

COLUMN LEFT:

Importance of chapter newsletters

Only 25 JACL chapters (that's our count for 1958) published newsletters this year. Some distributed two or three issues but many of them were fine monthly publications.

It must be recognized that a lot of time and money goes into these projects, distributed free to the membership and often to the Japanese American community at large. We noted, however, some of the staunch monthlies of previous years have had to combine issues into bi-monthlies, probably because of cost or possibly due to insufficient help.

With the new year upon us and new officers assuming chapter responsibilities, we trust the 25 chapters will continue their fine work, understand their job appears thankless but nonetheless important for sustaining chapter morale, and hope more chapters undertake to inform their own membership. Some of the stories, we might add, were picked up for PC readers. That's how important we think they are. And we found the chapter newsletter carries more details than the information supplied us by the chapter scribe.

Hopeful this list is longer next year, we'd like to name the 25 chapters with the ones publishing most frequently first: Orange County, Salt Lake, Chicago, Cleveland, Venice-Culver, Washington D.C., East Los Angeles, Pocatello, Monterey Peninsula, Mile-Hi, West Los Angeles, Puyallup Valley and Milwaukee. The Midwest District Council issued creditable quarterly publications and the Pacific Southwest hopes to follow suit.

To the up & coming chapters, we'd like to leave one advice — develop a sense of regularity without being overburdened. If a monthly is too much to publish, stick with a bi-monthly of about two or three sheets. If the readers come to expect it and holler if they miss it, be proud that your newsletter is doing its job.—H.H.

Suit filed to protest yen exchange rate of bank claims

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — Local attorneys Thomas H. Carolan and Phillip W. Amram have filed suit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to challenge the exchange rate proposed by the Office of Alien Property for the repayment of yen deposits in the former Sumitomo Bank, Ltd., the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned this week.

Nisei attorney named to defend confessed killer, but asks out

VENTURA. — Atty. Nagao Fujita, active Ventura County JACler, appointed to defend one of two men who have confessed they were hired by Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, 54, to kill her daughter-in-law was relieved at his own request.

He was named Dec. 30 by Superior Court Judge Charles Blackstock to represent Luis Moya, 20, and asked to be excused after he had a talk with Moya in the county jail.

Fujita declined to state his reasons, saying that to do so "might deprive the defendant of some of his civil rights."

Judge Blackstock granted the request and appointed a former deputy district attorney now in private practice at Camarillo.

At issue in this litigation is whether timely filed claims for the repayment of yen certificates of deposit should be at the prewar exchange rate of ¥4 for almost a dollar or the postwar, current exchange rate of ¥360 plus per dollar.

Named as plaintiffs are ten Californians—George Aratani and Shiro Ogomori of Los Angeles, Fumiko Yoshihara of San Diego, Dr. Shigeichi Okami of Long Beach, Yoshimatsu Minami of Santa Maria, Hatsuto Yamashita of Gardena, Riichi Babamoto of West Los Angeles, Mrs. Motoye Hatanaka of Norwalk, Nobuichi Miyashita of Pasadena, and Mrs. Mineye Okuda of Livingston, for themselves and 1,134 others similarly situated.

Named as defendant is William P. Rogers, Attorney General of the United States, whose Department of Justice includes the Office of Alien Property, which is under the supervision of an Assistant Attorney General (Dallas Townsend).

Companion Suit Filed

In a companion suit, Masami Sasaki, also of Los Angeles, seeks the prewar exchange rate. Sasaki, having been interned during the war, is excepted from the provisions for filing claims by the Office of Alien Property. Because of JACL's sponsored Walter McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952, he is now

a naturalized citizen and is seeking his rights as an American citizen.

In the major suit, the complaint explains that this particular action is brought by ten named individuals for themselves and for all the others similarly situated because the total number involved (1,144) are too many to permit all to specifically and individually join, the questions of law and fact as to all of the claimants are identical, the maximum amount recoverable by many is less than \$250, and that the ten specified plaintiffs represent more than 15 per cent of the total amount claimed.

The complaint also notes that all 1,144 plaintiffs filed their respective claims within the statutory deadline authorized by the law, that all hold identically worded yen certificates of deposits, and that the Office of Alien Property, Department of Justice, now holds \$1,050,000 in cash as proceeds from the liquidation of the vested property of the prewar Sumitomo Bank.

Argument as to the type of service which must be made on all of the 1,153 claimants named in the schedule issued by the Office of Alien Property last Oct. 24 (1958) will be held before the District Court on Jan. 19, according to the latest information given to the Washington JACL Office.

Background Information

Noting that more than ten thousand Issei and Nisei citizens in this country have deposits in prewar Japanese banks which have been vested by the Office of Alien Property, the Washington JACL Office requested Carolan to provide it with detailed background information regarding the present litigation.

The Washington JACL Office also noted that in the 84th and 83rd Congresses, respectively JACL successfully opposed legislation proposed by the Attorney General which would have dismissed all of these yen debt claims against the Office of Alien Property.

Calif. attorney general rules against anti-racial frats on state college

FRESNO. — The Fresno State College will reexamine its policy regarding fraternities in the light of a state Attorney General's opinion that state supported schools cannot subsidize organizations which restrict membership on racial or religious grounds.

In his last opinion as attorney general, now Gov. Edmund G. Brown last week held that state colleges which support such fraternities are in violation of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution. The opinion also says such colleges vary from the public policy of the state.

The opinion says, however, that colleges may recognize such fraternities as long as the recognition does not involve active support or regulation.

The opinion, requested by eight legislators, was prepared by Deputy Attorney General Eugene B. Jacobs.

It says in part: "If a university supplies land and fraternity houses on campus, maintains strict control and regulation over fraternities, supplies paid faculty advisers, and supplies other administrative and financial assistance, there is little doubt but that such a relationship with fraternities which restrict membership on the basis of race, color, creed or religion would be invalid as against public policy and as a denial of equal protection under the 14th Amendment."

No Tangible Benefits

"On the other hand, if a state university or college in recognizing or approving the existence of fraternities merely permits students to become members of such organizations, conferring no tangible benefits and leaving the supervision with the parents or other

persons outside the university except for control over the conduct of fraternity members as students, the relationship . . . under the cases thus far decided would not be violative of the U.S. Constitution or of public policy."

Brown said that between the two extremes it now is impossible to determine where a line may ultimately be drawn.

FSC Associate Dean of Students Gordon Wilson said the local re-examination will be concerned with what constitutes "support."

Provides No Land

Wilson said FSC provides no land, money or buildings to fraternities or sororities. However, all fraternities and a few sororities have faculty advisers; the groups use campus facilities and occasionally serve as service organizations for the college.

A late 1957 survey of fraternity and sorority practices at FSC revealed most admittedly exclude certain groups on racial or religious grounds or have strict quotas. However, FSC administrators said at the time some of the fraternities had little trouble in getting around the restrictions on their national charters.

Wilson said it is his impression most of the groups are accepting moves against racial restrictions as "inevitable."

The Attorney General's opinion was requested by State Senator Richard Richards of Los Angeles and by Assemblymen Phillip Burton and John O. Connell, San Francisco; Edward E. Elliott, Augustus F. Hawkins and Lester F. McMillan, Los Angeles; William Byron Rumford, Berkeley; Vernon Kilpatrick, Lynwood, and Mrs. S. C. Masterson, Richmond. All are Democrats.

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During the war and immediately thereafter, the Government vested property of Japanese "enemy nationals". Among these properties were the prewar Japanese banks, among which the two most prominent were the Sumitomo and the Yokohama Specie Banks whose local branches were liquidated by the state banking commissioners concerned. Most, if not all, of the so-called dollar deposits have been repaid, some with interest, to the dollar depositors. Immediately after World War II, most of the more than 19,000 depositors of these prewar Japanese banks whose deposits were expressed in yen filed claims for the "return" or repayment of these deposits with the Government. Their claims have not been honored and the present court test is another effort to secure equitable return of this private, personal property.

Several thousand claimants in the Los Angeles area originally filed their claims with the law firm known as Knight, Gitelson, and Ashton, who in turn associated themselves with Thomas Carolan to serve as their Washington Attorney.

Carr's Recommendation

In 1955 and 1956, Hearing Examiner George W. Carr of the Office of Alien Property held hearings and received testimony and documents in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington. Attorneys Carolan and Ashton repre-

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Nisei subcommittee formed for Utah civil rights group

SALT LAKE CITY. — Adam M. Duncan, chairman of the Utah Fact-Finding Committee of the United State Commission on Civil Rights, has appointed Henry Y. Kasai to serve as Nisei subcommittee chairman.

Purpose of the Nisei subcommittee study is to prepare a report on the special problems, progress and recommendations relating to Utah's citizens of Japanese ancestry.

The first meeting was scheduled last Tuesday at the Governor's Board Room in the State Capitol with representatives from various statewide organizations invited to participate in the hearing.

Among the matters discussed were the anti-miscegenation law, fair employment practice, civil rights, and in particular, the "code of ethics" being currently observed in the sale of homes in Utah.

JACLers Assist

The three Utah JACL chapters, Ben Lomond, Salt Lake, and Mt. Olympus were called as well as the Real Estate Board, Hotel and Apartment House Assn., the Utah Builders Association, and Utah Restaurant Assn.

Prof. Elmer Smith, JACL's historian, has been appointed chairman of the Negro sub-committee, and has consented to serve as consultant to the Japanese American sub-committee. Other minority groups have been similarly organized.

Henry Kasai has been public relations chairman for the Salt Lake Chapter.



Ben Nakamura, 1958 Fresno American Loyalty League president, was recipient of the Central California District Council "Chapter of the Year" award for his chapter, which celebrated its 35th anniversary last October. An active Buddhist, he is a member of the West Fresno Rotary, treasurer of the West Fresno Boys Club, president of the West Fresno Merchants Assn., and a member of the Society of California Accountants. He is married and has two children.

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Official Notices

TO: JACL Chapter Presidents, Chapter Publicity Chairman
SUBJECT: Publicity Releases

The Pacific Citizen is grateful for the publicity releases received from JACL Chapters - whether they are typed, printed or written out in long hand and will appreciate the continued flow of chapter and community activity facts. To serve as a guide for your chapter and publicity chairman we submit the following suggestions:

1. Each release or news story should contain the following essential facts - known to reporters as the 5 W's - WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY.

WHO - Names should be as complete as possible, also giving address if known, age and occupation. To simply list a name (especially if it is the chapter president or other prominent leader) lacks dignity and color.

WHAT - This should tell what happened to the WHO of the story. This is the heart of the story for it activates the other facts of WHERE and WHEN which can be answered very simply.

WHY - Although this may not be as simple to answer, explains background and gives details. In fact, there may be no "WHY" at all although it can also be the "how it happened" phase of the story.

2. If the story or article is typewritten, newspaper practice requires it to be double spaced. Carbon copies are advisable since undoubtedly there are other Japanese vernaculars and community newspapers which should be informed.

3. DEADLINE - The Pacific Citizen deadline is normally Tuesday for chapter items. Since the Pacific Citizen goes to press on Thursday, special articles can be inserted if received by noon Wednesday. The time element for advance publicity stories should also be considered, making certain that the PC serves as a reminder BEFORE an event is held as well as describing it afterwards.

4. PHOTOGRAPHS - The Pacific Citizen policy is to pay \$2 per published picture (or the commercial studio rate) if an 8x10-inch glossy print is furnished. Prints and negatives will be returned if requested. Purely promotional pictures do not come under this provision.

5. HOMETOWN CLIPPINGS - The Pacific Citizen will appreciate receiving clippings from hometown newspapers, in particular vital statistics, photographs and editorials concerning persons of Japanese ancestry.

6. STYLE OF WRITING - This is the least important factor in writing stories. As long as the important facts are included, the style of presentation does not matter. An honest news story is always welcome. Purely promotional publicity items, on the other hand, will gain better attention if prepared journalistically. However, since the PC is your paper, even promotional items need not be prepared in a professional journalistic fashion. Re-writing service will be provided by the PC.

All articles should be signed by the writer with his name, address and phone, however if official chapter stationery is used, only the name is sufficient. The Pacific Citizen would always like to know that the source of the news is authentic and authorized.

will be returned if requested. Purely promotional pictures do ready a subscriber to the Pacific Citizen, by all means see that he subscribes immediately. In fact, every member should receive a copy. Please urge that a PC subscription campaign be a priority project of your chapter.

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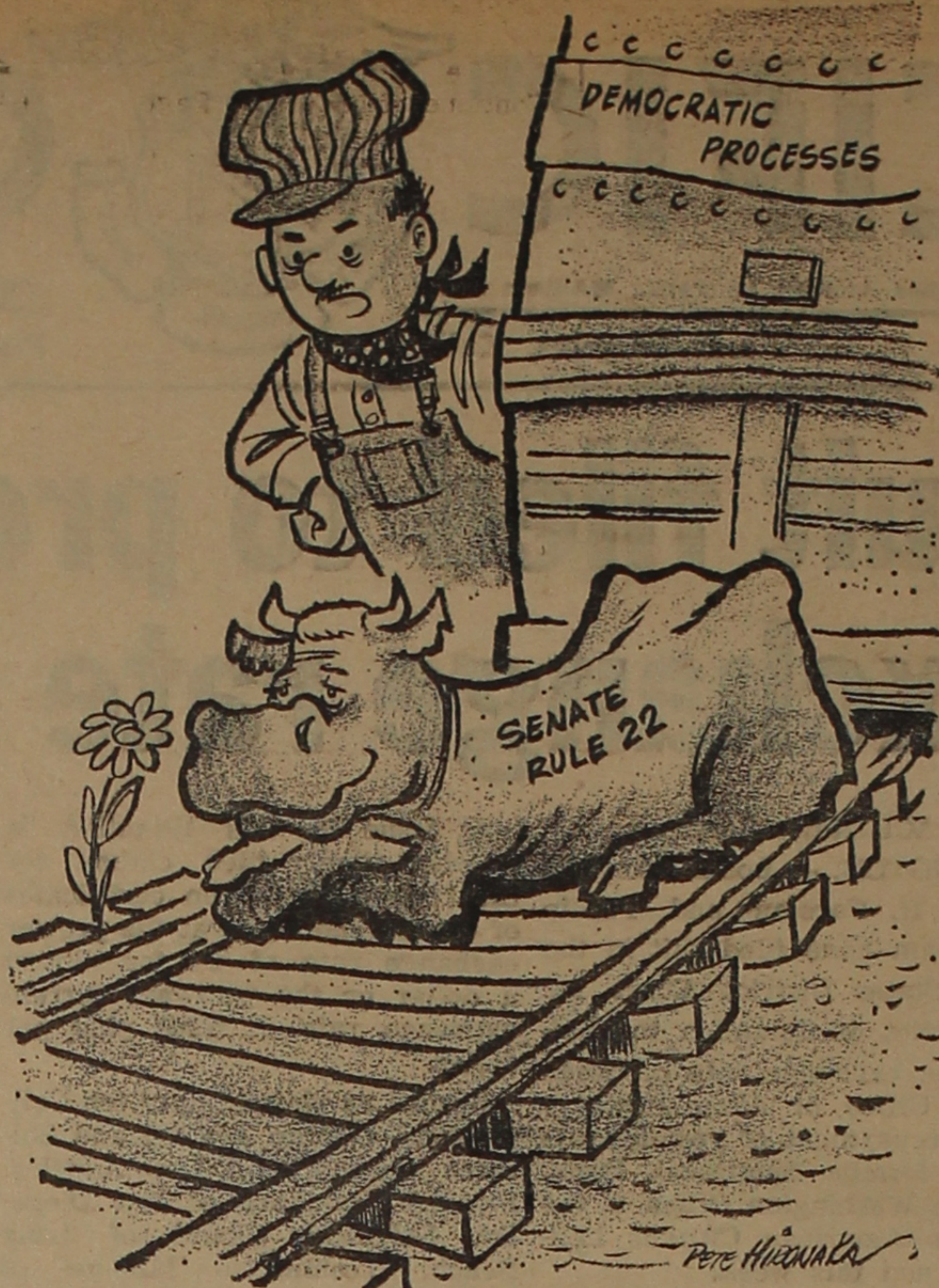
HARRY HONDA, Editor

Ye Editor's Desk

IMAGINE OUR PLEASANT surprise to find a familiar face in our National Geographic Magazine for December, 1958. "Elmermoto"—as he is known to JACLers—is pictured examining Indian relics at Black Rock Cave near the Great Salt Lake. He helped unearth a skeleton estimated to be about 4,000 years old. Prof. Elmer Smith, of the Univ. of Utah anthropology department, is the author of the JACL History which was reprinted in our 1955 Holiday Issue, and more recently assisted the National JACL Convention essay-oratorical contest committee.

The picture was part of the story, "Geographical Twins a World Apart," by David S. Boyer, National Geographic Magazine staff, and deals with an astonishing duplication of geography in Utah (from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake) and the Holy Land (from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea). Both bodies of water in Utah and the Holy Land are connected by a river named Jordan and about the same length: 60 miles long in Utah, 65 miles in the Holy Land. Both rivers serve to irrigate farms in the valley. And it was Rep. Dalip Saund, first Asian-born congressman in Washington, speaking at the National JACL Convention recognition banquet last summer at Salt Lake City, who referred to the moral lesson of the two bodies of water in the Holy Land. The Sea of Galilee, because it was giving of its fresh water, was full of life and nurtured the lands around it as

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'You've held us back long enough!'

PRESS COMMENTS:

Good Citizenship the Real Test

Bridgeton (N.J.) Evening News Editorial, Dec. 10, 1958

On the evening before the 17th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the Japanese American Citizens League of Seabrook presented 53 cherry trees to the City Park Commission in impressive exercises held in City Council chambers.

Many prominent public and civic leaders were on hand at the recognition program to join in praising the outstanding qualities of good citizenship displayed by Bridgeton's neighbors in the Seabrook area.

It was 17 years ago on a Sunday, when the nation and the world was stunned by the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Feelings ran high everywhere and the Japanese Americans were immediately placed in a desperate situation. Many of them were snatched from their little homes and farms in California and placed in mid-west internment camps.

Later, several hundred of them were permitted to reside in Seabrook—in a strange community—in the midst of a terrible war.

Under these dark circumstances, the Japanese Americans sought to live and support their families and to brave the hostility that was bound to be felt, if not openly expressed by the public.

But the great surge of brotherhood in Bridgeton triumphed over pettiness and narrow-mindedness. As time went along, these people of Japanese ancestry, made their presence felt by the excellent qualities of their behavior and exemplary citizenship.

Many Japanese Americans have departed from our area to return to their original homes and the heartaches of the past are now only a memory that time will efface.

Many others settled down in Cumberland County. They have accepted full responsibilities of good citizenship. Their children have been outstanding in education, athletics and good conduct.

It has been most amazing and wonderful to review the record of the Japanese Americans in relation to law enforcement. They are never involved in crimes or disorderly conduct. Rarely if ever have these Japanese Americans been involved in a police case of any kind. You do not hear of them having trouble with juvenile delinquents.

The gesture of friendship here on Saturday night was extremely

significant in view of the unhappy plight of the Japanese Americans when they first came into our local neighborhood. And it was in great contrast to the bleak days of the Second World War.

Saturday's recognition program symbolized a mutual regard that has developed and flowered throughout the years.

Here again was reflected in all of its blessedness, the key to mankind's difficult problem over minority groups—acceptance of life's responsibilities and freedom's privileges under the one huge banner of brotherhood.

The Japanese American Citizens League has shown on many occasions that it sets an outstanding example by holding to a wholesome and honest family life, to the precepts of law abidance and recognition of the precious gift of American freedom and opportunity.

We no longer call our Seabrook neighbors Japanese Americans. . . . We prefer to call them fellow neighbors, fine friends and excellent citizens.

How wonderful it would be if all problems involving minorities could be solved on such a peaceful and successful basis!

Minority leader

HONOLULU. — Sen. Wilfred Tsukiyama (R., Oahu) will be minority floor leader for the Republicans in the 1959 Senate when it convenes in early February.

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PC Letter Box

THANK YOU, SENATOR

Editor: I was very much impressed with both the size and quality of content in your special Holiday Issue of Pacific Citizen. Needless to say, I appreciate receiving all issues, but especially this one.

I have clipped Mike's Washington column for handy reference in the 86th Congress.

My best wishes.

WARREN G. MAGNUSON
U.S. Senator, Washington

PUBLICITY TIPS

Editor: I would appreciate any suggestion you have with regard to the writing of publicity notices.

JAMES MATSUMURA
CCDC Publicity

Tulare County JACL.

The above request was our cue to publish the memorandum we have been sending to the chapters each year about this time. The text is found in "Official Notices" on this page.—Editor.

West L.A. elects
Joe Noda president

Joe Noda, active West Los Angeles civic leader, was elected recently as president of the West Los Angeles JACL for the coming year. Serving on his cabinet are Hobi Fujiu, 1st v.p.; Dr. Sakae Kawata, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Tak Tanabe, rec. sec.; and Miss Haru Nakata, cor. sec. Mits Nishizawa was re-elected as treasurer.

Newly elected officers will be installed at the joint installation dinner-dance on Jan. 17 with the Venice-Culver chapter at the Santa Monica Elks Club, 21st at Wilshire Blvd. Music will be furnished by Aaron Gonzales' Orchestra. Four dollar per person dinner-dance tickets are being distributed by all cabinet members. Dave Akashi (GRanite 93350) is in charge of tickets or reservations.

Also to be installed is the PSWDC's first auxiliary group from WLA JACL. For 1959, the Auxiliary will be headed by Miss Ruth Miyada, assisted by Mrs. Shigeo Takeshita, Miss Yuri Tanaka, Mrs. Sueo Hirashima, Mrs. Sidney Nakanishi, and Mrs. Kenneth Yamamoto.

Noda has been with the local chapter for five years now and served as the Civic Affairs chairman for the chapter last year. He is also active with the Rancho Park Kiwanis and the WLA Business Association. He is chairman of the "Jobs for Juniors" project here. He is a printer by trade.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

The Nisei in Entertainment

Now that "Flower Drum Song" and "The World of Suzie Wong" have settled down to long Broadway runs, the emphasis on Oriental Americans in entertainment shifts again to Hollywood where at least three motion pictures with Asian themes are in prospect.

The importance of "Suzie," "Flower Drum Song" and such Hollywood films of the past year as "Sayonara," "Geisha Boy" and "Tokyo After Dark" has been to prove to stage and screen producers that there is a sufficiency of Nisei and other Oriental American talent to meet any story situation. In past years, stories with Asian backgrounds often were passed by as too difficult to cast.

"Teahouse of the August Moon" was the first play to depend on a large number of Oriental performers and its success emboldened Rodgers and Hammerstein (who also used Oriental talent in "The King and I") and Josh Logan to launch "Flower Drum Song" and "Suzie Wong," respectively. Logan, of course, was the director who made an actress out of a travel agency clerk, Miiko Taka, in "Sayonara" and gleaned from her an acceptable performance opposite Marlon Brando. Miss Taka, incidentally, is planning a second film, "Confessions of an Opium Eater," from Thomas De Quincey's literary classic, which will be made in the Orient by William Castle.

The three pictures which will require considerable numbers of Nisei and other Oriental Americans are Julian Blaustein's dramatization of Gwen Terasaki's "Bridge to the Sun" for MGM; Samuel Fuller's story of a Nisei policeman in Little Tokyo, "The White Kimono," and Columbia's epic about the Orient, "Time of the Dragons."

Of the three pictures, Blaustein's (he's the producer of "Cowboy," "Broken Arrow," "The Day the Earth Stood Still" and a dozen other films) probably is closest to production. This is the true story of a girl from a small town in Tennessee who marries a young Japanese diplomat and returns to Japan with him in time of war. Producer Blaustein is currently searching for a "young" Sessue Hayakawa for the male lead, probably the most important role for a Japanese actor since the heyday of Hayakawa.

The film is one of the most important on MGM's schedule and the role of Mrs. Terasaki will be taken by an actress of major stature. Deborah Kerr would be a good choice. It was reported that Mrs. Terasaki wanted Yul Brynner to portray her husband, a liberal Japanese who foresaw the war and did his utmost to prevent it, but Mr. Brynner will be occupied elsewhere. It's understood Blaustein wants an actor of Japanese descent, if possible, and may go to Japan for him if one is not available in Hollywood.

Producer Samuel Fuller, a Hollywood executive who is cognizant of the Nisei story (he was a GI in Europe), has had several projects in which he sought to include Nisei characters. He managed to do it in "The Steel Helmet," a Korean war story in which a 442nd veteran named Tanaka was a major character. Fuller also has a TV series in mind involving a Nisei GI in Japan.

Fuller is now a producer on the Columbia lot and one of the first pictures he has in mind is "The White Kimono," about a Nisei policeman in Los Angeles. The story will also include an interracial love affair.

There are several important Japanese roles in "Time of the Dragons," Alice Ekert-Rotholz' novel about a quarter-century in Asia. Among these are the parts of Akio Matsubara, a Japanese special agent, Yuriko, the girl who loves him, and Dr. Yoshida, a liberal who fights the warlords. There are also an assortment of Japanese militarists and members of the Kempeitai, the secret police, in the story which Columbia bought recently and which is being turned into a film scenario.

This knowledge that there is Oriental talent in Hollywood of professional caliber is well known by now to the TV networks which have used players of Asian descent in important roles. Michi Kobi, for example, has starred in several TV dramas, while Teru Shimada has also had important roles, twice opposite Loretta Young, and in the lead role of a Dupont Cavalcade segment. Only recently Sessue Hayakawa was the brave samurai who fought the Indians in a "Wagon Train" hour, and Bob Kino played his companion.

Sam Fuller's TV series about the Nisei GI in Japan hasn't been sold as yet, but three Japanese Americans are now making two other pilot films which, if successful, will be on network TV next season.

This past week Kino was cast in "Moon Probe," a new series which Ziv-TV hopes to sell on the strength of the current interest in space.

Nobu McCarthy, Jerry Lewis' girl friend in "Geisha Boy," and George Shibata, the Nisei officer of the forthcoming Gregory Peck movie, "Pork Chop Hill," are written into important roles in a hard-bitten private-eye type of drama, "The Man on the Beach," which CBS-TV is making. Mrs. McCarthy, a war bride herself, plays one in the picture while Shibata has the role of the Nisei war veteran who is the best friend of the hero.

The recent rash of Oriental-themed plays and movies has had the salutary effect of establishing Oriental Americans among the professionals in American entertainment. The result probably will mean more and better roles for performers of Oriental ancestry.

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Proposed yen exchange rate protested—

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sented the claimant point of view.

Early last year, Examiner Carr issued his recommendations which provided for repayment at the prewar exchange rate of 23.4 cents per yen. This past autumn, the Director of the Office of Alien Property reversed the Hearing Examiner and proposed the current, postwar exchange rate of ¥361.55 per dollar. The Attorney General, by refusing to review the decision of the Office of Alien Property, confirmed the postwar exchange rate.

Thereafter, the Office of Alien Property, by registered mail, informed all eligible debt claimants of the Sumitomo Bank that their claims would be allowed and paid at the postwar rate, provided that the original certificates of deposit or an affidavit as to their loss or destruction were filed within a specified period with the Office of Alien Property.

Carolyn Summary of Situation

Attorney Carolyn advised the Washington JACL Office that "only a small percentage of the eligible claimants saw fit to file with the Office of Alien Property their original yen certificates of deposit or proof of the loss or destruction thereof. The fact that out of approximately 9,000 claims filed originally against the Sumitomo Bank, Ltd., only 1,144 claims have been allowed at the current rate of exchange may be due to several factors.

"Some of the claimants because of the long time elapsed since the filing of their claims may have become discouraged and abandoned their claims, or turned in their certificates of deposit to the bank for new certificates. Others may have accepted the decision of the Director of the Office of Alien Property that because they were interned or paroled they were ineligible. Others may have felt that the amount of dollars offered by the Office of Alien Property, \$2.17 per ¥1,000 was too small to warrant the expense of sending their original yen certificates of deposit to the Office of Alien Property. Many may not have understood that an appeal could be taken to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to have the Director's decision with respect to the rate of exchange set aside.

"I am inclined to believe that this last reason probably accounted for the failure of the vast majority to qualify as eligible claimants and have their names included in the final schedule issued October 24, 1958.

"When the Office of Alien Property notified the claimants whom we represent that they must file their original certificates of deposit or proof of loss thereof within a stated time in order to qualify as eligible debt claimants, we immediately in a letter directed to our claimants informed them of the Hearings Examiner's recommended decision allowing the claims at the prewar exchange and urged our claimants to file their original yen certificates of deposit or proof of loss thereof so that we could at the proper time file a complaint in the Dis-

trict Court seeking to have the Director's decision reversed and the Hearing Examiner's decision reinstated.

"Inasmuch as a much higher proportion of our claimants did file their original yen certificates with the Office of Alien Property than did those claimants who were not represented by us, we are of the opinion that many of the claimants not represented by us did not understand that the offer of the Director of Alien Property to pay at the current rate or exchange was reviewable by the courts. Under these circumstances, one can readily understand the reluctance of so many claimants to surrender their original yen certificates for the mere pittance offered.

"Available to pay the eligible claimants as named in the final schedule with respect to the Sumitomo Bank is the sum of approximately \$1,050,000. This sum would not be sufficient to pay in full at the prewar exchange rate all of the Priority (4) debt claimants listed under the title of 'bank deposits'. It is estimated, however, that it would be sufficient to pay approximately 55 cents on the dollar, assuming that there are no other changes in the final determination as to who are eligible debt claimants.

Yokohama Bank Comments

"The situation with respect to the claims filed against the Yokohama Specie Bank is quite different. The Office of Alien Property will have available to pay these claimants an amount estimated at about \$14,000,000. Consequently, Yokohama Specie Bank claimants can look forward to payment in full plus interest from the date of deposit to the time of payment if the courts ultimately hold that claims are payable at the prewar rate of exchange.

"Under Section 34(f) of the Trading with the Enemy Act as amended, we believe that we cannot at this time raise with the District Court the question as to the value of the Yokohama Specie Bank claims. It appears that we cannot ask the Court to make a decision in this regard until after the Office of Alien Property has prepared and mailed a schedule of the eligibility of debt claimants in the matter of this particular bank. It is true that at the time of the hearings before Examiner Carr there was a stipulation that the decision with respect to the rate of exchange should apply to all claimants represented by us whether against the Sumitomo or the Yokohama Specie Bank. The more than a thousand pages of testimony taken in connection with said hearings relates to claims against both banks. The fact situations as to both banks were quite similar.

"While we believe that a Court decision allowing yen certificates of deposit claims against the Sumitomo Bank at the prewar rate of exchange would be controlling also against the Yokohama Specie Bank, such court decision cannot be expected within a year or two.

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TOKYO. — An encyclopedic manual on things Japanese in English, titled "Japan—Its Land, People and Culture" has been published by the Japanese Government Printing Bureau.

The book is the fruit of a five year compilation plan initiated by the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO in 1953. Heretofore, conditions of Japan have been introduced abroad in piecemeal fashion.

This compilation aims to show Japan as it is today—wholly, systematically, historically, in order to achieve a correct understanding of Japan, in fostering international understanding and co-operation to contribute toward world peace.

To help realize such purpose, efforts have been made to note the origin and developments to date of the land, people and language. In this 1,300-page book, Japan's traditional arts, literature, music, dance and play are presented with special account of their origins and quintessential explanations so that understanding and appreciation of them may be reached.

Customs and manners indigenous to Japan are treated in detail from the point of view of folklore to deepen the interest of foreigners in Japanese lore.

In addition, the development of Japan's government, economy, science, education and industry is given proportionate emphasis.

Ex-Hollywood Nisei heads Chicago P.R. agency

WILMETTE, Ill. — Henry T. Ushijima, vice-president of John Colburn Associates film studio here, has been elected president of Chicago Unlimited, an organization promoting business in the Chicago area in radio, television, recordings, films and allied branches of the industry.

Formerly of Hollywood, He has been associated with Colburn films for the past 10 years as director of production services and as executive producer on contract productions.

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The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

WHAT'S OUR LINE?

A Prospectus of JACL, Inc.

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well as the banks of the River Jordan; while the Dead Sea, because it only received, was void of life, too salty to be of use. . . . Moral of Saund's story: 'tis better to give than to receive. . . . We now wonder if the globe-girdling congressman was aware of the fact that he could have told the same story—using the geography then surrounding him. Of course, he was speaking to people who came from all parts of the United States and who know Holy Land geography a bit better.

About the Dead Sea and the Great Salt Lake, both are equally salty, giving swimmers the sensation of wearing life jackets. Both bodies of water are six times saltier than the ocean, supporting the swimmers' head, shoulders and feet above the surface. . . . Only differences are the size and altitude: the Great Salt Lake is about three times larger and three times higher in elevation.

Both areas around the briny lakes yield riches in copper. We know about the Bingham Canyon copper mine—and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, immediate past national president, received a copper gravel from the convention as a memento for his tenure of office—but Boyer's article recalled the Old Testament story of King Solomon's mines, which re fortified Jerusalem and built the city's magnificent Temple. Ruins of King Solomon's smelters, lost for nearly 3,000 years, were found in 1937 and today modern Israel is mining copper nearby.

Boyer, who grew up in Utah, was reminded of home when he dipped into a warm, comparatively fresh water spring by the Dead Sea. There are warm springs at Great Salt Lake, which serve as recreational meccas. . . . To extend the comparison, both salt lakes yield valuable potash for fertilizer. The dazzling white salts spread across evaporation ponds are processed for potash and there are only two places in the world that produce potash with this method: the Great Salt Lake and the Dead Sea. Boyer reports there's enough potash in the Dead Sea to supply the world, at the present rate, for 250 years; thus, the Dead Sea is fast becoming one of Israel's main assets.

The comparison even involves the caves, which face the Dead Sea and the Great Salt Lake. Elmermoto, as we stated in the opening paragraph, found ancient relics. The Dead Sea caves unlocked the secrets of the Essenes, a pre-Christian Jewish sect whose copies (the famous Dead Sea Scrolls) of Old Testament books are the earliest known in Hebrew. . . . And both areas are also undergoing reforestation programs to prevent erosion.

IN THE SAME magazine, September 1958 issue, is a full-page color picture of another JACLer, Lucille Kubota of Chicago—though not stated in the caption. The Wyoming-born Nisei (and we featured them in the 1958 Holiday Issue) is seen checking anesthetized rats at Argonne National Laboratory ride a toy train to get a dose of electron rays—one of many pictures illustrating "You and the Obedient Atom", an overall story of the peaceful program being studied by the Atomic Energy Commission.

We couldn't help but notice the electric toy train—a brown locomotive pulling a line of flat cars with legs of the white mice taped to them. Little did Lucille realize while studying biology at the Univ. of Wyoming she wouldn't escape from railroading. Her dad was one of the Wyoming Issei pioneers who worked many years with the Union Pacific. . . . But why did she switch? The toy train is a Pennsylvania.

— HARRY HONDA

Dr. Morioka voted St. Louis president

BY FLORENCE HIRAMOTO

ST. LOUIS. — The 1958 term for Kiichi Hiramoto's cabinet members came to an end with the installation of the 1959 officers at the Roncaro's Restaurant last month before 60 members.

Emcee Dick Henmi, with spice and humor there and there, introduced Dr. Al Morioka, the new president, and his assistants: Dr. Henry Ema, v.p.; George Shimamoto, treas.; Jasmine Kawashima, sec. sec.; Jean Mitori, cor. sec.; George Hasegawa, del.; Henry Mizuki, pub. rel.; Roger Miyasaka, hist.; Dan Sakahara and Kiichi Hiramoto, adv. Joseph Tanaka administered the oath of office.

Myron Schwartz, executive director of Jewish Community Relations Council, spoke on JACL's position in the community, its problems—past, present and future, and what it should and could do as an organization representing a minority group.

George Eto opened the evening formalities with invocation.

Jasmine Kawashima and Arlene Sueoka were in charge of the dancing that followed the dinner. Dan Sakahara, 1957 president, was evening chairman. Mrs. Pauline Sakahara's striking table decorations with individual favors added much to the setting.

Pasadenans re-elect Dr. Yamaguchi pres.

PASADENA. — Dr. Ken Yamaguchi was re-elected to serve a second term as president of the Pasadena JACL chapter. He and the new cabinet were unanimously elected during the Christmas pot luck dinner.

Joining the genial optometrist for 1959 are Mrs. Aki Abe as 1st v.p. in charge of membership, Tets Iwasaki (one time EDC chairman) as 2nd v.p. in charge of program, Mary Yusa as 3rd v.p. and social chairman, Butch Tamura as treasurer.

To work on the ever-increasing needs of the youth, Harry Osaki, recent honoree at the 15th Biennial Convention, will serve as youth program chairman.

Other officers are Kimi Fukutaki, rec. sec.; Toki Yamagishi, cor. sec.; Flo Wada, pub.; Alice Ochiai, hist.; James Wakiji, auditor; Al Takata, 1000 Club; Ronald Ueda, sgt.-at-arms; K. Watanabe, George Okada, Andrew Tsuchiya, Issei reps.; Shig Takayama, Frances Hiraoka, Mack Yamaguchi, Yukio Ogawa, Joe Kuramoto, Eiko Matsui, Ted Tajima, membs-at-lrg.; and past presidents Tom Ito, Ken Dyo and Harris Ozawa, adv. bd.

The Pasadena officers will be installed at the annual Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council inaugural ball Jan. 31 at the Old Dixie, 43rd and Western Ave.

Century Golf leader

SAN FRANCISCO. — Sats Hirano was elected 1959 president of the Century Golf Club here, succeeding Dr. Wilfred Hiura.

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FOWLER JACL OUTLINES EVENTS FOR 1959; MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ON

FOWLER. — Nine meetings and projects for 1959 have been announced by Fowler JACL, which is devoting this month to its membership campaign and assisting Issei file their annual address reports.

Scheduled in the succeeding months are benefit movie for community funds (Feb.), community picnic (Mar.), JACL quota campaign (Apr.), barbecue (May), softball games and track meet (June), election of officers (Oct.), C C D C convention (Nov.) and Christmas program. No programs are being planned for July-September because of the fruit harvest season. Dinner meetings with guest speakers are also to be announced.

The chapter hosted 75 youngsters at its seventh annual community Christmas party. Kay Taniguchi was cast as Santa Claus. Tom Mayebo, chairman, was assisted by:

Tom Shirakawa, film and movie projector; Mrs. Betty Mayebo, Mrs. Fumi Shirakawa, and Mrs. Rose Nakamura, Tom Kamikawa, refreshments; Thomas Toyama, hall and pub. add. system; Tom Nakamura, packag-

East Los Angeles JACL sponsors bridge class

East Los Angeles Japanese American Citizen's League is sponsoring a bridge class at International Institute, on Wednesdays from 8 p.m., with Hisashi Horita as instructor. The 12-week series began this week.

Idaho Fall JACLers greet '58 at festive affair

IDAHO FALLS. — The New Year was ushered in with pomp and merriment by friends and members of the Idaho Falls JACL at the JACL Hall on Dec. 31. Dancing, noisemakers, confetti, and delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all. Chairmen for the event were Yukio Inouye, Mas Honda, Mrs. Deto Harada, and Sach Mikami.

Next on the Idaho Falls JACL social calendar will be the big annual Winter Carnival to be held on Saturday, Jan. 17 in the local Armory.



1000 CLUB Notes

SAN FRANCISCO. — Only 14 new and renewal 1000 Club memberships were received during the last half of December for a monthly total of 36, National JACL Headquarters announced last week. Current membership is 1,251.

It was also revealed that during 1958, 1,214 memberships were received as compared with 1,146 for 1957.

Acknowledged between Dec. 15-31 were the following:

SEVENTH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Henry H. Murayama.

FIFTH YEAR
Mile-Hi—J. Zensuke Kanegaye.
Arizona—Min Takiguchi.
Seattle—Minoru Yamaguchi.
Puyallup Valley—Daiichi Yoshioka.

FOURTH YEAR
Sanger—George Y. Nishimura.
Marysville—John K. Sasaki.

THIRD YEAR
Gardena Valley—Y. B. Mamiya.
San Jose—Phil Matsumura.
Portland—Dr. Robert H. Shiomi.
Detroit—Minoru Yamasaki.

SECOND YEAR
Mile-Hi—Dr. H. E. Hayano, Kakuza Mizoue.

FIRST YEAR
Mile-Hi—Robert M. Horiuchi.
DECEASED MEMBER
Mid-Columbia—Harold Y. Okimoto (d. Nov. 30).

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

KITAYAMA RUNNING FOR NEW CITY COUNCIL SEAT

SAN FRANCISCO.—Tom Kitayama, 35, carnation grower of Alvarado, some 20 miles of Oakland, is a candidate for one of five seats in the new city council of Union City.

A special incorporation election is set for Tuesday, Jan. 13, by residents of Alvarado and Decoto, an adjoining city.

Kitayama, born in Seattle, is a graduate of Washington State.

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By the Board

By Frank F. Chuman, JACL National Legal Counsel

The New Year of 1959 dawns upon the JACL organization also. The keystone, both on the local and state levels as well as the national level, seems to be legislative activities. In California with a new Democratic House and Senate, the passage of a state Fair Employment Practices Law seems possible for the first time. In the State of Washington, the repeal of the Alien Land Law, patterned after the pernicious and now invalidated California Alien Land Law, is under way. In the National Capitol, statehood for Hawaii is again being vigorously urged. The move to repeal or amend filibusters by an amendment to Senate Rule 22 is gathering momentum and support.

The full forces of all the members and chapters of the JACL are now being mobilized. Committee meetings are being held. Problems of strategy and timing are being studied. Educational leaflets are being distributed. Community organizations are being contacted for their interest and support. Political officeholders on the state and national levels are being contacted individually or in a delegation of JACL members. Funds are being raised to finance the campaigns. Days and nights are being spent by hundreds of people to effect a change in existing laws or to create new laws or to repeal discriminatory laws.

Over all these activities there pervades on the part of the JACL members and chapters a quiet confidence, coupled with earnest endeavors, that through the democratic processes of legislative changes, old wrongs can be rectified and new laws passed. The sole purpose of these legislative activities by the JACL members and chapters is pointed toward the fundamental principle that an individual, no matter his race, color, creed or national origin, be recognized on his individual merit; that an old alien land law, rooted in racial discrimination against the Japanese, can be erased; that the great Territory of Hawaii with its loyal residents be recognized as a sister state; and to nullify a stultifying law so that the will of the majority of our elected representatives in the Halls of Congress can be heard on the national program of civil rights.



Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

Supermarkets Closed Since Jan. 1

Local 770, Retail Clerks Union, of which Arthur S. Takei is a member on the 19-man executive board, is currently negotiating a new contract with Southland market operators. So far (as of this writing Monday) both sides are at odds over wage differences among other lesser demands by the union. There has been a lockout since Jan. 1 against some 16,000 retail clerks of which nearly 2,000 are persons of Japanese descent.

One of the strong demands made by the union, as Takei explains it, is the civil rights clause, guaranteeing employment regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

We asked Takei: Is there discrimination against Japanese American workers in the markets? Takei said there definitely was.

Nisei workers are limited to the produce section in many markets. Their years at one market mean very little toward their promotion, unless, of course, they are hired by another Japanese.

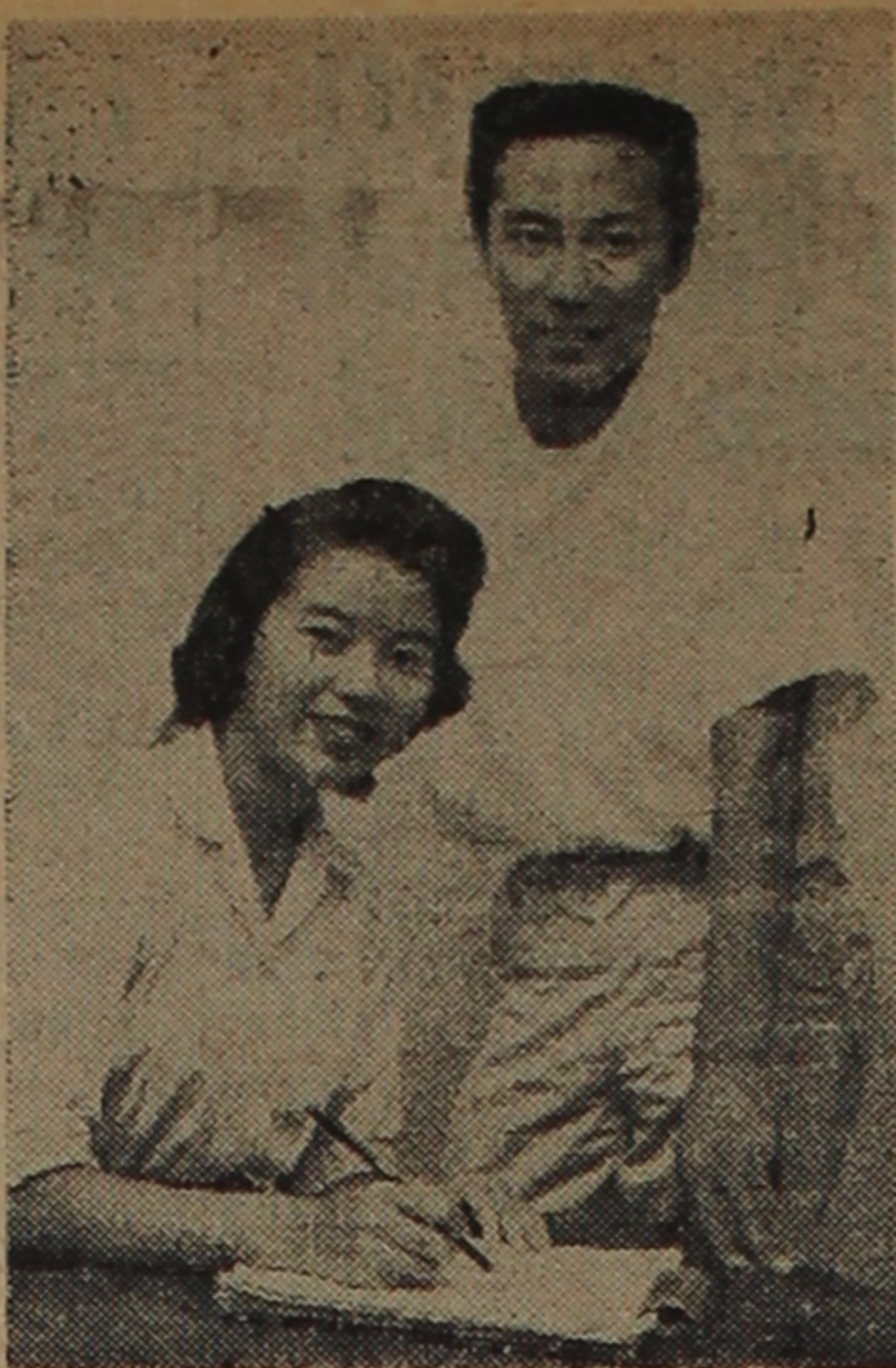
The market operators discourage employment of Negroes and other minority group workers unless the patrons of their stores are dominantly of that extraction. In short, you would hardly find a Nisei butcher at a supermarket where most customers are white. But a Nisei may be found in the washroom of the produce section, as Art put it.

Surprisingly the anti-racial clause guaranteeing equal rights to all employees based on ability is not meeting strong resistance from the market operators. "They seem to understand the situation well," Takei said. The Nisei worker, with seniority, is yet to be blessed with promotion at this time.

Takei has said that the union will "not step down on this non-discriminatory policy demanded by Local 770."

Before the war, a majority of Nisei graduates from high schools and colleges received their first jobs at the markets. Those who had exceptional ability and who were lucky enough to sidestep racial prejudice were able to find better work in other fields. Market pay then usually ranged between \$15 and \$20, working six days a week, 14 hours a day. And women cashiers made \$12.50 a week. But the market pay-scale today is entirely different. An experienced clerk makes \$2.30 an hour, plus overtime after 40 hours. He gets insurance benefits, medical care and paid vacations. One can judge how

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Preparing for the 1959 Hi-Co Conference at Forest Homes in San Bernardino Mountains, Apr. 3-5, are Judy Sakimoto of Long Beach, committee member, and Frank Kawase of Los Angeles, general chairman.

FIF salesman named to President's Club again

DENVER. — Matao Uwate of Los Angeles has qualified for the FIF President's Club for 1958, it was announced this week by FIF Associates, Inc., distributing organization of over a thousand sales representatives for Financial Industrial Fund, a \$118-million mutual investment trust company.

To qualify for FIF's President's Club, a representative must have assisted FIF investors to initiate at least a \$300,000 business volume or a \$125,000 in fully paid FIF business during a calendar year.

Uwate, who has been with FIF Associates since June 1957, is a second-consecutive-year qualifier for the leading producer organization. In addition to his business, Uwate was general manager for the Nisei Week Festival, produced and directed the 4th Annual Festival of Japanese Music and Dance.

Downtown L.A. JACler

He is a member of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and the Downtown Los Angeles JACL of which he is a cabinet member.

A native of Seattle, Uwate studied at Otterbein College of Westerville, Ohio, and at Ohio State University, Columbus. He and Mrs. Uwate are the parents of a daughter, Vivian Haruko, 9, and two sons, Roger Ken, 8, and Walt Jun, 6 years old.

1959 Hi-Co conference to aid high school youth pick career set for April 3-5

Two committee meetings have already been held to insure the success of the 1959 Hi-Co Conference, which will be held at Forest Homes conference grounds in the San Bernardino Mountains April 3-5, it was recently disclosed.

Frank Kawase, general chairman, called the first meeting at the International Institute in August, at which time some general facts were given and committee chairman appointed.

The purpose of the conference, as it was this past year, will be to provide Japanese American high school students an opportunity to decide more definitely on what to do upon graduation.

To fulfill this goal, the conference will have on hand student leaders from colleges and universities, various professionals in different fields, and college administrators to provide first-hand information. All this and fun will be at the conference for a cost within the limitation of a high school student's budget.

Committee chairmen are a sfollows: May Shinomiya of Brea, secretary; Lloyd Nakatani of Torrance, publicity and public relations; June Nawakatase of Torrance, program; Carol Oishi of L.A., registration.

All from Los Angeles, Stan Furuta, finance and budget; Roy Fu-

jimoto, transportation; Angela Kuroiwa, brochures; and Margaret Ohara, evaluation.

In addition to the committee chairmen, three past chairmen, Bert Yamasaki, Hollywood; Bill Marumoto, Santa Ana; and Grace Okuno, L.A.; will act as advisors to the various committees. A long list of teeners from L.A., Orange County, and the Harbor area will be helping on the committees.

The chairmen have a tentative report on their committees at the second meeting which was held in Long Beach recently.

Kawase said that much more help was needed to do the job and asked anyone interested in helping should contact Nakatani at TE 5-2269.

CALIF. FEPC LEGISLATION WITH 'TEETH' INTRODUCED

SACRAMENTO.—The first bill designed to get Gov. Brown's proposed 14-point legislative program underway, a bill which would create a Fair Employment Practices Commission with enforcement powers, was introduced in the State Assembly this week.

The measure, supported by JACL, is understood to be identical with the FEPC bill introduced in the 1957 session, which passed in the Assembly but was killed in a

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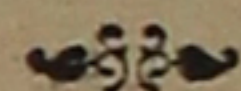
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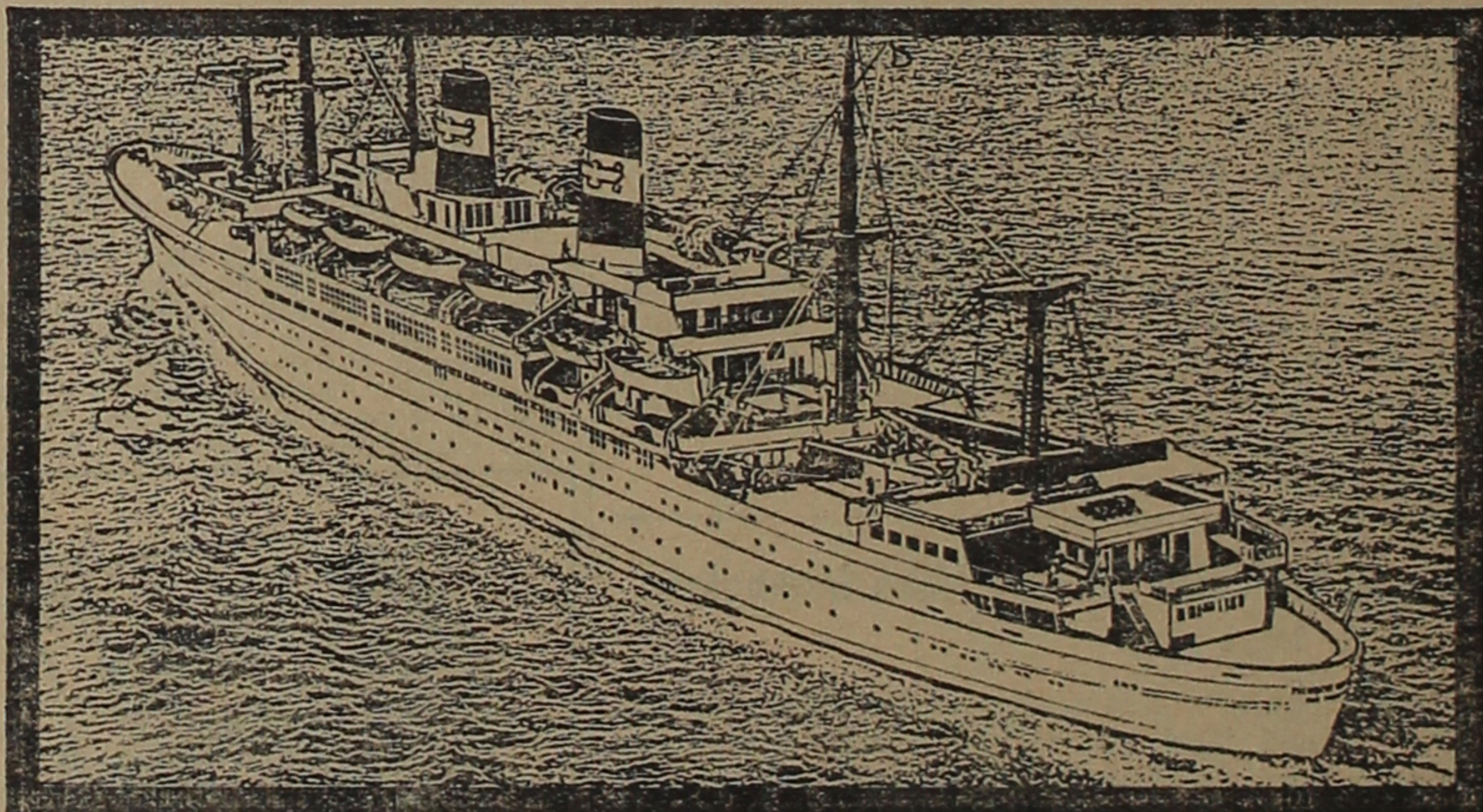
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A Loose Nine-Pin Robs Onishi of '300' . . .

Sus Onishi of Lodi knows how it feels to come close—oh, so close—to a perfect bowling game of 300. Rolling with five friends in a pot game at the Pacific Avenue lanes last week (Jan. 2), Onishi rolled 11 straight strikes. His 12th ball was a light "Brooklyn" hit that wiggled the nine pin, but left it standing for a 299.

Auto mechanic Onishi thus rolled the highest game in Stockton since Bob Matanovic rolled the 300 two seasons ago. Al Chan earlier this season got a 296 after 11 straight strikes to hold high game for the season.

The 29-year-old Onishi is competing in two Nisei leagues in Lodi and at the Pacific Lanes this season, his fourth in competition. Last season he rolled a 178 average in the Nisei league in Stockton and this year is hitting about 175.

If the chapter publicity chairman or historian is not asked how he felt before starting his last ball, Onishi said: "I felt a little shaky, but thought I had a chance for the 300. Maybe I'll get another chance some time." He feels his performance is improving this year, thanks to two factors. He is using one of the new Swedish-made balls and gives fitter Jack Good credit with helping him to his big game. Onishi also says: "I used to throw a pretty fast ball, but this year I've slowed it down a little."

One Contest Tommy Kono Has Yet to Win . . .

Tommy Kono, 1958 JACL Nisei of the Biennium honoree, two-time Olympic weightlifting champion of Sacramento and Honolulu, was third in the 1958 balloting for the James E. Sullivan Memorial Award. He was also ranked in the 1956-57 voting. The award, named in honor of the founder of the Amateur Athletic Union, is given annually to the "amateur athlete who, by performance, example, and good influence did the most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship during the year". Voting is done by a nationwide tribunal and points reckoned on a 5-3-1 count of first, second and third place votes . . . This year's tally was the closest in its 29-year-history with 440 runner and 440 hurdler Glenn Davis of Ohio State winning the award over world decathlon star Rafer Johnson of UCLA—1,868 to 1,793 points. The Nisei weight luminary polled 692 points . . . Dr. Sammy Lee, now of Anaheim, 1948-52 Olympic diving champion, was the 1953 Sullivan Award winner, only person of Asian ancestry to be named.

First Citizen of Sports . . .

Royal Brougham, Post-Intelligencer sports editor who was honored last year by National JACL at the 1958 bowling tournament awards dinner for his lead in eliminating the "white only" membership clause in ABC, was named Seattle's "First Citizen of Sports" last week . . . A man who has spent 50 years in the newspaper game and all in the same department (sports) for the same paper, Brougham was caught by surprise as he was emceeing the annual Man of the Year banquet, which he originated 24 years ago. In his popular column consisting of comments and chit-chat is his "pome" department. His Dec. 16 offering: His hits would clear the outfield wall, his batting fame would linger long, if only the kid could slug the ball like Pat Suzuki can belt a song . . .

LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori

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the pool of 2,000 Japanese American market workers affects the welfare of the community, Takei added.

And should the non-discriminatory hiring clause be adopted, as Takei believes it would, there will be more opportunities for advancement by the Nisei and other minority workers. Managerial responsibilities will go to more non-white employees. It will be quite possible to soon see Nisei clerks working behind meat counters, the liquor section as well as in other departments of the food center.

One of the sidelights, in the matter of timing on the future five-year contract is that the lockout took place as of Jan. 1.

For scores of independent grocery stores operated by persons of Japanese ancestry in Li'l Tokio, Boyle Heights and Southwest L.A., it hasn't helped them too much in getting their share of increasing neighborhood trade. It is traditional that they observe new year's weekend Japanese style. They were closed the first four days.

And that's just what happened.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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sisterhood. Though the loyalty of especially its Japanese population was proved in World War II and in Korea, there are those who allege that the affinity of those of Oriental lineage to the lands of their ancestries presents a cultural gap that cannot be assimilated into the American pattern.

At a time when our country needs so vitally to know the peoples and the problems of the Far East in our struggle for survival against the threat of both Chinese and Soviet communism, the very Asian population of Hawaii—which has proved its ability to assimilate American culture while retaining the best of the Orient—should be a potent argument for—and not against—Statehood.

May the New Year and the new session bring about the redemption of a pledge made by our country more than half a century ago—that the Hawaiian Islands, crossroads of the Pacific, will be admitted as a full-fledged State into the Federal Union that she may better contribute to America's greatness as a nation, as a way of life, and as a culture.

Boise Valley JACL holds 10th annual handicap kegfest

NAMPA. — The three-day 10th annual Boise Valley JACL invitational handicap bowling tournament was held here during the Christmas weekend with Loran's Jewelry of Caldwell copping the handicap team title with 2992 pins. On the winning squad were Ben Kawano, Tak Oyama, Roy Watson, Yoshie Ogawa and Tak Ninomiya.

Caldwell Bowl won the scratch team honors with 2783. On the team were Bob Ishibashi, Harry Hamada, Harry Kaneshige, Harry Kawahara and Roy Kubosumi.

The tournament was concluded with an awards dance at the Legion Chateau with Ken Bart's orchestra. Bill Nishioka, chairman, distributed the prizes and trophies during dance intermission. The complete summaries:

(Includes Handicap)
Team—1. Loran's Jewelry 2992; 2. Idaho Sporting Goods 2980. Scratch—Caldwell Bowl 2783.
6-Game Sweepers—1. Tom Hironaka 1272; 2. Sonny Takami 1265; Sam Tominaga 1217; 4. Frank Mihara 1211. Scratch—Sam Tominaga 1169.
Doubles—1. Lee Sells-Harvey Bergstrom 1267; 2. Harry Kaneshige-Harry Hamada 1246; 3. Doc Kotas-Tom Hironaka 1245. Scratch—George Hironaka-Min Nakamura 1165.
Singles—1. Vern Vinan 693; 2. Heter Harada 663; 3. Joe Koyama 660. Scratch—Not reported.
All-Events — Jack Pressley 1872; scotch—Tak Yamaguchi 1796.

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L.A. SANSEI STEERS OWN '18' TO NATIONAL QUARTER-MIDGET TITLE

PHOENIX.—Eleven-year-old John Kuramoto, son of the Jack Kuramotos of Los Angeles, copped the 35-lap national quarter midget championship here Dec. 28 and established a record time of 6.9s. for the one lap (.05 mile) while qualifying.

The young speedster started from pole position and was never outsped though challenged by defending champion Dean Lowe. In the semi-main, Dick Takimoto of Pacoima, Calif., led all the way till the final turn when he was bumped and nosed out for second place.

Joan Otomo of Selma scored a sixth in the semis and a fifth in the Powder Puff derby.

In winning the main, Kuramoto

Keg team scores 2996

ONTARIO, Ore.—Eastside Lounge in the Nisei Commercial League two weeks ago posted a 994 994-1008 to establish a new scratch record of 2996. Pacing were Sho Uchida 644, George Hironaka 633 and Sandy Mio 623.

Hole in One

SAN FRANCISCO. — Hirofumi Minami, playing his first game of the year at the old Alameda municipal course, hit a hole-in-one on the 9th hole using a No. 7 iron on the 135-yard hole.

is first Japanese American to gain a national quarter-midget title. He started racing in Southern California last March and has won over 50 trophies with his sleek black job numbered 18.

Athlete of Year

TOKYO. — Koji Sone, who won the world's judo championship in Tokyo Nov. 30, was selected as Japan's amateur athlete of the year.

D'town L.A. 1000er heads new life insurance agency

SACRAMENTO. — Harry M. Fujita, former assistant manager of the Pasadena Agency of California-Western States Life Insurance Co., has been named manager of that company's new Wilshire Agency, 730 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles.

CWSL President Robert E. Murphy, in announcing Fujita's new position, said, "We in Sacramento have long felt that Harry Fujita has the ability and determination to make an outstanding Cal-Western Life agency manager. He, while an assistant manager, was able not only to qualify for the Million Dollar Round Table, but to inspire and work closely with some of the Company's most successful agents, agents who, before Harry trained them, knew nothing about selling, and very little about the wonderful institution of life insurance."

Fujita, then Downtown L.A. JACL president and still an active 1000er, joined Cal-Western as an agent under Bob Buck in the Pasadena agency in 1951 and made an outstanding record in selling from the start. He has consistently qualified for his Company's leading producers club and has also qualified for the National Quality Award of the National Association of Life Underwriters for the last seven consecutive years. The Japanese-American unit of the Pasadena Agency which he managed since its establishment in early 1955 has become one of the top sub-agency offices among the Company's 40 agencies throughout the Western states and Hawaii.

Members of that unit, who will now be members of the newly organized Wilshire Agency are, Bill Yamashiro, Tats Kushida, Norman Kubota, James S. Kirita, Tomizo Joe, Mac M. Hori, and Harry Akune.

SEEK ELIMINATION OF NUPTIAL RACIAL TAG

SACRAMENTO.—Among the first bills up for consideration in the new state legislature is eliminating requirement that marriage license applications carry racial designations. It was introduced by Assemblyman Edward Elliott, (D., 40th Dist.) Los Angeles.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

Anzai Hideji (Lillian E. Yamashita)—girl Charlene Chidori, Oct. 24.
Arita, Michiwo (Fusae Nakagawa)—girl Janice Michiko, Oct. 28.
Awakuni, Masao (Teruko Kiyon)—girl Karri Aiko, Sept. 21.
Gibo, Seishio (Nobuko Nakama)—boy Gary Seigi, Oct. 22.
Halushka, Steven (Sadako Okamoto)—boy Earl J., Oct. 24.
Hamamoto, Joe (Joan K. Kakazu)—boy John Kazuo, Oct. 20.
Hayashi, Harry S. (Betty K. Hayakawa)—girl Harriet Misako, Oct. 26.
Hiroshima, Kenneth I. (Mieko Yokota)—boy Kenneth I., Oct. 26, Buena Park.
Honda, Susumu (Irene Noda)—boy Steven T., Oct. 24, Gardena.
Imai, Alan T. (Peggy T. Kusakabe)—girl Alana Akemi, Sept. 13.
Kagawa, Henry H. (Nancy Yasui)—girl Julie Akemi, Oct. 26.
Kajimoto, Shiochi (Fumie Maruko)—boy Robert Hideo, Oct. 19.
Kawai, Yoshio (Fumiko Okumura)—girl Christine Ruriko, Sept. 14.
Keimi, Albert T. (Emiko Harada)—girl Patricia Kiyomi, Oct. 24.
Kimura, Isao (Hannah K. Yamamoto)—girl Helen Fumiko, Oct. 26.
Mayemura, Kazuo (Kayoko Sugita)—boy Steven Kenji, Oct. 23, Glendora.
Miyata, Hideo (Masako Tomita)—girl Cynthia H., Oct. 20.
Naruke, Donald T. (Anne R. Hasuiki)—boy Ron M., Oct. 28, Compton.
Nishioka, Norman S. (Shirley Matoba)—boy Michael T., Oct. 26.
Nogawa, Richard M. (Hiroko Okamoto)—boy Mark R., Oct. 23.
Ogino, Tatsuo (Michiko Higashiyama)—girl Nancy Reiko, Oct. 27, Wilmington.
Pressman, Francis M. (Mieko Uejo)—boy David, Oct. 21.
Sawasaki, Roy S. (Yoshiko Osada)—girl Linda Marie, Oct. 20.
Shinfuku, Shigeru (Atsuko Takaki)—boy Yuji Perry, Oct. 21.
Shono, Tatsuo (Yoko Hatashita)—boy Ted Tomo, Oct. 29.
Suzuki, Fred M. (Michiko Otoide)—boy Douglas Masumi, Oct. 25.
Tanigawa, Richard H. (Natsuko Yamaguchi)—boy Dale Yukio, Sept. 19.
Torabayashi, Toshio (Tatsumi Takahashi)—girl Diane Midori, Sept. 19.
Yamada, Warren K. (KatKsuko Tamura)—boy Steven Koji, Sept. 13.

ENGAGED

Chikasawa-Kado—Gladys and Louis, both Venice.
Fujimura-Nomura—Mary A. to Maynard K., both Seattle.
Hirai-Isoye—Mary C. to Yukio, both San Francisco.
Honda-Ohno—Reiko to Tom, both Minneapolis.
Morishige-Marumoto—Jean M., Lihue, Kauai, to William, Santa Ana.
Okazaki-Sasaki—Mae to Henry, both Portland.
Wakasa-Ogata—Susie to Gerald, Jr., both Parlier.

WEDDING

Arakawa-Kurima—Nov. 2, Paul, San Diego; Frances, Monee, Ill.
Fukumitsu-Fukui—Robert, Yuba City; Fumi, Wheatland.
Hashimoto-Yamamoto—Nov. 29, Melvin and Betty A., both Los Angeles.
Hatahata-Haga—Nov. 9, Sawaji and Kiyomi, both Visalia.
Hiro-Hara—Oct. 4, Paul, San Francisco; Atsuko, Los Angeles, at Reno.
Kamei-Nakatani—Sept. 27, Joe K., Garden Grove; Eleanor, Torrance.
Kano-Tanabe—Nov. 9, Yoshio, Seattle; Miyeko, Denver.
Kawamura-Murano—Osamu, Acampo; Yuriko, Stockton.
Kawamura-Nakayama—Nov. 16, Shiro and Nellie, both Walnut Grove.
Kitagawa-Kajiya—Nov. 30, John S. and Rose, both Los Angeles.
Kitahata-Haga—Nov. 22, Shozo and Paula N., both Chicago.
Kuramoto-Kamei—Nov. 8, Thomas H. and Katherine, both Los Angeles.
Matsubara-Yama—Nov. 15, George and Lilly, both Fresno.
Mayeda-Motozaki—Nov. 15, Kay, Newark; Eleanor, Fremont.
Mayeda-Tsuda—Nov. 29, Robert, Lo Janta; Sylvia, Denver.
Nakadoi-Morimitsu—Nov. 17, Kenso, Omaha; Kimi, Brighton, Colo.
Nishikawa-Kaku—Oct. 19, Yasushi and May, both Chicago.
Nomiyama-Kitagawa—Oct. 18, Frank, Tacoma; Betty, Vancouver, B.C.
Shimane-Fujiwara—Oct. 5, Bert T., Gardena; Chiye, Redondo Beach.
Tagawa-Ouye—Nov. 2, Yoshiyuki and Sayuri, both Denver.
Takemoto-Uota—Nov. 8, Masao, Sanger; Fujiiko, Fresno.
Takeuchi-Fukuyama—Nov. 9, Dan, Fresno; Mary, Sanger.
Tatsumi-Fukuda—Oct. 11, Yoshiro and Lorraine, both West Los Angeles.



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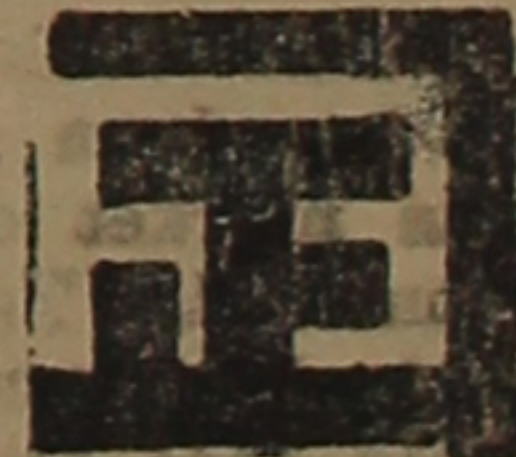
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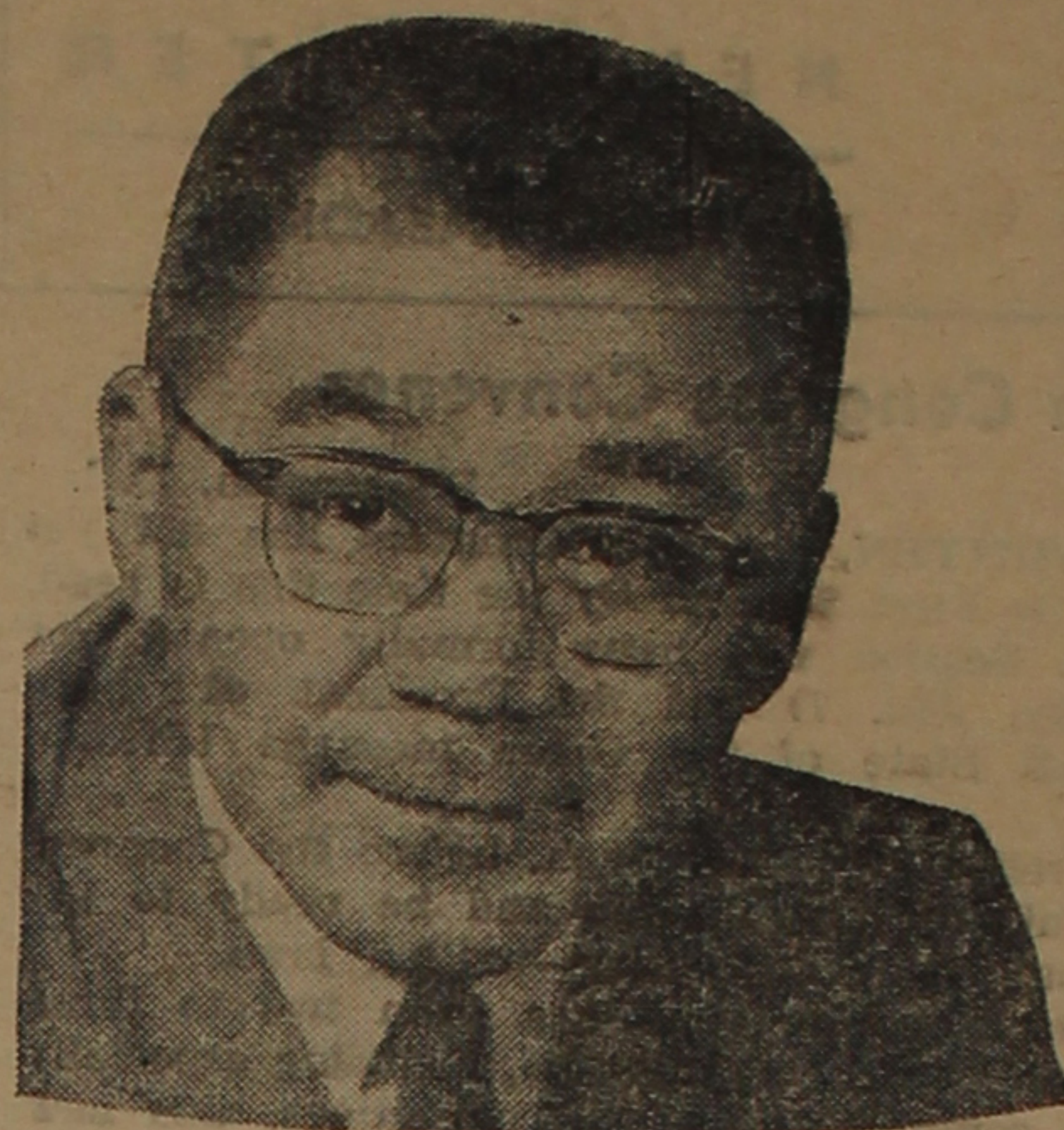
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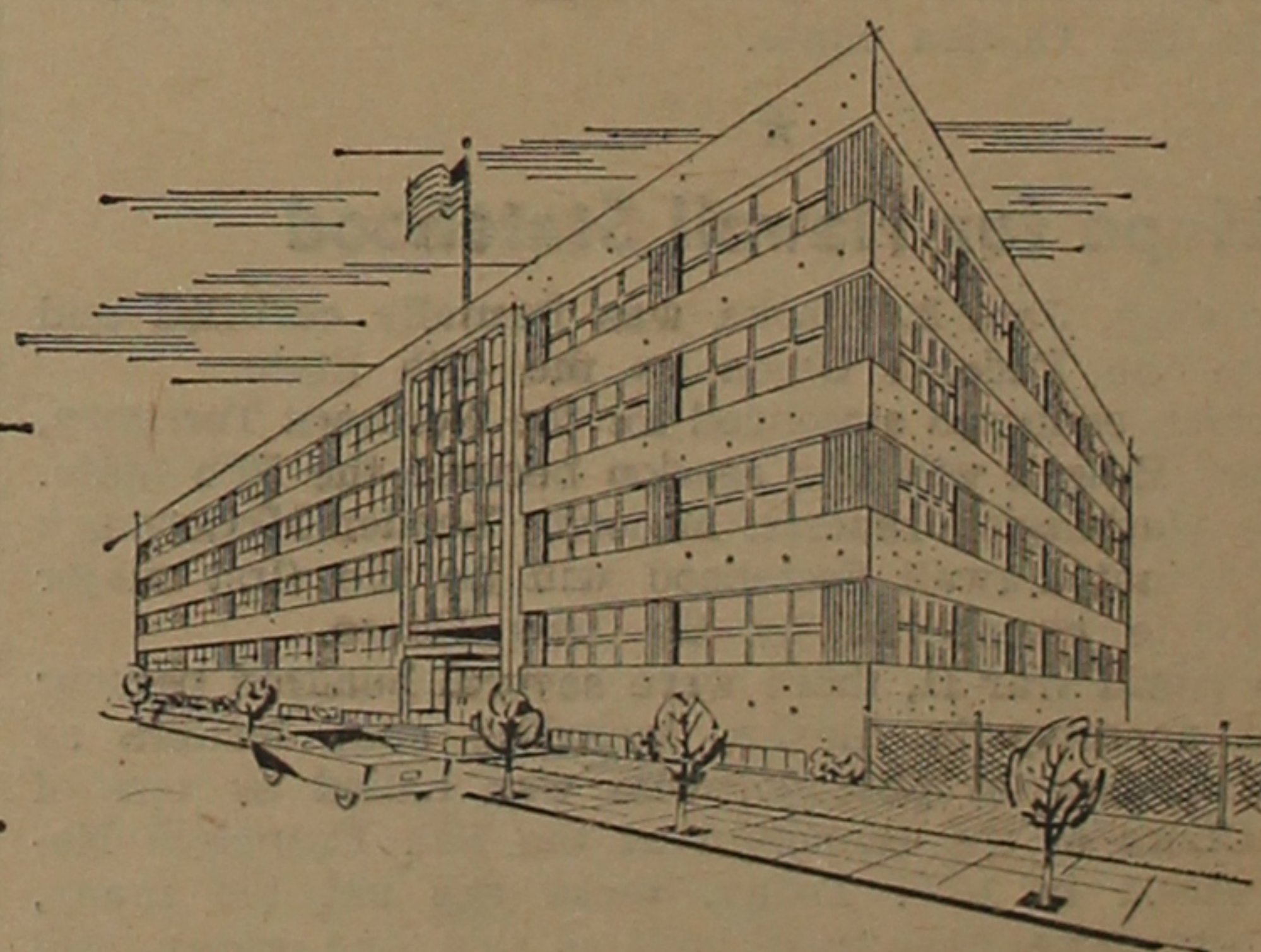
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Washington NEWSLETTER BY MIKE MASAOKA

86th Congress Convenes

Washington, D.C.

AS THIS IS WRITTEN, the 86th Congress has not yet officially convened its First Session. By the time this is read, however, the First Session will have formally opened for business (Wednesday, Jan. 7) and the President will have delivered his annual State of the Union message (Friday, Jan. 9).

It will still be several weeks, though, before the Congress will complete its internal organization and be ready to get down to the serious job of legislating—writing laws.

While every new Congress consumes from two to three weeks at least to complete its organization, including especially the membership of committees and subcommittees, this new session is expected to take somewhat longer—perhaps six weeks to two months.

This is accounted for in the fact that there will be so many new faces in both the House and the Senate, mostly Democrats of so-called liberal persuasion from the more urban areas of the North, Midwest, Rockies, and the West Coast.

BY THE TIME this is read, the great challenge on the opening day to "liberalize" procedures in both Houses may be settled. In the Senate a bipartisan coalition led by Democratic Senators Paul Douglas of Illinois and Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and Republicans Clifford Case of New Jersey and Jacob Javits of New York will have attempted to revise the Senate rules in order that a majority of that body, after full and free debate, may vote cloture, and thereby eliminate the filibuster as a threat to meaningful civil rights and other "forward-looking" legislation. In the House, a liberal bipartisan bloc of almost a hundred will have attempted to reduce the effective ability of the Rules Committee to pigeonhole "progressive and humanitarian" bills reported by the legislative committees.

The JACL is committed to both changes and has co-operated with the many other like-minded organizations to attempt the revision of the Senate and House rules. It must be confessed that, as this is written, neither of the major revisions appear to have much chance of accomplishment, though there may be minor, face-saving concessions made in both chambers.

PRIOR TO THE opening of Congress, Democratic and Republican caucuses will be held in the Senate and the House to determine party leadership for the current biennium.

As far as the Democrats are concerned, it appears unlikely that the Texas duo of Speaker Sam Rayburn and Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson will be broken up. Speaker Sam, as he is affectionately known, has already served 14 years as its presiding officer, the longest in history. Majority Leader Johnson has already earned the reputation for being among the most adroit parliamentary compromisers in Senate history. Majority Leader John McCormack of Massachusetts in the House and Majority Whip Mike Mansfield of Montana in the Senate also seem safe as the top Democratic assistants.

(In the House, Rep. Joseph Martin of Massachusetts, long time GOP Floor Leader, was tumbled from power Tuesday by Indiana's Charles Halleck, with his colleague John Byrnes of Wisconsin as chairman of the House Policy Committee, next post in the ranks. It was described as a "Young Turk" revolt that succeeded. It ended a 20-year hold by Martin of these positions.—Ed.)

In the Senate, three top Republicans—all well and favorably known to JACLers—are vying for their party posts. Illinois Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, Minority Whip in the last two Congresses, is the favorite, though a slim one, for the Minority Leadership post vacated by the retired William F. Knowland of California. He is the choice of the so-called conservative, old guard faction. Selected by the so-called liberals to oppose him is Kentucky's John Sherman Cooper. Nominated by the liberals but opposed as of this writing for Minority Whip is California's young and able Thomas Kuchel. It is said that the conservatives will also support his candidacy as a concession to the "young Turks", or Eisenhower bloc. (Dirksen and Kuchel were both elected to the GOP posts Wednesday.—Ed.)

Senator Dirksen has always supported JACL endorsed or requested legislation as a leading member of two of the more influential committees—Appropriations and Judiciary. Senator Cooper, the well-liked former Ambassador to India, was chairman of the Subcommittee on Claims of the Judiciary Committee which in 1948 approved the Evacuation Claims Act. Senator Kuchel numbers many Nisei among his staunchest supporters in the Golden State.

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Hope for Hawaii Statehood

Last Saturday, Jan. 3, Alaska was formally certified and admitted into the Federal Union as the 49th State.

JACL, which endorsed statehood for the Northern Territory, is hopeful that Hawaii will this session become the 50th State. According to Washington reports, Majority Leader McCormack has promised that Hawaii Statehood will be the first major legislation to be considered by the new House.

Prior to World War II, there were several hundred persons of Japanese ancestry in Alaska, including such leaders as Abe Hagiwara, now of Chicago, who was hailed as one of the two JACLers of the Biennium at the San Francisco National Convention in 1956. Today, there are not too many, though the Japanese have just built a saw and paper mill there under special arrangement with the United States Government.

Although not mentioned out loud, Hawaii's population which is almost half Asian in its composition is one of the basic reasons for Southern opposition to this grant of equality and

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Ellison appointment to vacant Court of Claims seat urged

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON. — Attorney General William P. Rogers has been urged by the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League to nominate Enoch E. Ellison to fill the vacancy on the United States Court of Claims.

In urging the nomination of his aide, the JACL pointed out that it had honored Ellison with a special public service citation at its recent 15th Biennial National Convention in Salt Lake City last August for his outstanding leadership in the administrative phases

of the Japanese American Evacuation Claims program.

In the ten years as chief of the Japanese Claims Section of the Civil Division of the Department of Justice, Ellison supervised the awarding of more than \$37 million dollars to more than 25,000 claimants for losses arising out of their military evacuation in the spring of 1942.

Cited by Department

Earlier this month, Ellison received the annual Meritorious Service Award of the Department of Justice for his activities as

chief of the Japanese Claims Section which completed the administrative phases of the evacuation claims program early this November.

The JACL letter noted: "The fact that a civilian organization which has been intimately involved in the adjudication and settlement of more than 20,000 claims recognizes the outstanding ability and impartiality of the Government attorney in charge, we think, speaks eloquently for the unique talents and legal acumen of Ellison."

"Prior to assuming supervision of the Japanese Claims Section at a time when it seemed that this program would never get under way, Ellison for five years served as chief of the Court of Claims Section of the Civil Division. We believe that this experience makes him an ideal candidate for the vacancy on the Court of Claims," the JACL letter concluded.

Charge city negligent as Nisei shot by policeman files \$14,000 damage suit

DENVER. — A Nisei who lost a \$17,000 suit early last month against a policeman who shot him in the face filed another suit to collect \$14,000 against the officer's employer, the city and county of Denver.

George K. Tanaka, 37, of 3085 Wilson Ct., the shooting victim, charged the city with negligence that resulted in his being shot on the night of Dec. 10, 1956, by Patrolman Lyle E. Hamlin, 43, of 1754 S. Gilpin St.

Hamlin and all other officers in the metropolitan area were on the lookout for a car that was last seen near the Country Gentleman Store, 5250 W. 38th Ave., shortly after a stickup in which a Wheatridge merchant policeman was murdered.

Albert Kostal, 37, and Arthur Watson, 39, California convicts, subsequently were arrested and are now under death sentences for the killing.

First Suit Denied

According to Tanaka's first suit against the policeman, Officer Hamlin was accused of wilfully shooting him. After a four-day trial before District Judge Robert H. McWilliams, Jr. without a jury, the jurist ruled that the circumstances showed Hamlin could not be held at fault.

The evidence showed that there was a police radio pickup for the Tanaka car and Hamlin spotted it and brought the car to a halt. When Hamlin ordered the occu-

pants of the car to step out, they hesitated, and then Tanaka turned in the front seat to look out the back window. Hamlin said he suddenly saw a light reflection that looked like a gun and he shot.

Tanaka testified that he and a companion, at the time of the shooting, had just come from the Police Bldg., at 13th and Champa St., where they were checked out on the license alert.

Police Dept. Accused

The new suit against the city, filed by attorneys Minoru Yasui and Eugene Tepley, charged the city as operator of the police department with being negligent in failing to promptly broadcast a clearance on Tanaka's car.

During 1956, Tanaka operated a service station in northwest Denver and was on his way home past the murder scene when spectators took down the license number of the car.

Final Christmas Cheer sum \$2,800

Chairman George Fujita of the recently concluded 11th Annual Christmas Cheer Drive acknowledged \$202.57 from the Beau J's, net proceeds from the Christmas Eve Benefit Dance held at the Glen Aire Country Club in Sherman Oaks.

Committee members of the benefit under chairman Maebelle Higa included: Tom Arata, Ambrose Masutani, Mas Hayashi, George Saruwatari, Yoshi Shimoda, Jim Shimamoto and Ruth Matsuda. Others were George Matsubara, Aki Inouye, Clara Inokuchi, Eleanor Sekiya, Janet Koizumi, Fred Umade, Min Higashi and Ray Mada.

The Beau J's donation supplemented the monetary gifts previously given to some 60 individuals. The final Christmas Cheer report to be filed with the Los Angeles City Social Service Dept. will show a total donation received of \$2,802.57, said Fujita.

Shonien board surprises past chairman at fete

A pre-holiday meeting of the Shonien Board of Trustees at the Imperial Gardens last month turned out to a surprise "appreciation dinner" honoring Nobu T. Kawai who retired as board chairman after nearly a decade when he was succeeded by Nisuke Mitsumori in October.

Fred Tayama, evening chairman, revealed to the surprised guest of honor that rather than a special board dinner meeting with the advisory committee as he had been told, the whole affair had been planned by his fellow board members as a token of their appreciation and esteem for his dedicated leadership in the postwar reestablishment of the Shonien as a modern child welfare center.

Mrs. Katsuma Mukaeda, long associated with the Shonien, highlighted Kawai's years of service dating back to his membership on the first Nisei "junior" board established in 1934.

Poker palace permit for Nisei VFW Post may be ballot issue

GARDENA. — This city's latest squabble over card clubs will be another bitter battle dumped into the laps of voters, it was indicated Monday when referendum petitions requesting a special election to let voters decide whether Gardena shall have another poker palace were filed with the City Clerk.

The 115 petitions containing a total of 3,065 signatures were filed by forces in opposition to the issuance of a permit to the Nisei VFW Post and AMVETS for a seventh card club in Gardena, now dotted with six of the decorative dens of draw poker.

Last Dec. 9, Mayor Adams W. Bolton, once a strong backer of the six present clubs, introduced an ordinance to the City Council that would permit a seventh to go into operation.

Open Opposition

Councilmen Harvey Chapman and Robert Kane openly opposed the mayor's proposed ordinance, declaring they thought the issue should be decided by the voters.

Subsequently, Mayor Bolton angrily announced that, if such a referendum ballot were presented to Gardena citizens, he would insist that a proposition outlawing all of the city's card clubs be put on the same ballot.

Just last April, Gardena voters approved of the legalized poker parlors within the city limits by a 3-to-1 majority.

Signatures of only 10 per cent of Gardena's 13,000 qualified voters were required to qualify the referendum petitions as a mandate for a special election.

The 3,065 signatures were to be verified.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 10 (Saturday)
Twin Cities—Installation dinner, Park Terrace, 4700 Excelsior Blvd., 6:30 p.m.; Lawrence Steefel, spkr.
- D.C.—Installation dinner-dance, Bethesda Country Club.
- Sonoma County—Installation party, Sebastopol Memorial Hall.
- Jan. 11 (Sunday)
NCWNDC—Executive board meeting, Stockton.
- Jan. 17 (Saturday)
Idaho Falls—Winter Carnival, Armory.
- Long Beach—Installation dinner-dance, Currie's Santa Fe, 7 p.m.; dance from 9.
- West L.A.—Venice Culver—Inaugural dinner-dance.
- Jan. 18 (Sunday)
Southwest L.A.—Inaugural dinner-dance, Nikabob's.
- Jan. 24 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City—Nat'l JACL Credit Union annual meeting, Art Barn.
- Jan. 31 (Saturday)
L.A.—Coordinating Council—Installation dance, Ole Dixie's, 4269 S. Western Ave.
- Feb. 1 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Quarterly meeting, Stockton JACL hosts.
- Feb. 7 (Saturday)
Detroit—Installation dinner-dance.