjustments to the end of establishing their relation on a firm and enduring basis;" the alternative, in his opinion, being to risk "irreparable injury" to this vital relationship.

Although the Ambassador did not go into the nature of these adjustments, it is known that they include such matters as revision of the United States-Japan security treaty, Japan's claims to the return of the Ryukyu and Bonin Islands, relaxation of trade with Communist China, and the lifting of restrictions on Japanese exports to this country.

"We cannot ignore the fact that there are in Japan not a few of the criticisms hurled by them, whether entirely with justification or not, inject a discordant note in Japanese-American relations, creating a situation which is not in the national interest of either of our two countries."

The new envoy said that there were a number of pending problems that impinged upon the vital interests of Japan and the Japanese people, "and so I say that Japan and the United States have reached a point of importance in their relationship."

"The whole future of our relationship depends upon how we handle the situation," he said. "If our handling is wrong and shortsighted, Japanese-American relations depends upon how we downward course and lead to an irreparable situation which will hurt both countries."

In an extemporaneous address to the American Chamber of Commerce of Tokyo, he explained that he expected to get along well enough because he had heard Americans were humorous and frank, although he had to confess that he knew nothing about the United States "except through long association with your people before the peace treaty was signed."

He remarked good naturedly that "I have to say frankly that it is a sort of gamble on the part of the Japanese Government to send me to this important post," which he later characterized as "undoubtedly the highest post in our diplomatic service."

He stressed that he must not fail in his mission and urged visiting businessmen from Los Angeles and San Francisco who were in the audience to "cooperate and help in my new mission which is to further fostering relations between your country and mine."

Born in Tokyo in 1906, Ambassador Asakai entered the diplomatic service in 1929, being assigned to Great Britain as a

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## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE BY JACL PLANNED

WASHINGTON.—For the eighth straight year, the Japanese American Citizens League will participate with some 50 other national patriotic organizations in the annual observance of Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery, Ira Shimasaki, chairman of the JACL National Arlington Committee, announced this week.

As usual, this will mean that a wreath from the National JACL will be placed alongside that of the President of the United States at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This year Washington, D.C. chapter secretary Suzy Sakata will lay the JACL wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and she will be accompanied by Harvey Iwata, chapter president, chairman Shimasaki said.

Miss Sakata, a native of Utah, is a reserve captain in the Army Nurse Corps. She is presently employed at the Washington, D. C. General Hospital. Iwata, a native Californian, is a long-time JACLer having been one of the founders of the American Loyalty League in Fresno in the early 1920's. He is currently employed by the government.

In addition to the traditional laying of the wreath and attendance at the National Memorial Day Services in the Arlington Cemetery Amphitheater, members of the Washington, D.C. JACL chapter, on behalf of the national organization, will place flowers and flags at the individual graves of all 29 Nisei hero dead who are interred in Arlington.

For this purpose, all area JACL members and their friends are asked to meet in Section 12, near the McClellan Gate entrance, at 9:30 a.m., May 30, where they will be assigned certain graves to visit and to honor with flowers and flags.

On June 4, 1948, the first Nisei to be interred in Arlington, Pfc. Fumitake Nagato and Saburo Tamachi, were buried side by side in the new World War II section at special military rites sponsored by the National JACL and attended by high ranking Army, Government and Congressional officials. The following Memorial Day, JACL requested and received permission to participate in the traditional May 30 rites at Arlington, where every year since the Civil War many national patriotic organizations have met to honor the nation's war dead. The JACL was the first national organization not of a strictly veterans or military character to be approved for participation in these national services.

The first year, May 30, 1948, Miss Sada Onoye, whose brother Lloyd was killed while in action with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and whose body lies in honor in Arlington, presented JACL's wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. She is also the sister-in-law of Ira Shimasaki, himself a veteran of World War II, who has served for most of the past eight years as chairman of this National JACL event.

DENVER. — Mari Kodama was named chairman of the annual Mile-Hi JACL-Cathay Post sponsored Memorial Day services, which will be held at the Tri-State Buddhist Church, 1947 Lawrence St., from noon.

This joint observance, now in its tenth year, began as a tribute to some 40 Colorado Nisei war dead.

SAN FRANCISCO.—JACLers, families and friends are invited to observe Memorial Day services next Thursday at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, with the Golden Gate Nisei VFW Post and Townsend Harris American Legion Post from 10 a.m.

### New Lions president

SANTA BARBARA.—Dr. Yoshio Nakaji, veteran JACLer and prominent dentist, was elected 1957-58 president of the Montecito Lions recently.

### JUDGE AISO TO HEAD SHONIEI FUND COMMITTEE

Judge John F. Aiso of the Los Angeles municipal court will serve as chairman of the recently created executive planning committee of the So. Calif. Shonien Fund.

"I am unable to free my conscience of the moral obligation that all human beings have a duty of doing something for the future welfare of the community in which they live," Judge Aiso stated in accepting the chairmanship.

### SEIJI HORIUCHI WINS COLO. JCC PRESIDENCY

COLORADO SPRINGS.—Seiji Horiuchi, 32, of Brighton was elected president of the Colorado State Jr. Chamber of Commerce last Saturday in a landslide 79-3 vote. He is the first Nisei to win this post.

### Farm laborers—

Continued from Front Page of real exploitation under the terms of the agreement which governs their employment.

Since none of the many grower association and farmer witnesses who testified in favor of this program in San Francisco, Indio, Los Angeles, and San Diego were present at the Washington hearings, the JACL representative was the only one who appeared to endorse the current program for admitting on a temporary basis agricultural workers from Japan.

Masaoka refuted the charges of possible labor exploitation by declaring that neither the Council for Supplemental Agricultural Worker representing the Japanese government, nor the Immigration and Naturalization Service, charged with supervision of this program on behalf of the United States government, would tolerate such practices as those alleged by spokesman for organized labor.

Rather than exploitation, these Japanese workers are assured far more than the domestic workers, Masaoka said. He cited the guarantees for minimum work, free housing, prevailing wages, low cost meals, off-the-job insurance, free transportation from one job to another, and educational and recreational facilities as examples of better treatment than that usually accorded local farm workers.

He urged that since all the allegations and charges were based on speculation of what might happen, the program which has been in operation for less than half a year be given an opportunity to prove or disprove itself in practice.

He closed his plea with the same arguments relating to increased international goodwill on a grass roots level that is being developed by this program that he first proposed in Los Angeles at hearings there.

Speaking for the Joint United States-Mexico Trade Union committee, Noakes declared that this Japanese program was an effort on the part of the farmers of the Southwest to evade the minimum protective labor provisions of the Mexican program. Furthermore, the speaker said that there were enough Mexicans available for the necessary farm work and therefore no reason for the "uneconomic" importation of Japanese workers.

He repeated the charges made by the AFL-CIO that under the agreement Japanese workers could be exploited and that the experience of organized labor was that these corporate farms would ruthlessly take advantage of every loophole and every possible interpretation to exploit the Japanese. "Until American agriculture throws off the feudal pattern which still characterizes its labor relations, the United States labor movement will continue to oppose all programs for the importation of foreign workers which do not provide minimum protections for the workers from abroad who come to this country," he said.

### DENVER JOURNALISM CO-ED TO GRADUATE WITH HONORS

BOULDER.—Kayko Matsuura of Denver, a journalism major, will graduate with Phi Beta Kappa honors next month from the Univ. of Colorado. International News Service in Denver, where she worked last summer, has offered her a permanent assignment.

## CLARIFY ABSENCE AT CIVIL RIGHTS HEARING APRIL 8

(The Pacific Citizen publishes this letter addressed to Mike Masaoka, JACL Washington Representative, from Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah) for the information of the readers of the Washington Newsletter column.—Editor.)

Dear Mr. Masaoka:

I have just had the opportunity to read the May 3 issue of the Pacific Citizen in which your "Washington Newsletter" is printed.

I regret that on the subject of Civil Rights the content of your newsletter would leave the implication in the minds of many of the subscribers that for some mysterious reason I and many of my colleagues participated in some conspiracy to delay the passage of the Civil Rights bill. I refer to your paragraph indicating that with regard to the April 8 meeting certain members of the Committee were "unaccountably absent on this Civil Rights showdown vote."

From my previous association with you I am sure it was not your intention to mislead. I, therefore, suggest that it was a lack of all the facts which led you to such a conclusion. The Committee had earlier voted to take up the Civil Rights bill on April 15 since it was indicated that the hearings would not be printed at least until that date, and it was felt that the hearings should be available for consideration by the full Committee. Therefore, it was not contemplated that the Civil Rights bill would come to any showdown at the April 8 meeting.

You are possibly aware of the fact that Senator Neeley has in the past been ill and does not attend the meetings until his presence would give the Committee a quorum, but I am informed he was available for the meeting that day. Senator Langer is most accountably absent since he has been hospitalized for sometime. I was in Utah conducting hearings for the Judiciary Committee under the direction of the chairman on bills pending before the Committee. I returned in time for the April 15 meeting and have attended all Committee meetings since that date.

Therefore, in justice not only to myself but to all others, it would be hoped that such misunderstanding not be carried further.

Sincerely,  
Arthur V. Watkins

### Santa Maria Valley talks up chapter

SANTA MARIA.—George Sahara was recently elected temporary chairman of the Santa Maria Valley JACL, which is in the stage of revitalization.

The chapter was under the perennial leadership of the late Harry Miyake of Guadalupe. With his demise, a group of the valley Nisei residents met and unanimously decided to renew JACL activities.

## CALENDAR

May 25 (Saturday)  
Mile-Hi — NCCC Graduates Dance, AAUW Hall, 1400 Josephine St., 9 p.m.  
D.C. — Meeting, YWCA, 8 p.m.; "FBI," Herbert Moxie, spkr.  
May 26 (Sunday)  
Salt Lake City — Cherry Tree dedication, YWCA, 2 p.m.  
Portland — Japanese movies, Nichiren Hall, "This Is Your Life," added attraction.  
San Francisco — JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium; 9 a.m.-weigh-in; 10 a.m. — Heats; 1 p.m. — Opening Ceremonies and Finals.  
May 27 (Monday)  
Tulare County — General meeting  
May 30 (Thursday)  
D.C. — Memorial Day observance, Arlington Nat'l Cemetery.  
Mile-Hi — Memorial Day Service, Tri-State Buddhist Church.  
Salt Lake City — Memorial Services, City Cemetery War Memorial.  
June 1 (Saturday)  
Fowler — Chapter picnic, City Park, 6 p.m.  
Sonoma County — JACL Bowling Award dinner, Green Mill Inn, Cotati, 7:30 p.m.  
Livingston-Merced — Yamato Colony 50th Anniversary Night; "This Is Your Life" TV kine.  
June 2 (Saturday)  
Southwest L.A. — Square Dance, USC YWCA, 7:30 p.m.