

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Just what I need—
an uplifting letter

These have been hectic days, to say the least. Battling out heads, captions, rewriting, editing a Holiday Issue and getting the regular PC out at the same time require the strictest apportionment of time.

We have had our share of production breakdowns—people being sick, a transit strike, high priority tasks—this week to burden an already crowded schedule. But a letter came from Mrs. Jimmie Sakamoto of Seattle. We have never met. She wouldn't want this to be known, I suppose, but it is a kind of note that brought a bit of peace and calm when it seems there aren't enough hours in a day to accomplish all that needs to be done.

She remembers the six years the Pacific Citizen was being published without compensation at the Japanese American Courier, Jimmie's paper. She was happy to see PC is now a paying proposition.

"Many a times, I had to come home and put the girls to bed and go down to the office and fold the Citizen and take them down to the post office on foot several blocks from our office to mail them late at night. Those were the good old days," she recalled.

I have my troubles, but certainly not of a fashion she describes as the "good old days." We used to worry about mailing the PC, but that isn't any more. Our presses already folds the papers and I don't have chores to home as yet.

Mrs. Sakamoto wrote to us on the anniversary of Jimmie's fateful day when he was struck down by an automobile two years ago. Jimmie, as we all know, was a national JACL president, who was a respected voice of the Nisei in prewar years through his newspaper. Our contributing columnist Bill Hosokawa got his start there. Many other Nisei doing well today were associated with the Courier. During the war years, Jimmie became a Catholic convert and on his return to Seattle began to work for St. Vincent de Paul's where

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GEORGE ABE OF SELMA TO HEAD CENTRAL CAL D.C.

BY THOMAS TOYAMA

FRESNO.—George Abe, a prominent Selma nurseryman, was elected chairman of the Central California JACL District Council and installed into office with his fellow cabinet members by Congressman B. F. Sisk at the eighth annual district convention here last Sunday.

Other district officers are Dr. James Nagatani (Delano), 1st v.c.; Dr. George Miyake (Fowler), 2nd v.c.; Paul Kawasaki (Delano), treas.; Toy Hoshiko (Fresno), sec.; George Baba (Selma), pub.; Bob Kanagawa (Sanger), 1000 Club chmn.; Fumio Ikeda (Clovis) hist.; and Tom Nagamatsu (Sanger-Del Rey), imm. past chmn.

The mass installation rites of officers of nine chapters were also conducted by Congressman Sisk. New chapter presidents are Yoshio Takahashi (Clovis), Mas Takaki (Delano), Mikio Uchiyama (Fowler), Ben Nakamura (Fresno), Ed Yano (Reedley), Bill Watamura (Parlier), Larry Hikiji (Sanger), Dale Okazaki (Selma), James E. Matsumura (Tulare County).

Heavy Business Sessions

Much of the day was spent in business sessions with reports being made by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national president; Mas Satow, national director; Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, who was the main banquet speaker; and Kenji Tashiro, national 1000 club chmn., who reported on the convention travel pool plan.

It was also announced that the CCDC would participate in a local TV show (KMJ-TV, 24) on Dec. 21, 8:30 a.m., in the Fresno State College-sponsored program to discuss Japanese heritage and the Nisei.

Tulare County JACL won the 1957 Chapter of the Year award. The chapter also sent its first Jr. JACL representatives to the district convention.

Appointed to the state legislative committee were Hiro Mayeda, Jin Ishikawa and Mikio Uchiyama.

Sapphire Pin

Tashiro was also honored with the JACL sapphire pin for his outstanding services to the organization the past decade from Dr. Nishikawa. Past president pins were awarded by Jack Noda, nat'l 2nd vice-president, to Fumio Ikeda (Clovis), Paul Kawasaki (Delano), Frank Sakohira (Fowler), Dr. Sumio Kubo (Fresno), Harry Kubo (Parlier), Tak Naito (Reedley), Kiichi Tange (Sanger), George Abe (Selma) and Mames Matsumura (Tulare County).

Irvin Morishita of Sanger won the golf tournament. George Toyama and Lilly Yamada won the CCDC men's and women's singles bowling titles, respectively. Toyama of Fresno smashed a 782 scratch series at Visalia Bowl, where the contest was held last Saturday. Miss Yamada had a 604 scratch series.

MDC CHAIRMAN TO SPEAK AT INAUGURAL

ST. LOUIS.—Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, the new Midwest District Council chairman, will be the main speaker at the St. Louis JACL Inaugural dinner tomorrow night at the Marine Room of the Claridge Hotel.

Entertainment and dancing will follow.

On the nominating committee were Joe Inukai, Henry Mizuki and Mrs. Kimi Shimamoto. Dan Dakahara is the 1957 chapter president.



FLAG FOR CALIPATRIA — Little Pamela Morinaga and her cousin Janice Kikawa point to large flag donated to Calipatria by Vice President Richard Nixon. The flag will fly on a 184-ft. tower in memorial to their grandmother, Mrs. Helen Momita who was killed in an auto accident in October.

VICE-PRES. NIXON PRESENTS FLAG FOR MOMITA MEMORIAL POLE

CALIPATRIA.—This "lowest down" community in the United States is one step nearer the goal set of flying the American flag at sea level . . . on a tower 184 feet high.

The city near Salton Sea has a flag. It is the same Stars and Stripes that flew over the Capitol of the United States and was sent

to Calipatria Mayor Edward Rademacher with the personal compliments of Vice President Richard Nixon. The flag is 5 by 8 feet and accompanied by a certificate from the Capitol Architect certifying that it had flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Calipatria now needs the tower for the flag pole, and since this city is the lowest down in the Western Hemisphere—184 feet below sea level, the tower must be tall.

Helen Momita Memorial

If, and when it is erected the flag will fly as a memorial to Helen Momita, wife of Calipatria's druggist, Harry Momita. She was killed in early October in a tragic auto accident that injured her husband also.

When local city officials and other citizens of Calipatria operated the drug store for Momita for the two weeks he was in the hospital, the story carried so much human interest that it was published in newspapers nationwide and even in Japan, as well as TV and radio.

Many people of Calipatria and other parts of Imperial Valley sent in contributions to be used for flowers or a memorial, as Momita thought most fitting. His decision

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Henry Kato of Gresham-Troutdale voted PNDC leader

SEATTLE.—Henry Kato of Gresham-Troutdale JACL was announced as 1957-59 chairman of the Pacific Northwest District Council, which will hold its convention Dec. 13-14 at Roosevelt Hotel here.

Other new officers to be installed this weekend with Kato are Toru Sakahara (Seattle), v.c.; Tom Takemura (Puyallup Valley), treas.; Dr. Joe Onchi (Gr.-Tr.), 1000 Club chmn.; and George Nakamura (Mid-Columbia), hist. The secretary is to be appointed.

Outgoing officers are Dr. Kelly Yamada of Seattle, chmn.; George Azumano (Portland), v.c.; Ed Yamamoto (Columbia Basin), treas.; and Daichi Yoshioka (Puyallup Valley).

Mas Satow, national director, will be in attendance.

Mas Satow named admiral of Neb. navy

OMAHA.—National JACL Director Mas Satow is now an "Admiral in the Great Navy of the State Nebraska".

The surprise presentation was made at the Mountain-Plains JACL District Council convention here Nov. 30 by State Sen. William Moulton on behalf of the Chief Admiral of the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska, Gov. Victor Anderson.

The honor is bestowed only to outstanding citizens. The scroll, in part, reads: "Know ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the Patriotism, Valor, Fidelity and abilities of MASAO W. SATOW and knowing him to be a good fellow and a loyal friend and counselor I have nominated and do appoint him an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska."

YUTAKA TERASAKI NAMED CHAIRMAN OF MT.-P. DISTRICT

BL LILY A. OKURA

OMAHA.—The Mountain-Plains District Council convention drew to a close late Saturday, Nov. 30, with the installation of new district officers by Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, past national JACL president, of Chicago.

The new cabinet is composed of Tak Terasaki (Mile-Hi), chmn.; Frank Tamai (Omaha), Northern v.c.; Dr. George Uyemura (Ft. Lupton), Central v.c.; Ugi Harada (San Luis Valley), Southern v.c.; William Kuroki (Mile-Hi), treas.; Mrs. Sumi Takeno (Mile-Hi), cor. sec.; Mrs. Betty Suzuki (Mile-Hi), rec. sec.; John Masunaga (Mile-Hi), 1000 Club chmn.; and Barbara Lawson (Omaha), hist.

The National JACL recognition scrolls were presented to two outstanding Nebraskans, James L. Paxton, Jr., and Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegener, Boys Town director, by Shigeo Wakamatsu, nat'l 1st vice-president. Secretary to the JACL Board Mrs. Lily Okura presented the Omaha Chapter recognition awards for outstanding service during the past decade to Mrs. Adah Eier, Mrs. Frances Hotz, Omaha YWCA, and to Theodore G. Miller.

Sapphire Pin Awardees

One of the highlights at the Saturday luncheon was the presentation of JACL sapphire pins to three Omaha CLers, Masako Nakadoi, Robert Nakadoi and Mrs. Okura, by Abe Hagiwara of Chicago, national chairman, JACL public relations committee.

Addressing the convention as keynote speaker, national director Mas Satow of San Francisco declared, "People are better informed about us (the Nisei) and they are more anxious than they once were to put democracy into practice". His message was well received by a mixed group in attendance.

The business session, chaired by Robert Horiuchi, district chairman, passed the following resolutions: (1) to support and promote the youth program, and (2) to increase national membership fees to allow all JACL members to receive the Pacific Citizen.

Omaha's 10 Year

The festivities closed with serving of the 10th Anniversary Omaha JACL Chapter birthday cake. Patrick Okura, former Mountain-Plains district chairman and national director, presided.

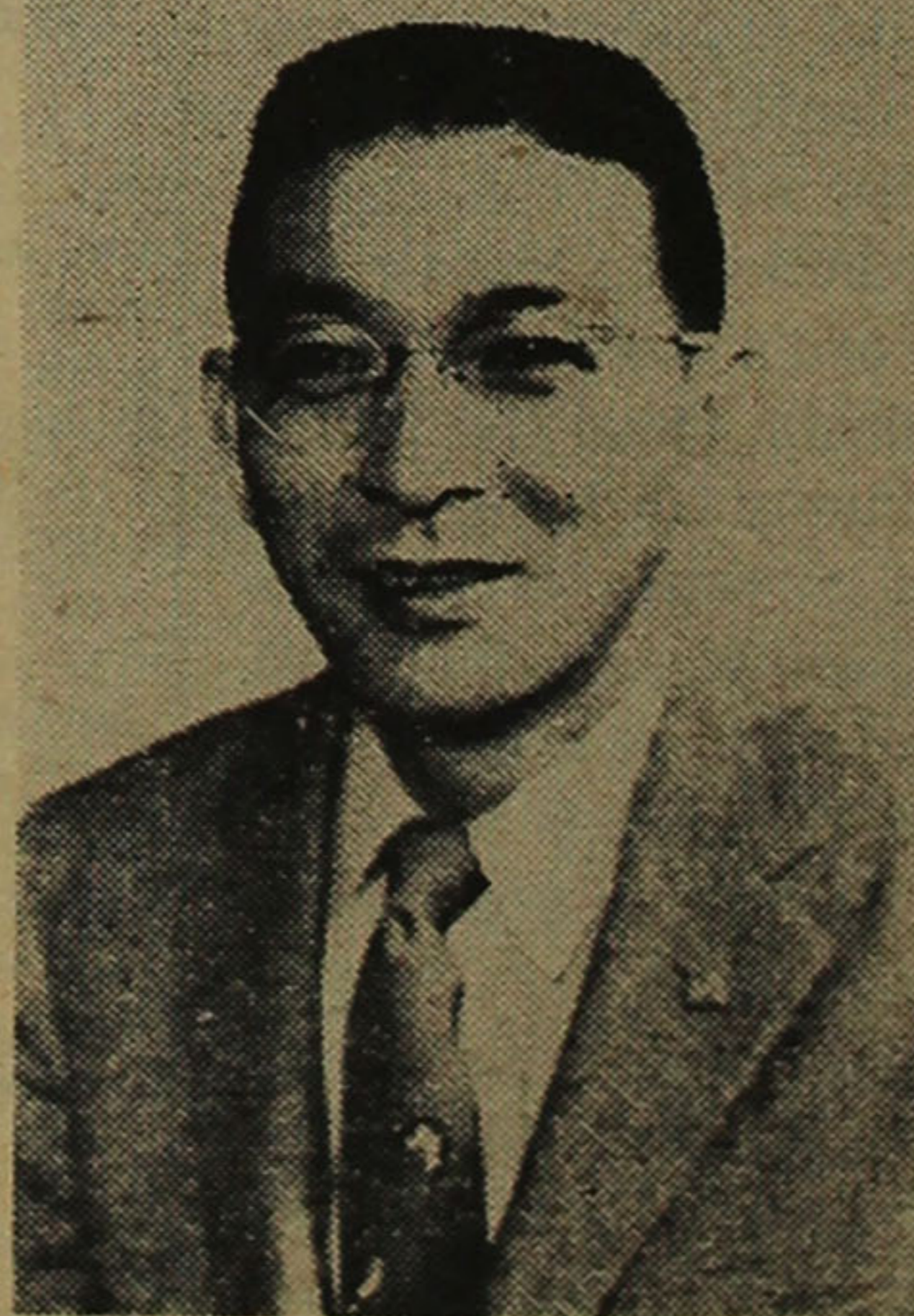
New York City bans housing bias

NEW YORK.—The City Council has passed a bill outlawing racial or religious discrimination in the rental or sale of private housing in New York City.

Councilmen favoring the highly controversial measure hailed it as "historic" and predicted it would spark similar legislation elsewhere.

The bill—passed by a 20 to 1 vote—makes it unlawful to refuse to rent or sell an apartment or multiple dwelling because of the prospective tenant's "race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry."

City legal experts are studying whether the bill, effective April 1, needs approval by the Board of Estimate, the upper branch of the municipal legislative setup. If it does require approval by the board a speedy okay there is predicted. Mayor Robert F. Wagner's signature is assured. He made a ban on private housing discrimination, a major aim of his Democratic administration.



George Hirakawa was installed chapter president at the 17th annual goodwill dinner sponsored by the Placer County JACL and held at the Auburn Fairgrounds. A past commander of John A. Stacker Post 775, Loomis American Legion, he is an insurance agent in the vicinity.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

LIES REVIVED — A Denver television station a few nights ago filmed a wartime movie called "Air Force." This, as many Nisei will recall, was made by Warner Bros. back about 1943. Perhaps its greatest claim to fame is that it repeats as gospel almost all the lies that were invented about Nisei disloyalty during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The reason I bring up the subject is that our two boys, a couple of red-blooded Sansei (which means they don't know heck of a lot about their Japanese heritage), saw the movies.

Pete, the 9-year-old, thought the pictures was real keen. He was referring to the action, of which there is much.

Mike, now 17, said "Air Force" was poor technically because models were used so frequently instead of real aircraft and ships, but the characterization wasn't bad. Under further questioning, he said it never occurred to him to connect the scenes depicting Nisei disloyalty with himself. He viewed the film as something of a historical novel in which the basic facts may be true but rather difficult to distinguish from the fiction tossed in to liven up the party.

When the film was first released, the JACL and individual Nisei tried to get some of the more vicious lies deleted from the movie. They had little success. Later, when oldtime movies were dusted off and released to TV, "Air Force" popped up again. This time Nisei efforts were more fruitful. TV stations in many towns agreed that wartime propaganda films wrongfully maligning an American minority had no business being revived, and banned them or edited out the objectionable parts.

We have no quarrel with the efforts to set the record straight but somehow there seems to be a lesson in the reaction of our two boys. What certainly was a vicious and objectionable motion picture at a time when hatreds ran high is today, in another atmosphere, just a mediocre and outdated action film.

The fact is that Japan in the span of a dozen years since VJ-Day has turned into a true and valued friend. And the Nisei the average American sees on the street is no longer regarded as a potential enemy agent. So a movie calculated to provoke outrage and raise blood pressures in another period of our history is just another old picture salvaged from the catacombs to satisfy TV's voracious and indiscriminating demands.

UNCERTAINTY AHEAD — About the time this appears in print, a young couple named William and Haru Girard will arrive in the United States from Japan. Theirs is not an enviable lot. Girard is the soldier convicted in a Japanese court of the death of a scavenger. When his plight first came to public notice, U.S. super-patriots who should have known better hailed Girard as a great American hero. But Girard's conviction after an eminently fair trial has toppled him from the pedestal. As a matter of fact the testimony of some of his own buddies depicted Girard as a youth who attributes were considerably less than befitting a public idol. He was trained to be a soldier, but was not a good one. The only other profession he knows is truck driving.

The girl who stood by Girard and ultimately became his wife is described as a nomad who made her living as a waitress in one of those numerous bars that spring up in Japan around U.S. military installations. She could hardly be worse prepared for life in the United States.

There is nothing but uncertainty ahead for this couple. They deserve pity and they will need a lot of luck. They will probably get much more compassion from Americans than the woman who died, accidentally according to Girard's story, from the impact of a grenade shell launched from his rifle.

First war bride to marry American GI to be first to bring parents to U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO.—A local Japanese war bride who holds the distinction of being the first Japanese woman to marry an American GI after the Pentagon decided to allow fraternization with Japanese in 1946 is about to set another "first."

Mrs. Kazue Nagai Katz of 320 Rutledge St., has brought her father and mother to the United States for permanent residence as parents of an American citizen.

Kaiichiro Nagai, 59, of Chigasaki in Kanagawa prefecture, and his wife, Tsuru, 58, arrived here Sunday on the APL liner President Cleveland.

Actually they had applied over six years ago for a passport to visit their daughter and her family here.

They had completed most of the necessary arrangements when the Congress passed the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act in June of 1952.

Suggest Quota Entry

An official at the American consulate general office in Yokohama told them about the new law and suggested they try to enter the United States under the quota instead of making a brief visit.

After talking it over, the Nagais decided to apply for a quota number, even though this meant they had to reapply for a visa all over again under a different procedure.

Although the new law didn't go into effect until Dec. 24, 1952, the U.S. consulates in Japan began taking applications from quota immigrants from July of that year.

The Nagais were among the early applicants when they presented

their papers in September, 1952, but they were already a little too late for early consideration.

Because Japan is assigned such a low quota, the Nagais have had to wait five years for their names to come to the top of the list of eligibles.

Japan has an annual quota of 185, but a portion is used by those who are already in this country and change their status. Of the remainder, 50 per cent is made available to those with special skills. The next 30 per cent or probably less than 20 places go to parents of U.S. citizens. The next 20 per cent is for the third preference category of spouses and children of alien residents.

Grant Visas Soon

Other quota number applicants who filed after the Nagais and up until July 1 of this year will not have to wait much longer for visas to come to the U.S., thanks to a law passed by Congress last September.

Under this law all applicants in the first, second and third categories who applied before July 1, 1957, will be granted non-quota visas.

Kazue Katz who is currently working at Tokyo Sukiyaki at the local Fisherman's Wharf was married to Sgt. Frederick H. Katz in April, 1946. They came here in 1948, with their two daughters, now 10 and 9. They also have two more youngsters, 6 and 2½, whom the grandparents saw for the first time Sunday.

Mrs. Katz became naturalized three years ago. Her husband is with the California National Guard office here.

Nisei 'shanghaied' to play Sakini makes big hit at U. of Maryland play

NEW YORK. — An unsuspecting student from Hawaii studying journalism at the Univ. of Maryland awoke one morning, much to his surprise, to find himself famous among the 10,000 students at the school.

A second year student at the school, Walter Nakamura was practically shanghaied into taking the role of Sakini in the university theater's production of the "Teahouse of the August Moon." The play ran from Oct. 25 through Nov. 2.

Induced to read the script and practically dragged to the theater, he was surprised to find his name in the cast list. He relates that after he got the role he felt a new boldness. He gained a lot of self-confidence, and feels that getting the part was a big break.

"Gosh," he is quoted as saying, "it seems impossible this has happened to me. Last year I saw all the productions and now I am in one."

New Capacity Audiences

The production was attended by near capacity audiences and was well received. Of the cast's performance the director said, "I believe for college people, they can

be very proud of their production."

An Hawaiian lei containing 150 baby orchids of mixed color were sent to Walter by his parents who, he said, picked them in their backyard. A soft-spoken, almost shy-appearing youth, he constantly sucked on a lemon backstage.

The most important thing that has happened to him, he says, is that he has made so many new friends and "that means so much to me."

Interviewed

"Maryland students surprised me," he told Jeff Slutkin who interviewed him for the school's paper "The Diamondback." "Most Americans do not believe Hawaiians speak English. People have a misconception of the islands. They think the native population sits under palm trees all day, surrounded by hula dancers, sipping pineapple juice."

"The youth of Hawaii are just like any other teenagers. We ride around in 'hot rods' and listen to rock 'n roll. Really, location is the only difference."

Walter's only experience before he appeared in "Teahouse" was in Hanamatsuri plays or dancing in the annual Bon Odori. He won a first prize for his dancing in this festival.

At the school in Kahuku, a village of 900 persons in Hawaii, he was both student body president and editor of the school paper in his last year.

Nixon—

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 was to let it start the fund for the 184-foot flag pole, since his work in the local chamber had made him an enthusiast for the project.

Fund Committee

Since that time the fund has grown so it was thought best to appoint a committee to accept contributions. This committee consists of Mrs. Betty Young, Mrs. Berna Wilkinson, Mrs. Gladys Dearborn, Bob Renning, Spurgeon Williams, Franklin Garrett, Edward Rademacher, all of this city, and Ike Hatchimonji of Niland.

The fund now contains several hundred dollars and the estimated cost of the tower is something over \$3,500.

—NOTICE—

The Pacific Citizen for Dec. 27 will be published on Dec. 24. Deadline for all news and advertising will be Dec. 20.—Ed.

CL-ERS AIDS IN 'Y' CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

DETROIT. — Christmas customs 'round the world proved in attraction this past weekend at the local Northern YWCA with bazaar booths and nationality foods featured.

In charge of the Japanese dishes was Setsu Fujioka of the Northern "Y" staff. She is a charter member of the local JACL and was cited as one of three members last year for meritorious service at the chapter's 10th anniversary celebration.

Other CLers assisting at the festival were Doris Fujioka, Kay Nakahara and Chiyo Togasaki. Bebe Horiuchi, chapter historian, served on the festival program committee.

Bits & Bites

George Inagaki, 12427 Milton St., Los Angeles 66, has been resting at home since the past two weeks under a doctor's care for a partially dislocated disc. To ease the pain in the back, he is in bed with traction and has had his telephone placed at bedside. He has wanted to acknowledge the many letters and cards of sympathy that he has received upon the death of his father, but because of his condition is presently unable to... Talking about bad backs, Bro. Theophane Walsh of Maryknoll, who's been our Holiday Issue proof reader these past years, is undergoing treatments at Kansas City, Mo., at the present time for the same—only worse, as he has had major surgery three or four times on his back.

Some people have a lot of luck—so we're reminded by the well-edited St. Louis JACL Newsletter of George Hasegawa's. The good news that struck Mrs. Harry Hayashi's ear is quoted as follows:

It all started like this. Alice couldn't decide whether to go to A & P first or to Bettendorf's. This was on Friday night, November 15. Someone upstairs must have been watching over her for she decided to go to A & P first. It was here, as she was ready to leave with her groceries, that a youngster asked her if she would purchase some Christian Brothers College Homecoming tickets. She pulled out a crisp, new dollar bill (one she just had made) and purchased five. With the next steps, she had already forgotten about them.

However, the following night around 11 p.m., a phone call to the Hayashis came buzzing. It was a call telling Alice the good news. What was her reply?—"Quit pulling my legs!!!"

Having slept about one hour that night, the Hayashis picked up their new Buick next morning. It's a beautiful two tone, salmon pink and gray, four door hard-top with radio, power brakes, power steering and other accessories.

And the Hayashis started their streak of luck by winning the grand prize of the evening at the St. Louis Chapter Fall Festival, only a few days earlier—a full set of dishes.

Our PC representative in Salt Lake, Mrs. Alice Kasai, rushed us the lyrics to the '58 Convention rally song, which was sung to the tune of "On Wisconsin" at the recent IDC convention. Here they are:

(First Verse)
 On to Salt Lake, on to
 Salt Lake, August '58
 Coast to coast, the gang will gather.

It's biennial date!
 Greetings, meetings, dance, romancing,—
 Fun for everyone!
 You can't afford to miss
 This convention!

(Second Verse)
 Let's all go, friends, here we go, friends!
 We are on our way.
 Members far and near
 will gather
 For those mem'able days!
 Golfing, hiking, dining, wining—
 Sharing thoughts as well.
 There's nothing we won't do
 For J A C L !!!

If there was any hint in last week's PC story of the recent California convention of gardeners in San Jose were still in opposing camps as in the pro & con of the Maloney bill to license maintenance gardeners, shed the thought. Henry Hayashi, writing in the Pasadena Gardener Association newsletter this week, reports the "atmosphere was a different one compared with the Maloney Bill a few years back. There was a feeling of unity".

Probably the most important to the group, now in the stages of a statewide federation, was the formation of five-man board to draft its constitution with Glen Black, editor of Landscaping Magazine, volunteering his services as executive secretary.



VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

'Dateline Tokyo'

NACIREMA ("American" spelled backwards), the first Nisei-financed movie producing company, began work this past week at California studio of its most ambitious project. Heretofore, Nacirema, has made movie profits by producing teenage and exploitation pictures ("Hot Rod Girl", "Undersea Girl") and westerns (Howard Duff in "Sierra Stranger"). The newest film has its exploitable aspects, but it is serious in theme.

The picture is "Dateline Tokyo", a story obviously inspired by the recent Girard case. The script is by Marvin Segal, the Beverly Hills attorney who's associated with Executive Producer Dave Yokozeki in Nacirema, and Norman T. Herman. The latter is both producer and director of "Dateline Tokyo."

Segal and Herman have made an effort to get behind the surface impressions of the Japanese in their script. The plot involves a military police sergeant, tough in his attitude toward Ginza night clubs which fleece the GIs but an all right guy who's in love with a torch singer named Sumi. The sergeant, on the eve of his departure for the States, accidentally shoots a Japanese boy. The case is drummed up into a cause celebre, much as the Girard case was, by an opportunistic newspaperman.

The story of "Dateline Tokyo" is how Douglas, the sergeant, and Sumi resolve their romantic situation and how the U.S. army and the Japanese and American governments handle the touchy question of jurisdiction in the Douglas case.

HOLLYWOOD'S current Japanese kick—three films shot in Japan have been released this month ("Stopover Tokyo," "Sayonara" and "Escapade in Japan")—has not meant prosperity for the film colony's performers of Japanese ancestry, mainly because these films were shot on location in Nippon. Los Angeles with some process shots of Tokyo worked into the backgrounds. A full complement of Nisei and Issei performers is being hired by Nacirema with Michi Kobi starring as Sumi and Teru Shimada in an important role. Two of the other leads are being played by Richard Long as Douglas and Larry Dobkin.

Miss Kobi is a Sacramento girl who went from a war relocation camp to dramatic school in New York City. She has been seen in a number of off-Broadway productions, principally in the starring role of Ted Pollack's drama of interracial romance, "Wedding in Japan". The Pollack play was the first drama to treat Japanese occupation problems and involved a Japanese girl who falls in love with a Negro GI. A southern white soldier, also in love with the girl, completed the triangle of the play which was as much a commentary on American racial tensions as it was a story of Nippon.

Michi Kobi was seen on Broadway as the interpreter for the successful run of the Azuma Kabuki troupe several years back. She later took over for Reiko Sato in the leading feminine role of the geisha, Lotus Blossom, in the Larry Parks company of "Teahouse of the August Moon" and toured the midlands for a season in the Okinawan comedy. Since "Teahouse" Michi has been making her thespic headquarters in Hollywood and has appeared in a number of TV films, one of the latest being the role of the Chinese heroine in a San Francisco episode of "The Californians." The latter drama, depicting anti-Oriental prejudice in the city, considered the efforts of a Chinese American couple to buy property in the San Francisco of the post-Gold Rush era.

WARNER BROTHERS' "Sayonara", probably the most important film ever made in terms of Japanese-American relations, evolved from a casual meeting in the Foreign Correspondents Club in Tokyo one day during the Korean fighting in 1951.

James Michener was in Tokyo after visiting Korea, gathering the material from which he was to write "Bridges of Toko-ri." Lunching at the Tokyo club he met an old friend, Joshua Logan, Broadway producer and director, who had become completely entranced with the Japanese theater.

Logan reportedly prevailed upon Michener to write a story of modern Japan which would show Japan's unique theater arts. Logan, who had worked closely with Michener when he was helping to bring the latter's "Tales of the South Pacific" to the stage in the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical adaptation, wanted to make a musical out of the Japanese theme.

From that discussion came Michener's "Sayonara", an interracial love story which is, according to Producer William Goetz "the crystallization of what happened to thousands of American soldiers who found love in Japan and honored that love against dismaying circumstances."

Logan's prior interest is the reason why he obtained the right to bring "Sayonara" to the screen. When the novel became a best-seller two studios, MGM and 20th Century Fox, wanted it and even went to court about it. Logan won.

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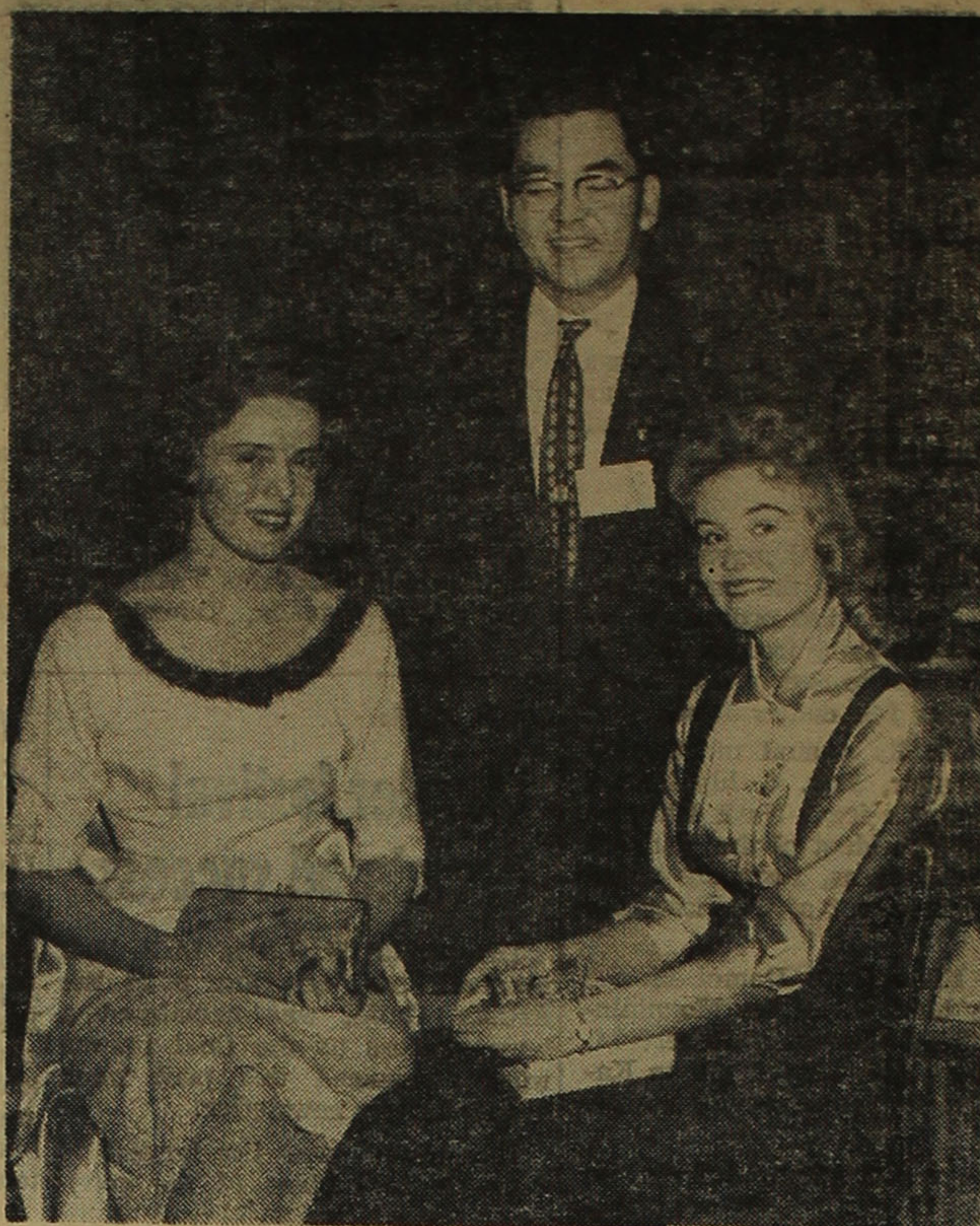
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Already published as one of the highlights of the recent IDC convention in the "President's Corner" last week, national JACL president Dr. Roy Nishikawa smilingly bats an eye at convention photographer Fred Ochi in the pretty company of (left) Miss Idaho Falls, La Rae Patterson, and Miss Idaho, Carene Clarke.

— Fred Ochi Photo.

Busy schedule squeezes annual CINO convention at UCLA inside three days

The tentative program spread over three days shows the California Intercollegiate Nisei Organization will hold an important two and half hour business session when it meets Dec. 27-29 at the UCLA Westwood campus for its annual conference.

The convention will include a queen and scholarship contests, coronation ball, basketball tournament, luncheon and dinner.

CINO, composed of Nisei college campus organizations, was formed to help Nisei students become integrated with on-going campus clubs and activities. The leadership it has developed within its ranks has "paid off" when one of its members, Jan Fukuda, stepped into USC campus politics and became the first Nisei to hold a high university-wide elective position of president of Associated Womens.

The business session is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m., followed by convention pictures and luncheon. The afternoon is open for delegates to visit with friends and the convention recon-

venes with a 2 p.m. basketball final on Sunday, Dec. 29. Coronation ball and presentation of awards climax the gathering.

Konko Mission leader dies of heart attack

SAN FRANCISCO.—Bishop Yoshiaki Fukuda, head of Konko Mission in the United States with its headquarters at 1909 Bush St., died of a heart attack Dec. 6 at the Franklin Hospital. He was 59.

Bishop Fukuda suffered a major attack three weeks ago.

Besides being active in his religious work, the bishop took leadership in Japanese community affairs encouraging Boy Scout programs at his church.

He came to the United States from Japan in 1930 and had established Konko churches on the Pacific coast now numbering about 10.

Funeral was held last Tuesday.



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Knowing Nihongo aids in capture of market bandit

CULVER CITY.—Police reported last week that a few words in Japanese alerted a Nisei "task force" in a food market here, spelling trouble for a would-be holdup man.

Booked on suspicion of attempted robbery at the Culver City police station was Daniel J. Brown, 40, of 3606½ Veteran Ave., West Los Angeles.

Investigating officers said Joe Hamashita, clerk in the Mutual Farmers Market, told this story:

When the bandit stuck a .33 caliber automatic in his back and ordered him to empty the cash register, Hamashita replied that he would have to wait on his customers first.

Meanwhile Hamashita explained his predicament to other market employees in Japanese. Three of them moved in, knocked Brown down and broke his nose.

Nisei pastor named to Illinois civil rights commission

CHICAGO.—The Rev. Perry H. Saito, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, has been named a member of the Governor's Commission on Human Rights by Gov. Vernon W. Thompson, it was announced.

The commission was formed in April, 1945 by Gov. Walter S. Goodland with 18 members in 1947. It was formalized by the Legislature as an educational body and Gov. Oscar Rennebohm named 35 members to the group for three-year terms.

The commission is not a law enforcement agency but has been called "a watchdog, alerted to maintain the constitutional rights of minority groups and to inform the proper authorities when those rights are being jeopardized."

The Rev. Saito, son of Mrs. Natsu Orita, has been active in various civil rights groups and has become widely known for his brotherhood activities.

1958 Yearbook

SAN FRANCISCO.—The 1958 directory of Japanese living in California will be available at the Hokubei Mainichi, local vernacular, from next week at \$2.50 (non-subscribers) postpaid. The first shipment is due Monday.

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— LAST-MINUTE CHAPTER NOTICES —

This is the time of the year when JACL chapters are busy electing or installing officers for the coming year. Detailed reports have been received, but space will not permit their publication in full at this time. These will be published in the Dec. 27 issue (the deadline of which is Dec. 20) . . . In brief: **San Luis Obispo** has elected Akio Hayashi; **Arkansas Valley** has named John Maruyama of La Junta with Mas Satow as installation officer; and **Sonoma County** will be headed by Frank Oda with an installation party set Jan. 11.

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It's axiomatic that when things happen, it happens all at once. Elections of chapter officers happen all the same time and because our limited space does not provide proper coverage, we must squeeze the "life" out of the story from a chapter correspondent—which we dislike doing. There are annual meetings, too, but the most significant thus far comes from:

DENVER: The Mile-Hi JACL held its annual meeting at the Tri-State Buddhist Church in Denver, Dec. 6, highlighted by the presentation of emblazoned scrolls from Nat'l Director Masao W. Satow to James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, and to Dr. Robt. L. Stearns, formerly president of Colorado University and now president of the Boettcher Foundation.

Z. Kanegaye, who headed the Kika Kisei Domei in the Mountain-Plains area, was especially honored by the Mountain-Plains District Council, through retiring chairman Robert M. Horiuchi, who presented the JACL sapphire-studded pin to Kanegaye in appreciation of his devoted 10 years service to the JACL.

Rev. George Uyemura, who has acted as official interpreter for the Denver office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, chaired special recognitions ceremonies for the newly-naturalized Japanese who became U.S. citizens during 1957. Rosalie Tokunaga and Martha Uyehara presented gold-filled lapel pins, fashioned in the form of the American flag to all newly-naturalized citizens attending. David S. Omiya, who was active on the KKD committee during the naturalization drive, responded on behalf of the new citizens. Dr. K. K. Miyamoto, Issei genro of Denver, spoke on behalf of the Colorado Association of Japanese Americans.

Boy Scout Troop 169, under the leadership of Scoutmaster George Umetani, furnished the Color Guard for the ceremonies.

President Leonard Uchida conducted the business meeting of the chapter with reports from treasurer John Masunaga, membership chairman Mary Sakata, and nomination reports from Sarge Terasaki. Official convention reports from the Mountain-Plains JACL Convention held in Omaha on Nov. 30, were given by Betty Suzuki. Horiuchi reported on the Mile-Hi JACL - Harry H. Sakata Memorial Scholarship Award, and Nat'l Director Masao W. Satow gave the national JACL report.

Beatrice Iwasaki headed the pot-luck supper committee that served a delicious Japanese dinner to more than 180 people who attended. She was assisted by Alice Hosokawa, Chiyo Horiuchi, Mae Kuroki, Lily Masamori, Grace Noguchi and Ruby Sakayama.

Gladys Taniwaki headed the telephone committee, consisting of Mary Funakoshi, Trooda Hirokawa, Chiyo Horiuchi, Miyeko Mayeda, Mary Sakata, Sumi Takeno, Rosalie Tokunaga, Fumi Yabe and Carol Yano.

Mitchie Terasaki headed the hostesses committee, assisted by Betty Kanegaye, Jennie Kitagawa, May Kitagawa and Catherine Sakaguchi.

Shigeru Ozawa assisted in Japanese invitations and True Yasui compiled the new citizens list from governmental records at the I&NS. Terno Odow assisted in the notices to membership.

John T. Noguchi, with cooperation of Terno Odow, presented a two hour movie program for the children, while the adult programs were taking place.

Special guests included the contingent from Ft. Lupton, headed by Pres. Frank Yamaguchi, and included more than a dozen from the Ft. Lupton area. The War Brides' Columbine Club, headed by Takako Wiley, pres., and Gloria Nakamura, v.p., attended as special guests. John T. Clingan, officer-in-charge of the Denver office of the I&NS, was also a special guest.

George L. Creamer opposing the proposed City and County of Denver income tax debated with James Fresques, former city councilman and now budget director, as to the advisability of adopting the proposed tax measure at the special election on Dec. 17.

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Of particular interest to women are the fashion shows being conducted by chapters and district councils. Koko Sakohira of Fowler describes the recent Central California District Council convention show held at:

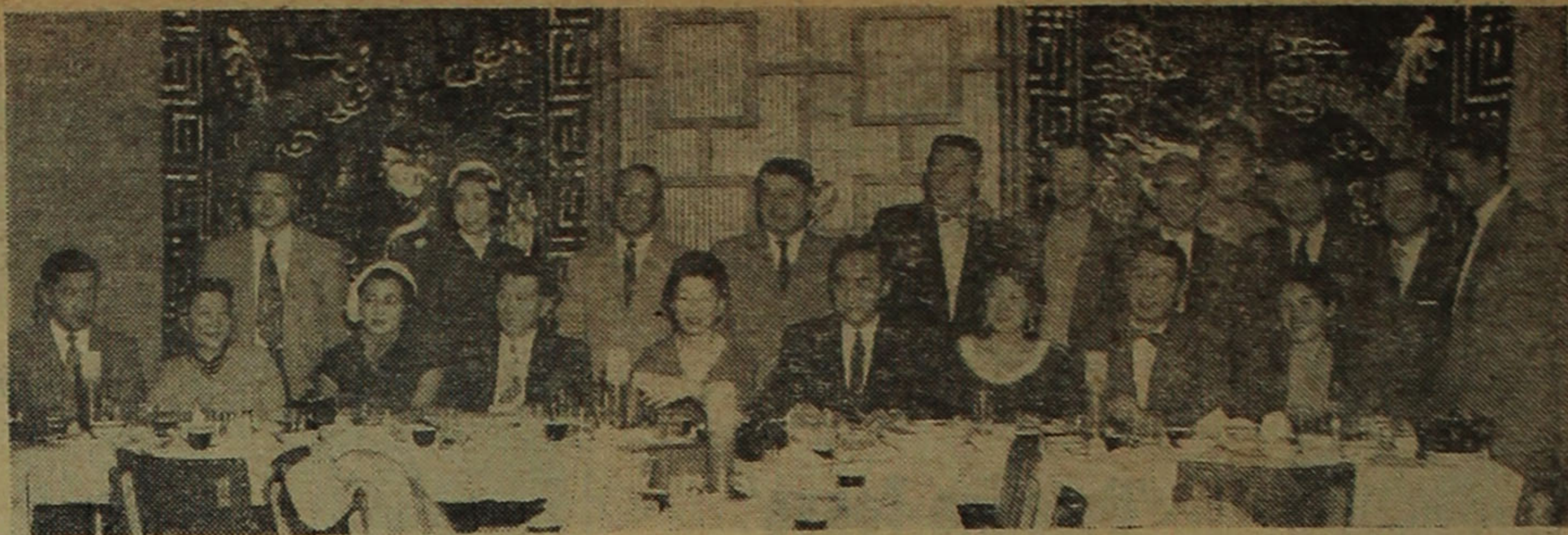
FRESNO: The lovely and stately models, majority of them Sansei, promenaded before an enthralled SRO audience. A fabulous setting of gorgeous Japanese floral arrangements in a Japanese garden created a true "Oriental Interlude" atmosphere. Guests were escorted by kimono-clad hostesses.

Mrs. Kikuo Taira, co-chairman of the fashion show, was attired in an original creation "Golden Butterfly" by Teri Kadani. Her ensemble was inspired from the Japanese kimono, retaining its collar and front, with draped skirt, lined in coral. Her sash was a modified butterfly obi. Over all, she wore a translucent full-length gold nylon mist, depicting the mystery of the Japanese o-hime. Jewel-tipped, French slippers of gold satin completed the outfit.

Mrs. Radcliffe of Harry Coffee was the commentator. Clothes ranging from sports to lounge wear worn by the models were outstanding. Master Anthony Yamamoto of Clovis and Lance Morikawa of Reedley modeled boy's outfits. Fellow JACLers modeled golf clothes, as well as handsome business suits and other sportswear.

A pleasant surprise contrast during intermission was a "sad-sack" interpretation by Toshi Tsuda, a comedienne native of the Fresno Japanese Theatre Group.

The successful event was so well received that a dress shop has already volunteered its sponsorship. An evaluation meeting of the committee is being planned.



Seattle JACL officers and board members meet at Ruby Chow's restaurant to count the ballots and make plans for the Pacific Northwest District Council Convention Dec. 13 and 14. JACLers, standing, are Charles Toshi, Mrs. Aiko Okamoto, Dr. Kelly Yamada, Takeshi Kubota (president-

elect), Frank Hattori, Fred Takagi, Yoshito Fujii, Min Yamaguchi, H.T. Kubota, Paul Kashino, Ted Sakahara. Sitting: Hiro Sasaki, Miss Kazzie Yokoyama, Mrs. Howard Sakura, Howard Sakura, Mrs. Lillian Baum, Toru Sakahara, Mrs. Toshi Suyama, Tom S. Iwata, Mrs. Kelly Yamada.

Elmer Ogawa Photo.

ST. LOUIS:

Chapter festival acclaimed success

The annual St. Louis JACL Fall Festival, held on Nov. 9 at the Artists' Guild, was acclaimed a huge success as the final figures were announced this past week in the chapter newsletter.

The turnout was the largest to date—on both sides of the counter—workers and customers. There were concessions and food booths manned by the various Nisei interest groups, Jr. JACL and the chapter. The Floral Art Guild, under the tutelage of Mrs. Sachiko Eto, were especially commended for their display of flowers and greens at every table.

STOCKTON:

Family potluck feast with Yule trims set

Each family attending the Stockton JACL Christmas potluck supper party this Sunday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m., at the Stockton YBA Hall, is being asked to bring one hot dish. As it was stated: "Enough for your own family and for two other persons". Roll, salad and beverage will be furnished.

Free movies, candy and fruit are also planned for the youngsters. Members and non-members are invited.

SEQUOIA:

Tri-Ville Juniors visit home for convalescents

The Jr. Tri-Villes girls club members visited the Stanford Convalescent Home last Sunday, Dec. 8.

They provided entertainment and refreshments to comfort the residents of the home.

YELLOWSTONE JACL FIVE LOSES IN FINALS

DENVER.—A visiting Yellowstone JACL nearly went home with the annual Colorado Nisei Basketball League Thanksgiving weekend tournament by losing a low-scoring 20-16 game to Rancho Produce. Eleven teams participated, including squads from Salt Lake City and Western Nebraska. Kats Miyasaki and Tats Shiratori of Yellowstone were named to the all-tournament team.

SEQUOIA:

Phone committees ready for Dec. 21 potluck

Asako Nakamura and Mary Tsukushi, co-chairmen for the sixth annual Sequoia chapter potluck supper, announced that the event scheduled for Dec. 21, at the Palo Alto Buddhist Hall will commence at 6 p.m.

Those assisting on the committee are Teru Tamura, Yasuko Kariya, Nao Fukuma, Jennie Yoshida, Ann Okamura and June Miyasaki. The women met at the home of Mrs. Tsukushi to plan the menu and set up a telephone committee to inform members as to what dish to prepare.

There will be games with a multitude of valuable prizes to entertain members, their children and parents.

DETROIT:

Dance class ends

A post-Thanksgiving Hi-Fi dance party, held at the International Institute on Nov. 29, culminated the year's activities of the Detroit JACL Dance Class under the chairmanship of Mae Miyagawa and Sud Kimoto.

A delicious buffet, prepared by Jean and Yoshio Ushiro, was enjoyed by the members and guests.

Sud Kimoto was in charge of the evening. Dancing to hi-fi music courtesy of Tess Tada.

Mt.-Plains —

Continued from Front Page
tional vice-president, was general convention chairman. Dancing to Jay Bellaires orchestra followed the banquet.

Winners in the special project were Sen Fujii, Omaha, color TV; Frances Wakasugi, Blanca, Colo., Polaroid camera; Harry Matsu-shima, Ft. Lupton, watch donated by K. Takechi Jewelers.

Frank Tamai and Sam Tsuji, Omaha convention bowling tournament chairman, announced winners of the five-game sweepers as follows:

Men's—(1) Kay Nakadoi, (2) Mas Satow; Women's — Lillian Ishii, Omaha; Martha Uyehara, Denver. High Series: Mas Satow. High Game: Nakadoi, Satow, John Char of Omaha.

TWIN CITIES:

TOM OHNO TO HEAD UCL BD. OF GOVERNORS

Tom Ohno was elected president of the Twin Cities UCL by its board of governors at a meeting of old and new officers last week. Other officers are Steve Iwago, treas.; Kodo Kawamura, cor. sec.; Evelyn Hayashida, rec. sec.; and Andrew Sato, hist.

Other appointments are to be made at the next board meeting on Jan. 9. Outgoing president is Henry Makino.

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BY THE BOARD:

Sansei leadership seems to be assuring

"Tempus Fugit!" The 16th anniversary of Pearl Harbor brings back memories of bewilderment and abject dismay. As we look back on the fleeting years, I have often gazed in amazement at the progress the Nisei have made in all fields of endeavor. Who would have ventured to predict the improvement in our status politically, socially and economically? The past 16 years have seen the rise of Nisei as an individual not only in the local communities but on the national scene as well.

What were the reason? Were we unusually fortunate in having in our midst leaders who were intelligent, dedicated and self-sacrificing? Surely, God and Providence were on our side. The leaders rose to the occasion to meet the threat of extinction and today we can thankfully look back on the years to evacuation and resettlement without bitterness.

And today, as we look forward, what of the future? Will the Sansei produce leaders who can rise to the occasion? By all signs, they should do better because of the easier paths paved by the efforts of the Nisei. With better education, less discrimination and a greater opportunity for bettering our position in all ways, the future of the JACL movement will certainly rest with the kind of leadership developed among our own Junior JACL groups. I sincerely hope the saying "From shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves in three generation" will not hold in this case.

As I step down from the Pacific Northwest District Council, I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for their fine cooperation in my administration. We have tried to carry on the struggle against apathy, ignorance and antagonism. — Dr. Kelly Yamada
PNDC Chairman

VERY TRULY YOURS:

From the Front Page he was going that day His Creator beckoned.

It's been two years, she reminds us, and each year she was quite nervous about the day, "but today I felt quite at peace and felt Jimmie's presence very near." I like to think he's next to us also encouraging us to meet the deadlines in spite of what appears to be backbreaking obstacles. — Harry K. Honda.



Standing alongside a huge 1000 Club Knight sign at the IDC Convention banquet room is Mrs. Alice Kasai of Salt Lake JACL inviting CLers to the 15th Biennial National Convention being held at the Utah capital city on Aug. 22-25, 1958. It appears she is accompanied at the piano and is singing, which is the way the invitation was made — in song. — Fred Ochi Photo.



Chicago JACL 1000 Club chairman Tom Okabe presents four Life members with 1000 Pin guards to (left to right) Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Kats Okuno, Shig Wakamatsu and Kumeo Yoshinari. Absent were Harold Gordon and Harry Mizuno.

Rotational system of JCCA headquarters described as 'idiotic' by JCCA leader

TORONTO.—The presently constituted biennial system of rotating the national headquarters of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association was described as "idiotic" and "unworkable" by JCCA national executive committee members.

With most of the members on the sick list, only a handful turned out for this meeting. Much of the discussion centered around proposals to revitalize the JCCA on the national and local levels.

A thorough review of the mechanics of the national organization as well as a review of its aims and objects should be launched immediately in the light of circumstances and conditions which affect the Japanese Canadian public today, said George Tanaka, former national executive secretary.

Rotation Plan Hit

"The two-year rotation plan of the national headquarters is idiotic," he declared, and explained that no sound workable plan could be effected when based on that system. A project, such as the compilation of data for a History of Japanese Canadians, cannot be finished in two years nor can the project be completed successfully if the central work were transferred from one city to another, he declared.

First vice-president Fred Kaya-

hara, who chaired the meeting in the absence of president Ed Ide, emphasized that the current two-year system was unworkable.

As soon as a workable plan could be laid out—and this should be done at a very early date—the executive committee should call a national conference to revise the two-year set-up and clarify the terms under which it could organize and operate, he explained.

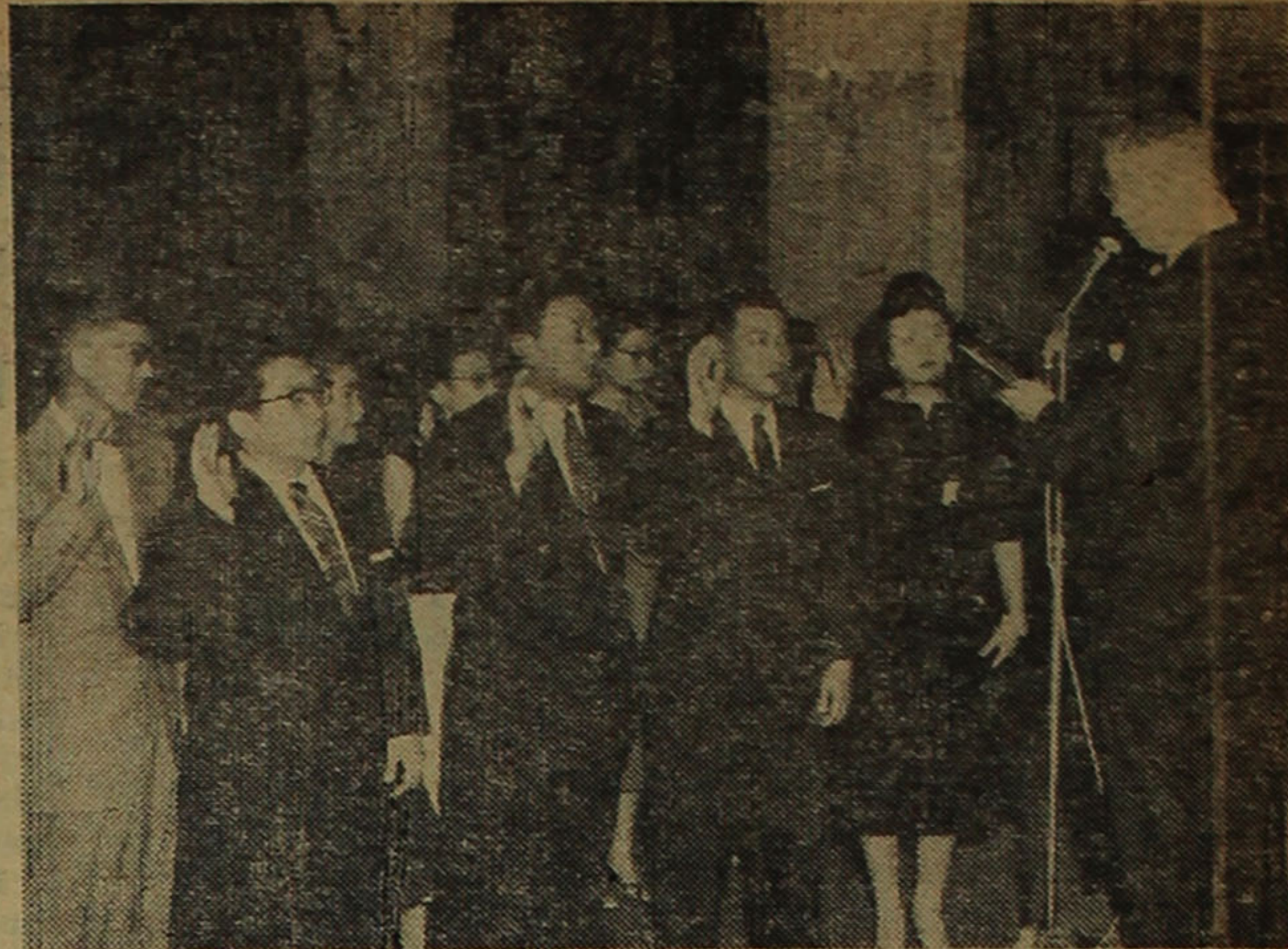
Reasons Cited

The proposal for a national conference was contained in the recommendations of the former national executive committee in Winnipeg. First proposed last fall by the Winnipeg office, the recommendations explained lack of chapter support, lack of funds, reappraisal of the rotation plan, clarification of policies, etc., as reasons for a conference.

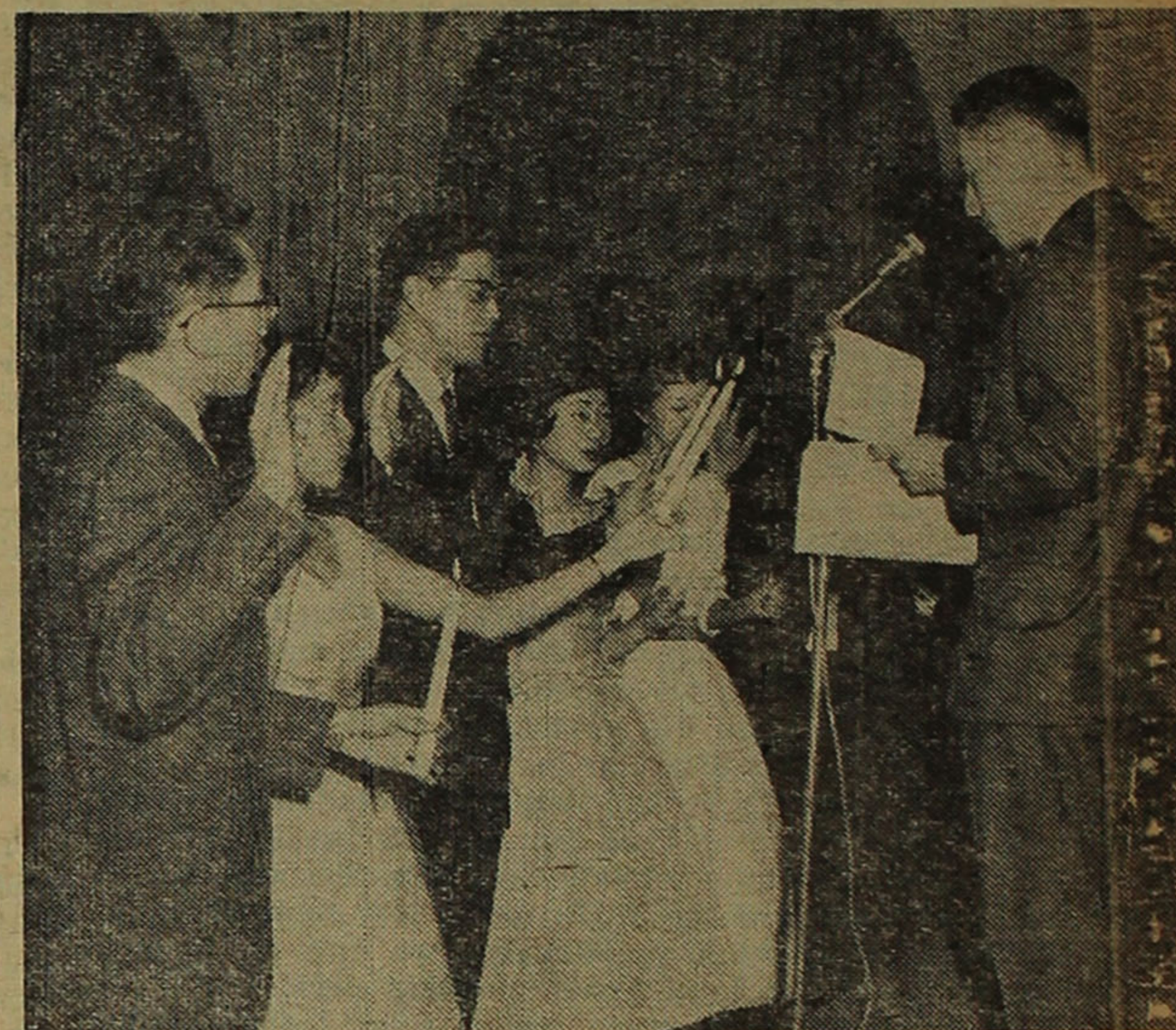
MILWAUKEE:

Christmas party for children planned

A program with Christmas as the central theme will be held Dec. 14 for children of Milwaukee JACLers and friends at the Mitchell Park Pavillion. Jennett Tada and her committee are in charge of games and songs.



Newly elected members of the Chicago JACL Board of Directors are being sworn in by Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, national JACL board member. (Left to right): Tom Okabe, Henry Tanabe, Mrs. Sumi Miyaki, Ruth Kumata, Mike Hori, Maudie Nakada, George Chida, Mrs. Sachi Izumi (hidden in background) Fumi Iwatsuki, Lillian Kimura, Hiro Mayeda and Frank Takahashi. Absent were Harvey Aki, Mrs. Ayako Kumamoto, Dan Kazuhara, Tahei Matsunaga, Paul Otake, Joe Sagami and Sat Takemoto.



In an impressive candlelight ceremony, Shig Wakamatsu, national 1st vice-president, installs the newly-elected officers of the Chicago Jr. JACL at the recent Inaugural Party held at Del Prado Hotel. (Left to right): Earle Nakano, pres.; Yoko Arakawa, program v.p.; Dan Miyazaki, finance v.p.; Michiko Itahara, rec. sec.; Sachi Hoshiyama, cor. sec.; Tak Tomiyama (hidden), treas.; Ruth Sato, hist. Absent was Richard Kaneko, memb. v.p., who is serving in the U.S. Army.

SAN FRANCISCO:

Auxiliary members visit aged on Thanksgiving

Seven members of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary made the second of the club's semi-annual visits to the Laguna

Honda Home for the Aged on Nov. 24.

To each of the eleven Japanese staying there, the ladies distributed monetary gifts as well as food and magazines. These gifts were made possible with proceeds from the Auxiliary's fund-raising dance, "Autumn Leaf", held earlier in November; and also from a generous donation of sato-imo from Nishioki Brothers of Sanger and Japanese magazines donated by Honnami Taieido in San Francisco.

Making the trip were Lucy Adachi, Sue Haramaki, Yo Hironaka, Doris Horiuchi, Bess Sonoda, Georgia Tanaka and Elsie Uyeda.

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DETROIT:

Carolee Matsumoto head of Detroit Teen club

Carolee Matsumoto was elected to head the Detroit Teens' 1958 cabinet at a election meeting held Nov. 30 at the International Institute. Assisting her are Jane Itami, v.p.; Joan Sunamoto, cor. sec.; Shirley Satoh, rec. sec.; Norman Sunamoto, treas.; Loraine Fujiwara, hist.; John Kimoto, Shirley Kinoshita and Dennis Yata, mem-at-lge.

A record hop and refreshments were enjoyed during the evening. Assisting the committee chairman Rumiko Sakow were Carolee Matsumoto, Shirley and Jay Satoh.

A Holiday Party is scheduled by the Detroit Teens on Dec. 28 at the Sunamoto home. Dancing and pizza pie are on the menu planned by Janice and Marietta Fujita, Shirley Kinoshita, Carolee Matsumoto, Rumiko Sakow and Satsuki Shiroma.

Kaz Hayashi wins top honors at annual Mile-Hi district keg tourney

DENVER.—Kaz Hayashi led keggers in the "AA" all-events of the Mountain-Plains JACL District bowling tournament over the Thanksgiving holidays with his 1912 while Joyce Iwata with a 1704 took the women's all-events.



THE NORTHWEST PICTURE By Elmer Ogawa

Seattle President

Seattle

WE'RE JUST AFTER counting the votes which elect the 1958 officers up this way, and just about the time the PC hits the streets with news of who's elected, the ritual of installation will be under way in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest District Council Convention, here at the Roosevelt Hotel this weekend.

It can well be expected that such efficiency and speed in keeping with the times may well indicate the modus operandi of 1958.

New president is Takeshi Kubota, who spends a little time directing his crews in landscaping for people who show the proper pedigree. Most of his wakeful hours, however, are spent in public service work for the Community Chest, Jackson Street Council, Lions, Landscape Architects Association, and can't think of what else. His grassroots intimacy with local, state, and national legislators will be an ace card for the JACL if the anti-alien land law repeal gets underway in this state in '58, or we'll just have to keep him in the big seat till it does.

First vice-president is insurance man Paul Kashino who has but in many years of active JACL work thus far. Some years, single handed, he took over the job of pushing PC Holiday Edition ads, and his marks in lineage sold are something of a record.

Second vice-president is the debonair, ever youthful Yukio Kuniyuki. His JACL memberships originated in the early '30s when he was a baseballer for WSC and later U. of W. Recently, a defeated, but far from disgraced (on the vote count, we mean), candidate for the Washington State Legislature, he now works in the State controlled dispensing of alcoholics. Never samples the products, even on a party.

Treasurer is Heitaro Hikida, a naturalized citizen who since relocation has been operating his own furniture and appliance business on Jackson Street. We remember him as a teller in the old M. Furuya Bank, when we, as a high schooler in the early '20s used to deposit and draw on the cannery wages.

The girls we don't know well, but new recording secretary Amy Hara is the daughter of Gold Star Parents president Seichi Hara, who backs so many community projects. She won the top prize, a movie camera at the JACL picnic last summer.

Corresponding secretary Miye Ishikawa, we may safely say, is among the top five in local female bowling circles.

And this is quite a coincidence, but on a last minute phone call found out that new historian Mrs. Carol Suguro is the former Carol Date another of the "top five" in our rating of lady bowlers. She is the sister-in-law of Claire Suguro, first Nisei teacher in Seattle schools about eight or nine years ago.

Now, tie in these last two with board member Kazzie Yokoyama and we have the backbone of a feminine bowling team up to challenging any other metropolis in these United States.

DR. KELLY YAMADA is the new Board Delegate, and retiring Northwest District Chairman. In commenting on current plans which involve the District, he says that special efforts are arranged to spotlight the JACL National Bowling Tournament here in Seattle in March. It will figure largely in the actions of delegates to this week's convention. Fred Takagi is planning a super colossal, right down to the souvenir program, an item which the local chapter is helping in a big way.

Main speaker at the installation dinner will be John King, a top executive of CBS Station KIRO and member of the University of Washington Board of Regents, the Civic Unity Committee, and the Seattle-Kobe Sister-city promotion.

At this time, as we face Pacific Northwest District convention week, the new District officers are announced. New chairman is Henry Kato of the Gresham-Troutdale Chapter; vice-chairman is Toru Sakahara of Seattle; treasurer is Tom Take-mura of Puyallup; the 1000 Club gadget is Dr. Joe Onchi of Gresham-Troutdale; and historian is Joe Nakamura of the Mid-Columbia chapter.

That's about the picture as we set an early installation date to start a Go-Go-Go on the new year.

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Nevada quarterback voted 'athlete of month' by writers

RENO.—In 1954 Ken Fujii was booked, fingerprinted, "mugged" and "treated like I was a criminal."

It was all a mistake, though. But Ken's latest notoriety is certainly no accident. Here's what has happened to the 21-year-old University of Nevada senior the past week.

1. Named second string quarterback on the United Press college little all-coast team.

2. Chosen this area's athlete of the month (for November) by sportswriters and broadcasters.

3. Given honorable mention on the Associated Press little all-American team.

Fine Passer

Citations were based on his job as Nevada's quarterback this season. Fujii completed 102 passes as Nevada experienced one of its more dreary seasons—eight losses, one win.

His choice as athlete of the month was unanimous as members of the Sierra Nevada Sports-writers - Broadcasters Association were polled.

Fujii is home-grown—born in Reno and educated in Washoe county schools. He will graduate from Nevada with a degree in physical education next June and will enter the army as a second lieutenant in fall, 1958.

He is a former all-state high school football and American Legion baseball player.

He quarterbacked the Nevada club three years.

All Mistake

The 1954 "booking" incident still brings chuckles from the Fujii family, but is illustrative of the character that has been passed from father Kay, now 60, to his son.

Brothers Ken and George were duck hunting at the Highland reservoir. Police arrested them. The charge—hunting within the city

Powell (Wyo.) High School retired football jersey No. 20 in honor of Eddie Kawano, all-state half-back on the state champion Panther team.

The jersey carrying the numeral was presented to Kawano at a recent football banquet by Coach Harold Hand.

Kawano, a 17-year-old senior, scored 186 points in 12 games this year. He averaged 9.4 yards per carry in the rugged Big Horn Basin Class A Conference for a total of 1,489 yards. Yardage gained against Powell by all opponents totaled 1,269.

Pete Nakamura and Koichi Ono winners of the 1957 Canada Cup championship, will be unable to accept an invitation to the Los Angeles Open golf tournament next month, the Japan Golf Association said this week.

An association official said the pair want to concentrate on the four-day Far Eastern Open beginning in Manila, Jan. 16. The Los Angeles Open is Jan. 2-6.

Nakamura and Ono earlier said they would accept an invitation to play at Los Angeles provided their expenses were met.

The expense money was met by the various members of the Los Angeles Nisei golfing fraternity, who agreed to pledge the necessary amount.

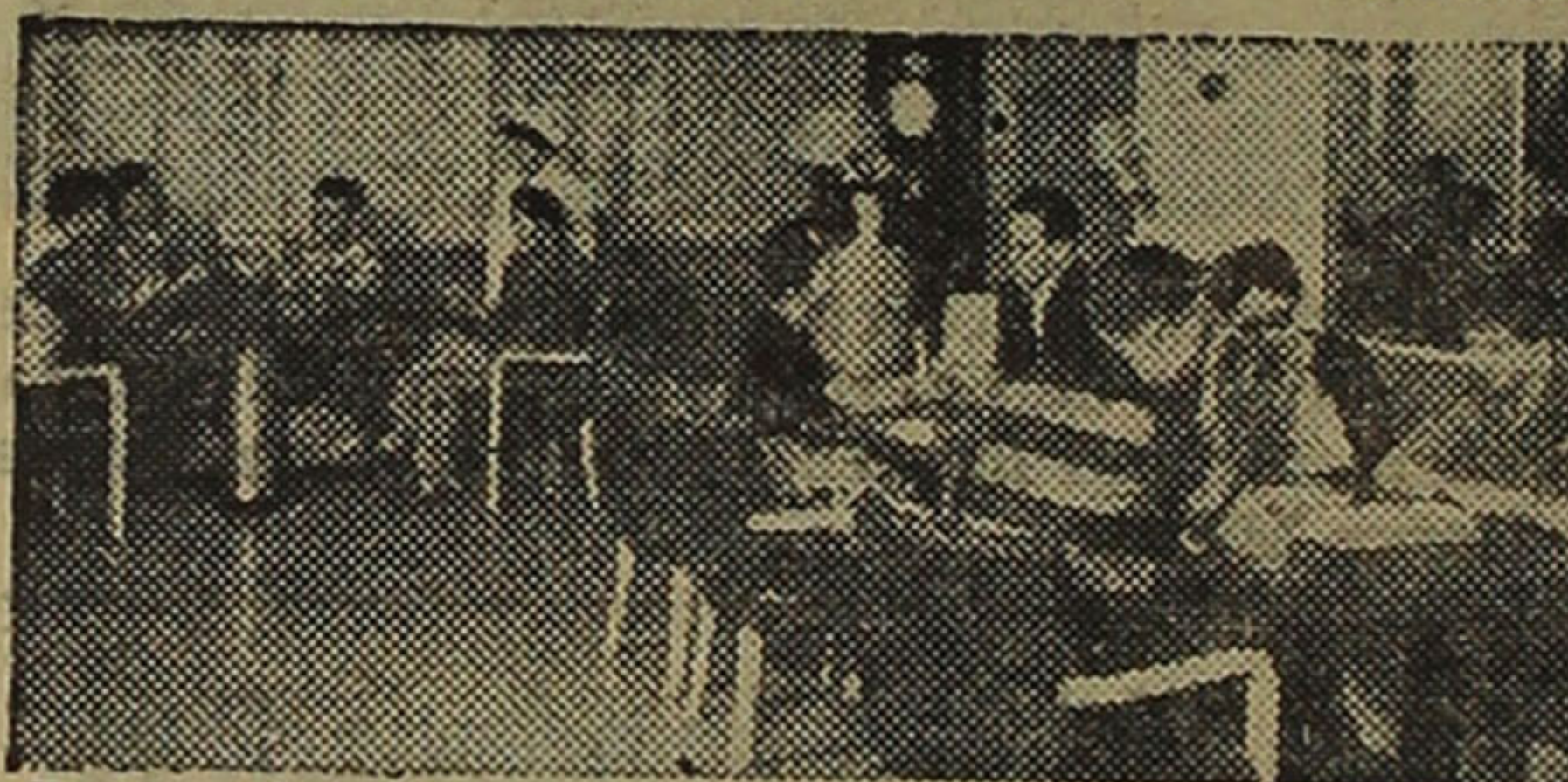
John Ty Saito, Los Angeles realtor, who worked on the project, including the raising of funds, expressed keen disappointment at the last-minute cancellation.

"They could have made both

limits.

George was fined \$50 in municipal court. Father Kay, backing his sons, discovered the reservoir was not within the city limits. The city attorney and city manager backed the Fujis. And the authorities, sheepish and red-faced rescinded the fine with apologies.

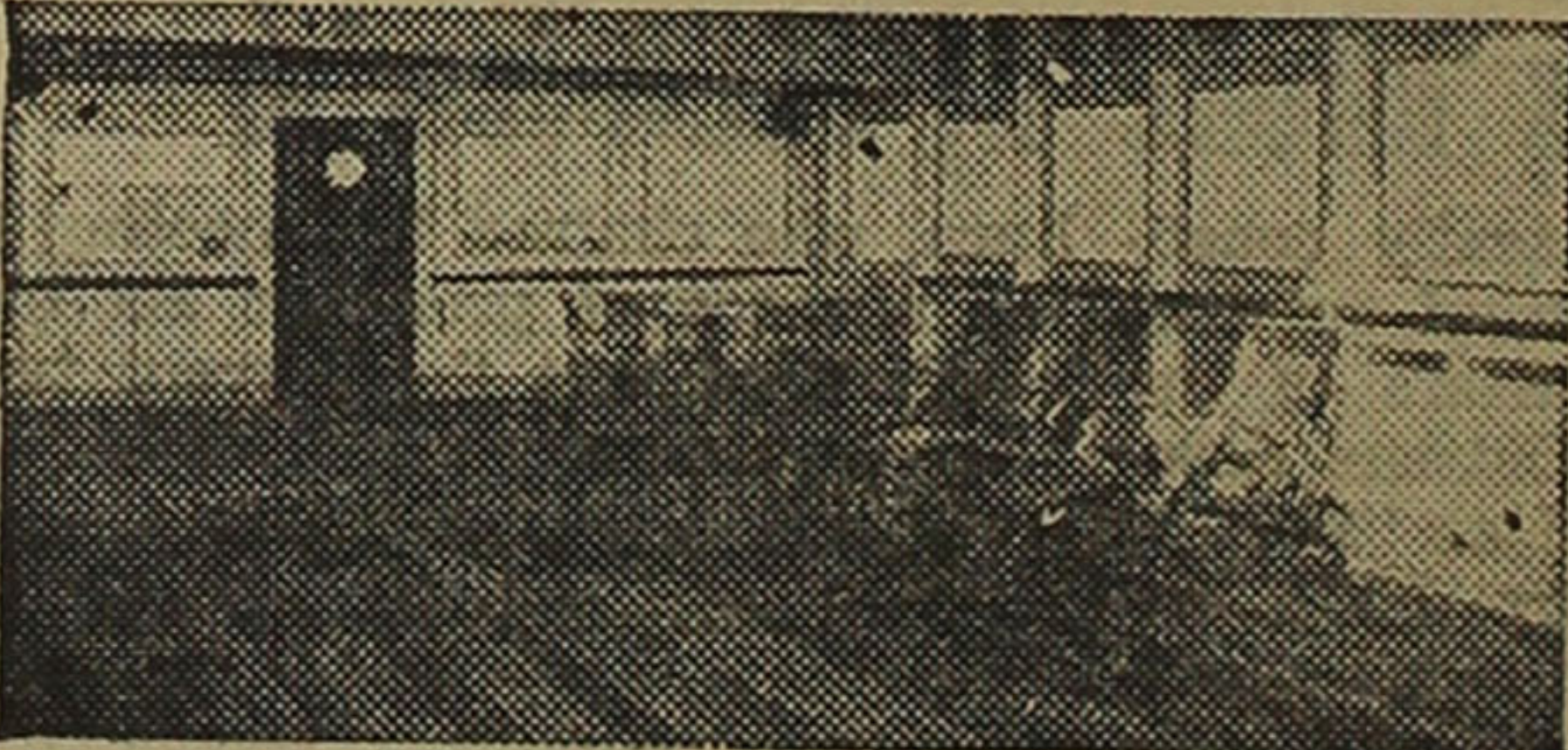
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

Christmas Cheer

THE 10TH ANNUAL Christmas Cheer drive is coming to an end with another successful campaign in sight.

This is the final week of the project in which a goal of \$2,000 in cash and a collection of canned goods and staples are being made. Next week, the Cheer committee headed by Hiro Omura of East Los Angeles JACL chapter will supervise distribution of the monetary gifts and foods and toys to less fortunate persons of Japanese descent.

The So. Calif. JACL office is being used as headquarters for the annual program.

Various chapters of the League assist prominently in the project, from outright donation of cash to volunteering their services in paper work. One big contribution came from the Southwest L.A. JACL which raised \$200 for Christmas Cheer through their recent benefit dance. East Los Angeles had its \$63 cash gift from the teriyaki booth they operated at the International Day festival.

The many churches, attended by persons of Japanese ancestry, pitch in this Sunday to collect staple foods and canned goods.

ATTORNEY FRANK F. CHUMAN, legal counsel for the National JACL, was elected president of the National Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers, Los Angeles chapter, for 1958 at its annual dinner meeting earlier this month.

Chuman is the first person of Japanese ancestry to head a major lawyers' organization and culminates his previous positions in the association as secretary and this year as its vice-president.

Chuman is currently serving as senior warden and legal counsel of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. More recently he was appointed by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn to a three-year term as a member of the Los Angeles County Committee on Human Relations.

Last Friday Chuman was on a television program entitled "Traffic Court," a Nipponese diplomat (whose name we did not know, but who must have been a Nisei).

PS: Frankly speaking, Frank, I think you do better as an attorney. You read your lines well but you didn't ham it up like "Perry Mason." I know you will take my good advice, Frank.

WILLIAM S. FUJIMORI, a post office clerk, was recently appointed to serve as aide de camp, Dept. of Calif., Veterans of Foreign Wars, under state commander Alva J. Fleming.

Fujimori, past commander of Nisei Memorial Post 9933, VFW, is the first and only Japanese American in the Fifth District to be honored as aide de camp in California. Six others in the state are appointed.

The Fifth District encompasses 30 individual posts in the city of Los Angeles.

According to Fujimori, another all-Nisei VFW post is about to be formed in San Diego. He and several other officials are to confer with leaders there tonight.

IF 45,000 PERSONS of Japanese ancestry burned wood in preparation for the New Year's mochi for their banquet on Jan. 1 there'll surely be smog in Los Angeles that day. For those unfamiliar with the incinerator ban here, we can say that our backyard has been a scene of constant pileup of rubbish since Oct. 1.

But for those concerned about "mochi-tsuki" on New Year's day, we have received assurance from the Air Pollution Control District that it would be all right to burn wood or any other non-rubbish material for the preparation of food, indoor or out.

"Mochi-tsuki" is not too prevalent in cities where people buy mochi from local confectionery stores but in suburban areas it's an annual ritual much awaited by families and their neighbors.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

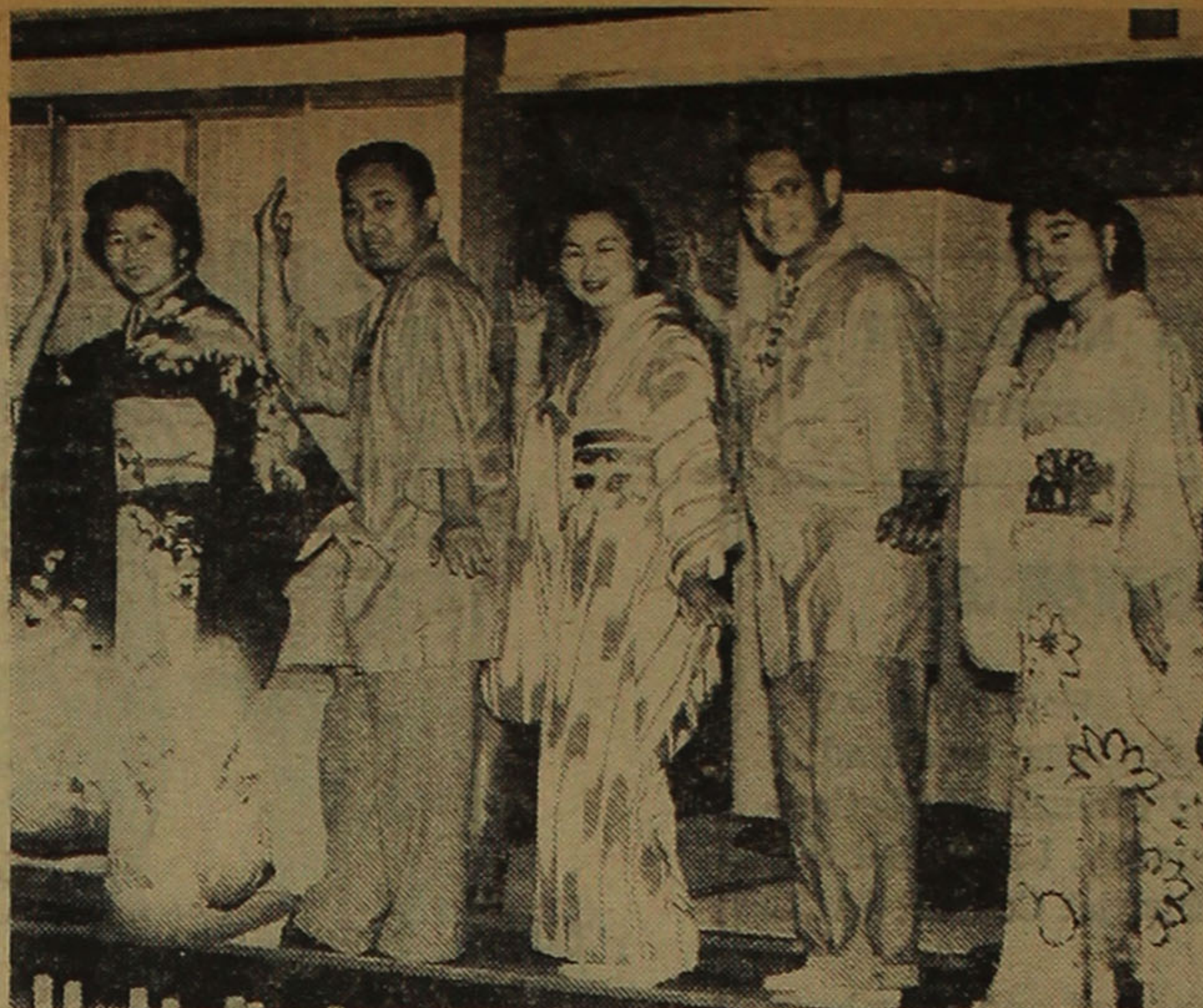
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fairs give each individual new officer a sense of belonging and fraternity that perhaps no other method provides.

Another aspect of the CCDC that commends itself for consideration is that all of the ten chapters join in sponsoring the convention, not just a single chapter, with each of the local units responsible for certain assigned responsibilities and events.

Kaz Komoto, for instance, served as convention chairman, though he is from Parlier and the convention was held in Fresno. Toy Hoshiko of Fresno served as secretary, while Sanger's Kiichi Tange was in charge of general arrangements. Delano's Paul Kawasaki was chairman of the registration committee, Clovis' Fumio Ikeda of the banquet committee, Reedley's Tak Naito of printing, invitations and program, Selma's George Abe of the finance committee, Parlier's Harry Kubo of the reception committee, Fowler's Thomas Toyama of publicity, Fowler's Tom Shirakawa of entertainment, Fresno's Mrs. Kikuo Taira and Mrs. Jin Ishikawa of the fashion show, Tulare's Toshi Sadahiro of the bowling tournament and Reedley's Dr. James Ikemiya of the golf tournament.

The successful, inspiring convention is monument to this cooperative adventure which underlines the unity and cohesion of the CCDC.



"Teahouse of the Southwest Moon" is Southwest L.A. JACL's final activity of the year—Dec. 14, 8 p.m., at Park Manor, Sixth and Western Ave. A stag-stagette affair, only gentlemen will be charged. Many hostesses will be present, the chapter assures. Helping to promote an event which is expected to attract 500, are (left to right) Hiroko Kawanami, Tom Shimazaki, Ellen Kubo, George Fujita and Kathy Sugimoto.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

AKIMOTO, George (Janna Gardner)—girl Tracy Anita, Nov. 4, Venice.
 AIJIKI, Harutani (Michiko Katsuo)—boy Nobuhiro, July 26.
 AMBO, Tomio (Michiko Kameta)—girl Kyoko, Aug. 4.
 ARAKI, Takashi (Michie Yamauchi)—girl Wendy, Aug. 7.
 BABA, Eben (Irene Bow Chin Yee)—boy Nobuo, July 31.
 BABA, Shintaro (Emiko Matsumoto)—boy Alan, Aug. 8.
 BERRIOS, Angel (Sumie Shimano)—boy Ken, July 16.
 CHOCK, Ernest (Lorraine Ono)—girl Aiko, July 20.
 DOHI, George (Misao Nishida)—boy Steven, July 23.
 ENDO, Tadao (Sumiko Uyeda)—boy Ronald, Aug. 10.
 FUJIMOTO, Robert—girl, Sept. 19, Pasadena.
 FUKUDA, George (Shoko Nomoto)—girl Carole, Aug. 11.
 FUKUDA, Milton (Michiko Yamaguchi)—boy Douglas, Aug. 1.
 GARCIA, Richard (Jean Aoki)—boy Christopher, July 10.
 HAMAMOTO, Dennis (Janice Matsumoto)—boy Vincent, July 21.
 HAYASE, Fuji (Hanako Shinozaki)—girl Cathy, July 25.
 HAYASHI, Kazuo (Shizuka Oye)—girl Kathryn, July 7, Burbank.
 HAYASHI, Roy (Dora Naka)—girl Patti, Aug. 11.
 HIRAYAMA, Noboru (Asayo Naramura)—girl Mitsue, Aug. 4.
 HIROSE, Akira (Tamaye Hasegawa)—boy Robert, July 30.
 HORIKIRI, Edward (Kimiko Nishimura)—girl Annette, July 23.
 HOTTA, Kiyoharu (Sachiko Nakamura)—girl Akemi, July 28.
 IBA, Hayao (Nobuko Minabe)—boy Dennis, July 24.
 ICHINOSE, Kenichi (Sumiko Watasaki)—boy Francis, July 28.
 INO, Kaneko (Sadako Kubomitsu)—girl Deanna, July 17.
 JACKSON, John (Eleanor Yoshii)—boy John, June 10.
 KAKIMOTO, Harold (Janet Sun Kil)—girl Kiyomi, July 31.
 KAM, Edward (Shizuyo Fujioka)—boy Michael, Aug. 4.
 KANESHIRO, John (Betsy Taba)—boy John, Aug. 11.
 KARATSU, George (Mary Tamaki)—boy Wayne, Aug. 11.
 KASAI, Ryo (Chiyoko Matsui)—girl Candice, Aug. 6.
 KAWAGUCHI, James (Peggy Ito)—boy Kirk, July 27.
 KOBATA, Allan—girl, Aug. 22, Long Beach.
 KOGA, Jack Y. (Tsukiko Miyake)—boy Bryon, July 12.
 KOICHI, Hiromu (Noriko Morimoto)—boy Herbert, July 15.
 KOYAMA, Earle (Sachi Fukutaki)—girl Lani, July 18.
 KOZUMA, George (Reiko Kinoshita)—girl Janice, July 3.
 LEE, Stephen (Kay Nakamura)—girl Lauren, July 4.
 MAEDA, Toshiaki (Kumiko Sakaguchi)—boy Dennis, July 23.
 MATSUNAGA, Robert (Kazuko Hamamura)—girl Sanaye, Aug. 8.
 MAYEDA, Dyke (Frances Kinoshita)—girl Susan, Aug. 4.
 MEYER, Raymond (Masako Sato)—girl Chizuko, July 13.
 MITA, Satomi (Yuriko Sasaki)—boy Harry, July 26.
 MIYAMOTO, Ken (Alice Ochi)—girl Jami, July 5.
 MIYAMOTO, Mark (Mitsue Oga)—girl Julie, July 23.
 MIYAZAKI, Jacob (Tomoye Maeda)—girl Cindy, Aug. 11.
 MOTOIKE, James (Hiroko Yata)—girl Cheryl, Aug. 4.
 MUKAIHATA, Tadao (Chiharu Nagai)—girl Gail, July 28, Gardena.
 MURAKAMI, Saburo (Alice Higa)—boy Rikio, July 31.
 MURAMOTO, Taro—girl, Aug. 6, Long Beach.
 NAKATSUMA, Frank (Esther Vaca)—boy, Aug. 8.
 NISHI, Harry (Toshiko Yamaguchi)—boy Takeshi, Aug. 11.
 NITTA, Shigeo (Yasumi Shikuma)—girl May 14, North Hollywood.
 NOGAKI, Susumi (Tamae Susuki)—boy Takuya P., July 20.
 NOZAWA, Dick (Umeko Miyazaki)—boy Dennis, Aug. 1.
 OGAWA, William (Mary Kajiya)—girl Miyoko, July 31.
 OKAMOTO, William (Kimiko Komatsu)—boy Roy, Aug. 2.
 OKI, Nobuo (Shizuka Sasahara)—boy Derrick, July 29.
 OKUDA, Henry T. (Grace Mikamo)—girl Susan, Aug. 9.
 OSHIMA, Haruto (Miyoko Yamada)—boy Wataru, July 30, La Puente.
 RITCHIE, Ricardo (Takako Okazaki)—boy Ryan, July 4.
 SAKAMOTO, George (Sachiko Sakuda)—girl Phyllis, July 26, Pacoima.
 SANTA ANA
 OKUDA, George—girl, Nov. 18, Garden Grove.
 WATSONVILLE
 SUGIMOTO, Mas (Dorothy Nakamura)—girl, Nov. 19.
 SEATTLE
 ISHII, Masao—girl, Nov. 2.
 MASUMOTO, Kenji—girl, Nov. 5.
 DENVER
 MAYEDA, Robert T.—girl.
 MARRIAGE LICENSES
 KUBO-KAJIMOTO—George, Seattle; Sanaye, Puyallup.
 SAKURAI-ISHIKAWA—Hiroshi, 31; Ranko J., 26, both Oakland.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER

Entering the final week of the 10th annual Christmas Cheer drive, the committee announced 80 per cent of its \$2,000 goal has been reached with \$1,611.61 received.

Top donation of \$200 was acknowledged from the Southwest L.A. JACL, which raised that amount at its recent Cheer Benefit dance. The East Los Angeles JACL also a staunch supporter of the program each year, contributed \$63 from its recent Cheer benefit.

The annual flow of groceries, staples and food packages began to arrive at the JACL Regional Office with Southland churches observing "Christmas Cheer" Sunday this week.

Recent contributors were:

CHRISTMAS CHEER

\$200—Southwest Los Angeles JACL
 \$63—East Los Angeles JACL
 \$25—Chi Alpha Delta Sorority, Japanese Seventh Adventist Church, West Los Angeles Jr. Matrons, Nisei Veterans Association.

\$20—Senshin Y.B.A., Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda.
 \$10—Accents, S. Suto and F.K. Suto, L.A. Free Methodist Church, Toyo Printing Co., Frank Kuwahara, M. Itani and Sons, Gardena Buddhist Jr. Matrons, Kotobuki Cafe, Masami Sasaki, Gardeners Association of Pasadena.

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 \$3—Keiji Yamarashi, J.K. Nomoto, Roy Amimoto, Seisaku Sato, James T. Sata, Harry Hayashigawa.
 \$2—Mary Mittwer, T. Suyehiro, John K. Nagasawa.

CASH RECAPITULATION

Previously Reported \$989.61
 Total This Report 622.00
 Current Total \$1611.61

STOCKTON SHOYUKAI ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

STOCKTON.—The Stockton Shoyukai of the local Buddhist Church held its annual membership and election dinner meeting at Canton Low last week and introduced Hank Shinmoto as 1958 president. Hank Kusama, past Stockton JACL president, is serving as publicity chairman.



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To Friends of the Late Frank K. Inagaki

Frank Kuniji Inagaki, 73, passed away on Nov. 22, 1957. His wife Yae, son George and family wish to gratefully acknowledge the many sincere expressions of sympathy and condolences they have received at the time of their bereavement.



WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

CCDC Convention

Washington, D.C.

Two weeks ago over the Thanksgiving weekend, I attended the Intermountain District Council JACL Convention in Idaho Falls. This past Sunday, I attended the Eighth Annual Central California District Council JACL Convention in Fresno.

The fact that most of the chapters and members comprising these two of the more active district councils in the national organization are, by their own descriptions, "farmers," served to remind me that perhaps half of our members are engaged in agricultural pursuits. And yet, even though most of our discussions relating to ongoing programs and objectives have more direct application to urban dwellers, these members over the past several decades have cooperated fully in all JACL projects.

It may be that in considering future programs for JACL special thought should be given to what the organization may do on behalf of our non-city members.

In a sense, the CCDC is the cradle of JACL, for the Fresno American Loyalty League, the forerunner of the JACL chapters, was organized in the period immediately following World War I and is probably the oldest of all chapters. One of its founders, Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, in 1934 was elected the first constitutional national JACL president. He is still a member of the National Board and active in the Chicago Chapter.

The CCDC is the most compact of all district councils, for the greatest distance between the ten chapters is about 75 miles.

Both as a district council and as chapters, the CCDC is well accepted in the San Joaquin Valley, with the organization and members active participants in community affairs, such as fairs, fund drives, etc.

Outside the cities of Selma and Delano, for example, the JACL emblem is displayed along with the plaques of such other civic service organizations as Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc.

And yet, only 15 years ago, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, this was one of the hotbeds of anti-Japanese feeling and one of the leaders in the movement that culminated in the 1942 evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast.

Today's 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in the area attest to the complete changeover in public attitude and is a tribute not only to the Japanese themselves but to the thinking people of goodwill in their respective communities.

Before the evacuation and immediately following the reactivation of the JACL chapters in California, the CCDC was an integral part of the Northern California District Council.

Some eight years ago, the ten chapters—Clovis, Delano, Fowler, Fresno, Kingsburg, Reedley, Parlier, Sanger, Selma, and Tulare—organized themselves as the CCDC in order to better coordinate their activities and services.

Since that time, they have been active, cooperative members of the national organization, thereby demonstrating the validity of their judgment in establishing themselves as a separate district council.

Some four years ago, they decided to elect their district officers on a yearly, instead of a biennial, basis.

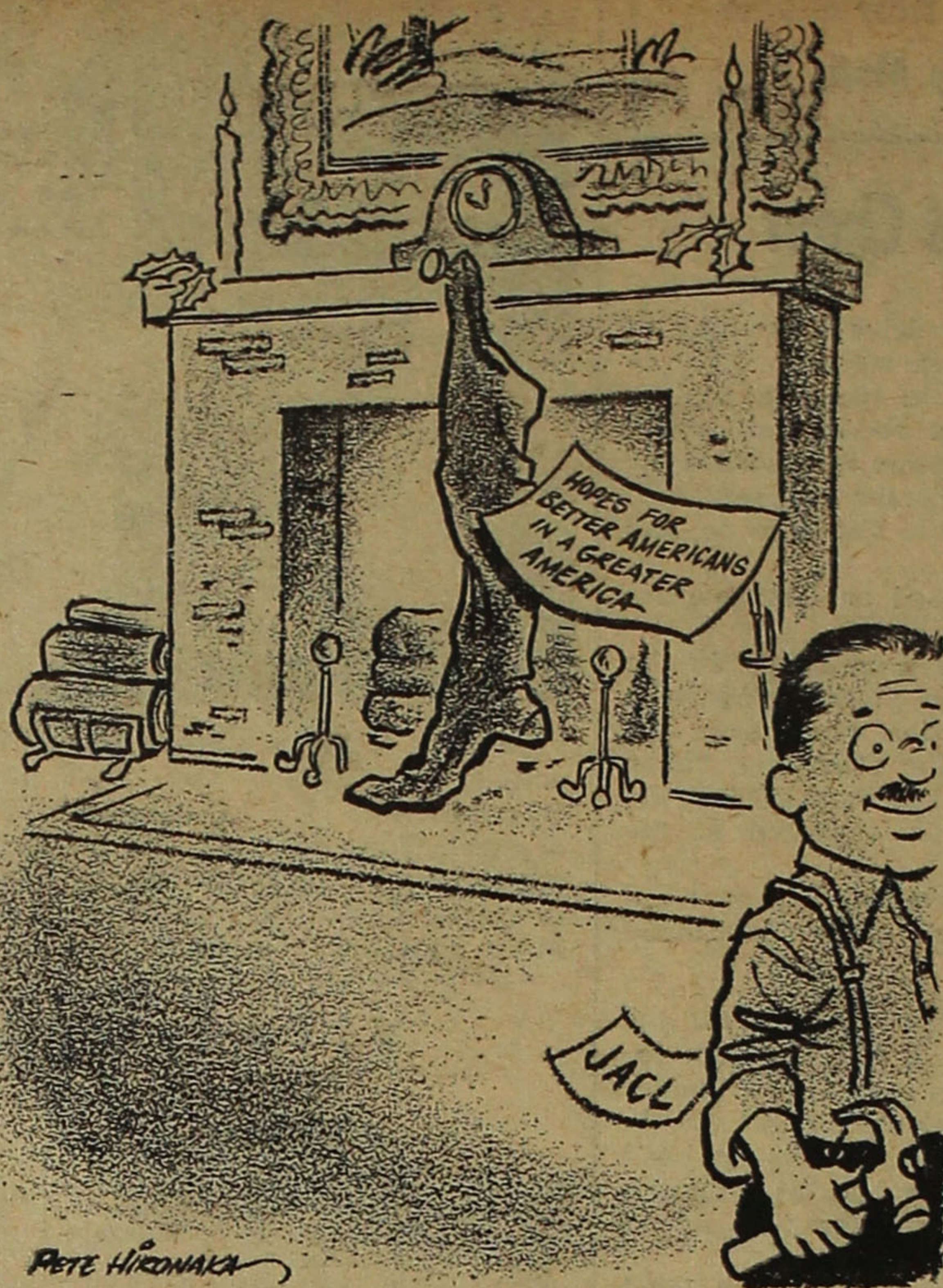
Some of our other district councils might give consideration to at least two aspects of the annual district council banquet.

One is that every chapter invites as their special guests the city officials and other dignitaries and friends to the convention banquet in order that they may better know the JACL leadership and objectives. This is a real public relations project that is repaying the chapters manifold for their troubles and expenses.

The other is the joint installation of all district council officers and all ten chapter officers as a banquet feature. Last Sunday, Congressman B.F. Sisk installed almost a hundred officers of the CCDC and chapter cabinets in a most impressive rite.

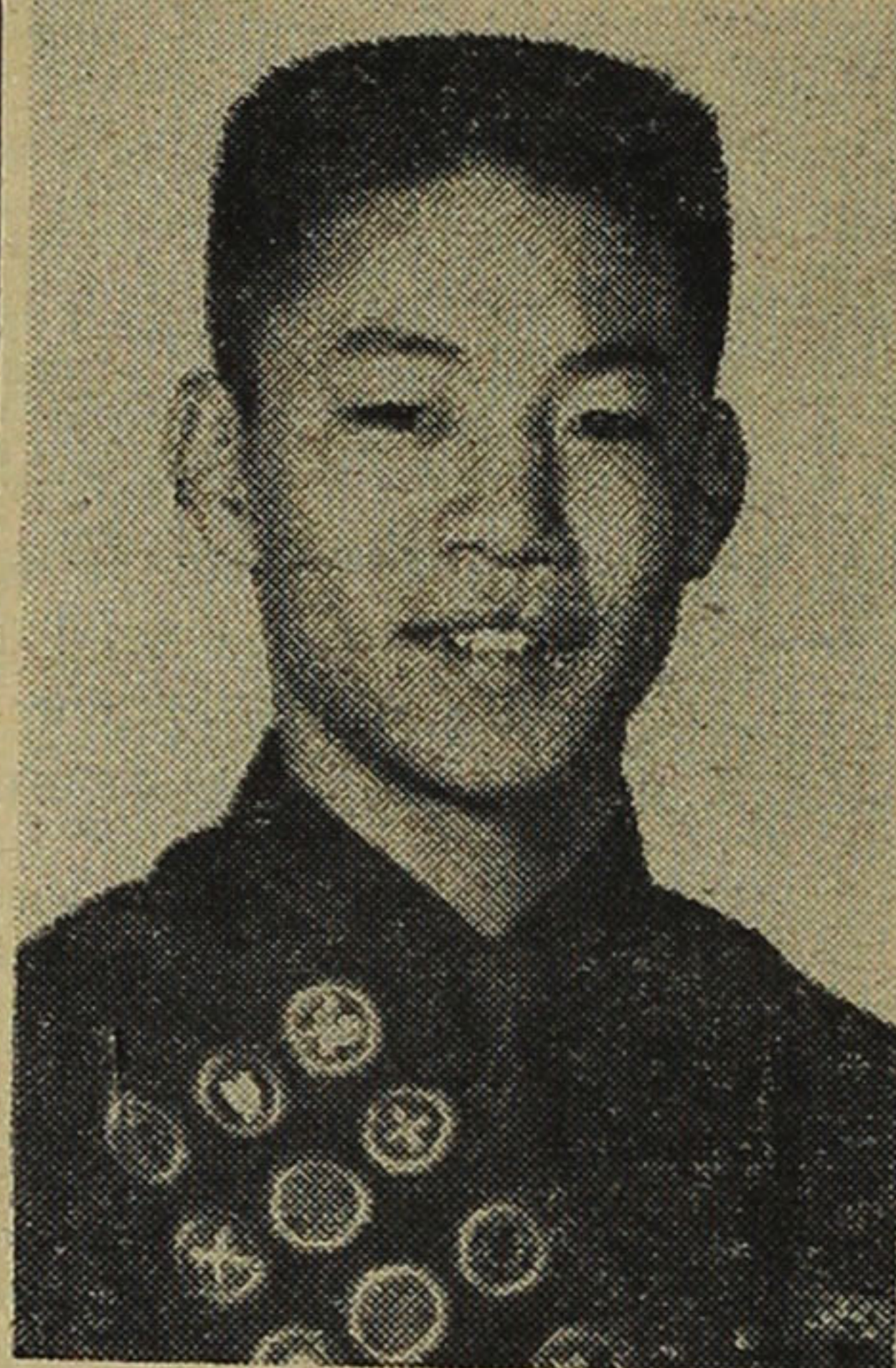
It is our conviction that such joint installation af-

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Perennial Wish

Ill. congressman trusts Islanders will not let Communists take over



RONALD BABA

His Dad an Active JACler

Stockton Sansei gets Eagle badge

STOCKTON.—Ronald Baba, 14-year-old Marshall Junior High School student, has joined the selection inner circle of Boy Scouting—the Eagle Scouts.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. George K. Baba, 1703 S. Lincoln, recently won the high honor for his activities in Troop 54, which he serves as senior patrol leader.

(George is a past president of the Stockton JACL.)

The San Joaquin-Calaveras Boy Scout Council, covering troops in two counties, counts only 45 Eagles in its midst.

Baba, a scout for three years, also is a member of the Order of the Arrow, honor camping society in the Boy Scouts. In addition to his Scout activities, he serves as vice-president of the Marshall Honor Society, vice-president of the Buddhist Church Sangha Club (a group for teenagers), plays in the school band, and is active in the Marshall Science Club.

New attorneys

Two Nisei from Los Angeles were among the 482 persons who passed the '57 fall state bar examinations. They were Kazuo Shibata and John Yasaki.

WASHINGTON.—Republican Rep. Emmet F. Byrne, of Illinois, said recently following his return from an inspection tour of the Hawaiian islands that he favors statehood for Hawaii.

Byrne arrived in San Francisco last week after completing the tour as a member of the House public works committee, inspecting public works projects in the islands.

"I was deeply impressed by the industry, ambition, initiative and cleanliness of the people in the islands," Byrne said in a statement issued by his Washington office.

"They are a God-fearing people. Certainly this is an example where the East and West have met. I certainly favor statehood for Hawaii.

"Past history reflects the steadiness of the islands in standing with the United States and their willingness to defend our way of life. I do not believe there is any danger that communism will flourish in Hawaii since the people are alert to the efforts of Harry Bridges (Western longshoremen union leader) to spread the communist doctrine."

SPECIAL EMBLEM IN NEWSPAPER ADS SET

WASHINGTON.—An oval-shaped emblem bearing "Equal Job Opportunity for all Qualified Applicants" will be used by 20 leaders of American industry in their help-wanted ads in newspapers, according to the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

It is intended to publicize job opportunities for all potential candidates.

HOSPITAL AIDE 'STRIKES IT RICH'

WASHINGTON.—A nurse's aide at Washington's Suburban Hospital has won a round-trip ticket to her native Hawaii on the radio show, "Strike It Rich."

Mrs. Henrietta Yamamoto was awarded the trip after telling the story of her "eight-year challenge" during which she worked as a nurse's aide to help send her son through Rutgers University for his degree in electrical engineering.

After graduation he was sent by the Naval Ordnance Bureau to Hawaii and since then Mrs. Yamamoto has been hoping to visit him.

In addition to the plane ticket Mrs. Yamamoto was given a \$43 award as the show's winner.

L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS SUPPORT RULING

With one supervisor, Burton W. Chace, dissenting, Los Angeles County Supervisors went on record 3 to 1 last week, belatedly calling for support of the Supreme Court's decision against restrictive racial covenants on real estate, handed down in 1948, and for compliance with the law by Los Angeles citizens in spite of prejudices.

The resolution, introduced by Supervisor John Anson Ford, asked Los Angeles citizens to be "alert to the need of showing diligence, tolerance and understanding" in racial relations.

Ford said the high court had ruled that covenants, which block sale of property because of race, creed or color cannot be enforced. Basis of the ruling, which affected the entire country, were suits filed in Los Angeles.

Hahn, Dorn Join

Supervisors Kenneth Hahn and Warren M. Dorn supported Ford's resolution.

But Supervisor Chace, whose southend district has large numbers of Negro residents, said he felt the measure unnecessary since the county does not "usually" go on record supporting Supreme Court decisions or asking compliance with the law.

Fifth supervisor, Herbert C. Legg, was absent.

Ford's resolution stated that the "well being of the nation and our own community and the respect of our nation abroad requires that all within the community continuously recognize the necessity of adhering to and supporting the constitution and laws of the land..."

Resolution

"... Among the important fields for applying this principle is the matter of property ownership and housing," the resolution continued.

The resolution called on citizens to support the law "in all fields, including housing and property ownership so that peace and good will may continue in our midst."

Pat Okura re-named to youth committee

LINCOLN, Neb.—Another three-year term appointment was made by Gov. Victor E. Anderson for Patrick K. Okura on the Nebraska Committee for Youth, it was learned this week.

The committee has accomplished much in providing a constructive program for the youth in recent years.

Okura, former national JACL vice-president, of Omaha this week has submitted his acceptance to serve another term.

CALENDAR

Dec. 13-14

PNWDC — District convention, Seattle

JACL hosts.

Dec. 13 (Friday)

East Los Angeles — Election Meeting,

Tenrikyo Hall.

Dec. 14 (Saturday)

Sonoma County — Christmas Party.

Chicago — Christmas Social.

Seattle — Installation Dinner, Roosevelt Hotel (in conj. with PNDC convention).

Pasadena — Christmas Potluck and Cabinet Installation.

Southwest L.A. — "Teahouse of South-west Moon," stag-stagette informal, Park Manor Ballroom, 8 p.m.

Sonoma County—Christmas Party, Sebastopol Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Eden Township—Christmas Party, Ashland School, San Leandro, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 15 (Sunday)

Venice Culver—Christmas Party-Buffer, Venice Gakuen, 5 p.m.

Oakland—Christmas Party, San Antonio Clubhouse, 1701 E. 19th St.

Dec. 21 (Saturday)

Sequoia—Christmas Party, Palo Alto Buddhist Hall.

D.C. — Christmas party.

Long Beach — Christmas party (tent.)

Dec. 22 (Sunday)

Detroit—Christmas Party, International Institute, 3 p.m.

Berkeley — Christmas Party.

Dec. 23 (Monday)

Salinas Valley—Christmas Party, Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church, 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 31 (Tuesday)

Monterey — New Year's Eve dance.

San Francisco — New Year's Eve dance, Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

Long Beach — New Year's Eve dance, Wilton Hotel.

Jan. 1 (Wednesday)

San Jose—New Year's Dance, Hawaiian Gardens, 9 p.m.

Jan. 11 (Saturday)

Twin Cities—Installation Dinner, Park Terrace Restaurant.