

Eisenhower signs Statehood bill without fanfare

WASHINGTON.—President Eisenhower Wednesday signed "with great satisfaction" the bill to admit Hawaii as the 50th State.

He then cabled Gov. William F. Quinn of Hawaii advising him of the action, thus clearing the way for a vote by the Hawaiian people themselves on whether to accept statehood.

Their approval—expected to be overwhelming—will clear the way for the territory's formal admission sometime this fall. It thus will join Alaska, admitted last year, as the first new states to join the Union since 1912.

Hawaii's 40-year battle for statehood was climaxed last week when Congress put its final stamp

of approval on the enabling act. At 10:21 a.m., Mar. 18

Eisenhower signed the legislation at 10:21 a.m. (EST) as a regular office routine that was devoid of any pomp and ceremony. He acknowledged the importance of the event, however, by using nine different pens to affix the date and his signature, and by issuing a formal statement on his action.

"It has given me great satisfaction to sign the Act providing for the admission of Hawaii into the Union," Eisenhower said.

"Since my inauguration in 1953, I have consistently urged that the legislation be enacted, so the action of the Congress early in

this session is most gratifying."

Noting that Hawaiians now will vote in referendum to determine whether the islands shall become the 50th State, he said:

"In so doing, they will demonstrate anew to the world the vitality of the principles of freedom and self-determination—the principles upon which this nation was founded 172 years ago."

Nine Pens Used

Lorin P. Thurston, publisher of the Honolulu Advertiser and chairman of the Hawaiian Statehood Commission, stood at the President's elbow during the brief signing event.

Eisenhower presented Thurston with two of the pens he used—

one as a token of appreciation for his work on behalf of the legislation, and the other to be placed in the archives of Hawaii.

Another pen was sent to Quinn in Hawaii, and a fourth was given to Frank Hewlett, Washington correspondent of the Honolulu Star Bulletin. A fifth will be in the Archives Bldg. here and the remaining four will be distributed among sponsors of the statehood bill at the U.S. Capitol.

Proclamation Due

Eisenhower's cable to Quinn advised that the statehood bill was now a public law. This meant that a proclamation for a referendum in Hawaii now would be in order.

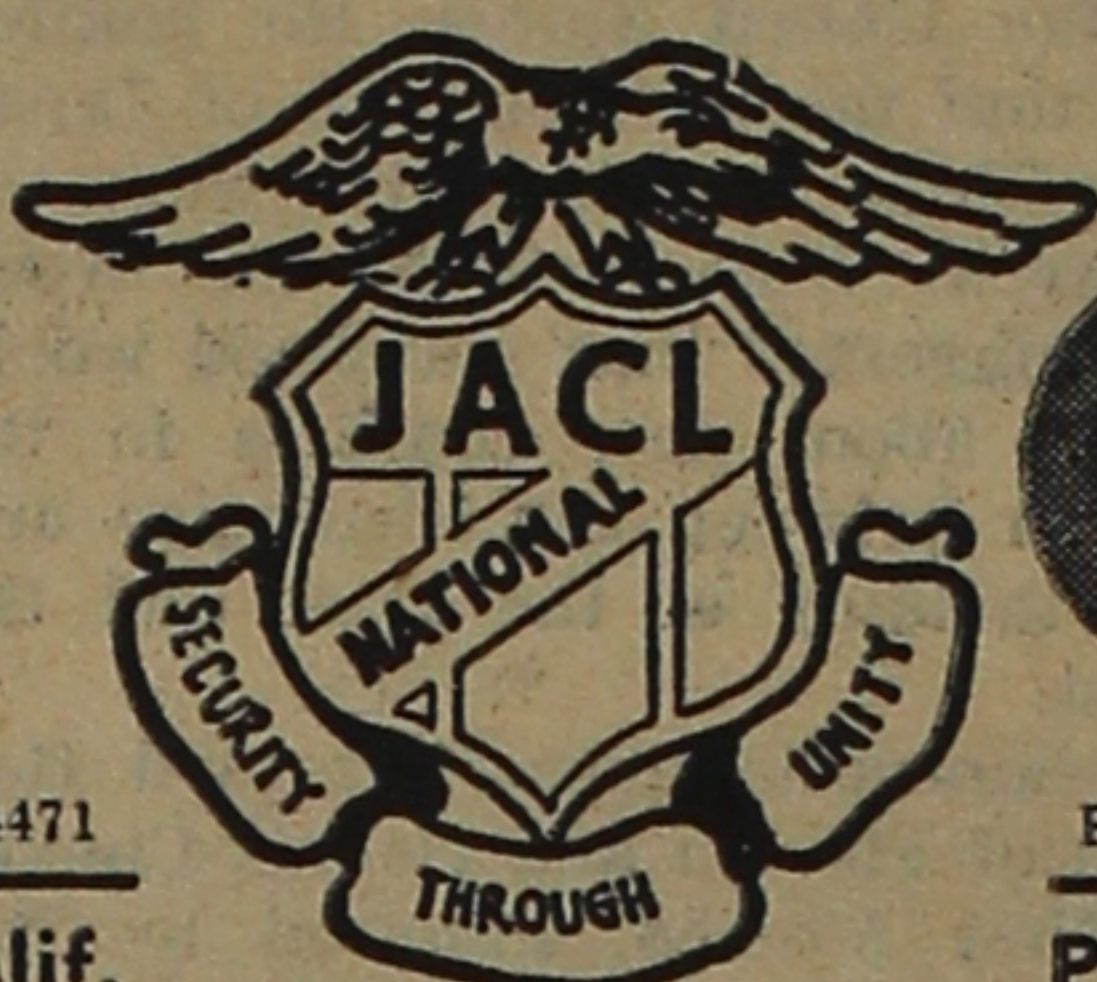
"As you start the procedure that will, I hope, result in the admission of Hawaii into the Union as a state on equal footing with the other states," the President wrote, "you and the people of Hawaii have my very best wishes."

Eisenhower instructed Budget Director Maurice N. Stans to prepare a comprehensive plan for an orderly transition of Hawaii from a territory to statehood.

Hawaiians, in addition to voting on statehood, must elect two senators and one House member to serve in the U.S. Congress.

Quinn has 30 days in which to issue a proclamation for such an election. —UPI.

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Uncle Sam's 50th star now in view

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Hawaii example of democracy in action

The Japanese American Citizens League hails the passage of the Hawaiian Statehood Bill by an overwhelming majority in both houses of Congress.

We join with fellow Americans to congratulate the people of Hawaii for their victory in their long struggle for statehood.

In these crucial times when we need to win the hearts and minds of millions of Asians towards America's struggle to uphold the principles of freedom, the state of Hawaii with its mixed Asian and Caucasian population will stand in the Pacific as an irrefutable example of American democracy in action.

In this context we are certain that Americans of Japanese descent in Hawaii will do their utmost in assuming the responsibilities of citizenship which statehood imposes.

The admission of Hawaii as our 50th State has brought the so-called Pacific Era into its own, with its tremendous significance for all Americans.

JACL is proud of the modest role it has played in aiding in the passage of the Statehood Bill both through Mike Masaoka, its Washington Representative, and the National membership which kept congressmen and senators informed through the years of their interest and concern in this legislation.

—Shig Wakamatsu

JACL jubilant over Hawaiian statehood and recognition of its citizens

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON — The Japanese American Citizens League hailed last week's congressional action in admitting Hawaii into the Federal Union as the 50th State as long-overdue but fitting recognition of the contributions which the Hawaiian people, most of whom are of Asian ancestry, have made and can make to the United States and the free world.

In recalling the debate in the Senate on Wednesday, March 11, it was emphasized that the unexpectedly short discussion lasting only about five hours demonstrated the overwhelming support that was for statehood.

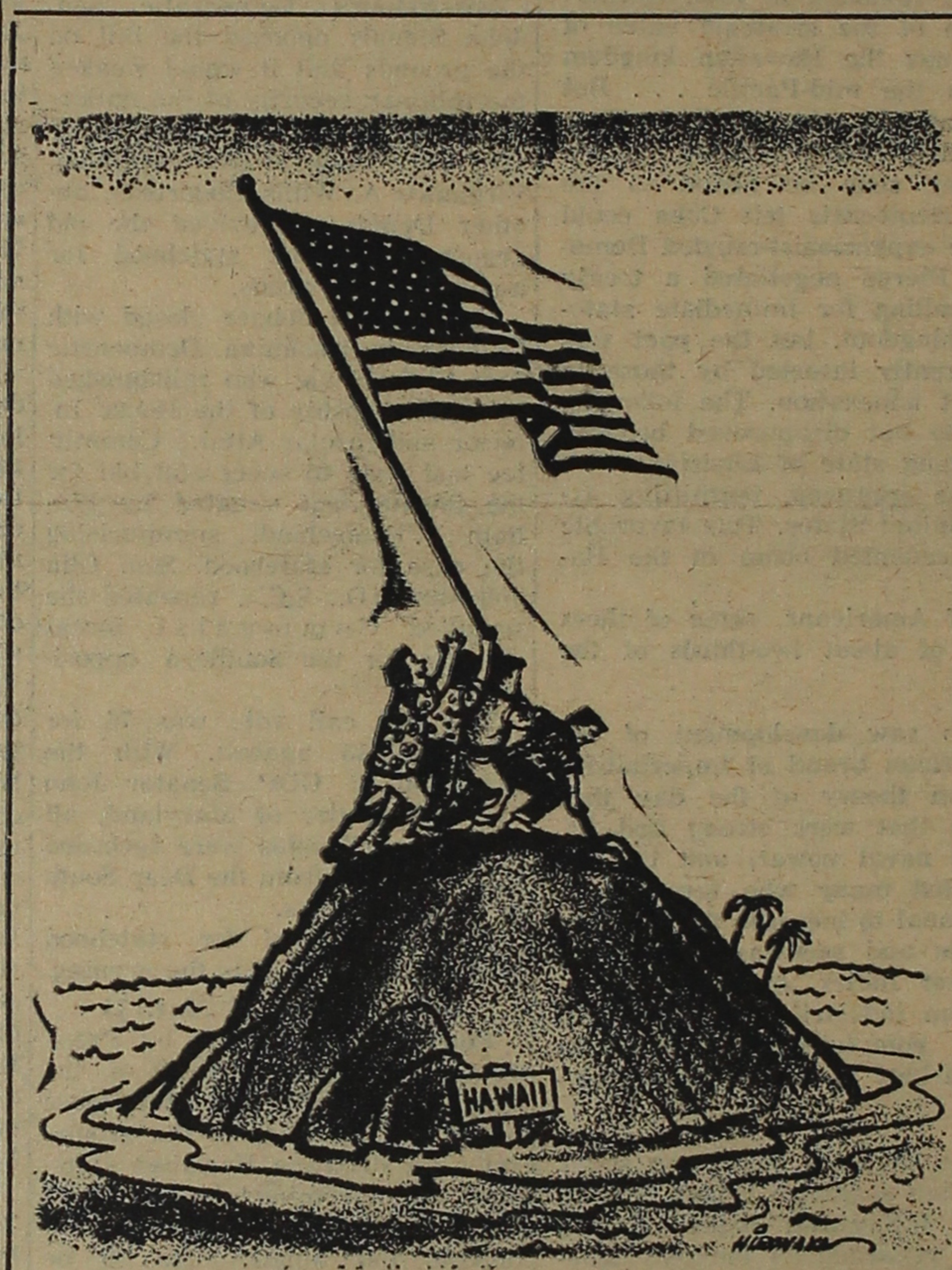
Even the Southern conservatives who are traditionally against the admission of new states realized the futility of delay and, accordingly, did not resort to the filibuster but contented themselves with relatively short statements for the record.

House members who were also opposed followed the same procedure, once its Rules Committee, which had been counted on to pigeonhole clearance at least until after the Easter recess, cleared the bill for debate and vote.

Senate Majority Sponsors

Since 56 senators — more than the half necessary for passage—had joined in sponsoring the Hawaiian statehood bill, it was a foregone conclusion that the Senate would approve this legislation if it was ever voted upon. Nevertheless, since the Senate has always been the more conservative of the two Houses in such matters as this, statehood advocates considered the Senate vote to be more indicative of the ultimate triumph. As a consequence, legislatively speaking, final House action on Thursday, March 12, was in the nature of anti-climax.

Considering that the Alaska admission bill took more than a week in the Senate and almost a week in the House last year, the speed in which the Congress approved Hawaiian statehood is a tribute to the congressional leadership—Sens. Lyndon Johnson (Tex.), Majority Leader, and Everett Dirksen (Ill.), Minority Leader, and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn (Tex.), Reps. John McCormack (Mass.), Majority Leader, and Charles Halleck (Ind.), Minority Leader, as well as the chairmen of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees and particularly the chairmen of the Territories Subcommittees, Sens. James Murray (Mont.) and Henry Jackson (Wash.) and Reps.



Another Flag-Raising in the Pacific

Wayne Aspinall (Colo.) and Leo O'Brien (N.Y.), respectively.

But most of all, it was a tribute to Delegate Jack Burns of Hawaii, whose selflessness last year in allowing Alaska statehood to take precedence over Hawaii has earned the admiration of every member of Congress.

Debate in Senate

Following a 90-1 vote extending selective service, statehood for Hawaii became the pending business before the Senate on Wednesday afternoon, March 11.

Senator Murray opened the debate by summarizing the case for statehood for Hawaii.

Senator Jackson then outlined his reasons for urging statehood following an explanation of the major features of the admission bill. In his summation, he expressed the hope that "soon, throughout the vast reaches of the Pacific, whose waves wash lands that shelter a large part of the human race, the State of Hawaii will stand as a living embodiment of liberty."

"Hawaii will represent in the Pacific what West Berlin stands for in Europe—freedom."

"Whenever men endure as slaves, as puppets, as the disposed and the disinherited, Hawaii will be a star of hope. It will be the exemplification of one of man's most noble political doctrine: Government by consent of the governed."

Earlier, Senator Johnson repeated what he had told the Territorial Senate: "When Hawaii is admitted, it will come into the Union, not just as the 50th State, but as our 'diplomatic state'—our diplomatic representative, if you please—next door to over one-half of the world's population. Here the Occident and the Orient have met in a climate of mutual trust, understanding, and respect. By precept and example, you have given us in the Pacific the kind of environment which will have a great meaning throughout the Far East."

Mike Masaoka Quoted
Sen. Tom Kuchel (R., Calif.),

as Assistant Minority Leader and ranking Republican on the Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee, followed his Pacific Northwest colleague. He emphasized California's historic hope that Hawaii would receive the grant of statehood and devoted his attention to an exposition of the Territory's population. In this plea, he quoted from the testimony of Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, before the Territories Subcommittee regarding the loyalty and the assimilability of the Americans of Asian ancestry in Hawaii.

During his exposition, Sens. William Langer (R., N.D.) and Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), interrupted to register their endorsement of his remarks and of statehood.

He was followed by Sen. Russell B. Long (D., La.), who stressed the racial harmony that exists among the peoples of Hawaii. He then read from the record of debates opposition statements against the admission of such states as Louisiana, Alabama, and California and concluded that as they were in error then, present day opponents are also in error.

Idaho's Democrat Frank Church, who along with Sen. John Carroll (D., Colo.), made an on-the-spot investigation of Hawaii last December, lauded Hawaii's readiness and willingness to accept statehood status. He was followed by Nevada's Democratic senators, first freshman Howard Cannon, and then Alan Bible, both of whom argued for statehood.

Colorado's duo, Carroll (D.) and Gordon Allott (R.), both joined in supporting the bill. Senator Allott refuted the arguments about Communist control of the Islands, while Senator Carroll reported on his investigation last December in the Pacific Territory.

Utah's Democratic freshman Sen. Frank E. Moss noted a parallel between Utah's long fight for admission and Hawaii's. He quoted from several pages of testimony by Masaoka, whom he described as having been one of the outstanding witnesses before the Interior Subcommittee, on the interest of the Asian peoples in whether Hawaii was granted statehood.

New York's freshman GOP Sen. Kenneth Keating and Alaska's senior Senator Robert Bartlett (D.), closed the presentation for the advocates of statehood.

Southern Opposition

Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and of its Subcommittee on Internal Security, opened the attack against

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By Harry K. Honda

HISTORY WAS MADE this past week with the Congress approving statehood for Hawaii. But how far back does Hawaiian-American history go? ... As colorful as the tropical isles are today, so was its past—which began as early as 1785 when American traders used the Sandwich Islands as a halfway station for their fur trade. For the ensuing 70 years, Yankee skippers were skinning sea otters in the Pacific Northwest waters and selling the pelts to the Chinese at Canton. In 1820, the first band of New England missionaries established remarkable influence over the natives. The Mother Hubbard-type dresses, manufactured in the New England mills, were introduced and are known today as muumuus. And whalers found the isles an idyllic rendezvous during their heydays in the four decades prior to the Civil War ... It is said that by the 1840s, Honolulu looked like a New England town.

The first genuine flurry for annexing Hawaii came in 1851 after the French temporarily seized Honolulu in 1849. Earlier, the French and the British, aware of the strategic value of the islands, had agreed not to annex the Hawaiian kingdom in 1843 to maintain status quo in the mid-Pacific ... But the Democrats, anxious to divert national attention away from the burning slavery issue, in the early 1850s clamored: "Cuba and the Sandwich Isles—may they soon be added to the galaxy of the States". (Southern Democrats felt Cuba could be another slave state.) In 1854, the expansionist-minded Democratic administration of Franklin Pierce negotiated a treaty unratified because of the article calling for immediate statehood of annexation with the Hawaiian kingdom, but the pact was void. Historians feel it was apparently inserted by those in Hawaii who were anxious to defeat annexation. The following year, a trade treaty was drawn up but disapproved because of opposition from the sugar-producing state of Louisiana ... Finally in 1875, a trade treaty was approved, permitting exporting of sugar duty free to the United States. This favorable arrangement resulted in an unprecedented boom in the Hawaiian sugar industry.

By the 1890s, a small group of Americans, some of them sons of missionaries, had control of about two-thirds of the taxable land in the islands.

THE EARLY 'NINETIES also saw development of the "New Manifest Destiny"—the American brand of imperialism, inspired by the popular Darwinian theory of the day that the world belonged to the nations that were strong and fit. To be a world power then meant naval power, and the demand for bigger battleships agitated many who favored annexing the Panama Isthmus for a canal to increase the mobility of the navy to protect both coasts and securing of outlying islands like Cuba, the Danish West Indies and Hawaii ... This was the start of the American industrial age, post Civil War reconstruction was virtually completed and American business was looking to foreign markets to absorb their growing surpluses.

IN 1890, CONGRESS provided a two-cent bounty on sugar for American producers and Hawaiian sugar no longer benefiting from the same privileges as U.S.-grown sugar suffered a damaging blow. Annexation was regarded as the only safeguard against such discrimination. But a number of Hawaiian cane planters opposed it for fear that American contract labor laws would cut off the Oriental labor supply ... In 1891, Liliuokalani became queen and adopted "Hawaii for Hawaiians" as a rallying cry to promulgate a new constitution in place of the 1887 edict which rendered the outnumbered whites on the islands their power. Fearing their position and property, the white leaders of Hawaii took steps to organize a revolution. Most of them being of American descent, they sought aid from John L. Stevens, U.S. minister in Honolulu, who was known to be proannexationist. He responded on Jan. 16, 1893, by ordering over 150 armed troops from the USS Boston, then in Honolulu harbor, be landed for the purpose of protecting American life and property, though most of them were stationed not near U.S. property but where the queen might be pressured. The next day, Stevens accorded recognition to that revolutionary government and the Queen yielded her authority under protest. On Feb. 1, 1893, Stevens proclaimed Hawaii a protectorate and hoisted the American flag.

Two weeks later, a treaty of annexation was before the Senate and the American public was involved in its first major debate on the issue of imperialism. The large section of the press, big-navy, expansionist and Republican circles welcomed the move because of strategic, commercial and humanitarian considerations. Besides if the U.S. didn't annex the islands, the British or the Japanese (who were both actively interested) might take over to America's disadvantage ... But the Democrats took a dimmer view. They wanted the "sugar baron" angle explored, give the Queen her day in court and didn't feel Hawaii with its polyglot population would ever become a state. When the anti-imperialistic and Democrat Cleveland administration returned in 1894, annexation talk was quieted after he found Stevens had improperly interfered with the revolution. Cleveland even wanted to return the deposed queen to the throne. However, the partially Americanized republic of Hawaii remained in power during the Cleveland

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How Congress OK'd Hawaii bill

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statehood by raising the issue of the Communist threat. Senators Allott and Carroll particularly questioned the Mississippian's allegations about communism.

Sen. Sam Erwin (D., S.C.) surprised by coming out for statehood. He was followed by Idaho's GOP Sen. Henry Dworshak, by Texas' Democratic Sen. Ralph Yarborough, and by Wyoming's Democratic Sen. Gale W. McGee.

South Carolina's Sen. Strom Thurmond (D.) stated his opposition to statehood on the grounds that those of Asian ancestry in Hawaii, while admirable people, could not assimilate into the European culture which he found basic to the United States. He pointed out that the religions too of Japan and China particularly were so different from that of the West. He suggested that statehood would bring about new conflicts in the nation between the ideologies and the thinking of the East and the West.

Democratic Sens. Spessard Holland of Florida and Dennis Chavez of New Mexico, followed by Republican Sens. Barry Goldwater of Arizona and Francis Case of South Dakota, all spoke up in favor of statehood. Assistant Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), was followed by Alaska's Democrat Ernest Gruening in endorsing statehood.

Mississippi's Democratic Sen. John Stennis opposed the bill on the grounds that it would weaken the military security of the nation, a view to which Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) took strong exception. Virginia's A. Willis Robertson, another Democrat, revived the old arguments against statehood for non-contiguous areas.

The general debate closed with California's freshman Democratic Sen. Clair Engle who relinquished his chairmanship of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee last year to successful bid for the Senate seat vacated by William F. Knowland, summarizing the case for statehood. Sen. Olin Johnston (D., S.C.), repeated the so-called Communist threat charges for the Southern opposition.

The roll call vote was 76 for statehood, 15 against. With the exception of GOP Senator John Marshall Butler of Maryland, all of the "nay" votes were recorded by Democrats from the Deep South or Border States.

Senate approval for statehood was reached at 7:20 in the evening.

House Debate of Mar. 11

Following an address by President Jose Maria Lemus of the Republic of El Salvador, the House began consideration of the ground rules for debating Hawaiian statehood as determined by its Rules Committee: six hours of general debate and amendments to be made under the so-called "five minute rule" limiting arguments on each amendment to that time. Presaging what would result in the final vote, 337 voted for the rule, 69 voted against, with 28 not voting.

On motion of Rep. O'Brien, who was in charge of the bill for the Democrats, the House preceeded to resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union to facilitate discussion and debate. Republican Jack Westland of Washington was named to handle the legislation for the GOP.

Rep. O'Brien opened the formal debate by stressing that the admission of Alaska last year had answered most of the questions relating to Hawaii and by refuting charges of Communist domination over the Islands.

He was followed by Rep. Westland who also commented on the allegations regarding Communism in Hawaii.

Chairman Aspinall then made his plea for statehood, which was followed by a series of questions on technical aspects of the bill by Reps. Marguerite Stitt Church (R., Ill.), H. R. Gross (R., Iowa), and James Fulton (R., Pa.).

GOP Congressman John Saylor of Pennsylvania resumed the ar-

guments for statehood, and he was followed by New York Republican John Pillion, who outlined the opposition's case. He declared that statehood for Hawaii would dilute the influence of the senators from the more populous states and would encourage the growth of Communism. He rejected arguments favoring statehood as being emotional or extraneous.

Other congressmen who spoke for statehood on March 11 were Democrats James Roosevelt (Calif.), Charles Bennett (Fla.), Edith Green (Ore.), Carl Albert (Okla.), Ralph Rivers (Alaska), Roland Libonati (Ill.), and George Rhodes (Pa.) and Republicans Clifford McIntire (Me.), Florence P. Dwyer (N.J.), Edwin B. Dooley (N.Y.), Melvin Price (Ill.), John V. Lindsay (N.Y.), and E.Y. Berry (S.D.).

House Debate of Mar. 12

When the House convened on Thursday, knowing that the Senate with its tradition of deliberate debate had acted upon and approved statehood within five hours the previous day, there was an atmosphere of historic tension as the members appeared aware that once a vote was taken the last incorporated territory in this country would become a full-fledged state.

Once again, Rep. O'Brien moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union. Then, Rep. James A. Haley (D., Fla.), an opponent, asked questions regarding the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the tremendous powers granted to the Governor in the cabinet system which provides only for the election of a Chief Executive and a Lieutenant Governor. Chairman Aspinall answered that the Hawaiian Homes Commission was merely to keep faith with the original Hawaiians who desired not to suffer the same fate as the American Indians in the conversion of their lands. As to the cabinet system of state government, it was pointed out that most states have this method and that it has proved workable without granting the governor excessive powers.

Again, on motion of Rep. O'Brien, the Committee on the Whole rose and reported to the House, with the Speaker in the chair. Majority Leader McCormack then secured unanimous consent to substitute S. 50, the bill passed by the Senate, for the bill then being considered by the House (H.R. 4221). This was accomplished in order that identically-worded bills might be approved by both Houses to avoid the necessity for a House-Senate Conference to reconcile differences in the approved legislation.

Following consideration of an appropriations bill, the House resolved itself again into the Committee of the Whole and resumed consideration of statehood legislation.

GOP Minnesotan H. Carl Anderson began the debate by pointing to Hawaii's economic development as an assurance that its people could pay for the costs of state government. Washington Republican Russell Mack then carried on the case for statehood by disclosing the desire of the Territory's people for statehood and that its population is well prepared to accept the responsibilities of such a status.

Another Washington Republican,

Walt Horan, summarized Hawaii's history to demonstrate that by every historic standard it had qualified long ago for statehood. California's H. Allen Smith (R.), projected thoughts into the future benefits of Hawaii as a State to the nation.

Southern Opposition

Texas' Democrat Walter Rogers opened the opposition's futile efforts to frustrate the obvious will of the House by insisting that statehood was being rushed through the House without adequate consideration, especially for the new members elected last November. He was joined by Rep. Iris Fairclough Blitch (D., Ga.), who suggested that what was proposed would result in bringing in alien philosophies and one-worldliness into the United States.

Congressman Rogers then charged that in discussing distances and transportation time when the issue of noncontiguity is raised is to overlook the real basis of the opposition—that Hawaii is not bound by land ties to the rest of the United States, except for Alaska, and that more than 2,000 miles of international waters separate Hawaii from the mainland. He then repeated the charges of Communist domination of the Island's economy.

Democratic Congressmen Ed Edmundson (Okla.), Stewart Udall (Ariz.), Barrett O'Hara (Ill.), Frank Kowalski (Conn.), Jack Shelley (Calif.), and Republican Congressmen Donald L. Jackson, Craig Hosmer, and John Baldwin, all of California, advocated statehood.

Republican August Johansen (Mich.) protested the steamroller that assured Hawaii statehood and suggested that the people of Hawaii might introduce alien philosophies into our national life and that the entire character of our nation would be changed.

Democrat James C. Davis (Ga.), associated himself with the fears expressed and expanded on the numbers of Japanese, Chinese, and other non-Europeans who compose the population of the Pacific Territory. He pointed to the composition of the Territorial Legislature to show that it is dominated by the Japanese and other Asians. He hinted that the Communists might better be able to influence Asians than Westerners.

Following favorable remarks by Edith Norse Rogers (R., Mass.), Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), as chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Continued on Page 3

Don't abbr. Hawaii

HONOLULU. — Don't abbreviate Hawaii, says Postmaster George T. Hara, whose nomination by President Eisenhower was confirmed in the Senate Monday. Post office regulations say the fledgling state's name should be spelled out.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Key to Pat Suzuki Success

One fact which has distinguished Pat Suzuki's career to date is that she has made it to the top of the popular singing field without trading on her Japanese background—despite the current vogue for Oriental talent. Pat, of course, plays a Chinese American girl in "The Flower Drum Song," but none of her songs ("I Enjoy Being a Girl," "Sunday," and "Grant Avenue") has a particularly Oriental theme.

None of Pat's songs in her three albums to date ("The Many Sides of Pat Suzuki," "Miss Pony Tail" and "Broadway, '59") are Oriental. Her personal manager, Norm Bobrow, holds that Pat's future will be a long and fruitful one in the music field because she is not identified with any prevailing fashions in entertainment.

On her last appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show on CBS-TV, for instance, Pat's number was Al Jolson's old favorite, "Rock-a-bye Your Baby With a Dixie Melody." If the studio audience response is any criterion, it was one of the hits of the program.

But Bobrow was upset when he and Pat appeared at CBS-TV for an Ed Sullivan Show appearance in January and found a Japanese set, complete with stone lanterns and a bridge, backstage. Bobrow found the producer immediately. "This won't do," he said. "Pat's an American girl, and not a Japanese."

The producer placated Bobrow. "The Japanese set isn't for Pat Suzuki," he said, "it's for the opera singer from Italy, Antonietta Stella, who is going to sing 'Madame Butterfly' on the show."

Speaking of the Oriental vogue on Broadway again, it was the stress on Asian themes this season which forced Kermit Bloomgarten, producer of "The Music Man," to decide that this spring wouldn't be appropriate for a project he had in mind called "Cry for Happy." This was a musical built around the comic situation of some U.S. sailors who buy a geisha house in Tokyo.

Bloomgarten reasoned that Broadway audiences might become tired of Oriental settings by the time his musical was ready and, also, it was doubtful if there would be any Japanese or Nisei talent left after "Flower Drum Song," "The World of Suzie Wong," "Lute Song" and "A Majority of One," ("Rashomon," a new dramatic hit, has a non-Oriental cast).

But Bloomgarten has done the next best thing for a Broadway producer. He has just sold "Cry for Happy" to Hollywood and the musical will become a movie. William Goetz, producer at Columbia who made "Sayonara" for Warners, proposes to put "Cry for Happy" into production shortly in Tokyo. There are several important Japanese roles in the plot, as well as an integral part for a Nisei.

Goetz also has "Time of the Dragons," the novel about an Asian quarter-century in which several key characters are Japanese. "Time of the Dragons" also will be filmed overseas.

SMALL TALK: Reiko Sato has a featured role in a Broadway-bound musical, "Destry Rides Again," which already is rated a hit. Starred are Andy Griffith and Dolores Gray. Miss Saito sings and dances and plays the role of a Chinese girl in the frontier west, Ming Li. Reiko Sato was Lotus Blossom in the Burgess Meredith company of "Teahouse of the August Moon." Before that, she and Don Takeuchi formed a dance team which played the nitty circuit. Now she will be on Broadway while Takeuchi, now billed as Don Keigo Takeuchi and his Imperial Japanese Dancers, is playing the Roxy.

A British movie firm, London Pictures, has offered Miyoshi Umeki a leading role in "The Casual Continentals." However, Miss Umeki will be involved in "Flower Drum Song" for another year and more. The musical still has an advance sale of more than \$1 million, making it one of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most successful productions.

Sessue Hayakawa arrived in New York from Tokyo last week to begin rehearsals for "Kataki," the two-character play set on a Pacific island in World War II. The other half of the cast will be Ben Piazza. The latter was last on Broadway in Sherwood Anderson's "Winesburg, Ohio," and recently made his first movie, "The Hanging Tree." If "Kataki" get to Broadway, it will be Hayakawa's first role on the New York stage since he was starred in "Love City" in 1926. Hayakawa, incidentally, will be on a forthcoming Steve Allen Show on NBC.

"Tokyo After Dark," the Paramount release which still hasn't been seen in most parts of the country, stars Michi Kobi and Richard Long in a story of a GI's troubles in Japan which was inspired by the Girard case. The picture gives Teru Shimada one of his best roles in some time. He has the meaty role of a blind musician. "Tokyo After Dark" was produced by the Nisei-financed production company, Nacirema, for Allied Artists release. AA then sold the feature to Paramount.

Shimada, incidentally, was seen as a private-eye in the Jerry Lewis comedy, "Geisha Boy." He also had one of his best TV roles of recent date as Major Fukuda in "The Prisoner," a segment of the Steve Canyon series. Among the others in the cast were Frank Kumagai, Rollin Moriyama and Jim Yagi.

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Statehood—

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paid tribute to the loyalty of Japanese Americans in World War II and declared that from his experience Hawaii would be better able to control Communism as a State than as a Territory. He was followed by Minnesota Republican Walter Judd, who stressed the importance of statehood in America's international acceptance, especially in Asia and Africa, and in the ideological war against the Sino-Soviet bloc.

Otto Passman (D., La.), Thor Tollefson (R., Wash.), Cotherine May (D., Wash.), John Henderson (R., Ohio), and Richard Simpson (R., Pa.)—all spoke in favor of statehood, with Congressman Saylor concluding the formal debate for the Republicans on behalf of statehood.

William Meyer (D., Vt.), the first State to be admitted after the thirteen original States, then urged statehood, followed by Democrats Al Ullman (Ore.), Byron Johnson (Colo.), George P. Miller (Calif.), Hale Boggs (La.), Jim Wright (Tex.), B.F. Sisk (Calif.), D. S. Saund (Calif.), Edmundson, John Foley (Md.), Emilio Daddario (Conn.), Clement Zablocki (Wis.), Lee Metcalfe (Mont.), Clyde Doyle (Calif.), Cornelius Gallagher (N.J.), Charles Vanik (Ohio), and Dominic Daniels (N.Y.)—all of whom endorsed Hawaii for statehood.

Congressmen Walter Riehlman, Alexander Pirnie, and Howard Robinson, all of New York, William Widnall and William Cahill, both of New Jersey, and Fred Schwengel of Iowa added endorsements for Republicans favoring statehood.

Only Mississippi Democrat William Colmer registered opposition during the closing moments.

Final Plea by Burns

The honor for closing formal debate was reserved for Delegate Burns, who had been the recipient of many compliments during the two-day debate.

In a short, eloquent plea, Hawaii's last elected non-voting Delegate ended the case for statehood in these words: "On behalf of Hawaii's people, whom I am most privileged to represent, and who have always believed, and will always believe, that the Congress of the United States will never deviate from its historic effort to foster and secure liberty and self-determination for all its people, I express our earnest hope that this House, today, will enable Hawaii's people to assume their full, unfettered stature as Americans, as mature, responsible bearers of the American heritage in which they deeply believe and whose ideals they have so wonderfully fulfilled."

After the bill had been read for amendment, W.R. Poage (D., Tex.) offered an amendment which would authorize the islands in the Pacific which belong to the United States to become a part of the new State of Hawaii under certain conditions. After a point of order against the amendment had been rejected by the chairman of the Committee of the Whole (Paul Kilday of Texas), and arguments heard against it, the amendment was rejected by voice vote.

Before the vote was taken, Majority Leader McCormack complimented the House on its constructive debate and on its momentous action in admitting the 50th State.

The Committee of the Whole arose and returned to its role as the House of Representatives. With Speaker Rayburn in the chair, a roll call vote completed at 3:04 p.m. on March 12 resulted in 323 votes for statehood, 89 against, and 22 not voting.

Congress had completed action on the admission of Hawaii as our 50th State.

Church burns down

GLENDAL, Ariz.—The Arizona Buddhist Church, constructed 26 years ago, was a total loss after a fire of unknown origin gutted the temple last week. The adjoining hall, minister's residence and a home were saved.

Japanese American Democratic Club drops racial designation, reaction is mixed

The Japanese American Democratic Club last week unanimously voted to change its title to West Jefferson Democratic Club, a move which has met public reaction from at least one quarter.

The move to eliminate the racial designation was regarded as politically unrealistic by Saburo Kido, a registered Republican, in his Observation column in the Shin Nichi Bei last Friday.

"From the idealistic standpoint," Kido said, "the Democrats are correct. We should forget our national origin and vote as party members. But politics is a realistic thing. It cannot survive on idealism alone."

"The West Jefferson Democratic Club represents that district. It is to be a non-segregated group, which means that Democrats of all backgrounds are going to come in. This will mean that some part of the leadership will be assigned to those of other nationality background and thereby deprive a person of Japanese ancestry the prospect of being a leader."

"This is to be expected under ordinary circumstances. However, we have an entirely different situation when we are dealing with those with recent immigrant back-

ground, such as the Japanese, Chinese, Austrian, Mexican, etc. There is still the need to encourage them to become interested and assume active roles. The opportunity to serve as leaders must be afforded. The best way to accomplish this end is to organize their own nationality group," Kido declared.

It was Kido's feelings that the Nisei Democratic club was too hasty in becoming a non-segregated group.

Bob Reynolds, Democratic County Central Committeeman, hailed the move. "The Japanese American community is not an isolated one but an integrated part of the whole community and, politically, the West Jefferson Democratic Club makes this a reality," he felt.

Mrs. Stella Berwick, chairman of the 63rd Assembly District Democratic Council (of which the West Jefferson club is a member), echoed Reynolds' sentiments. "The area designated by the club especially needed a Democratic organization and from an overall standpoint, regardless of politics, the community is richer because of their courage to make this change."

Frank Chuman, who first organized the group in 1955, explained, "The changing of our name does not mean that we are forgetting the Issei voters. Aside from representing the Seinan area, the club will continue its educational program to the Issei of Los Angeles." Chuman is presently a member of the state Democratic Central Committee.

Chuman also hoped that the change would stimulate Nisei Democrats in other areas to establish their own units. It was revealed that the California Democratic Council has been discouraging racial identification in names when minority groups seek charters.

George Maruya was elected president of the West Jefferson Democratic Club. Kango Kunitzugu, past president of the Nisei Democrats, is vice-chairman of the 63rd Assembly District Democratic Council. Other active Nisei Democrats include Mrs. Mary Mitwer, state central committeeman, and Art Takei, country central committeeman.

Boise Valley JACler addresses court of honor

CALDWELL, Idaho. — Ralph Nishitani, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nishitani, was awarded the Eagle Scout rank at Black Canyon District Court of Honor last week here at the local high school. He is a member of Explorer Post 228, sponsored by the First Methodist Church of Caldwell.

Yoshio Takahashi, Boise Valley JACler and Ore-Ida Council commissioner, was the evening's principal speaker. He paid tribute to the church and civic groups supporting the scouting movement and aluded the scoutmasters and leaders who give of their time helping the youth.

Start blood bank for Long Beach Clers

LONG BEACH. — Three Japanese American organizations here have established a community blood bank through the American Red Cross, it was announced by Dr. John Kashiwabara, Long Beach Harbor District JACL president. Other participating groups are the Gardeners Association and the Nikkeijin Kai.

The plan requires organizational approval before the blood bank becomes operative. To become eligible for blood bank services, a family must be willing and when called to contribute a pint of blood to become a participating member. The participating member, then, is entitled to receive an unlimited credit from the bank to replace the supply required because of illness or accident.

Families unable to contribute for various reasons may otherwise qualify by being sponsored by another donor or contributing \$25 to the blood bank plan.

French Camp JACL picnic April 19 at Micke Grove

FRENCH CAMP.—The French Camp JACL's annual picnic will be held in Micke Grove Park near Lodi, on April 19. Harry Ota, social and activities chairman, reported committeemen are being selected.

At the last monthly meeting in February, the chapter calendar for the year was tentatively adopted. Following the picnic in order will be: Mothers Day party, bazaar (July or Aug.), keiro-kai (Nov.), and Christmas party.

One annual event that was sponsored by the chapter for years has been curtailed, the outing for local graduates. The busy season and the lack of interest brought about this decision.

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The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

Welcome Support

The goodly listing of 1000 Clubbers for the first half of March is most encouraging. Approximately one third of these are those who have renewed in conjunction with current local chapter membership drives even though their memberships do not expire until the latter part of the year. There is some feeling that the 1000 Club membership should be upon a calendar year basis, but this proposal presents some technical difficulties on the accompanying PC.

Our new distinctive 1000 Club membership cards are now being distributed in accordance with the recommendation of the National Council. The card bears the year and date of expiration of the membership with the reverse side for identification. It will take a little time to get the cards to everyone.

We were witness to National 1000 Club Chairman Bill Matsumoto's promise to Venice-Culver President Betty Yumori that he will pick up the luncheon tab for anyone who signs up for the 1000 Club at the PSWDC Convention in Long Beach in May.

MEMBERSHIP-PR BROCHURE—National Membership Chairman Thelma Takeda reports that the membership-PR brochure is now on press and can be expected within a couple of weeks. We are grateful to San Francisco artist Hisashi Tani and printer Willie Hoshiyama for donating their time and talents on this.

Additional chapters which have turned in more members than last year include Salinas Valley, San Mateo, Sonoma County, Cortez, and Delano. Vi Nakano has sent in 640 toward Southwest Los Angeles drive for a 1,000 plus mark, and Yo Hironaka reports 1,014 members for San Francisco. No report to date from Chicago, but the additional cards Joe Sagami has requested indicates that Chicago means to wrest the ICBM trophy from SF.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES—National President Shig Wakamatsu has appointed hustling Joe Kadowaki of Cleveland chairman of our National Program and Activities Committee. This committee is following up on the National Council decision of periodic reports from the chapters. Our thanks to Dr. John Kanda of Puyallup and NC-WNDC Program Chairman Yone Satoda for their work in helping to draft the report blank. The usefulness of the reports will be for the chapters rather than Headquarters. They will be a uniform running record for a chapter's activities, a basis for the chapter to evaluate its program at the end of the year, and serve as a reference for the new officers in subsequent years. The reports could also be the more handy basis for "Chapter of the Year" judging, and insure more chapters being considered than just those submitting annual reports. The National Program Committee will spot the more significant and distinctive chapter activities and send out detailed descriptions as program suggestions for all other chapters.

Former National staffer Tats Kushida heads up the National Public Relations Committee, and is already working on getting out our special bequest program brochure.

Sue Joe of Long Beach has agreed to continue with the National Committee for Work with Youth with the co-chairmanship of Dr. John Kashiwabara, who has been so helpful in the Long Beach youth program.

YOUTH IN JACL—In company with NC-WNDC Chairman Jerry Enomoto and San Francisco Youth Committee Chairman Dr. Leo Nakayama, we sat in with the Oakland Chapter Board and Jr. JACL cabinet to discuss plans for the next DC quarterly meeting on May 17. This will be devoted to youth with chapters invited to bring their Juniors and young people. We found the Oakland Juniors had already set up most of the ambitious program for the day and have provided for the young people to exchange ideas and get acquainted. The evening banquet will feature Cal's Rose Bowl footballer, Pete Domoto, and his coach, Pete Elliot. The day is to wind up with a dance for the young people and those young in heart.

1960 NATIONAL BIENNIAL—The Sacramento Chapter took advantage of Mike Masaoka coming to the west coast to have him headline its installation and consult with its 1960 National Convention Board members. Jerry Enomoto was also present to lend his know-how as the 1956 San Francisco National Convention Chairman. We were impressed with the nice setting and good facilities at the El Dorado Motel where the 1960 meet will be held. The National Convention dates have been pegged for Wednesday, June 29, through Saturday, July 2.

JACL PINFEST—Highlight of our 13th Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament in the bowling department was the spirited singles event exhibition put on by Nobu Asami, Chiyo Tashima, Judy Sakata, Alice Kee, and Mari Matsuzawa—all of them going into the final game with 400 plus . . . It was gracious of American Bowling Congress President Richard Gano to make the special trip from Salt Lake City . . . Making a garden of flowers for the Awards Dinner Dance has become an annual contribution of the Hawaii delegation under Bill Kenzie . . . The colorful Hawaii people made the shuttle bus-ride between the Hayward and Holiday Bowl pleasant with their singing and uke strumming.

While we feel greatly indebted for the wonderful support from Hawaii, Sho Torigoe and Dot Andrade announced that the Hawaii bowlers wished to express their appreciation in a practical way by inviting five of our top women bowlers to Hawaii the second week of June for exhibitions. Scheduled to make the trip are Nobu Asami, Lois Yut, Judy Sakata, Dusty Mizunouye, and Keiko Harada. Your lucky National Director has also been invited to tag along to emcee the exhibitions.

Our entire National organization extends deepest sympathies to Headquarters Administrative Assistant Daisy Uyeda and other members of the family upon the tragic passing of their mother, Mrs. Matsuye Uyeda.



George LeBallister (left), Sebastopol's "man of the year" joins Sonoma County JACL's "men of the year" who were presented plaques for outstanding efforts for the chapter and community in 1958. Honored were (left to right) Tak Kameoka, co-winner of the "JACler of the Year" award; George Okamoto, community service award; and George Yokoyama, co-winner of the JACler of the Year award.—K-D Photo.

Chapter eliminates racial restriction in own high school scholarship program

SANTA ROSA.—The Sonoma County JACL Pioneer Memorial Scholarship, administered by the chapter in the past for worthy Nisei students, has been expanded to open applications to all county high school seniors regardless of race, color or creed.

The scholarship is also open to children of chapter members who reside outside of Sonoma County.

Applications, which must be turned in by May 15, to be made available at the eight county high schools or from Ed Ohki, 930 McMinn Ave., Santa Rosa.

Frank Oda, scholarship chairman, also reported on scholarship programs offered by other local organizations at the recent March membership meeting and hoped ways and means would be found to finance the chapter scholarship without relying on chapter operating funds.

Proceeds from the chapter movie benefit this weekend, Mar. 20-21, at the Memorial Hall have been earmarked for the 1959 scholarship fund and other chapter activities, according to Tak Kameoka, chairman. The women's Auxiliary will conduct a food sale during the showing of two Japanese color features with English subtitles.

The February crab feed was re-

garded as "most successful" with over 125 members consuming 300 pounds of the crustacean delicacy covered with sauce prepared by Pat Shimizu. George Kawaoka and Jim Miyano were feed co-chairmen.

Following the dinner, Greg Hamamoto showed some travel movies. Acknowledgements included a \$50 merchandise order from Ben Friedman, case of wine from George Yokoyama, and sushi by Mmes. Ed Ohki and George Yokoyama.

The chapter plans to place the crab feed on its social calendar each year.

52 play in Sequoia JACL monthly bridge tournament

REDWOOD CITY.—Fifty-two players from San Jose and Sequoia JACL chapters participated in the second monthly master point bridge tournament at the Palo Alto Buddhist hall, according to John T. Enomoto, Sequoia JACL Bridge Club secretary-treasurer.

Duplicate bridge winners were:

March 11, 1959

North-South winners: 1—Dr. George shio Mori-George Nakano, 3—Ken Takahashi-Sei Hanashiro, 4—Harry Miyakusu-Frank Shimada, 5—Dr. Thomas Hiura-Mrs. Dorothy Hiura.

East-West winners: 1—Dr. Toke Ishikawa-Shig Masunaga, 2—Robert Santo-Henry Ichishita, 3—Harry Ishigaki-Isao Hane, 4—Kunio Utsumi-Gen Utsumi, 5—Jim-Harriet Nakano and Muts Higuchi-Ben Ishisawa.

Next monthly tournament, Apr. 8, will be held at Lawrence School, San Mateo, with San Francisco JACLers being invited.

FRESNO JACL-FAY WAH IN JOINT BENEFIT DANCE

FRESNO.—The American Loyalty League of Fresno will co-sponsor with the Chinese Fay Wah Club the annual benefit dance on Saturday, May 9, at the Rainbow Ball room. Proceeds from the benefit will go to the Boys' Club, of which 1958 league president Ben Nakamura is a member on the board of directors.

Committee members for this affair is 1959 president George Takaka, Frank Uyesaka, Rikio Yamamura, Fred Hirasuna, Ben Nakamura, Henry Kazato, Henry Mikami, and Sally Slocum.

Committeemen appointed for D.C. JACL chapter

WASHINGTON.—Various committeemen for Washington, D.C., JACL were announced by Hisako Sakata, chapter president, after the January executive board meeting as follows:

Harry Takagi, program; Joe Ichiuji, memb.; Hal Horiuchi, 1000 Club; George Furukawa, pub.; Kyoko Ishiyama, hospitality; Fumi Baba, telephone; Ira Shimasaki, Arlington Nat'l Cemetery.

Student officer

OMAHA.—Robert Zaiman, son of the Gary Zaimans, is freshman student council member at Central High School this semester.



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Notes

SAN FRANCISCO.—National JACL Headquarters acknowledged 91 new and renewal memberships in the 1000 Club for the first half of March as follows:

ELEVENTH YEAR

Contra Costa—Da. Yoshiye Togasaki.

NINTH YEAR

San Francisco—Dr. Tokuji Hedani, Joe Grant Masaoka.

SEVENTH YEAR

MDC—William T. Ishida.

Philadelphia—Takashi Moriuchi.

San Francisco—John Bee Uyeda.

SIXTH YEAR

San Francisco—Hatsuro Aizawa, David T. Hironaka, Jack Hirose, Dr. Carl T. Hirota, Fred Hoshiyama, Yukio Kumamoto.

Philadelphia—Dr. Mitsuo S. Hirata, Mrs. Teru Nakano, Yosuke Nakano.

Contra Costa—Jun Honda, Minoru F. Mayeda, Toshiro Nabeta, Tamaki Ninomiya, Heizo Oshima, Roy Sakai, Sam I. Sakai.

Delano—Dr. James K. Nagatani.

Twin Cities—Dr. George Nishida, Henry T. Omachi.

FIFTH YEAR

San Francisco—Lucy Adachi, Kenji Ishizaki, Scotty H. Tsuchiya.

Stockton—Henry T. Kusama, Joseph Omachi.

Ogden—Minoru Miya, Tomio Yamada.

Chicago—Ariye Oda.

Contra Costa—Joe Oishi, George J. Sugihara.

FOURTH YEAR

San Francisco—Takafusa Fujisada, Joe T. Kubokawa, Marie Kurihara, Jack S. Kusaba, Yone Satoda, Takeo B. Utsumi.

West Los Angeles—Jimmy K. Fukuhara.

Cleveland—Joe G. Kadowaki.

Long Beach—Mrs. Barbara Miura, Dr. David M. Miura, Dr. Masap Takeshita.

Contra Costa—Dr. Thomas H. Oda.

Venice-Culver—Dr. C. Robert Ryono.

Seattle—Dr. Paul S. Shigaya.

San Mateo—George T. Suto, Tomiko Suto.

St. Louis—Dr. George M. Tanaka.

Oakland—Dr. Russell H. Wehara.

THIRD YEAR

San Francisco—Mrs. Elsie Chung, Kayo Hayakawa, Noel Nita, Henri Takahashi.

Detroit—John Y. Furuta.

San Fernando Valley—Mrs. Michi Imai, Tom Imai.

Hollywood—Hideo Izumoto.

Seattle—Frank H. Kamitachi.

Chicago—Mrs. Alma Mizuno.

Philadelphia—Garry G. Oye.

San Mateo—Mary Suto.

SECOND YEAR

Contra Costa—Saburo Fukushima.

San Diego—Haruo Hatashita.

East Los Angeles—Hiroshi Omura.

San Mateo—William Takahashi.

Seattle—Theodore I. Tomita.

San Francisco—Warren T. Yamazaki.

FIRST YEAR

Seattle—Grant Beppu, James K. Fukuda, Tosh Funai, William A. Kawata, Mrs. Hosoye Kodama, Mrs. Easter Kubota, Elmer Ogawa Noboru Sakamoto Ralph Shinpo, Jeanette Y. Tanabe, Charles T. Toshi.

San Francisco—Frank Dobashi, George T. Kato, Ken Nakahara, Don Negi.

Long Beach—Minezo Miyagishima.

Sacramento—Yukio Morigawa.

Chicago—Paul Yamanaka, Mark S. Yoshizumi.

Vacancy filled

SAN FRANCISCO.—Past chapter treasurer Tad Ono was appointed San Francisco JACL vice-president in charge of programs, following the vacancy created by the transfer of John Yasumoto to Washington, D.C., it was announced by chapter president Steve Doi.

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term . . . Meanwhile, the Honolulu government actively sought annexation, in fear of the islands being completely "monopolized" by the Japanese. Nothing was accomplished until Republican McKinley administration, when a new treaty of annexation signed on June 16, 1897.

It was only after a warmly argued debate in Congress that the treaty was approved by large majorities and signed by the President on July 7, 1898. Dewey's victory over the Spaniards on May 1 at Manila may have helped as it was felt that Providence were on the side of American Manifest Destiny and the Hawaiian Islands would be useful in sending supplies and reinforcements to the Americans in the Philippines.

THIS BRIEF ENCOUNTER with early Hawaiian-American history makes us wonder if the white leaders who led the 1893 revolution were looking at another page in American history for a guide—the annexation of Texas in 1845. We haven't time nor space here to write about the Alamo et al, but the two stories of Texas and Hawaii have a similar ring.

● **ADMITTING ALASKA TO** the Union seems to have upset the weather all over the country. There were two miserable weekends of snowstorms and blizzards in the Midwest and East that didn't speak well for the month of March. Now that Hawaii has been added, we hope things are back in balance.

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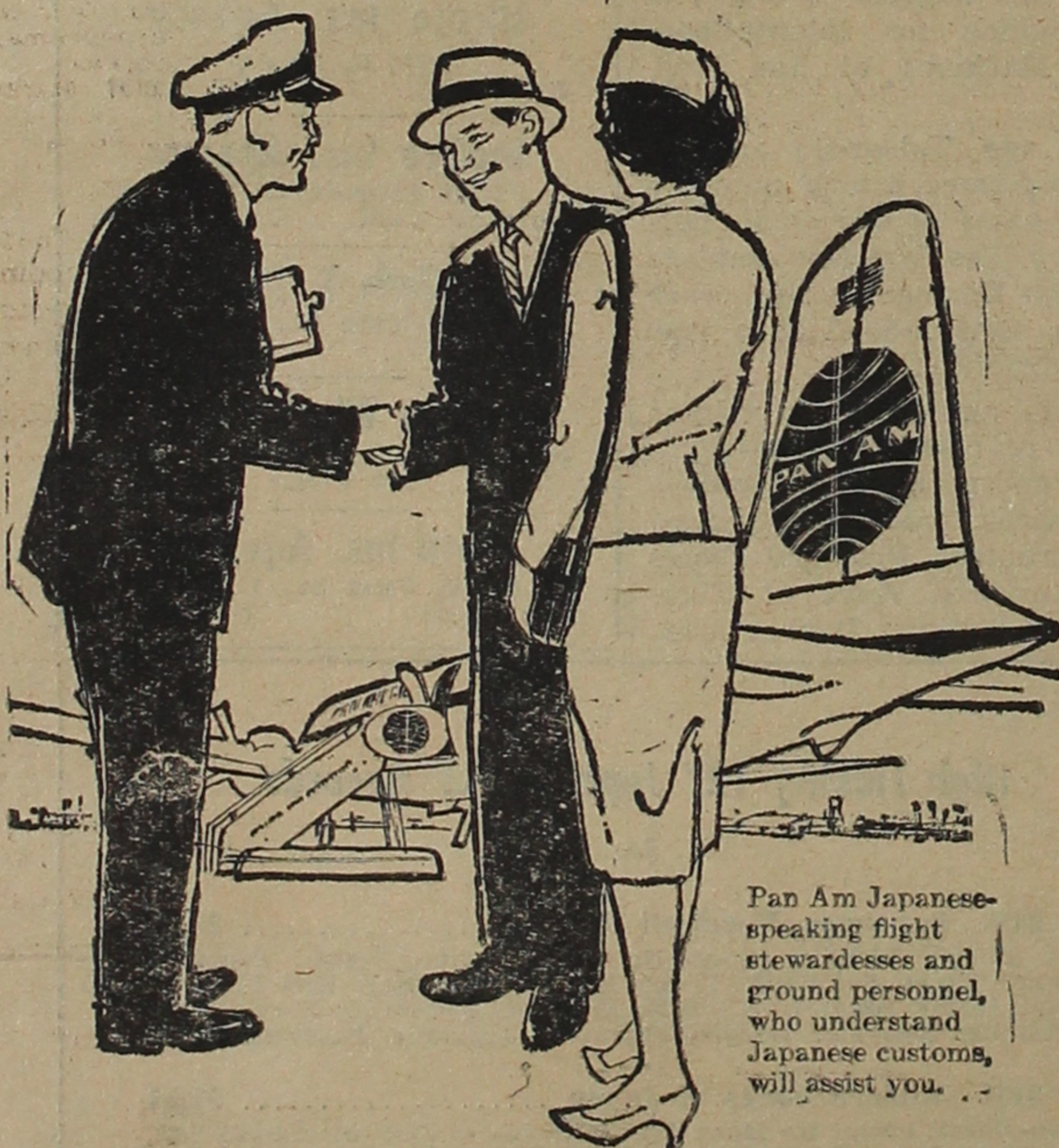
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LONG BEACH.—A "Get Acquainted Get-Together" will be held tomorrow at the Harbor Community Center from 7:30 p.m., with no admission charged to Long Beach JACLers. Non-members, however, will be asked to contribute \$1 to defray costs for an evening of fun and dancing.

Meantime, the chapter is continuing its door-to-door membership campaign. With hopes of passing the 500 mark, the first ten days netted 146 members.

Renewals by mail should be sent to P.O. Box 9002, Long Beach 10.

CAPITOL JACLERS PLAN ANNUAL EASTER POTLUCK

WASHINGTON.—Capitol JACLers under general chairmanship of Mrs. Harold Horiuchi are planning a potluck dinner for March 28 at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Recreation Center located in the nearby Maryland suburb.

In contrast to previous years when dinners were strictly Japanese, the cuisine this year is international in flavor. The family chefs will have the opportunity to show off their specialty dishes of amales, potato salad, meat loaf, sushi, chicken teriyaki, and beef teriyaki.

An Easter egg hunt is also planned for the younger members of the families. Program chairman Harry Takagi is arranging entertainment after the dinner.

On the committee are: Mmes. Jack Hirose, Akio Matsumoto, Harley Mimura, Hideyuki Noguchi, Ira Shimasaki, and Tosuke Yamasaki, and Miss Ruth Kuroishi.

Form separate clubs for D.C. teenagers

WASHINGTON.—Informally known as the Sansei Groups, Washington D.C. JACL's teenagers have decided to form separate clubs for the boys and girls. The initial meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aiji Endo in mid-January with Jack Hirose named in charge of the boys' group, Fumi Iki the girls' group.

At the first boys' group meeting Feb. 1 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hirose, seven lads attended with their fathers. Elections were held with Greg Sugimura, president, assisted by David Yano, v.p.; Glenn Hirose, treas. The fathers also met and chose John Yoshino, pres.; Satoru Sugimura, sec.; Koso Takemoto, treas.; Bill Kondo, transp.; Harley Mimura, activ.; and Tom Yano, memb.

The girls and their mothers met at the Tokumasu home Feb. 15 for their first organizational meeting.

Mrs. Alice Endo will serve as group coordinator and represent the Sansei at the JACL executive board meetings. Joint activities being planned are field trips, beach parties, picnics, bowling, etc.

Omaha JACL assists at civic opera premiere

OMAHA.—The local civic opera society launched its 1959 season with *Madame Butterfly* Feb. 17 at Joslyn Concert Hall with the local JACL assisting in the premiere by having 12 kimono-clad ladies as ushers.

Mmes. Em Nakadoi and Kimi Takechi also put in extra hours during rehearsals and opening night to dress the leading lady and others in the cast with kimonos. Usherettes were:

Mmes. Gladys Hirabayashi, Virginia Ikebasu, Kimi Nakadoi, Sumako Holmes and Mary Misaki; Misses Bonnie and Maureen Hirabayashi, Janie Takechi, Carolyn and Marilyn Kaya, Natchie Matsunami and Sumi Misaki.

Japan show in Boise

BOISE.—Pupils of Mme. Riya Fujima's dancing school in Ontario, Ore., performed recently at the opening of the Japan Show at the Boise Art Gallery. A ceremonial doll display by Mrs. Tsutomu Hagiwara of Boise is another highlight of the exhibit which closes Mar. 29. Also on display are costumes and gowns from the Japan Society of New York.

Daisy Uyeda's mother instantly killed, run over by transit bus at crosswalk

SAN FRANCISCO.—National JACL administrative assistant Daisy Uyeda's mother, Mrs. Matsuye Uyeda, 66, of 526-43rd Ave., was killed in an accident near her home in the outer Richmond district last Friday.

The well-known Hawaii-born matron was struck by a No. 2 bus in the crosswalk at 42nd Ave. and Geary St., where she had alighted en route home about 5:30 p.m.

She was crushed by the right front and rear wheels and instantly killed. The fire department was called to jack up the vehicle and extricate her body.

Police accident reports said Mrs. Uyeda was struck by the bus from

which she had just alighted, but there were some reports that a second bus was involved. It was learned that markings at the scene of the accident supported this report.

She is survived by her husband, Mitsuzo Uyeda, and 12 children, including two sons, Don Koichi and Meiji Marshall Uyeda, both of this city. The other daughters are Kaye C., Mrs. Alice Yamasaki, Mrs. Elsie Chung and June Uyeda of this city, Mrs. Doris Tono of Cranbury, N.J., Mrs. Annabelle Lee and Mrs. Nancy Iketani, both of Los Angeles, Mrs. Rose Enomoto of Redwood City, and Florence Uyeda of Denver.

Detroit CL installs Walter Miyao before 100 members and guests as '59 president

DETROIT.—Walter Miyao was installed as Detroit JACL president at an impressive ceremony Feb. 21 at the Pompeian Room of the beautiful Whittier Hotel on the Detroit River lakefront.

Over a 100 members and friends witnessed Theodore Bohn, circuit court judge, swear in the officers. The new officers are:

Charles Oguro, 1st v.p.; June Otsuji, 2nd v.p.; Helen Fujiwara, 3rd v.p.; Stan Malecki, treas.; Helen Sugiyama, rec. sec.; Fusa Tagami, cor. sec.; Doris Fujioka, pub.; May Miyagawa, hist.; Sadao Kimoto, Yoshio Ushiro, Edward Shinno, Dick Kadoshima, memb.-at-lrg.; Toshi Shimoura, rep. to Int. Inst.

Shig Wakamatsu, national JACL president, gave a challenging talk, emphasizing the importance for continued effort toward a stronger and increased membership, stating that as long as there is race prejudice, a need for JACL will continue. (Excerpts of Wakamatsu's speech were featured in Feb. 27 PC.)

Dr. Ted Kokubo, toastmaster, introduced the guests who were Mrs. Bohn; Dr. Remus Robinson, Detroit Board of Education president, and his wife; the Rev. Philip Gentile, minister, Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village, and his wife; Annetta Eldridge, metropolitan executive of Detroit YWCA; Mrs. Fern Gunkel, Eleanor Lee, both of International Institute; Mrs. Miriam Hewlett of the Recorder's Office; Percy McKay, national accessories manager, Chevrolet Motors, and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boltwood, original sponsors in 1947 of the Nisei-Caucasian Fellowship Group of the First Baptist Church, now disbanded.

Outgoing president Charles Yata was presented with the past president's pearl-studded pin by Yoshio Kasai. Then Miyao was handed the gavel by Yata. After piano selections by Mrs. Terry Yamasaki, Edwin Sasaki sang the JACL Hymn, which was heard for the first time in Detroit. Following the dinner, Ray Brandt's quartet furnished dance music. On the dinner committee were:

Ray Higo, reception; Miyo O'Neil, guests; Bebe Horiuchi, May Miyaga-

wa, Kay Miyaya, pub.; Yoshio Kasai, reception; Yoshiko Inouye, Kimiko Malecki, flowers; Janice Ouchi, reception; Betty Mimura, Jewel Omura, Heidi Fujii, prog.; Tom Hashimoto, photographer; Al Hatate, dance.

DETROIT.—Helen Fujiwara, Detroit JACL 3rd v.p. and social chairman, recently disclosed the tentative social calendar for the year as follows:

April 11—Japanese movies.
May 3—Mother's Day Program; 9—Japanese movies; 23—Spring Dance; Veteran's Memorial Bldg.
June 13—Japanese movies.
July 19—Community picnic.
Sept. 17—Japanese movies.
Oct. 3—JACL Teen Club dance, Int. Inst.; 10—Japanese movies; 24—Japanese movies "Kei-ro-Kai".
Nov. 14—Japanese movies; — Old Market participation.
Dec. 5—Election Meeting; 12—Japanese movies; 20—Children's Christmas Party; 31—New Year's Eve Dance—American Legion Hall.

DETROIT.—Although small in number, the Detroit JACL Teen Club maintains a high degree of enthusiasm and participation in all its affairs. A "Holiday Party" was held Dec. 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Satow, with special invitations to a group of sub-teenagers who are now eligible to join the Teen Club. The chairman for this party was Dennis Takesue and his committees were:

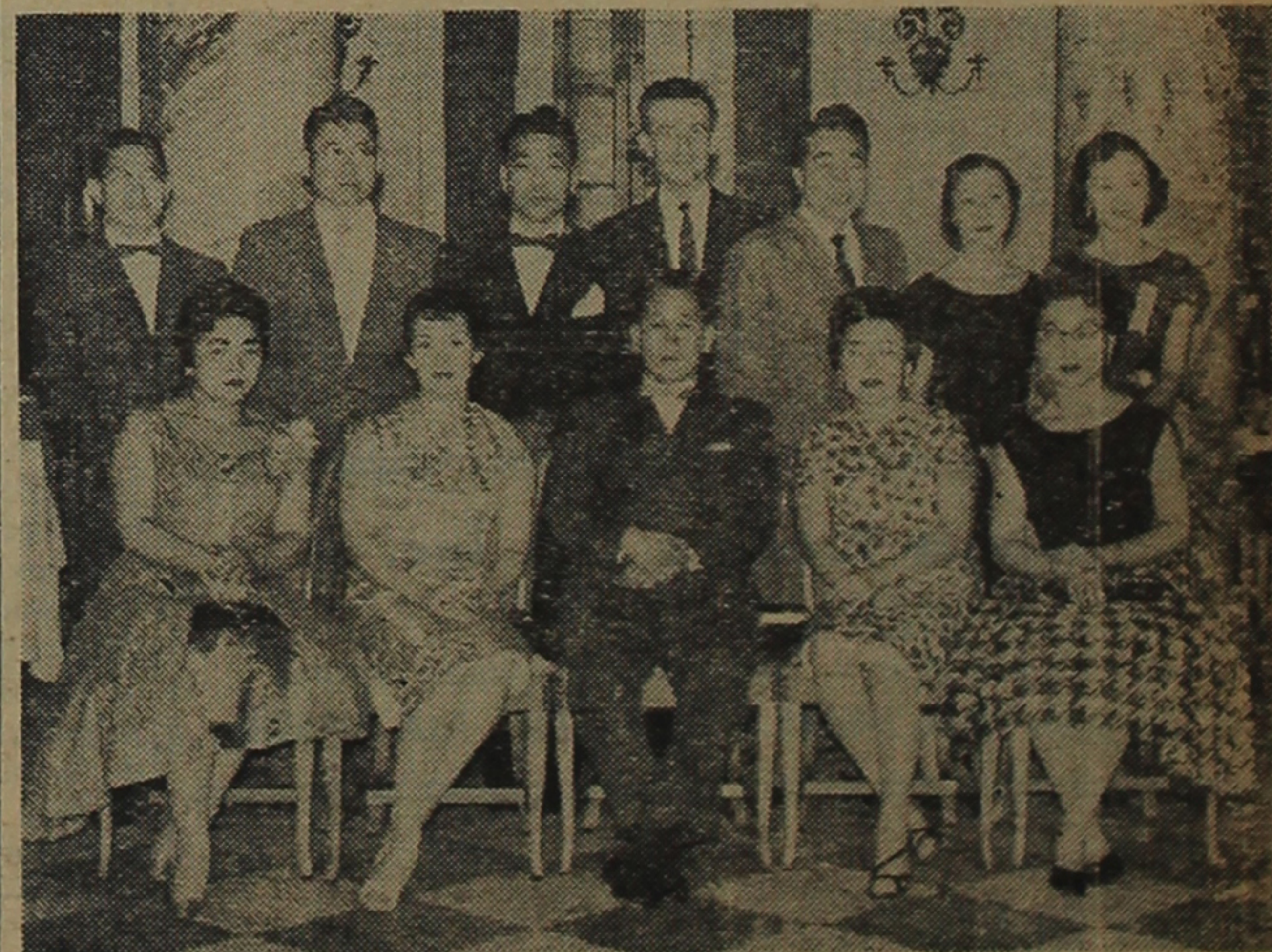
Norman Sunamoto, Jay Satoh, program; Shirley Satoh, dec.; Satsuki Shiroma, Janice & Marietta Fujita, Marjion Kadoguchi, refr.; Sud Kimoto and Joan Sunamoto, pub.

An ice skating party, held during one of Detroit's worst winters, was a highly successful affair. The teen-agers, families, and friends journeyed to Newburgh Lake with about 30 skating enthusiasts present. Cochairmen were Norman Sunamoto and Dennis Takesue, with Mrs. Hifumi Sunamoto taking care of the refreshments.

John Kimoto will be taking charge of a roller skating party to be held in April.

The present cabinet, recently elected, and to serve till June of this year are:

Norman Sunamoto, pres.; Gerald Takesue, Satsuki Shiroma, treas.; Lorraine Fujiwara, hist.; Joan Sunamoto, cor. sec.; Shirley Satoh, rec. sec.; Marjion Kadoguchi, Ken Okamoto, Gail Kaneko, mem.-at-lrg.; Sud Kimoto, Mrs. Hifumi Sunamoto, adv.



The 1959 Detroit JACL cabinet members installed by Circuit Court Judge Theodore Bohn, himself a member of the chapter, are (from left): front row—May Miyagawa, Helen Fujiwara, Walter Miyao (pres.), Fusa Tagami, June Otsuji; back—Edward Shinno, Charles Oguro, Sadao Kimoto, Stan Malecki, Dick Kadoshima, Doris Fujioka and Toshi Shimoura. Missing were Helen Sugiyama and Yoshio Ushiro.

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Idaho Nisei Bowls 298 in State Tourney

Jim Kawano of Nampa, Idaho, tossed 11 straight strikes and his 12th down the middle left the 5 and 9 pins standing for a 298 game last week at the Twin Falls men's state bowling tournament. After the first week of competition, the Boise Valley JACler leads in the all-events with 1833 scratch-1986 handicap scores. He also holds the 681 high scratch and 298 high game honors of the statewide competition . . . Chickie Imai, another Boise Valley JACler, was listed among the top 20 women bowlers in Boise, holding averages over 160 in the Boise Women's Bowling Association.

Berkeley JACL to Sponsor Two Softball Squads

Berkeley JACL will again sponsor two softball teams in the Golden Gate Optimist Club pee-wee and major leagues. Tryouts were started last Sunday afternoon at the Grove St. Recreation Center diamond with practice slated there each Sunday until the league starts. Pee-wee league ball is limited to boys 8 to 11 years of age, while Major league ball is limited to boys 12 and 13 and those who will not have reached 14 by April 5 . . . Berkeley JACL's Pee Wee team finished in a first-place tie last year.

San Kwo Kwo Lords Win So. Cal. NAU Cage Title

San Kwo Low Lords won their third So. Calif. NAU basketball championship in five years, the second in a row, last Sunday by walloping the Lucky Doks 62-45 at the LACC gym. They head north to meet the Oakland YBA in the annual North-South championships . . . Carrying the load for the Lords was Kaz Shinzato, the league's leading scorer, with 29 points. Herb Isono was high for the Doks with 18.

USC Coed from Japan Defends U.S. Table Tennis Crown

Susie Hoshi of USC and Japan defended her national women's singles table tennis championship last Sunday by turning back Sharon Acton in four sets: 21-12, 23-21, 17-21, 21-15.

Most Notable Track Performance of the Week

Athletes in Southern California have started their outdoor track season this past week. Most notable performance of the week was the 9.9s. clocking in the 100-yd. dash by Dennis (the Menace) Ekimoto of Antelope Valley JC in a dual meet with L.A. Valley J.C.

Ex-Hollywood Nisei Wrestling in Hawaii

Al Lolotai defended his Hawaiian heavyweight professional wrestling championship by beating challenger Bob Shibuya a fortnight ago. Bob took the first fall in 19m.50s. with knee butts and a press but Lolotai came back with two successive falls to win. Bob, who was raised in the Hollywood area, now weighs a hefty 240. He was quite a football player in his prep and collegiate days in Los Angeles and stayed in the game after moving to Hawaii.

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San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics set for May 24 in Kezar

SAN FRANCISCO. — The seventh annual San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics will be staged on Sunday, May 24, with Kezar stadium already reserved, according to Mutt Matsumoto, meet chairman.

In explaining the early date, Matsumoto revealed that an application was first made for June 7, a Sunday after the statewide CIF track meet which is being held on May 29 at Bakersfield, but it was not available.

The track committee decided against a May 30 date because of the Memorial Day weekend and advanced the track date to May 24, rather than selecting a mid-June date.

Over 100 Nisei athletes from all over the state have participated in each of the past Nisei Olympics and Matsumoto said another good turnout is anticipated for this coming meet.

"General emphasis of all JACL chapters throughout this year is to encourage programs for the younger Nisei in their respective communities and so we expect many more chapters to be represented at the May 24 meet," Matsumoto said.

At present the general rules, classes and events governing the 1958 meet will be retained, he added.

All entries will be through any JACL chapter in the state. The athletes will compete in some 35 events in unlimited, 125 and 110 lbs. classes.

Pocatello JACL in first keg jamboree

POCATELLO. — Some 800 entries competed for approximately \$3,500 in prizes and trophies over the Washington Birthday weekend at the first annual Pocatello JACL Bowlers Jamboree at the plush Pine Bowl. Steve Sato was tournament chairman.

There were 32 team entries, 233 in the singles, 135 in the doubles, and 105 mixed doubles. For some it was a warm-up to the National JACL Bowling Tournament at Los Angeles. The top three winners in each event with scores including their handicap as follows:

TEAM—Dyer Implement (B1) 3117; Blackfoot Bowling 3075; Pine Bowl 3051.

SINGLES—Fred Tominaga (SLC) 682; Tucker Morishita (IdaF) 681; Don Gilman (P) 679.

DOUBLES—Vern Eames-Terry Tak (AF) 1300; Jim Gaved-Ike Kawamura (P) 1296; H. Alldridge-L. Leslie 1271.

MIXED DOUBLES—Madeline Banks-Al Gemar (IdaF) 1257; Donna Akers-Ace Mori (P) 1255; Sybil Geman-Al Gemar (IdaF) 1236.

Special tournament high scratch awards went to:

Men's HG—167, Clyde Peterson (P); Men's HS—669, Ace Mori (P); Women's HG—212, Ethel Cable (P); Women's HS—549, June Siler (P).

Legend — AF, American Falls; B1, Blackfoot; IdaF, Idaho Falls; P, Pocatello; SLC, Salt Lake City.

NoCal Nisei golfers approve incorporation

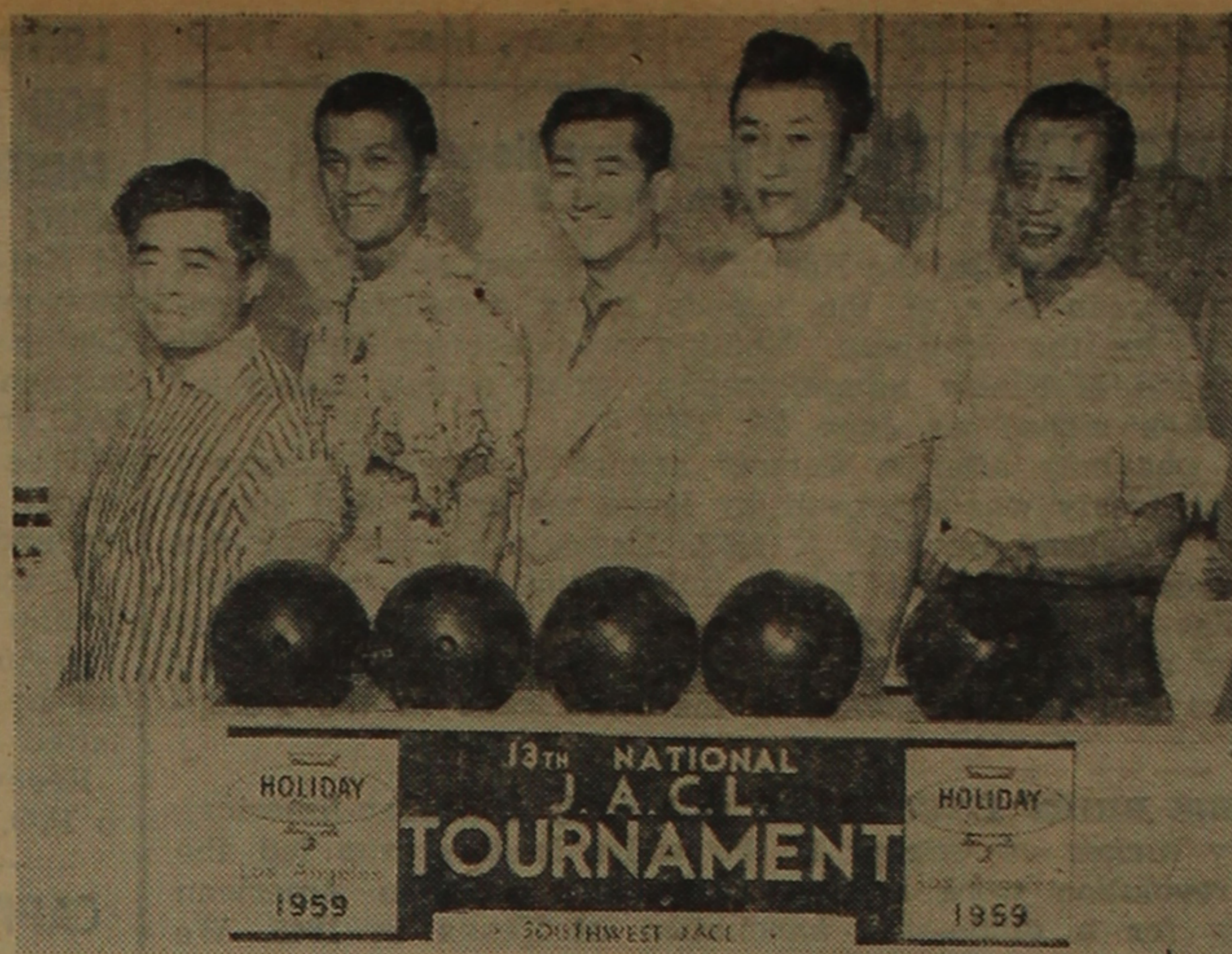
SACRAMENTO. — The No. Calif. Nisei Golf Association approved on Mar. 8 incorporation plans with the home office to be situated in Monterey, locale of the annual NCNGA tournaments at Pebble Beach and Del Monte courses. Attorney Henry Taketa of Sacramento is drawing up the papers.

The association's board of governors also resolved to assess each member club \$20 per year to defray expenses beginning 1960.

Frank Shimada of Garden City Golf Club was low gross winner of the Directors' golf tournament prior to the board meeting with a 75 at Bing Maloney course. Ronald Hitomi of Kagero Golf Club was low net with 93-26-67.

Toyo Printing

Toyo Printing Co., operated by T. Katayama and sons, is now located at its new address at 309 S. San Pedro St. Telephone number remains the same, MA 6-8153. Son Chester is a Downtown L.A. 1000er.



It was a surprising victory for these five men who rolled under the Southwest L.A. JACL banner at the recent National JACL Bowling Tournament to win the team championship with 2855 pins. Ranked as 51st among 118, the "pick-up" squad was composed of (from left) George Uyehara, Yuki Uradomo, Dr. Tak Ushiyama, Sus Kyono and Richard Young. Past chapter president Sam Hirasawa was manager.—Photo courtesy: Bowling Illustrated.

Ex-Sacramento radio 'ham' now successful electronics businessman in Mile-Hi city

DENVER.—Several Saturdays ago, Jim Takemoto scanned a bank of floral pieces sent by customers for the opening of a spacious new building for his Universal Electronic Corp. at E. 38th Ave. and Newport St. The local Nisei businessman who spent a third of his life "giving away" his talent as an amateur radio operator is writing a new chapter in a success story that began 15 years ago.

A native of Sacramento, Jim spent his boyhood on a farm operated by his parents. His interest in radio began early and throughout high school he operated a ham radio station at home.

He took special courses in aeronautics at Sacramento Jr. College and qualified for a pilot's license. He also obtained a commercial radio operator's license from the Federal Communications Commission.

His first income as an electronics technician came in 1944 when he obtained a job with Mas Takata, founder of the Denver electronics firm then located at 18th and Arapahoe St. Eight years ago, Takata moved his shop to 20th and Lawrence Sts. and formed a partnership with Takemoto, which lasted until four years ago when Takata sold his interest to Jim and took a position for International Business Machines at San Jose, Calif.

A year ago, Takemoto and his associates formed a new company under the name of Universal Electronic Corp. The firm now employs 12 workers. During the first week of March, they moved to a new one-story building.

Takemoto anticipates a volume this year of about \$70,000—all in servicing and repairing home electronic devices under factory warranty guarantees. Principal clients are Webcor and Voice of Music Corp. dealers in the Denver area.

Takemoto limits his services to dealer needs.

Most of the 200 dealers and customers who toured the plant during Jim's open house were unaware of how he nurtured the business "from scratch" into one of the largest electronics repair services for factory dealers in the Rocky Mountain region.

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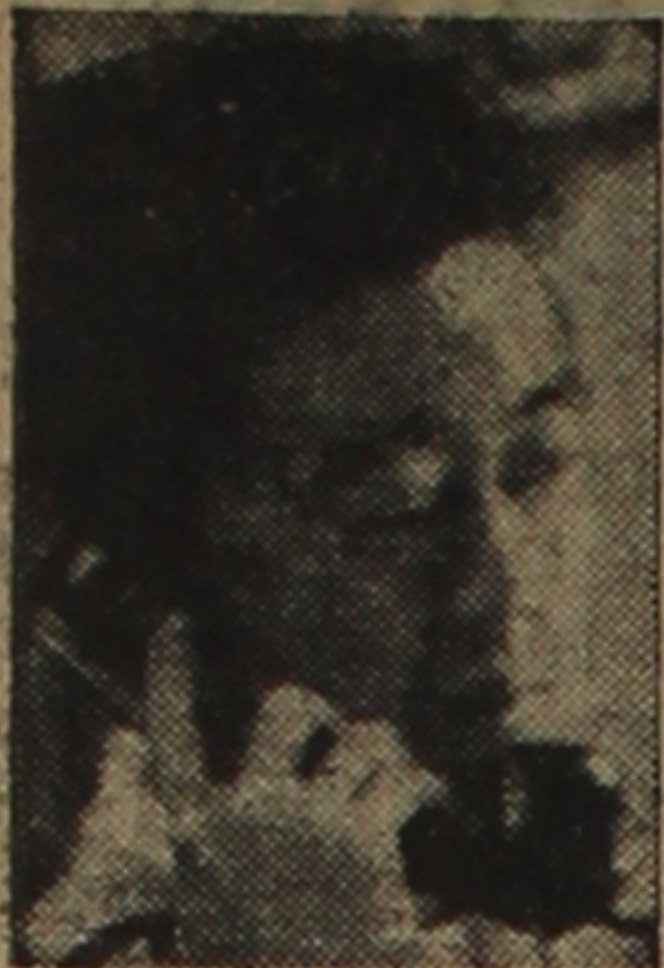
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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

The need for an organization like the Japanese American Youth, Inc. becomes more apparent and urgent when one reads of the rising tide of juvenile delinquency.

While the community education committee of the JAY, headed by Roy Yamadera (East Los Angeles JACL president), keeps up its work with weekly Sunday morning radio broadcasts informing parents of the growing peril in the youth problem, another teenage Sansei dies from a bullet fired during a street argument.

Unlike the case of last year's shooting in which Richard Sumii, 16, of Dorsey High School was killed from a stray bullet during a gang fight at a Chinatown dance, last Friday night's tragedy claimed a Sansei but others involved were non-Nisei.

William Tono, 18, was driving one car with two other companions along Pico Blvd. near Victoria. According to reports, he was "following" another vehicle containing three teenagers. Maybe they were looking for a party to go.

Hot-tempered youngsters in the other auto wanted to know why Tono was trailing them. Suddenly one of them whipped out a gun of an unknown make and fired into the car. Tono caught the shot on his cheek, slumped to the floor and apparently bled to death before any medical treatment could be administered.

The point here is that kids today don't fight with their fists. They, the bad ones, carry lethal weapons of destruction. Knives, bats, chains and zip guns are nothing new to them. So another young life was lost in the melee of ever-growing menace of teenage violence and misunderstanding.

We only hope that some of us will wise up early enough to cope with the problems and struggles of our children whose future depends on how well we carry on as parents and good citizens.

WE LEARNED ABOUT STATEHOOD FROM BENNETT

After a decade of writing about Hawaii statehood chances in Congress and its "ups & downs" in the legislature, one gets callous to any "first" report on its passage.

When the Senate passed it late Wednesday afternoon last week it was Bennett, No. 1 heir apparent to the Mori Million who spoke with some authority: Daddy, Hawaii is now the 50th state. It didn't strike us until that night on the 10 o'clock news that Bennett was right. Well, what do you expect from a near six-year old?

Television indeed has a terrific impact on the children's mind. Bennett, naturally was watching a kiddie show when a bulletin interrupted the program.

So, we'll have to credit him for the "exclusive" at this time. We newspapermen are so, so skeptical about good news, sometimes.

40 TE 8 MEMBERSHIP POLICY

California's American Legion has again taken opposing views on the racial discrimination practiced by the national 40 et 8 society, the fun-making arm of the veterans organization.

Our good friend, Soichi Fukui, a Downtown L.A. JACL 1000 Clubber, has been instrumental in recent years to put pressure on the organization to eliminate bias from the 40 et 8 which, to date, is confined to "white" members only.

One of these days, we'll probably see the end to such discriminatory practice. Soichi is past commander of Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

Continued from Back Page

well as in the Islands. JACL's earned role as spokesman for persons of Japanese ancestry in this country may be altered when a Japanese American becomes a member of the Congress of the United States.

We may discuss some of these changes in later Newsletters.

But, in the meantime, we welcome our fellow Americans in Hawaii into the sisterhood of States and we congratulate them on the successful attainment of their long-cherished dream of full participation in the land of their citizenship. We know that our country and the free world will be the better for statehood as achieved by Hawaii.

(Note: Because of last week's developments regarding Hawaii, a report on Mike Masaoka's visitation to the Pacific Northwest had to be postponed until a later time.)

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Furlong, Robert (Aiko Okawa)—boy Robert, Dec. 29.
Furukawa, Toshio (Margaret Ohama)—boy Westford Kiyoshi, Dec. 25.
George, Boyford (Sueko Inabu)—boy Robert, Dec. 19.
Hirata, Art (Magdalena Dunin)—girl Evelyn Chiyoko, Dec. 23, Pasadena.
Ito, Albert T. (Shizuko Horita)—boy John Kazuo, Dec. 31, Monterey Park.
Ito, Willie K., Jr. (Shigeko Takai)—boy Vincent, Dec. 18, Burbank.
Karimoto, Herbert (Beatrice Miyake)—boy Derek Hartuo, Dec. 26.
Kawaguchi, Henry H. (Mitsuko Fujinami)—girl Sandra Natsumi, Dec. 30.
Kimura, Hiroshi (Yoshiko Shiba)—girl Karen Yumi, Dec. 27.
Kobashigawa, Charles (Mitsuko Matsukawa)—boy Mark Isamu, Dec. 31.
Masaoka, Henry I. (Sachi Tamaki)—boy Daniel H., Dec. 24.
Matsuda, Sumio (Ayako Kawasaki)—boy Jack, Dec. 14.
Matsumoto, Shigeru (Evelynne Watanabe)—girl Ellen Mariko, Dec. 23.
Miyazaki, Fred S. (Shizue Uyetake)—boy Brian Asaichi, Dec. 3.
Morita, Masato (Saiko Nishimura)—girl Maureen Masako, Dec. 30.
Okamoto, Michael K. (Mary Ikeda)—boy Steven S., Dec. 24.
Oshinomi, Satoshi (Lillian Uyemori)—boy Kirk Satoshi, Dec. 30.
Oshiro, Larry (Betty N. Oshiro)—boy Eric Yuichi, Dec. 21.
Sakoda, Tsuyoshi (Fumie Okuda)—boy Dennis Haruyuki, Dec. 28, Pasadena.
Scarzo, Albert (Yuriko Terasaki)—boy Paul, Dec. 29, El Monte.
Shiroma, Seicho (Yukiyo Tosaya)—boy Scott, Dec. 31.
Suzuki, Gerald (Florence K. Nishimura)—boy Duane C., Dec. 27.
Takeuchi, Yukio (Sumiko Nakamura)—boy Dean Toshio, Dec. 28.
Tamaki, Joseph (Ann Paik)—girl Carol Ann, Dec. 25, Temple City.
Tamura, John H. (Tomoko Fukui)—boy Glen Sho, Dec. 31, Pacoima.
Tanaka, Leonard O. (Geneva Hanaoka)—boy Craig Shunji, Dec. 19.
Tsujiimoto, Ted (Hisaye Yamada)—girl Carolyn, Dec. 23.
Ueno, Herbert (Eiko Shintani)—girl William R., Dec. 30.
Wagatsuma, Takeo (Teruko Nakaido)—boy Jack Hajime, Dec. 27.
Watanabe, Shiro (Shigeko Nomura)—boy Steven Hugh, Dec. 31.
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Yoshinaga, Alfred (Joyce Nakamura)—boy Richard Tsuneki, Dec. 30.

ENGAGEMENTS

Yoshii-Mizutani—Hisako, Berkeley, to Henry, El Cerrito.

WEDDINGS

Arima-Oizumi—Kenji, Weiser; Ruby, Ontario, Ore.
Kato-Tanabe—Jan. 17, Chuck and Lilian, both Seattle.
Nakamura-Unosawa—Dec. 28, Dr. Ken and Jeanette, both Seattle.

Portland girl betrothed

PORTLAND.—The engagement of Joan T. Nakayama, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Katsumi Nakayama, was announced Feb. 22 to James S. Kimoto of Honolulu.

She is a graduate of Multnomah College, studying medical secretary courses. Her fiancé is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago, majoring in chemistry. Tentative plans for a September wedding have been set.

MAC HORI APPOINTED TO MILLION DOLLAR CLUB

Mac Hori, member of the Cal-Western States Life Insurance Co. Wilshire Agency, was notified of his appointment to the firm's Million Dollar Club, reserved for agents who have a total of over a \$1,000,000 life insurance in force. Hori joined the company in 1957 and was among top-ten agents last year.

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Okahata-Tanaka, Feb. 7 — Kiyoshi, North Fresno; Yoshiko, San Francisco.
Shinoda-Matsumoto—Dec. 27, Ted, Los Angeles; Marie, Bakersfield.
Taira-Inaba—Feb. 1, Eugene H. and Natsuye G., both Fresno.
Yokomi-Takimoto—Jan. 31, Akira and Nobuko, both Fresno.

DEATHS

Asanuma, Mrs. Ren, 59: Chicago, Feb. 20.
Ishiguro Hirotsuke, 75: Santa Ana, Mar. 7.
Komai, Sho, 42: Alhambra, Mar. 7—(w) Toshiko, (s) Philip, Paul, (b) Hiroshi (s) Maki Nagami and (m) Aku.
Matsuzaki, Naoshichi, 83: Los Angeles, Mar. 8.
Nakata, Fumio, 61: Portland, Mar. 1.
Shiotsu, Kihel, 80: Gardena, Feb. 21.
Takeda, Yoshi, 75: Los Angeles, Feb. 20.
Yamane Shigeo, 36: Pasadena, Mar. 7—(m) Miyako, (b) Ted, George T. (s) May Sakahara, Mary H. Sato, Yamato Michael, 6: Los Angeles, Feb. 20—(p) Mr. & Mrs. George.

Boise Valley family children win honors

BY BETTE UDA

CALDWELL, Idaho. — A credit to their school, family and community are the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abe, pioneer truck garden operators, here. The children, Karen, Leroy and Cliff, have not only won numerous honors but excel in extracurricular activities as well.

Karen was presented the Caldwell High School "Good Citizen" Award from the DAR Pocahontas chapter and now competes for statewide honors. The award is made to the senior class co-ed on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism at the recommendation of the faculty. She is a member of the National Honor Society, GAA president and recently elected secretary of the Boise Valley Jr. JACL. She is also active in the National Office Management Association spelling project and local chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America.

Leroy, a sophomore, is also a member of the honor society, played fullback for the Caldwell Cougars and more recently won the intermediate class judo championship at the Salt Lake tournament. During junior high school days, he was a member of the Caldwell American Legion baseball team and one of the original Boise Valley JACL midget team players.

Another honor student, Cliff, is a College of Idaho senior, named to the American Colleges "Who's who", the student body treasurer and homecoming chairman.

HI-CO CONFERENCE PLANS NEARING FINISHING TOUCH

Plans for the 1959 Hi-Co Youth Conference are well underway, according to chairman Frank Kawase, who is urging high school and college students to attend the Apr. 3-5 seminar on college opportunities and tips on careers at the Forest Home grounds. The post-Easter weekend meeting is sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Carl Terzian, 23, former student body president at Univ. of Southern California, will be the keynote speaker, according to program chairman June Nakawatase. Currently studying for his M.A. degree in political science, he recently made a 4½-month tour of Australia and Southeast Asia under State Dept. auspices.

The conference highlight will be the two sessions for tips on careers, covering nine fields including business, education, medicine, law, social science, fine arts and physical sciences. Nisei business and professional men and women prominent in their respective fields will be on hand to head the discussions.

Livingston-Merced Cler heads farm association

LIVINGSTON. — Fred M. Hashimoto was elected 1959 president of the Livingston Farmers Assn., it was announced by manager Buddy Iwata last week. The Nisei group ships plums, peaches and nectarines under the brand name, "Pride of Livingston".

The association also operates a packing plant, supply division, cannery receiving station, cold storage, grape harvesting and renders service by marketing the members' commodities and procuring labor.

Many of the members are active in the Livingston-Merced JACL. Hashimoto was 1958 chapter president. Other members of the 1959 board are:

Taky Tashima, v.p.; Buichi Kajiwarra, sec.; Gene Hamaguchi, treas.; Shiro B. Morimoto, Franklin Okuda, Fred Kishi, Kaz Takahashi and James Kiriara.

Scout commissioner

CHICAGO. — Victor Yamakawa, active scout leader at Chicago Buddhist Church's troop, was recently promoted district commissioner of the Lake Shore district.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Hawaii—50th State

Washington, D.C.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, will go down in history as a great day for the United States, the Territory of Hawaii, and persons of Japanese ancestry, for on that date the House of Representatives completed action on legislation to admit the Pacific Paradise into the Federal Union as our 50th State. A day earlier, the Senate had approved the admission bill.

By the time this is read, the President will probably have signed the legislation and the final steps necessary to welcome Hawaii formally as a State will be underway. Perhaps by the Fourth of July, though probably later, Hawaii will officially be a State of the United States.

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NO ONE DISPUTES that great credit in the final stages of the statehood drive is due to John A. Burns, Democratic Delegate from Hawaii, who last year had the statesmanship and the courage to allow Alaska to move ahead to this exalted but deserved status while his Territory stood aside. Had he not taken this action, there is a real question as to whether either Alaska or Hawaii would have gained statehood by this time, or for some time yet to come. This session, he expertly redeemed the promises made by congressional leaders last year and provided the leadership that resulted in successful passage of the statehood measure.

And yet, even in these hours of triumph, one can hardly forget the gallant Joseph R. Farrington, Republican Delegate for so many years after World War II, who ignited the spark for statehood and planned the initial legislative campaigns. Though he died trying to achieve statehood, his spirit was visible in the Congress during the fateful debates last week.

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THE TWO-CHAIRMEN of the Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittees that favorably reported these bills, Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington and Rep. Leo O'Brien of New York, respectively, are also entitled to much credit for the successful attainment of statehood for Hawaii. Both of these Democrats, from opposite coasts of the nation, teamed to draft the appropriate language for the bills and to rally support for this legislation during the past several years. Their respected chairmen of the full Interior and Insular Affairs Committees, Sen. James Murray of Montana and Rep. Wayne Aspinall of Colorado, are also deserving of much praise for the roles they played in this long campaign.

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WE IN THE JACL are hopeful that the small part we played over the years also contributed to the final achievement of statehood.

Ever since the JACL opened its Washington Offices in 1946, we have endorsed and worked for Hawaiian statehood in cooperation with the Delegates from Hawaii. As the only national organization of Americans of Japanese ancestry whose members are voters in 32 states of the Union, we believe that as living examples of the kind of citizens Americans of Asian ancestry in Hawaii are, we helped inform the members of Congress of the citizenship, the assimilability, and the loyalty of Americans who trace their ancestry to Asia and who comprise the majority of Hawaii's cosmopolitan population. We also testified at every House and Senate hearing during the past many years and tried to be helpful in every possible to the overall campaign for statehood.

In addition, by urging the elimination of racial discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country and by seeking corrective and remedial legislation for those of Japanese ancestry in this land, JACL believes that it helped pave the way for eventual statehood for Hawaii, a third of whose population is composed of Americans of Japanese ancestry. This is especially true in reference to federal legislation authorizing the naturalization of lawfully admitted aliens from Asiatic countries and repealing the Oriental Exclusion Acts of the early 1920's which prohibited immigration from Asian lands.

In the final drive for statehood which culminated last week in the overwhelmingly favorable reaction of the Congress, JACL chapters and members participated in a coordinated campaign of letter-writing on behalf of statehood. So successful was this program under the supervision of Chicago's Harold Gordon, chairman of the National JACL Legislative-Legal Committee, that congressmen and especially senators from the districts and the states in which the JACL has chapters played key roles in the statehood debates and every one of them voted for Hawaii. Indeed, a few who previously had voted against, or had expressed reservations about, statehood for Hawaii informed the Washington Office that they had changed their minds and would now vote for admission of our Pacific Territory. Moreover, a number of telephone calls were received by the Washington Office reporting such a barrage of letters from JACL members and their friends that the recipients requested that we inform the local chapters that they strongly favored statehood.

In the crucial debate in the Senate, the testimony of JACL's Washington representative was quoted quite extensively by Senator Thomas Kuchel of California, Republican Whip and Assistant Minority Leader, and Senator Frank Moss of Utah, Democratic freshman member of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, as arguments for statehood.

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HAWAII'S ADMISSION AS the 50th State will cause many profound changes in our national life, all—we hope—for the better. It will also result in significant changes for Americans of Japanese ancestry on the mainland of the United States, as

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Witnessing Gov. Albert Rosellini sign legislation to repeal the outmoded Washington State alien land law by referendum at the 1959 general election are (standing from left) Toru Sakahara, nat'l 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Alice Sakura, wife of past Seattle chapter president Howard Sakura; Tak Kubota, Seattle chapter president; Terumitsu Kano, North American Post editor; Frank Hattori, Seattle 1000 Club chairman; and (seated at left) Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

CALIF. SENATE COMMITTEE ACTS IN FAVOR OF FEPC FOR FIRST TIME

SACRAMENTO. — Gov. Brown's Fair Employment Practices bill smashed through the previously tough Senate Labor Committee 5-2 last Monday and was sent to the Senate floor, where its final passage in the Democratic-controlled body will place it before the Governor for signature.

The measure, establishing a Fair Employment Practices Commission as a division within the State Industrial Relations Department, was passed by the Assembly 65-14 several weeks ago.

Chances for Senate approval of the legislation by Assemblyman Byron Rumford and 53 colleagues were considered good.

Amendments in Senate Bill

If the Senate passes the bill, No. 1 on the Governor's legislative program, it will go back to the Assembly for concurrence in technical amendments before being placed on the Governor's desk.

Five Democrats voted to give the measure a "do pass" recommendation by the labor committee, with two Republicans voting in opposition.

Two years ago, a similar bill was killed by the same body.

The bill prohibits discrimination in the hiring or firing of employees because of race, religious creed, color, national origin or ancestry. The "opportunity" to gain employment without discrimination because of race or for any of the other reasons is declared to be a civil right.

The law would apply to employers of five or more persons, employment agencies and labor organizations.

Exemptions include agricultural

workers residing on the land where they are employed, social clubs, fraternal, charitable and educational or religious associations not organized for private profit, or those employed in domestic service.

The labor committee adopted amendments fixing a statute of limitations beyond which no grievance could be filed with the commission.

It provided no accusation may be filed later than one year after the date of an alleged unlawful employment practice or later than 90 days after knowledge of such an act is obtained, whichever occurred first, thus making the maximum 15 months.

Humans relations commission urged by Utah governor

SALT LAKE CITY. — The Governor's Committee on Civil Rights has urged creation of a State Commission on Human Relations, to promote equality of opportunity for minority groups and ultimately to police a recommended civil rights law.

E. Dale Peak, chairman of the committee appointed by Gov. George D. Clyde in May 1957, said last week the group's investigations have shown need for both the commission and formal legislation to protect the civil rights of certain Utah minority groups.

The committee report put particular stress on problems of non-white citizens in obtaining both temporary and permanent housing accommodations.

NAACP Survey

It noted a 1958 random survey conducted by the Salt Lake chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in which 27 out of 41 motels interviewed refused to accept Negroes.

All but one of 21 apartment houses barred Negroes, and four of the eight restaurants questioned would not serve them.

The committee's own Utah restaurant survey brought 90 replies, of which half would not serve Negroes. But of that 45, only 16 also refused service to other racial groups.

Most of the restaurants which had no policy said they would serve all groups if it were common practice to do so.

The report noted that the same view is common among employers.

Peak said his colleagues felt further committee work would accomplish little, and that legislation and establishment of a Utah Commission on Human Relations were now required.

House Bill 16, killed one day before the 1959 Legislature adjourned, would have established a broad civil rights law for Utah.

CIVIL RIGHTS BILL DEFEATED BY UTAH SENATE

SALT LAKE CITY. — Boosters of civil rights in the state of Utah were jubilant two weekends ago when the House passed a civil rights bill 52-11, but their joy was shortlived as the Senate deferred action as the State Legislature adjourned sine die last Friday.

The Senate had a brief skirmish over the controversial civil rights bill (HB 16), finally choosing let it remain on the calendar after the motion of Sen. Bruce S. Jenkins (D., Salt Lake City) to bring the measure up for consideration was defeated 7-16-2.

Most senators voting "no" explained they were not voting against the measure, but should be construed as affirming the sifting committee recommendation, which had placed four other bills ahead of HB 16.

Actively engaged in supporting HB 16 was a Citizens Committee of which Henry Y. Kasai of the Salt Lake JACL served as member.

The bill was introduced in the House by Rep. Adam Duncan (R., Salt Lake City).

Nevada legislature repeals ban against mixed marriages

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The legislature gave final approval Thursday last week to a bill repealing Nevada's near-century old law banning marriages between persons of mixed races and sent it to the governor.

It was signed by the governor last Tuesday.

The law attracted international attention recently when West coast labor leader Harry Bridges took the issue to court after he was refused a license to marry a Nisei legal secretary.

Bridges' session with the courts resulted in a ruling by a district court that the law was unconstitutional, following which Bridges was married in Reno to Nikki Sawada of San Francisco.

The assembly passed the bill without a word of debate by a vote of 32 to 5. It previously won senate approval.

BCA Headquarters moves

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Buddhist Churches of America headquarters has moved to 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco 9 (Prospect 6-5600).

CALENDAR

Mar. 21 (Saturday)
Seabrook—Annual Chow Mein Dinner, Seabrook Community Hall.
Orange County — Easter Egg Hunt, Irvine Park, 1:30 p.m.
Mar. 22 (Sunday)
Selma — Community picnic, Burris Park.
Sequoia—Jr. Tri-Villes dance, Palto Alto Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.
Reedley—Community picnic, Burris Park.
Mar. 26 (Thursday)
East Los Angeles—General meeting, International Institute.
Mar. 27-28
Gardena Valley—1st annual JACL basketball tournament, Gardena High gym, Normandie and 132nd St.
Mar. 28 (Saturday)
D.C.—Potluck dinner, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Recreation Center.
Imperial Valley—Installation picnic, Sunbeam Lake, Seeley.
Chicago—Jr. JACL dance, Conrad Hilton Hotel, 9 p.m.
Mar. 29 (Sunday)
East L.A.—Easter Egg hunt.
Southwest L.A.—Easter Egg hunt, Rancho Cienega.
Apr. 3-5
PSWDC — Hi-Co Conference, Forest Homes, San Bernardino Mountains.
April 8 (Wednesday)
Sequoia-San Francisco—Joint bridge tournament, Lawrence School, San Mateo, 8 p.m.
April 11 (Saturday)
Southwest L.A.—"Spring Nocturn" dance, L.A. Breakfast Club, 9 p.m.
Detroit—Japanese Movies, International Institute.
April 12 (Sunday)
Watsonville—Community picnic.
Fowler — Community picnic, Burris Park.
Parlier—Community picnic, Kearney Park.
April 18 (Saturday)
Long Beach—"Big Dance."
April 19 (Sunday)
Cortez—Community picnic, Hagaman Park.
French Camp — Community picnic, Mickle Grove Park.