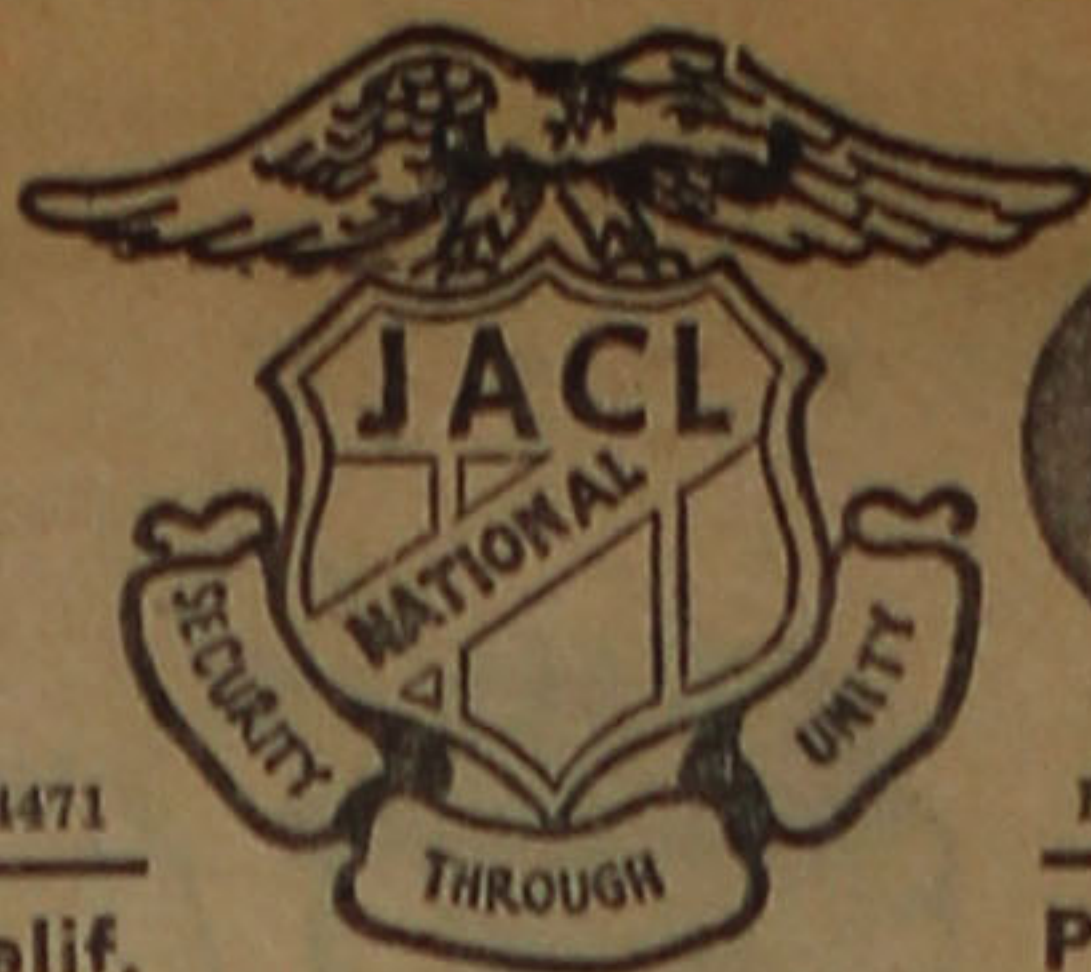


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### Another Decade

No sooner the final pages of the mammoth Holiday Issue were put to bed two Saturdays ago, we caught up on our sleep and commenced shopping in hectic fashion the few days before Christmas. It was exciting and even exasperating. For the past several seasons, we have been among the many (maybe not that many) last-minute shoppers scurrying for this 'n' that on Dec. 24. What added to our toils was the downpour during the noon hours giving Los Angeles its worst traffic jam in a decade. It took an hour to drive a mile through the downtown section.

We told ourselves that it would not happen like this again, but it will — unless the better half reminds that we should begin shopping before the worries of Holiday Issue 1960 overtake us.

Nonetheless, it was a "Merry Christmas" . . . And the world—for a change—was at peace. President Eisenhower came home safely the Tuesday before Christmas after traveling more than 20,000 miles and visiting 11 countries. He brought back a sackful of goodwill from millions of people abroad. And millions pray that this desire for continued peace will not be frustrated.

Anyway we look at it, Eisenhower's trip was a monumental success. It certainly cancelled out Khrushchev's widely-touted "peace tours."

### Volume 50

We start Pacific Citizen's Volume 50 today. There is something propitious about starting a new decade — the 1960s — with the second half of a hundred volumes. As Bill Hosokawa hopefully predicts of things to come in the 1960s in his column today, the pages of PC in the coming weeks will welcome these accomplishments as they unfold.

With the 1950s accomplishing twice as much as the 1940s, hang on to your hats through 1960. — H. H.

### BY ELIZABETH MURPHY

The story of the Japanese since the wartime relocation is a story of success without bitterness. Most of the Japanese, especially the citizens feel they were wronged but they are so lacking in hard feelings it is a remarkable thing, and this is not because they are obsequious. They are just philosophical. Because of this they have not wasted time dwelling on the past. They looked ahead, have worked hard, and have high hopes for the future, hopes grounded in the reality of present successes.

Today there are some 50,000 Japanese in Los Angeles County. No longer are they jammed into Little Tokyo, a ghetto of old tenements and narrow streets. Rather they are living in almost every area of the city in homes that sometimes run as high as 40 to 50 thousand dollars in value. Little Tokyo has become primarily the business and cultural district of the Japanese.

To say I came away from this assignment with admiration is an understatement. These people are filled with life, they are industrious and lacking in a neurosis they could rightfully enjoy due to the harsh treatment they have endured from the first landing of the Japanese in 1835 until the Second World War.

### Pioneers

But to look at them and to listen to them is to see proud happy people, not people dissipating their energies or pointing out their scars. These people with their industry and high hopes are as American as the pioneers who opened the west with their covered wagons. Some of them are rich and some of them are poor, but the majority of poor have not accepted their poverty as a state of being. They are working away from it. They are doing this on their own. They are not content to sit and let someone else help them out.

There are, however, some who are poor who can do little about their situation. These are the old people who lost everything when they were interned and who were too old to do much about starting a new life when the war was over. Of these the Japanese Chamber of Commerce says there are about a thousand. Many of these live in cheap hotels in Little Tokyo, still mystified by the gods who have taken away all the worldly goods which were paid for by submission to insults, a submission necessary if their children were to be educated and have a better world.

But on the opposite pole of this poverty stand the two American-Japanese banks. The Bank of Tokyo and the Sumitomo Bank, with a combined total of 40 million dollars in savings, representing the work of seven years. And of course all the Japanese do not entrust their savings to these banks. Though the Bank of Tokyo is now incorporated under California law, some of the Japanese are cautious, for when the war came along the assets of the Bank of Tokyo were seized, it being a branch of the Japanese Bank, hence enemy alien property.

### Story of John Aiso

Probably the most remarkable success story is that of Superior Court Judge, John Aiso, the only Japanese judge on the mainland.

Aiso, 48, the son of a gardener, grew up in Los Angeles when "Jap Keep Moving Signs" were still to be seen. Because his father took care of the gardens of rich Hollywood people, the Aiso's lived in Hollywood and not Little Tokyo so Mr. Aiso would be near his work. There were other Japanese families around them, but Aiso's environment was not strictly Japanese.

Young Aiso was so popular among the predominantly "white" pupils at Le Conte Junior High School, they chose him their class

This article was written last month by Elizabeth Murphy as part of a national roundup for Newsweek Magazine on how the Japanese have fared since the relocation camps. Until recently Miss Murphy has been a correspondent for Newsweek Magazine working out of the Los Angeles office. Prior to that she was with the magazine in New York where she wrote movie reviews. She is now a writer for the Jack Linkletter, "On the Go" show on the CBS network, a John Guedel production. Li'l Tokio will be featured on the Jan. 11 show on KNXT (2) at 9:30 a.m.



Moving evacuees from Jerome in June, 1944, before the camp closed, friends were allowed to pass beyond the the camp fences to say goodbye. — WRA Photo

president. Spurred on by the local press, the parents of the pupils forced the school authorities to void the election. The educators, a bit more advanced than the parents, abolished student government altogether in protest.

At Hollywood High, Aiso won the local competition for the National Oratorical Contest. This meant a trip to Washington. But Aiso was asked to step aside and let the white runner up represent the school. Instead of representing the school, Aiso was sent to Washington as the white boy's traveling companion. While other Japanese are certain Aiso was asked to step aside because of his race, Aiso will not state it so strongly. In fact, Aiso rather than concentrating on the prejudice shown toward him counters with, "For every unfairness there were always good things. For every biased person, there were always your friends who stuck by you."

Aiso got a scholarship to Brown University and went on from there to Harvard Law School. He went to work for a law firm in New York and eventually went to work for the British American Tobacco Company in Manchuria. "I had some personal dealings with the Japanese there. They called me a traitor for not renouncing my American citizenship and I was constantly being spied on. The bellboys at the hotel were really spying for the Japanese. I could see where the road led. I came back to the United States with the intention of going back for the company but fortunately I got sick and my family persuaded me I was working too hard. It was a lucky event with perfect timing."

### Called to Service

In April of 1941, Aiso was draft-

ed. When the war came he was not discharged as were most of the Japanese. Instead he was used in the military intelligence and became director of academic training for the military intelligence service and later served with MacArthur as an intelligence officer in the occupation army. He emerged from the war an Lieutenant Colonel.

His family was not so lucky however. He had three brothers and a sister and both his parents at the time of the war. Only his sister escaped being interned. She was not in the restricted zone at the time the orders went into effect. His father, though only a gardener had saved his money and invested it in real estate and thus accumulated property valued between 85 and 90 thousand dollars. This the family lost. They got 40 thousand dollars from the government after the war.

"Naturally it was quite a shock. As a citizen it was hard to understand. Being in military intelligence though I could also see another side to it. With the Pacific Fleet crippled, the west coast was wide open. I think at the time with anti-Japanese sentiment so strong most of the older people felt that was not the time to raise strong objections. I was personally opposed to test cases at that time. No matter how objective the Supreme Court might be, there is bound to be some persuasion by public sentiment. I think if we had waited until the hatreds and emotions of war had died down we might have fared better. I think decisions rendered today might be different from the earlier decisions. Sentiment is such now, that I think most of the country knows an injustice was done. I

feel that now there is a sense of sincere regret that people allowed their emotions to rule without being tempered by reason."

After the war, Aiso went back to law and went into partnership with two other men, one of them Japanese, the other a Caucasian. At first Aiso handled only cases of Japanese, many of them claims files for restitution. Eventually he was handling just as many legal problems for Caucasians.

### Appointed Municipal Judge

In 1953 there was a vacancy on the Los Angeles municipal bench. Governor Warren, who was one time California's Attorney General, appointed Aiso to the 15 thousand dollar job. This was a switch for Warren, who believing masses of disloyal Japanese in Hawaii were committing wholesale acts of sabotage, endorsed the internment of Japanese in California. An excerpt from Warren's testimony before the Tolan Committee investigating national defense migration follows: "We believe that any delay in the adoption of the necessary protective measures is to invite disaster. It means that we, too, will have in California a Pearl Harbor incident. I believe that up to the present and perhaps for a long time to come the greatest danger to the continental United States is that from well organized sabotage and fifth-column activity."

When asked what his reaction was to the appointment, Aiso replied: "I was grateful and surprised. I hadn't given up hope that it might happen. I was a commissioner to the Superior Court when the opening occurred and I hoped and thought perhaps I might get it but my hopes were more fantasies."

In 1957 a vacancy occurred on the Superior Court bench and Aiso was appointed, thus breaking a second precedent. He stood for election to the post in the recent elections. He was unopposed, the vote being 900,000 for and 50 against, an indication of the change in thinking of west coast Caucasians.

Aiso says of this change in sentiment: "American people have become more international minded. We've become a world power and we've come to recognize that all our acts are watched carefully. We know now that if we are to ask other countries to believe in us we must set good examples."

### Acceptance

"I think most Americans really regret what has happened partly through conscience and partly through an understanding of Japanese people. G.I.'s bringing back Japanese brides had much to do with building up this understanding."

"Because of this new acceptance I don't think this sort of thing could happen again. I think we as a nation have learned this type of thing shouldn't be done. We learn by our mistakes. In World War I our anti-German feeling was so high we banned the teaching of the German language as un-American. Now we've let reason step in and we see that in a sense it is almost a patriotic duty to know the language of your enemy."

"The world is wide open for the Japanese now. We are judged as individuals now not as a race. Practically every field of employment is open, whereas before the war, most Japanese with college educations were working at menial jobs despite their qualifications."

"Also the Japanese attitude has changed. Before the war a Japanese child was ostracized if he married outside the race. Parents may not like it now, but they accept it."

"I don't think most of the Japanese have any bitterness in their hearts. How can you have bitterness with people who come up and say, 'We were wrong.' If any

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## Ye Editor's Desk

We shall share the opinion of Judge John Aiso and expressions of delight from many others who have remarked that Akiji Yoshimura's story of "14 Nisei and the Marauders" in our 1959 Holiday Issue was one of the finest war stories ever to reach public print. It is our understanding, too, that the MIS Veterans Club in Honolulu is currently looking for material with which to compile a history of the Nisei G-2 in the Pacific.

Such a story will reveal "the moral courage that it took to fight in the Pacific area against a country from whence one's own parents came," to quote the one-time language school director. It will further captivate the American public, which has come to appreciate their Japanese American neighbors, as well as the Issei, Nisei and Sansei. What the Nisei GIs endured in the Pacific war can make all of us more proud of immediate heritage of patriotism. The war record of the Nisei with the 442nd is well known—maybe too well-known for some who feel it's being overdone. Nevertheless, the history books yet to be written will recall the heroism of the Nisei during World War II at a time when their parents and families were herded into desert camps as a security measure.

Of late, the local TV stations have been re-running the "Crusade in the Pacific" series for the umpteenth time. Made over 10 years ago at a time when the activities of the Nisei in the Pacific was still a military secret, the dramatic TV series made no mention of the men who were schooled at Camp Savage and Ft. Snelling MISLS. We find the Pacific war film being re-run more often than its counterpart, "Crusade in Europe," for some unexplained reason—other than the fact that the viewing audience here lives on the Pacific coast. It would be that the enemy in the Pacific was more formidable and provided more drama or that the action of U.S. Navy and Marines provides more color than the air raids and in-fighting of the U.S. Air Force and Infantry. . . . Whatever the reasons, we hope there's no hint of recasting the Japanese as the "yellow peril" again.

Akiji's story should inspire others to recollect some of the untold stories of the Nisei in the Pacific. We shall search for more in the months to come for possible publication in the next Holiday Issue. We had Akiji on the line since June when we met at the JACL board and staff meeting in San Francisco.

Were war correspondent Ernie Pyle alive today—he was killed at Okinawa a few days before the war terminated in the Pacific—we are sure he would have related the heroism of the Nisei G-2 men by this time.

Allan Beekman, who contributed two stories in last week's Holiday Issue, has been a student of Japanese culture and language since he moved from Utica, N.Y., to Hawaii 25 years ago. He is married to a Nisei graduate of Tokyo's Aoyama Gakuin. Allan, who has contributed to the Pacific Citizen many times, has written many stories about the Japanese and of their descendants in Hawaii. At the present time, he is working on a novel titled "A Saga of East and West."

Because of the rush of Holiday Issue work, we were unable to personally reply to several inquiries from readers in the Salt Lake City area, who complained of receiving the same copy on two successive weeks in November-December. The mailers have no explanation for this mishap, nor were we at fault either. Those who have inquired have been sent the missing (Dec. 4) copy by return mail. Others who still want this particular issue should write to the PC Circulation Office promptly. . . . Those who want extra copies of the 1959 Holiday Issue should enclose 25 cents for each.

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## New Replacement

## PRESS COMMENTS:

## What Price Glory?

*The Continental Times (Toronto), Dec. 15, 1959*  
Introspection is a point seldom touched by the Nisei press in the United States. One Canadian Nisei weekly, however, did and saw the handwriting on the wall . . . and the handwriting says: The end is near!—Editor.

The Japanese-Canadian press, as we understand it, has lived through many headline making times and events of the Japanese people in Canada. From the social complications of the riot-filled thirties to the political and economic upheavals of the early forties, then onwards to a period which strongly testified of the deliberate and unstable situation of the mid and late forties to the rather agreeable position of a now not entirely confused people.

As it is, Japanese-Canadian pressdom has "lived". In the past, social and political circumstances of an unfavorable quality has fed the JC press with meritorious drama and significance. It should be an exciting experience to live, once again, through the stories of the past. But times and happenings like these, fortunately or otherwise, cannot be recalled, except perhaps as "flashbacks" to the pages of today's press.

Today, as one scans through two of Canada's more "significant" Japanese - Canadian papers, The New Canadian and The Continental Times, one may wonder as to the purpose or purposes that they serve.

Our own reaction is that of an annoying suspicion that today's JC press is a weakening caterer to a wide variety of clubs and organizations that believe themselves to be the Nietzsches of Japanese Canadian society. All this boils down to us, it seems, that the JC press is the paid agent of publicity-conscious groups that do not deserve the full degree of the publicity which is granted.

Then, one feels a trifle disdained when one reads of items bearing Japanese datelines, when the space allotted for such pieces could be better used to disseminate items and news of more immediate significance to the JC. A Japanese physician may discover a new scientific method of reshaping the Oriental facial make-up, or perhaps, a research scientist in the field of zoology may suggest that the consumption of crushed beetles will add zest to a man's life. (Interesting copy, we admit, but directed to the vanities of men. A foolish venture, we feel.)

Then, again, one feels the need for a Japanese-Canadian press that will not want the shrill of militant rally, that which will take on the challenge issued by Augustan writer and critic, Jonathan Swift, part of whose epitaph reads as follows: Abi viator, Et imitare

poteris. Strenuum pro virili Libertatis Vindictatorem — Stand aside, Traveller, and imitate, if you can, the resolute vindicator of human freedom . . . Japanese Canadian press editorial policy seems, today, construed to fit a principle that reflects that "times and issues" have changed. Times have changed, we agree, but issues which highlighted the past are still with us—only the circumstances of their occurrence have changed, in that we, the Japanese-Canadians, are not so personally or directly involved.

Then, of course, we are forced to remind ourselves that, today, journalism is a business as well as an institution of society, and that, to survive, the JC press must recognize that certain principles must be sacrificed in the light of impending economic realities. A restricted readership, as well as an income from a limited number of advertisers, is a resented dagger that needs to be highly respected. At this same time, it must, as perceived in an editorial in the Montreal Bulletin, be remembered pathetically that JC pressdom is a dying entity.

Must, then, the press of the JCs, once proud and high-chinned, die so unnatural and shameful a death? Must principles be sacrificed as a price for life, for a journalism which shows itself as giving legitimate news when in actual fact the items are paid publicity notices? Must the columns of these pages be filled with trivial news and items coming from Japan and her press, and that which is outside the scope and interest of Japanese Canadian society?

The answers to these and other similar questions must be a sad "yes". This situation of JC pressdom, however assinine, however distasteful, cannot be helped, and unless something in the near future happens to alter the circumstance of the JC press, we may expect to see their pages filled with advertisements, social, club, and publicity notices, and with news of little importance. To end on a weary question: What price glory?

Indeed, what price glory?

## Stockton NVC dance

STOCKTON. — The Stockton Nisei Veterans Club's New Year dance will be held tonight at Turgeon's Ballroom (formerly the Officers' Club) with Larry Celli's orchestra.

Nat'l Orange Show  
salutes Japan in '61

SAN BERNARDINO. — The National Orange Show here plans to salute Japan at the 1961 exhibition, it was revealed last week by G. Walter Glass, general manager who has been conferring with leaders in Japan.

The entire show will spotlight the "Sister City" program. San Bernardino two weeks ago teamed with Tachikawa in the Sister City program to make a total of 44 Japanese and American cities joined in this affiliation.

The 1960 "Golden Anniversary" show is set for April 28-May 8, saluting Mexico. Last season, the show was devoted to "Polynesian Paradise" and paid tribute to the new State of Hawaii.

Long Beach JACL  
to dance on Jan. 2

LONG BEACH. — The annual New Year dance sponsored by the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL will be held tomorrow night, 8:30 p.m., at the Harbor Community Hall. It was announced by chairman Katsumi Izumi. The chapter decided to hold the dressy sports affair on Saturday in order to avoid conflict with Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 events.

Buffet style refreshments will be served without charge. The dance admission is \$2.50 per couple or stag. Proceeds of the dance will be used for purchase of equipment for the chapter newsletter, Tidings.

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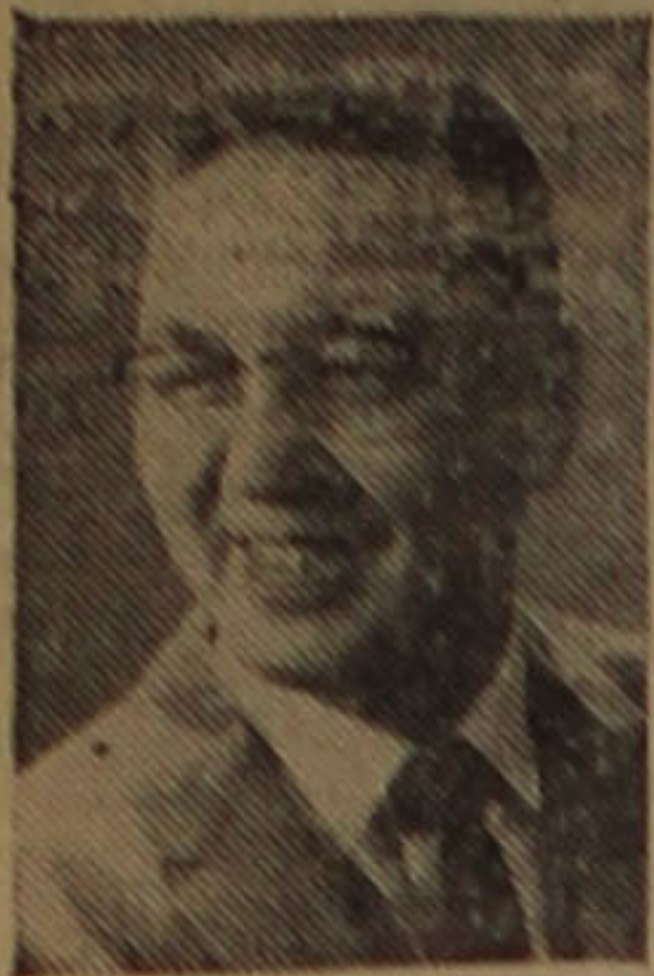
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## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**PROSPECTS OF '60s**—For the Nisei, 'Thirties were the years of growth, preparation, bewilderment and frustration.

The 'Forties turned out to be a decade of disillusion and despair, rediscovery, a time of testing, sacrifice and ultimate triumph.

The now-departed 'Fifties were the years of recognition and growth, of ripening maturity and achievement.

And now, what lies ahead in the 'Sixties? A decade of fulfillment and enjoying the fruits of hard work, and undoubtedly a time that will be beset by new problems, too.

Let's take a look into the 'Sixties, the human side of the decade as it applies to us Nisei.

Economically, we'll be better off than ever before. More Nisei will be in new homes in the better districts, owning two or more cars, enjoying the expensive labor-saving and pleasure-giving gadgets. Nisei doctors, lawyers, scientists, engineers, merchants, international traders will reap the harvest of their labors and be in better position to enjoy their incomes. But most of us will be scrambling just as hard as ever to make the income keep up with the outgo.

Socially, the last remaining barriers of discrimination against the Nisei will disappear. The social contacts of Nisei individuals will be based more on mutual interests than on racial similarity. Increasing numbers of Sansei will marry outside the race and this will attract progressively decreasing notice and comment.

Health-wise, the infirmities of advancing age will begin to afflict more and more of us. Ulcers, creaking joints and weight problems will take on new prominence in our conversation. At our conventions we'll be astonished at how so many of us are becoming prematurely wrinkled, gray or bald, and instead of sitting up half the night at poker, drinking or reminiscing, we'll be hobbling off to bed at a sensible hour.

Politically, increasing numbers of us will be working as citizen volunteers and running as candidates for office on the local and state levels. Perhaps several of us may even follow Representative Dan Inouye into Congress. Our interest in politics and government will grow as our economic stake increases, and as men and women who became our friends through school contacts, business associations, church or social groups, attain high office and acquire prestige and influence.

**IN ANTICIPATION**—Sometime in the coming decade, we venture to say, a Nisei or Sansei will make the grade in baseball's Big Leagues. A Sansei will qualify as an airlines captain. A handful of Nisei will become known as millionaires but a larger number will go into bankruptcy. A Nisei scientist will make an earth-shaking discovery in biological, medical, agricultural or chemical research. Nisei vacationers will be traveling to Europe as casually as they now visit the Orient. The Issei will gain in stature as their numbers diminish. Somebody will wonder about the future of the Japanese American Citizens League; there will be heated debate about the direction the JACL should take, but in the end neither its character nor its objectives will change. And most of us will continue to go on in our unspectacular fashion, never having quite enough time to get done all the things we'd like to do.

And all the while our progeny will continue to worry us, even as children have worried their parents since time immemorial. We will deplore the lack of ambition and thoughtfulness in our offspring, cluck-cluck over their shortcomings and hark back to the old days when youngsters were industrious and blessed with good sense. "The Sansei and Yonsei have had things too easy," we will say. "They have been spoiled. They will never amount to much because they have never experienced the hard times that tempered and strengthened the character of our generation."

We will also forget that the Issei were saying the same thing about us back in the 'Thirties. And somehow, we seem to have made out okay, made out well enough to look to the 'Sixties with zestful anticipation.



Changing classes at the temporary high school quarters at Rowher Relocation Center —WRA Photo (1942)

## Instead of being Bitter

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had hard heartedness existed, the feeling has melted away and been replaced by a feeling of acceptance, the feeling that you belong."

### Feels No Bitterness

Helen Mizuhara is another American Japanese who feels no bitterness, even though her experience was made doubly gross by the exploitation of her misfortune by a so called friend.

When the order came that the Japanese were to be interned the Mizuharas didn't think the order applied to themselves because they were citizens. Consequently they did nothing to straighten out their affairs or to sell their business. Even when they finally realized they too would be interned they put off selling. They just couldn't comprehend that the rights of citizens were only temporary. "We just didn't think we'd have to go. We were able to understand why non-citizens would be put in the camps but we just couldn't believe that citizens would be treated this way. We had grown up in this country. We were Americans. I was the second girl to graduate from UCLA. I had never even run into discrimination growing up. I liked people and people liked me. That's how it was, just people. Then suddenly I become Japanese, and an enemy at that. The only time I had seen Japan was when I was a little girl. I was an American and I still am."

"Finally we realized we had to go, but even then we didn't think it would be for long. We thought they'd put us in camps, screen us and retain the disloyal. So we just locked up the drugstore. I gave the key to the landlord who was a friend of mine. I said to him, 'We'll be back.'"

"We gave our car with the pink slip to a man who was also a friend. He was able to visit us in the camp. One day he drove down and told us someone had broken into the drugstore. He asked to be made power of attorney. We said yes. This gave him the right to get the key from the landlord, which he did."

"We thought he was our friend but we found out he wasn't. He stole the drugs and sold our car. We were able to track down who bought the car when we came out. They told us the man who sold it to them gave them lots of drugs with the car. We were never able to find him but we heard he ended up in a mental institution. We lost about \$15,000 to him, counting the drugs and the car."

"I think when I really got mad was when we learned that German and Italian aliens weren't being picked up. Here we were citizens and they weren't. If we were thought to be enemies because our country was fighting Japan, weren't these people by the same reason enemies also. It was then that I realized it was the color of our skin."

"Finally my husband applied to get out of the camp. He was a pharmacist but had to work as a gardener. He saved \$1,500. It was very difficult for him. He couldn't get over being deceived by a friend. He went to the war relocation board and they told him, 'forget the past.'"

### Reopen Drug Store

"It was easy for them to say. They hadn't lost everything. But they were right. We forgot the past and made plans for opening a new drugstore. We found this place and did all the work on

it ourselves, painting, carpenter work, everything. But when we got through we didn't have any money for drugs. We applied to the Bank of America but they wouldn't give us credit because we didn't have collateral. Then we went to see a friend at McKesson Robbins. We had wanted him to take care of our property before we went in but he was afraid he might lose his job if he were too friendly to the Japanese."

"We had had a good credit rating with the company before the war. They gave us the drugs on a six month credit arrangement. We were lucky. Almost as soon as we opened the doors business was good so we were able to pay off the debt before the six months even."

This was in 1951. The Mizuharas now own two drugstores. Of the 15 to 20 thousand they lost through internment they got only \$3,000 back.

Helen Mizuhara's father suffered an even greater loss. One of the richest Japanese in the town, he owned two downtown buildings, a department store and an eleven room home with a tennis court. His property was valued at between \$150,000 to \$200,000 at the time. He was one of the first Japanese picked up. When the authorities picked him up in his home they found a gun and some bullets lying around. Helen's husband Eugene was a hunter and had left these things at his father-in-law's house. This, with sentiment as high as it was, was cause for immediately interning the old man. He had no time to make arrangements. A Caucasian friend took over the properties and "practically gave them away," says Helen. "It wasn't just the Caucasians who were exploiting the situation. When my father came out he had no money so he had to settle his claim quickly, thus settling for less than he might have got. He got \$9,500."

There is one thing the Japanese are unanimous in. The claims adjustments are not fair for two reasons, first they are only for tangibles and do not take into consideration money lost in earnings for the years they were interned, and secondly they do not take into consideration the increased value of property. Helen Mizuhara's father's property would probably, with land values rising as they have, be worth three times the \$200,000 they were worth when he was interned.

### Yamato Service

Ed Yamato, Hawaiian-born Japanese found 35 years ago that for him to sell insurance he would have to throw in an extra something. "Insurance is all the same. There were forty Japanese agents when I started so I decided I'd have to give the public something. So I started a service bureau. We did everything. If someone got a ticket I'd go pay the fine for them. If they needed help financing something I'd find it for them and most important of all I found jobs for my people. I wanted the Japanese to have a place in the community. It made it a lot easier selling insurance."

That's how the Yamato Employment Agency got started.

"Things have changed so much before the war. Then there were three employment agencies, little offices in billiard parlors. The only jobs the Japanese were able to get, were laboring jobs and restaurant and farm jobs. Now we have more jobs than we have

applicants. We're filling jobs for engineers and scientific workers and office workers. Part of the problem is that many of the Japanese don't have much experience as yet. Even though a lot of them had education they weren't able to get the kind of jobs that would give them experience in their own fields. We have to fill a lot of jobs with Japanese from Hawaii and Japan. We spend \$1,700 a month advertising in out of state and foreign publications. We have the jobs now. We want to fill them."

"Ninety-nine per cent of our jobs are with white American firms. There's almost a competition between some of these firms to get Japanese help. Some of these firms would never have considered hiring a Japanese before the war but now one company hears how well the Japanese are working out in other companies and they want good workers."

"The future of the Japanese in this country is very bright. Before the war I think a lot of the Japanese thought they might retire to Japan in their old age. Now America is their home. It's a very, very bright future. If a man buys property you know he's planting his roots. He's settling in. He wants to stay here."

Yamato, because he helped Japanese to settle their affairs before they went to the concentration camps, was the last Japanese to close his office. This didn't give him much time to get his own property sold. He entrusted his office and business to a man who sold the whole thing and never gave Yamato the money.

When it was permissible, Yamato applied to get out of the camp. He had \$650 saved in the bank. With this he went to Colorado and with a loan of \$2,000 from a friend started an employment agency in Denver. He returned to Los Angeles in 1953 and started his present business. Yamato who lives in a \$38,000 home in Pasadena figures he is worth about \$200,000 now. "Of course I don't have any money."

Yamato has a reputation for signing banknotes to help unemployed Japanese.

While Yamato figures he lost twenty thousand through the evacuation, he feels basically "the government was trying to protect us." He got \$4,900 in claims.

### Story of Sab Kido

Saburo Kido, a prominent Japanese attorney who was president of the JACL at the time of the evacuation, has since the war helped many of the Japanese to file claims for adjustment.

Kido who describes the evacuation as an "hysterical action" doesn't think this sort of thing could happen again. "We have better knowledge. Today there is a stronger appeal for justice and fair play. The evacuation was a waste of a lot of time and money caused by a prejudice against the Japanese."

"I think we acted correctly in the matter. Maybe my feeling went along with the older people. This is my only country. We had to try our best to get along."

"It was not, with all the hysteria, the time to challenge the action. Also, if the national president of the JACL tested the validity of the actions the whole business would have been suspect. We were thought of as spies anyway. This would have convinced those who couldn't see straight anyway that they were right."

"If it happened again, we'd behave differently. We'd head straight for Washington. I'm not sure we did the right thing, but we didn't have much time for strategy."

When Kido was in camp he was given a hard time for being too "pro America" by the other Japanese who were bitter at the time.

"It was really funny when we came back. The government had done such a good job clearing the way for us and preaching how good we were that it was embarrassing. The rest of the community, I think, ended up with the idea that Japanese could do no wrong, which was certainly a switch from the thinking that put us in."

Kido makes one comment that others also noticed. "The Japanese are proud people. This action against them broke down their pride but I think it has since been restored because even some of the strongest supporters of the evacuation have since publicly admitted they were wrong."

"There were both good and bad effects. One thing it did was break down the family. When a parent in one of the camps would tell their children what to do, the kids

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## Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

### 'Flower Drum's London Troupe

It could be said, categorically, that there just aren't two Pat Suzukis. Rodgers and Hammerstein have been looking, however, for a girl to take Pat's role of Linda Low for the London company of "Flower Drum Song" and they have come up with a young singer from Honolulu, a Nisei girl who prefers to be known as Yami Saki.

(Young lady mentioned is Harriet Yamasaki of Lihue, now studying voice in Paris. She won the Linda Low role on the strength of a tape recording and photographs, which were sent to New York for approval. She begins London rehearsals Feb. 1.)

R&H are mounting the London production and Miss Saki has been in England doing some preliminary work. On her way back to Hawaii for the holidays, she stopped off in New York and worked with Miss Suzuki on her routines.

Incidentally, the role of Sammy Fong opposite Miss Suzuki's Linda is being played by Jack Soo whose real name is Goro Suzuki. Goro became a singer and m.c. in a Chinese night club in Cleveland after the relocation camp days and took the name Soo. But when he landed the role of the night club singer in "Flower Drum Song" he wanted to make his Broadway debut under his real name. It just happened that Pat Suzuki was in the cast and the producers advised Goro to stand by "Soo" to avoid confusion.

Goro is a native of Oakland, Calif., and he's had show business ambitions since way back before the war. But in those days the dream was just so much pie in the sky. Goro's dream of a leading role on Broadway came true the other night when he stepped into Larry Blyden's role of the night club owner, Sammy Fong.

The Broadway company of "Flower Drum Song" still has a dozen or so Nisei in the cast and the show is one of the most successful in New York. Plans for a national touring company were dropped, mainly because of the shortage of Oriental talent. When "Flower Drum Company" finally does go out on tour, the New York company will take it out. Blyden isn't the only departure from the troupe. Miyoshi Umeki has been reported on the verge of leaving the show to make a TV series and to take a top role in the William Goetz production of the Japanese story, "Cry for Happy," for Columbia.

Lightning has struck twice for Dale Ishimoto and Miiko Taka. The two (now separated) had been married for a decade and more when Miss Taka was tapped by Producer William Goetz to play Hana-Ogi, the Japanese dancer, opposite Marlon Brando in James Michener's "Sayonara." The result was nearly two years of separation, including filmmaking in Japan for Miss Taka and long tours to exploit the picture. The junkets took the actress to the Near East, Rome and Dublin.

Ishimoto, meanwhile, plugged along with his career, playing minor roles in such films as "Stopover Tokyo." His break came last summer when he was asked to create the role of the Japanese soldier in Shimon Wincelberg's two-character drama, "Kataki," for the La Jolla Playhouse. The play, which was pretty well received by the critics, had proved a three-week flop for Sessue Hayakawa and Ben Piazza on Broadway last spring. The La Jolla production was a success and Ishimoto received offers from London and New York to repeat the characterization.

Two weeks ago Ishimoto and Wayne Maxwell opened off-Broadway at New York's St. Mark's theater and this time "Kataki," the story of two men—a Japanese and an American—stranded on a Pacific island during World War II, seems to be both audience and critical success.

"This version is better than the Broadway original," Frances Herridge said in the New York Post. . . . although the role of the Japanese was superbly done before by Sessue Hayakawa, it was more static. His stares were often eloquent but nevertheless too rocklike. Dale Ishimoto is equally superb in the still moments . . . and he varies the play's tempo with sharper, more purposeful movements. It is an excellent portrait, subtle and convincing, alive with ever-shifting emotions."

The applause for Ishimoto won't pass unnoticed in New York where several producers, other than Rodgers and Hammerstein, have been looking for Oriental actors. One would be David Merrick who needs a Japanese soldier for his New York production of the prison camp story, "The Long, the Short and the Tall."

Miss Taka, who was seen in a leading role recently on TV's "Hawaiian Eye" melodrama, is director William Castle's choice for the lead in "Michiko," a new version of "Confessions of an Opium Eater," which is a possibility for 1960.

Speaking of "Hawaiian Eye," the detective series is one which has employed a number of Nisei talents. One of the latest of the series, televised over the ABC network, is called "The Sword of the Samurai" and concerns a group of Japanese aliens in Hawaii who refused to admit that Japan had lost the war. Teru Shimada, who had one of his best roles in many years as the prison commandant in "Battle of the Coral Sea," a Columbia film, has a leading role while Barbara Luna plays his Nisei daughter. Others in the cast include George and James Yagi.

## KEN MATSUMOTO NAMED PRESIDENT OF OAKLAND C.I.

OAKLAND. — Ken Matsumoto, prewar Los Angeles chapter president and wartime national vice-president, was elected 1960 president of the Oakland JACL, it was announced this week. He was instrumental last year in securing Edward Schnarr, 1941 grand president of the Native Sons of the Golden West, as a guest speaker at the chapter installation.

Matsumoto, who is now in the investment securities business, will be assisted by Roy Endo, 1st v.p.; Katsumi Fujii, 2nd v.p.; Charles Kawasaki, 3rd v.p.; May Ikeda, treas.; Michi Kajiura, cor. sec.; Mrs. Aiko Yokomizo, rec. sec.

On the board are Dr. Charles Ishizu, Shizuo Tanaka, E.J. Kashiwase, Asa Fujie, Mrs. Margaret Utsumi, Mrs. Molly Kitaiima, Frank Ogawa, Dave Saito, Hikoi-chi Taiima (Issei) and Nobuta Akahoshi (Issei).

Appointed to the cabinet were Richard Lee, ath. dir.; Mrs. Grace Misaki, hist.; and James Tsurumoto, pub.

Plans are now being completed for the installation dinner set for Saturday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. at Convention Hall at Jack London Square.

## Son follows father's footsteps as head of Sonoma County

SANTA ROSA. — Following the footsteps of his father, Martin Shimizu was elected president of the Sonoma County JACL for 1960. His father, Henry, was chapter president for two terms in 1941-42. This is the first time in chapter history that a father-son combination has been elected president.

Assisting Shimizu are Dr. Roy Okamoto, 1st v.p.; George Hamamoto, 2nd v.p.; George Kawaoka, 3rd v.p.; James Miyano, treas.; James Murakami, rec. sec.; Riuyo Uyeda, cor. sec.; George Yokoyama, 1000 Club; Ed Ohki, hist.

Serving two-year terms on the board are Sam Mivano, George Yokoyama, Dr. Tets Fujii, Dr. Roy Okamoto, Tak Kameoka, James Murakami, Riuyo Uyeda, Kanemi Ono, George Hamamoto, Frank Oda, Charles Yamamoto and Frank Sunada. Board members who have another year to serve are Martin Shimizu, Florence Kawaoka, Roy Yamamoto, Joe Furu-sho and Ed Ohki.

The installation dinner is planned for Saturday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. at the local Memorial Hall. State Sen. Joseph Rattigan will install the officers. He will also relate some of his legislative experiences in the evening speech. "Go For Broke" will be shown after the address.

Chapter officers and board members are to meet on the third Fridays of the month, it was recently decided. The first Fridays will be devoted to chapter activities and social events.

### Jr. Tri-Villes dance

REDWOOD CITY. — The Jr. Tri-Villes will hold a dance Jan. 22 at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church. On the committees are:

Diana Fujihar and Karen Sukekane, records; Reiko Nakamura, Margaret Inouye, and Lois Kawauchi, refreshments; Joy Nakanishi and Teena Arimoto, decorations; Lynne Mizufune and Arleen Furusho, door; Terry Yano, Nancy Yano, and Maye Watanabe, pub.

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## SONOMA COUNTY AUX'Y YULE PARTY ENTERTAINS OVER 150 ADULTS, TOTS

PETALUMA. — Some 150 members and children attended the gala annual Christmas party given Dec. 12 at the local Memorial Hall by the Sonoma County JACL Women's Auxiliary.

The gay holiday affair included community singing of Christmas carols led by Tom Farrell, accompanied at the piano by Clara Miyano and folk dancing. Santa Claus then distributed gifts.

A colorfully decorated 15-foot pine tree enthralled the crowd. Jim Miyano and George Kawaoka assisted Auxiliary members spruce the tree, which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Riuyo Uyeda.

Mrs. Florence Kawaoka, Auxiliary president, served as general chairman of the affair while Suzy Hirooka was in charge of gifts.

Anne Ohki and Mary Hamamoto, co-chairman, served delicious refreshments to climax a most successful holiday party for both young and old.

## CONVENTION BOOKLET AD DEADLINE APRIL 15

SACRAMENTO. — Deadline for advertisements in the 1960 National JACL Convention souvenir booklet will be April 15, it was announced this week by Tak Tsujita, convention booklet chairman.

As an aid to the chapters, Tsujita outlined four possible suggestions an advertiser might consider as to the form: (a) a business card-type ad, (b) name of firm with a line or two stating the nature of the business, (c) congratulatory message addressed to JACL, followed by the firm's name, and (d) a regular advertisement, such as might be placed in the daily newspapers or magazine.

"Generally, the best ad is the simplest ad," Tsujita added. "Simplicity will help avoid becoming involved in writing ad-copy."

## Florin JACLers prepare for NC-WNDC quarterly

FLORIN. — In preparation for the forthcoming NC-WNDC quarterly meeting to be hosted by the Florin JACL on Sunday, Feb. 7, Louis Ito and Bill Kashiwagi, meeting co-chairmen, announced the following committeemen:

Alvin Seno, June Okamoto, Dale Kuida, Catherine Taketa, regis.; Alfred Tsukamoto, m.c.; Judy Gontan, Amy Kanemoto, Katherine Nakamura, Hanna Yoshinaga, banq. & refr.; Jack Kawamura, souvenir; Oscar Inouye, Paul Takehara, Paul Ito, tickets; Tom Kushi, inv.

## Watanabe elected Detroit president

DETROIT. — The Detroit JACL officers for 1960 were selected at the Dec. 5 general meeting. At the same time, members and friends enjoyed seeing "Go For Broke!"

The new officers are as follows:

Frank Watanabe, pres.; William O'Neill, 1st v.p.; Ray Higo, 2nd v.p.; Dick Kadoshima, 3rd v.p.; Ken Takemoto, treas.; Mary Kamidori, rec. sec.; Dorothy Okamoto, cor. sec.; Catherine Ishioka, hist.; Laura Miyoshi, pub.; Edward Shiroma, Kay Nakahara, Ben Ouchi, Stan Malecki, membs.-at-lrg; Toshi Shimoura, I.I. Council rep.

The annual installation dinner-dance is tentatively set for Feb. 6.

The chapter joined local Nisei organizations in co-sponsoring the New Year's Eve dance at the American Legion Hall. The chapter was in charge of decorations. Tes Tada and Helen Fujiwara were dance co-chairmen.

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## SACRAMENTO IN 'SIXTY: by Shig Sakamoto

## Remember the Rod &amp; Reel

**REMEMBER CONVENTION DATES**—The National JACL Convention starts Tuesday, June 28 and ends July 2, Saturday, with a very big Sayonara Ball winding up the five day meet. Many of you who will bring the family along will note that you will also have two additional days to spend in Sacramento—July 3-4-holiday. Actually convention won't be over for some of the newly elected National Board members who will wind up their convention on Sunday morning for a two-hour session.

But to those who will spend the additional two-days in Sacramento for the holidays, here are some of the recreational places you can visit to extend your vacation plans.

**LAKE TAHOE**—Leave Sacramento on U.S. 50 going east into Sierra foothills. Along the route is historic Placerville and is often called Old Hangtown. This is the Mother Lode Country and you may wish to take a side trip of seven miles to Coloma (State 49 north out of Placerville), site of gold discovery in 1848.

Continue on US 50 high into Sierra Nevada Range until you reach Tahoe. Here turn into State 89, and drive along the shores of Lake Tahoe, one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. Tahoe is 26 miles long and 13 miles wide—the highest lake of its size in North America (6,225 feet elevation)—and a summer and winter playground of exceptional popularity.

If you desire to cross the Nevada border, proceed on Highway 50 until you reach State Line, where many famous gambling establishments are situated. The entire route along the shoreline of Lake Tahoe is dotted with attractive resorts and eating places. Continuing on State 89 until you reach the intersection of U.S. 40, then turn left onto U.S. 40 for the return trip to Sacramento.

Before you leave Highway 89, you will pass the intersection of a road leading into Squaw Valley, the site of the 8th Winter Olympic Games. Construction activities are now in progress. After turning onto U.S. 40, you will ascend to Donner Summit, after passing the Donner Monument, erected in memory of the ill-fated Donner emigrant party, which reached this point in the winter of 1846-47.

The return trip on U.S. 40 is a gradual descent out of the Sierra range and offers marvelous scenery. Auburn is the famous Mother Lode gold mining section, with many buildings from the old days of '49 still standing and occupied. Total distance is about 255 miles.

**THE DELTA**—As one of the richest farm areas in the country, the Delta also has endless miles of beautiful waterways for the exploring visitors. In the Delta region you find many towns and cities where many Issei and Nisei residents are engaging in agricultural fields.

At Freepoint, cross to the west side of the Sacramento River and Clarksburg, home of the American Crystal Sugar Company, one of California's largest producers of beet sugar. Clarksburg is in the heart of one of nation's most productive farming areas.

The city of Isleton, located on the river, has two canneries, a pickle processing plant and grain elevators. For the visitors though, perhaps its chief attraction is its excellent fishing grounds, which are served by number of nearby fishing resorts.

Rio Vista, another interesting town, is also a fisherman's paradise with bass salmon, perch crappie and cat for the anglers. A 63½-lb. striped bass was recorded at Rio Vista in 1944.

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**—The Sacramento area provides a wide variety of facilities for recreation. Its vast network of waterways provides more than 1,500 miles of picturesque routes for the boating enthusiasts plus unlimited area for water skiers and other aqua sports. In addition, the five-mile lake behind Nimbus Dam and the huge Folsom Lake behind Folsom Dam provide excellent facilities for all types of water sports.

The Folsom Lake is 14 miles long and covers more than 11,500 acres. The State of California presently has under construction a number of parks with all the facilities for camping, fishing, picnicking and boating. Launching ramps presently are in use and more than 1,200 acres will be dedicated to parks in the Folsom Lake area.

All lake and streams provide excellent fishing. The Sacramento River and Delta channel are noted for their striped bass, catfish, sturgeon, salmon and steelhead. The American River bordering the northern part of the city, has excellent salmon, steelhead and shad fishing. Throughout the area many tributaries feed these major streams and provide excellent trout fishing for all species.

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Dr. Ema installed  
St. Louis CL head

ST. LOUIS. — Dr. Henry Ema, a dentist, was installed as president of the St. Louis JACL at its inaugural dinner Dec. 5 at Romano's Restaurant before a group of 70 members and guests. George Hasegawa of St. Louis and Midwest District 1000 Club chairman was installing officer.

On the 1960 cabinet are Edward Tanaka, v.p.; Mrs. Kimi Shimamoto, rec. sec.; Katherine Nishimoto, cor. sec.; Herbert Kadowaki, treas.; Richard Henmi, del.; Mrs. Arlene Sueoka, pub. rel.; Mrs. Misao Izumi, hist.; Dr. Alfred Morioka, Kiichi Hiramoto, adv.

In his farewell speech, Dr. Morioka reviewed and commended the cabinet officers for their work of the past year. He gave special recognition to Mae Kadowaki and her directory committee, to George Hasegawa and his group for formulating the new constitution; to Dan Sakahara and his special interest groups within the chapter; to Dick Henmi, as MDC member took on the task of more closely coordinating the duties of council members.

Dr. Morioka stressed that continued personal interest in JACL was vital, that JACL membership was like premium payments "on our insurance policy", and that membership was "our assurance toward maintaining our obligations of our American citizenship".

## Cultural Heritage

William Kahn, director of the Jewish Community Centers Assn., the principal evening speaker, stressed the importance of minority groups to retain their cultural background as well projecting themselves for the betterment of the community scene.

Kahn commended JACL as an active minority group. "As people, don't be afraid to be visible; and don't fall back on your war records. Your group should be represented in community planning. To be a good American, you should be proud of your own group and not to apologize for your background. As soon as a group of people try to be alike, they lose something," he said.

Dr. Ema, in a brief address, said the chapter could look forward to a great and exciting year with the "support of all members and friends". He told of his recent visit to the EDC-MDC convention as an alternate delegate, where he was able to meet Rep. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii. Impressed with what the first Nisei congressman said of showing gratitude to the elders, knowing the virtues of self-pride with humility and of having the courage of conviction rather than being non-committal, Dr. Ema said he had in mind what Inouye said when he accepted the office. He directed a short message in Japanese to the Issei in attendance.

## Special Interest Awards

During the program portion of the evening, special interest groups presented their awards as follows: Dick Sueoka, the George Mitsunaga Trophy for being the "fisherman of the year"; Sam Migita, "biggest trout" catch; Nancy Itogawa, for having furthered bowling activities; Chieko Hardie, Y. Yamamoto and Rose Ogino, Shutterbug awards.

Mrs. Arlene Sueoka was commentator of the "Fashions in Fire and Ice" show. Modeling were Anne Izumi, Glenda Nozawa, Jean Mitori, Nancy Itogawa, Momo Ohmoto, Betty Uchiyama, Lois Sakahara, Nikki Tanaka and Mrs. Sueoka. Roger Miyasaka and Loic Eck arranged the stage; Jean Eto, fashion coordinator; Asako Morioka, Mrs. Harry Hayashi, Flora Yamaoka, advisers.

N.H. Von Soosten closed the evening with a slide show, "I'm from Missouri", showing historical and interesting scenes of the state. Dr. Masashi Kawasaki was toastmaster. Mrs. Pauline Sakahara was in charge of banquet table decorations.

## Oberlin class officer

WASHINGTON. — Todd Endo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aiji Endo, active D.C. JACLers, was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the freshman class at Oberlin College.

## Volunteer firemen

ROY, Utah. — Elected among new officers of the 27-man Weber County volunteer fire department here were Harry Sugihara, lieutenant, and Min Hamada, assistant secretary-treasurer.

JOHN YOSHINO UNANIMOUS CHOICE  
FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Members of the D.C. JACL gave unanimous support to the nominating committee's recommendation submitted at the October meeting and elected John Yoshino as 1960 chapter president.

With over half of the members returning their mail ballots, other officers elected were Ira Shimasaki, 1st v.p.; Miss Chisato Ohara, 2nd v.p.; Minoru Iwatake, treas.; Setsuko Hada, cor. sec. and Kathryn Tomikawa, rec. sec.

Appointments for 1960 include: Ira Shimasaki, program; Joe Ichii, membership; Miss Ohara, News Notes editor; Myke Kosobayashi, pub.

The chapter closed the year with its highest membership of 241 in its 14-year history. Ichii was membership chairman.

The results were announced at the November meeting. The chapter will install the officers at a dinner-dance Jan. 9 at the Bethesda Country Club.

Yoshino, an active JACLer for more than 25 years, is the liaison officer on the President's Committee on Government Contracts, president of the Washington, D.C. Area Conference on Intergroup Relations Officials. He also served as member of the 1959 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship selections

committee, and served as chairman of the D.C. JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this past year.

The 1960 cabinet here is fortunate in having a group of experienced leaders, it was pointed out by Tsugi Shiroishi, Ruth Kuroishi and Dr. George Furukawa of the nominations committee. Ira Shimasaki is a past chapter president, 1953 EDC chairman and served as national chairman of the Arlington National Cemetery Committee. Miss Ohara is the outgoing recording secretary, and Miss Hada and Iwatake were re-elected to their respective posts.

Pharmacist to lead  
Contra Costa JACL

RICHMOND. — Sam Kitabayashi, chief pharmacist for the Contra Costa County Hospital at Martinez, was elected 1960 president of the Contra Costa JACL at elections held recently.

Assisting will be Marvin Uratsu, v.p.; Sumio Yoshii, treas.; Lily Niino, cor. sec.; Emiko Hitomi, rec. sec.; John and Hannah Yasuda, hist.; Sho Kimura, pub.; Eichi Nakazono, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, memb.; May Nakano, telephone; Dr. Togasaki, ex-officio.

Other board members are William Waki, Mas and Yuki Iwahara, Lillian Nakazato, Joe and Masako Oishi, Heizo Oshima, Bill and Betty Akagi, Ted Tashiro and George Sugihara.

Chicago JACLers  
win Silver pins

CHICAGO. — Ten members of the Chicago JACL were awarded the newly-established JACL Silver Pin at the 15th Anniversary Inaugural dinner recently. Each recipient has given at least 10 years of continuous service to the chapter.

The awardees were Dr. William Hara, Roy Iwata, Jack Nakagawa, the Rev. George Nishimoto, Ariye Oda, Thomas Okabe, Hirao "Smoky" Sakurada, Lincoln Shimizu, Louise Suski and Ken Yoshihara.

Alma Mizuno, chapter recognitions committee chairman, was commended by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national recognitions chairman, for the thorough documentation and preparation of application forms for the Silver Pins.

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San Diego JACL dance  
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SAN DIEGO. — The annual San Diego JACL New Year's Day dance will be held tonight at the Cotillion Room at El Cortez with Danny Hale and his orchestra, who played for the chapter last year, providing the music. The 1960 officers will be introduced.

Dancing will start at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per couple.

Coming up is the annual San Diego JACL credit union meeting at Miyako Cafe on Pacific Highway and Hawthorne on Thursday, Jan. 21. Presentation of annual reports, election of officers and news of new regulations are on the agenda. It was announced that from 1960, dividends will be credited semi-annually and that loans are available now up to \$500 on the member's signature and up to \$2,000 with co-makers or collateral.

The San Diego JACL Hi-Co and San Diego State College Oriental Club co-sponsored a Holiday Hop Dec. 19.

Orchestra named for  
San Jose JACL dance

SAN JOSE. — Joe Cerbone and his five-piece band will play for the fourth annual San Jose JACL New Year's dance tonight at the spacious Terrace Room of Hawaiian Gardens. The party starts at 9 p.m.



# East the of River

By Richard Akagi

## HOORAY FOR THE RED, CAUCASIAN AND BLUE

Silhouetted against the western sky, a rider, somewhat short in the saddle, warily urged his cayuse into Tombstone.

The rider, Tomosuke Donburi, dismounted in front of the Longhorn Saloon and, with bow legged grace, clambered up the steps and walked through the swinging doors. He approached the bar, nervously jingling the Phi Beta Kappa key dangling from his holster.

"I'll have a frozen daiquiri," said Tomosuke to the bartender, who was not at all surprised that Tomosuke spoke English with a flawless UCLA accent. The bartender was a Greek and the only living descendant of Anaxagoras; he was also deaf and, therefore, insulated against surprises.

Tomosuke downed three daiquiris and, shortly, true to his heritage, began to glow with that apoplectic Asian redness so that he looked like a slightly delirious stoplight. Overwhelmed by egalitarianism and booze Tomosuke said to the bartender, "I want to tell you how much I appreciate my citizenship."

"Anaxagoras, not Democritus, is the true foundation of philosophy," said the bartender.

"Yes sir, I appreciate my citizenship," said Tomosuke. "I appreciate it. I do, I do."

"That's an inspiring sentiment," said the bartender. Tomosuke would have ventured deeper into the upper reaches of inspiration but, suddenly, he felt an elbow grinding into the pit of his stomach. It was Billy the Creep.

"Say," said Billy, "what are you?"

Tomosuke fingered the American flag in his lapel and said resolutely, "Sir, I am an American citizen . . ."

"I know that," said Billy impatiently, "I mean what ARE you?"

"I'm of Japanese ancestry, if that's what you mean."

"That's what I mean," said Billy. "You know, you speak English pretty good." It was clear that Billy was not descended from Anaxagoras. "You talk just like a white man. How long you been in this country?"

"Sir, I was born here. And I have known Caucasians all my life."

"Who did you say you knew?"

"Caucasians. I guess you would say 'white people', although I avoid using that phrase since I find the word 'white' offensive to my ears. I'm very sensitive, y'know."

"That makes talking kinda hard, don't it," said Billy. "Now you that that great old expression, Hooray for the red, white and blue. It don't sound right to say, Hooray for the red, Caucasian and blue. I think you lose something. Or that other saying, Free, white and 21. Of course, come to think of it, there ain't no call for you to use that saying, since it don't refer to you."

"But I want you to know I appreciate my citizenship," said Tomosuke. "And I also appreciate my Caucasian friends who appreciate that I appreciate my citizenship. Let me buy you a drink, sir."

"Well, now," said Billy the Creep. "That's real whi—I mean real Caucasian of you."

## PICK YAMAMOTO TO L.A. ALL-CITY GRID FIRST TEAM

Teruo Yamamoto, tailback of the Marine League champions, Banning High Pilots, was named outstanding player of the league by the Helms Athletic Foundation and placed on the All-City team as one of the four backs on the first team this week.

A senior at Banning High, speedy Yamamoto stands 5 ft. 10 in. and weighs 168. Besides being the breakaway runner for the Pilots, he was the passer of the team. He finished third in city-wide prep scoring.

Last year, Banning won the City grid play-offs. This year, the Pilots copped the Marine League and then were eliminated by Fremont in the play-offs.

Yamamoto was also named one of the All-Marine league backs.

### Other Sansei All-Stars

Richard Miyagawa, co-captain of the Roosevelt High eleven, was selected to the All-Eastern League guard spot. The smallest player on the all-star squad, he is 5 ft. 7 in. and 151 lbs. He returns next year as a senior.

Henry Ota, quarterback of the Gardena High Mohicans, who had to operate behind a weak line, was named to the second All-Marine league team. Ota is 5 ft. 10 in. and weighs 170. He was effective on short passes.

The 1959 season found more Sansei high school grid stars honored in their respective leagues.

Richard Takeuchi was named center on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer All-City Offense team. He played for Garfield High.

Several were rated All-City honorable mention by the Denver Post: guard Ken Okazaki of Manual, center Clyde Nitta of Manual, backs Ed Mayeda of East and Floyd Ito of Manual. Brighton's back Dave Yamada was similarly honored in the "AA" Adams-Arapahoe All-Star team.

Jim Masuda, PAT expert at San Francisco's Washington High was given honorable mention in the Examiner all-star selection. The Chronicle had Masuda as well as Keith Someya, Washington halfback, on its honorable mention list.

George Toriyama of Alhambra High in Martinez was one of seven halfbacks in the Diablo Valley East Bay Division all-star team with honorable mention.

## Nisei quits newspaper for Honeywell job

MINNEAPOLIS. — Robert R. Hosokawa, special editor of the Minneapolis Sunday Tribune, has joined Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. as manager of publications, the J.A. Journal recently reported.

The younger brother of PC columnist Bill Hosokawa joined the Tribune in 1950 after working on the Des Moines Register and Winona Republican Herald. A graduate of Whitman College, he received his M.A. at the Univ. of Wisconsin and has taught journalism at the Univ. of Minnesota and Syracuse University.

## Fujima Kansume float wins Disneyland trophy

A 23-foot long float, entitled "Christmas in Japan" and entered by the Fujima Kansume Kai for Disneyland's Christmas Holiday parade Dec. 20 won a grand sweepstakes prize.

A large trophy and plaque awarded the group for its effort are now on display at the Toyo Miyatake studio.

## Issei Citizen's Proudest Moment

SAN JOSE.—A diminutive and aged Japanese farmer took and held—the spotlight at a naturalization hearing here Dec. 17.

He is Fred Risuke Okada, 71, a 5-foot 1-inch, 100-pound bundle of Americanism, who refused to leave the citizenship ceremony until he made his pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Okada, wearing a dark suit and necktie, appeared before Superior Judge Raymond G. Callaghan for his citizenship examination.

He was forthright in answering questions about his political beliefs and his knowledge of U.S. history and civics.

When asked what form of government he believes in, Okada

## Over 120 Nisei golfers handicapped in 0-9 category by So. Calif. Nisei Golf Ass'n

A record number of single handicap golfers—121 in all—was announced this past week by the So. Calif. Nisei Golf Assn. It represents approximately one-third of the membership of 360 plus.

Leading are Barney Kim (Air-Flite), Glen Okano (Western) and Hank Hankawa (West L.A.) with three-handicap. Erv Furukawa follows with four and John Toya (Top Notch), George Wada (Top Notch), John Endo (Western), Chick Hinaga (Top Flite), George Ige and Warren Tamashiro (Air-

flite) all have five-handicap.

The compilation made by John Ty Saito, handicap board secretary, shows there are 14 with 6 handicap, 23 with 7, 30 with 8, and 44 with 9 as follows:

6 Handicap: Bob Fukuhara and Tats Nakase (K), Hank Aihara (OC), Mas Miyazaki (W), Fred Ikeguchi (LB), Mas Goya (SC), Robert Asato (AF), Mashie Bessho, Fred Funsakoshi, Fred Harada, George Shimizu and Kyu Yamahata (TN) Hank Yamagata and Dick Izuno (TF).

7 Handicap: Tosh Hayakawa and Dave Yamamoto (B), Ed Nagao (M), Jim Kobayashi (OC), Koichi Fujinaka (SC), Sam Musashi and Bill Okano (SC), Tak Kawasaki and George Noji (AF), George Fukushima, Henry Furukawa, Joe Kishi, Tom Matsunaga, Bob Nishimoto, Nate Osajima and Min Yoshizaki (TN), George Endo, Babe Nomura, Duke Ogata, Jim Saito, Yas Takumi, Al Tengan and George Yamagata (TF).

8 Handicap: Art Hahn (PF), Roy Orimoto (K), Tets Bessho, Ed Kato, Yas Matsuda, and Ted Nake (MF), Eric Kawai (LB), Joe Nakanishi and Allen Nikaido (SC), Kay Hankawa and Hank Mikawa (WLA), Kats Yoshioka (EP), Mike Mayekawa, Bob Moriyama, Charley Miyamoto and Karl Shimabukuro (AF), Jack Horikawa, John Naito, Ken Osajima, Sats Shigekawa, Sho Tarumoto, Fred Tayama, and Hide Uba (TN), Louis Aihara, Chuck Hirata, Doug Mizukami, George Mizuno and George Shimazu (TF), Roy Hayashi (WLA).

9 Handicap: Frank Kawamura (B), Mike Nakamura and Yosh Shimizu (N), George Uchiya (OC), Yus Hamada and Haruo Okino (W), Mas Fukai, Walley Lee, Paul Ryono and Shig Tsuchiyama (LB), Sho Ino (SC), Mas Nahrara and Cy Yuguchi (SC), Mas Matsumura, George Mikawa and Charley Miyamoto (WLA), Howie Uyehara (HP), George Ajloka, George Inase, George Inouye, Richard Isawa, Fred Ishimoto Shig Nakano and Isao Kudo (AF), Tets Asato, Kim Hatashita, Bill Miyagi, Beach Morita, Frank Onishi, Steve Takeuchi, Paul Tsukahara, Joe Uematsu, Frank Yamaguchi and Seb Kimura (TN), Harley Ito, Ben Katow, Mas KaKwaguchi, Kayo Kuratani Jack Maeshiro, George Nakaji, Kaz Shimizu, Reggie Suzukawa, Dick Takeshita and Kiyo Yamato (TF).

## Sansei fencer wins N.Y. invitational tournament title

NEW YORK. — Madeline Miyamoto, 18, of Los Angeles and now a freshman at Fairleigh Dickinson University, a woman's college at Teaneck, N.J., won 11 fencing bouts including one over the present national intercollegiate champion, to cop the annual Eastern Intercollegiate Christmas tournament Dec. 19 at Hunter College gymnasium.

In taking the first major collegiate tournament for women, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Miyamoto did not lose one match. Hers was the only clean slate.

Of future significance was the victory over Fran Sidoti of Jersey City State College, national intercollegiate women's champion. The Sansei, on the strength of her recent performance, became a strong favorite to win the 1960 national championships, when the finals are held in spring.

The tournament was a round-robin affair with each of the 12 girls meeting each other in turn. Miss Miyamoto's toughest bout was with Dorothy Pohlman of Paterson State, another lefty, who placed second with a 10-1 score. Miss Pohlman lost the bout to Miss Miyamoto three touches to four, the number needed to win a bout.

Miss Miyamoto is 5 ft. 2 in., and described as "a quick, smart little left-hander, who causes her opponents plenty of trouble". In defeating her rivals, she was touched 14 times—three of her opponents failing to score a touch.

The Sansei lass hopes to be among the five U.S. women fencers in the 1960 Olympic Games at Rome. A math major, she has a long and bright future at Fairleigh Dickinson. She practiced for seven years at a Hollywood studio.

### Top Notch golfers

George Wada succeeds Tom Matsunaga as Top Notch Golf Club president for 1960.

## Shonien receives \$3,700 as TOT Ball proceeds

Shonien Japanese Children's Home and Child Welfare Center was given a check for \$3,791.10 last month from the Nisei Legal Secretaries Assn. and Luknes, co-sponsors of the 1959 TOT Ball.

It represented the largest single proceeds in the history of the dance.

### N.Y. directory

NEW YORK. — The New York Japanese American business and social directory for 1960, published by the Hokubei Shimpō, 524 W. 25th St., New York 1, is now available at \$1.50.

## PRE-WAR BASEBALL STAR DIES UNEXPECTEDLY

"Choo Choo" Sano Sugi, 49, died here unexpectedly on Dec. 18. An active member of the prewar Olivers Club, he starred in baseball at Lincoln High and is listed in the school's Hall of Fame. He played with the L.A. Nippons and toured Japan with the team in 1931.

## Theme for WYABI confab at San Mateo announced

SAN MATEO. — "Turning the Wheel of Dharma" is the theme of the 12th annual Western Young Adult Buddhist League conference to be held here Feb. 13-14. Business and social functions will be at the Villa Motor Hotel while discussion groups and services will be held at the San Mateo Buddhist Church. The keynote speaker will be Bishop S. Hanayama of the Buddhist Churches of America.

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territorial amputations. During that same period, as a result of these aggressive Communist actions, forty-two free and independent countries, including Japan, have developed mutual security arrangements with the United States in accordance with the provisions of Article 51 of the United Nations Charter. And it is a fact that since these forty-two countries have entered into security arrangements with the United States, not one of them has suffered from direct Communist aggression or lost one inch of its territory. Could it be that the Russian Communist leaders wish Japan to sever its security ties with the United States and adopt the so-called policy of "neutrality" so that Japan will be isolated and alone, and thus exposed to the full weight of Communist power without the benefit of the protective mantle of the security partnership with the United States? Substance is lent to this supposition by the fact that the Russian leaders themselves do not tolerate neutrality within the Communist bloc. Khrushchev, writing in "Kommunist," declared: "In the world today there is a fierce struggle between two ideologies: socialist and bourgeois. In this struggle there can be no neutrals." Indeed, within the Communist bloc, neutrality is regarded as a crime. For example, in Rumania the Criminal Code of 1958 provides the death penalty for any citizen trying to engage the Rumanian state in a declaration of neutrality.

Many Japanese in different walks of life have told me that until such time as the United Nations can assure the security of its members, which it unfortunately cannot now do, Japan has need of security ties with the United States. They also express the belief that both Japan and America benefit from such arrangements. I fully and wholeheartedly share that view. Certainly insofar as the United States is concerned, the security of Japan, which involves its continued freedom, independence, and prosperity, is vitally important not only to the Japanese people but to every American, and indeed to free peoples everywhere. Similarly, the great power and strength of the United States which, through collective security arrangements based on the principle of equality, helps to strengthen the freedom and independence of other countries with whom it has security arrangements, is important to those countries. So, here again, in another vital field, one which involves the continued independence of each of our two countries and peoples, Japan and America are interdependent.

**IV. Common Objective — The Strong Foundation on Which Japanese-American Cooperation Is Built**—Not only are we interdependent in these two matters of overriding importance to each country, but we also share many of the same basic objectives.

Both our peoples believe that governments are made to serve mankind—not that man is the slave of the state.

Both the Japanese and American people believe in truly democratic government and freedom for their own peoples. This means the observance of human and moral law, respect for parliamentary democracy, and the prevention of the use of force, intimidation, and coercion by special groups in violation of law and democratic principles.

Both Japan and the United States are also totally opposed to the threat or use of force as a means to settle international disputes. Both want a world where disputes will be settled by peaceful means and not by violence and force such as we have seen in Hungary, Tibet, India, and Laos.

Both our countries believe that the United Nations is one of the most effective instruments for peace in the world today and both Japan and the United States give it their full and wholehearted support.

The governments and peoples of both Japan and the United States support the principles of self-determination, self-government, and independence for all peoples who desire them and are able to undertake their responsibilities. This, of course, includes the right of all peoples to have governments of their own choosing.

Both Japan and the United States, at the same time, are giving wholehearted material support to the efforts of the newly independent countries to develop their economies and thus to provide a better way of life for their peoples.

Both the Japanese and the American people believe that genuine disarmament is one of the most essential tasks facing the world today. For, a dependable system of arms limitation and control would do much not only to safeguard the whole future of mankind but also to dissipate the cloud of apprehension which weighs so heavily on the world today. That is why the United States, Japan, and other free world governments are constantly striving for a dependable agreement, based on an effective system of international inspection and control, which will make unnecessary the present crushing burden of armaments and will permit much of the resources that now go into the maintenance of military forces to be devoted to economic and social progress.

Finally, and most important of all, both the Japanese and the American people want a world in which there will be peace with justice for all peoples.

**V. Conclusion**—In conclusion, to summarize: In the life of any nation and people—great or small—the two most important single things are its daily bread and its security. In trade, which means daily bread, and in security, which means democratic freedom and independence, Japan and the United States are interdependent and need each other.

But not only are Japan and the United States interdependent they also share the same basic objectives. And both our countries and peoples derive great benefit from the close ties of friendship and cooperation which join them together. By continuing to work together in close and equal partnership, I am sure that not only will our two peoples derive even greater benefits in the future than they have in the past, but that we will also serve the cause of peace and bring closer the day when there will indeed be peace with justice for all peoples.

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### BIRTHS

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Hera David K. (Evelyn Fukuchi)—girl Adrienne Chien, Oct. 2. Hirayama, Mamoru (Aileen T. Takahashi)—girl Lyn Fumie, Oct. 3. Ishikawa, Roger K. (Jane K. Tamashiro)—boy Russell J., Oct. 7. Jansen, George (Reiko Kurihara)—boy Alphonsus Kiyoshi, Oct. 9. Konishi, Raymond A. (Jeannette H. Luke)—boy David W., Oct. 5. Nakatani Sam (Shizuyo Ito)—girl Karen Akko, Oct. 7. Monterey Park. Ogawa, Shigeo (Sally Miyamoto)—girl Kathryn L., Oct. 9. Sugiki, Alan T. (Yuriho Sakuma)—boy Leslie D., Oct. 11. Watanabe, Takuo (Jayne N. Ikeda)—girl Karen L., Oct. 8. Whitfield, Robert (Miyako Nagata)—girl Dana L., Oct. 12.

#### MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL

Hirabayashi, Ted—girl Sue E., Aug. 13. Nishida, George—girl Kaye, July 31. Osada, Dr. Tak—girl Kim Miye, Oct. 30. Otani, Dick—boy Richard, Jr., Sept. 26. Semba, Tom—boy Charles P., Sept. 21. Sudo, Tosh—boy Philip Toshio, Oct. 20. Tabata, Jim—girl Jeannie, Sept. 2.

#### WASHINGTON, D.C.

Suyehiro, Hito—boy Denis, Oct. 9. Taira, Calvin—boy Gregg, Oct. 27.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Akasaki-Wada—Mari to James E., both Los Angeles. Arie-Watahira—Nancy, Fresno, to William H. Sanger, Los Angeles. Ito-Kanegawa—Yosh M. to Bob H., both Los Angeles. Kayano-Tanimura—Kay, Long Beach, to Mitsuru, Los Angeles. Ohtomo-Matsumoto—Alice K., Los Angeles, to Ben, Sacramento. Wakiji-Fukuma—Misako K. to Shogi, both Pasadena. Yokota-Arima—Masaye, Santa Cruz, to Ronald, San Francisco.

### WEDDINGS

Erfurth-Nakagawa—Nov. 13, Elmer and Lily E., both Los Angeles. Hashimoto-Imada—Nov. 8, George, Fowler; Kimiko, Parlier. Hikido-Uchiyama—Dec. 5, Shogo and Chiyo, both San Jose. Hiyama-Naito—Roger, Orosi; Mariko, Reedley. Matsumoto-Furukawa—Nov. 15, Tom S., Fresno; Kay K., Los Angeles. Ogata-Wakasa—Nov. 29, Gerald, Parlier; Suzy K., Kingsburg. Shimada-Kubota—Nov. 28, Cary and Michiko, both Fresno.

### DEATHS

Adachi, Fusa, 63; Sacramento, Nov. 26. Araki, Mrs. Matsuye, 75; Los Angeles, Nov. 4. Endo, Mrs. Ei, 64; Los Angeles, Nov. 7. Enomoto, Hidekichi, 81; North Hollywood, Nov. 14. Fujii, Mrs. Chizuye, 59; Watsonville, Oct. 28. Fujikawa, Yoichi, 72; Gardena, Nov. 16. Fujimura, Mrs. Hama, 64; Fresno, Nov. 1. Goto, Richard, 68; Berkeley, Nov. 6. Gushi, Emiko, 23; Los Angeles, Dec. 6. Hama, Eihiro, 70; Salt Lake City, Nov. 26. Hasegawa, Mrs. Chiyoko, 55; San Francisco, Nov. 4. Hata, Masachi, 78; Gardena, Nov. 16. Hatanaka Reiko, 3½; Reedley, Dec. 2. —(p) Mr. & Mrs. George and two sisters. Hikido, Shunzo, 83; San Jose, Nov. 14. Horino, Kaichi, 78; Los Angeles, Nov. 13. Hosaka, John, 39; Santa Cruz, Nov. 9. —(p) Mr. & Mrs. Isokichi, (b) Mark, (s) Mrs. Lucille Kohara, Mrs. Richard Hirano. Iri, Mrs. Yaeno, 73; Los Angeles, Nov. 6. Ishikawa, Toshitaro, 59; Los Angeles, Nov. 30. Isokawa, Joichi, 83; Fresno, Oct. 12. Ito, Mrs. Fumi, 35; Los Angeles, Nov. 27. —(h) Thomas H., (s) Thomas, (d) Janice, Teresa, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Teiji Miyake, (b) Dick Y. Iwaki, Heitaro, 78; Los Angeles, Nov. 8. Izumi, Ryozo, 82; West Los Angeles, Nov. 26. Kakehi, Kameshiro; San Mateo, Nov. 29. Kambara, Mrs. Kusui, 74; Los Angeles, Nov. 17. Kasamatsu, Tomeshiro, 88; Los Angeles, Nov. 12. Kikuchi, Mrs. Kaji, 85; West Los Angeles, Nov. 30. Kirino, Kijiro, 71; Los Angeles, Nov. 17. Kubo, Masao, 30; Reedley, Nov. 25. —(f) Masayuki and two sisters. Kurokawa Shunzo; Selma, Nov. 15. Maruyama, Joe K., 38; West Los Angeles, Dec. 1. —(f) Sukehichi (b) Noboru, (s) Mrs. Toshiye Fujii. Morimune, Lance (at birth); Watsonville, Nov. 11. —(p) Mr. and Mrs. Shige, two brothers, sister. Mihara, Mrs. Katsumo, 60; Seattle, Nov. 2. Mukai, Takeshi, 34; San Jose Nov. 4. —(f) Buntaro, (b) Kazumasa, Hiroshi, Kenichi, Haruto Masato, George, Roy Soichi (s) Mrs. Harumi Kanazawa. Nakajima, Chujiro, 90; Caruthers, Nov. 18. Nagaoaka, Otojiro, 82; San Jose, Nov. 17. Nagatomi, Rev. Shinjo, 57; San Francisco, Nov. 20. Neeno, Mosaburo, 78; Los Angeles, Nov. 17. Nishikage Selichi, 78; San Francisco, Oct. 13. Nomura Hakuzo, 71; Fresno, Nov. 17. Ohata, Takunosuke, 81; Fresno, Nov. 25. Omori, Keiichi; Chicago, Nov. 20. Ono, Mrs. Matsuno; Sacramento, Nov. 5. Sato, Sadaichiro, 72; Los Angeles, Nov. 5. Shiba Motoyuki, 54; Chicago, Nov. 11. —(w) Fumiko, (b) Toshio and (s) Noriko. Shimizu, Shinakichi, 90; Guadalupe, Oct. 30. Shimomura, Mrs. Fude, 89; Los Angeles, Nov. 17. Sugimoto, Risaburo H., 71; Thermal, Nov. 11. Suzuki, Mrs. Toyoko, 72; Los Angeles, Nov. 17. Takakura, Isogoro, 76; Los Angeles, Dec. 8. Taniguchi, Sadakichi, 84; Watsonville, Oct. 31. Tokimoto, Linda (at birth); Chicago, Nov. 23. —(p) Mr. & Mrs. Hideo.

## GUEST COLUMNIST:

## Nihongo with Yankee Touch

Because the article reveals how a growing and impressive number of English words are becoming a part of common Japanese usage, it is reprinted from the San Francisco Hokoku Mainichi of Nov. 16. It was written by Jobo Nakamura, Sacramento Nisei now working with U.S. forces in Japan.

### Tokyo

Many Nisei who have come to Japan in these recent times have discovered that Japanese conversation is not as difficult as they had expected. That's because so many English words and phrases have crept into the daily conversation of the Japanese man on the street.

Of course, common nouns such as matches, radio, button, stove and alcohol have been around in Japan for good many years before the last war. As technology advances, such words as transistor, rocket, hunger strike, and propane gas become parts of the common everyday conversation. These words have no Japanese equivalents and if there are, they are rarely used or heard.

On the other hand, while there are good Japanese equivalents, many words are being abandoned in favor of English idioms fashioned to the quickening pace of modern life in Japan. Too, almost like a vogue now, these English words and phrases are used to sophisticate the modern Japanese speech just as we Americans sometimes use French and Latin words in our conversation and writings.

For example, the boxer, Yaoita, was Japan's "hope" for flyweight championship. The word "hope," is used mainly in this respect in Japan.

Many of the English words used are idiomatic in that the meaning of the words are peculiar to local Japanese. The word "service" has a slightly different shade of meaning. It is "sa-bi-su" when something extra is thrown in. If a barber gives you a free shampoo with a hair-cut, that's "sa-bi-su." If the baker gives you an extra piece of cake for nothing, that's "sa-bi-su."

### Teenagers' Choices

Teenagers in Japan are quick to pick up American idioms, from movies presumably. Words like date, petting, popular, bye-bye, jealousy, only (meaning steady), high-teen, tough guy, boy friend, girl friend, and wonderful are all now parts of young people's vocabulary. As much as possible they try to avoid old fashioned Japanese terms. It was really nice to see youngsters bow to each other in Sayonara. But now, alas, they just flick fingers at each other and say "Bye-bye." "Plus-alpha" means "Number One" or "the best one;" these three words are synonymous and have common usage.

Long cumbersome words are summarily abbreviated. When I first arrived in Japan, people told me they will meet me on the "ho-mu." (Ho-mu means platform of a train station). For a long time, I could not figure out the derivation of the word "ho-mu." I thought it might be "home."

Other words which are commonly heard are "kom-bi" for combination, "tele-bi" for television, "katsu" for cutlet, "Pa-ma" for permanent (hairdo), "han-de" for handicap, and "masu pro" for mass production.

While Caucasians no doubt will

### Gardena club elects

GARDENA. — Tom Miyawaki, active Gardena Valley JACLer, was elected president of the Gardena Valley Nisei Club recently. The group was formed two years ago to provide social and recreational programs for its members. Miyawaki is also active with the So. Calif. Nisei Bowling Assn. and Gardena Nisei VFW Post.

### Dentist marries

Dr. Tad Ochiai, active Orange County JACLer and a dentist, and Kikuko Fukuda of Los Angeles were married Dec. 20 at Shatto Chapel.

Tomita, Katsushige, 68; Berkeley, Nov. 23. Toya, Akira, 41; West Los Angeles, Dec. 5. —(w) Irene four children, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Fusajiro. Toyota, Eiiji, 21; San Jose, Nov. 29. —(p) Mr. & Mrs. Tadashi, (b) Masami (s) Nobuko, Mrs. Misako Takai, Mrs. Fukiko Momii. Tsujimoto, Hichizo, 81; Los Angeles, Nov. 11. Tsutsumi, Mrs. Matsu, 73; Los Angeles, Dec. 1. Ueno, Yoshisuke, 74; Los Angeles, Nov. 4. Uyemura, Toraji, 81; Los Angeles, Nov. 11.

have difficulty recognizing the anglicized Japanese as spoken by Japanese, Nisei should have little trouble. Oftimes I would stumble to search for an appropriate Japanese word only to find that its English counterpart is more commonly used.

### Commonly Borrowed

To list some words that are heard in daily conversation among Japanese of all ages: amateur, stamina, romance, angle, best-seller, mascot, member, course (pathway), smart (chic), check, special, debut, high-light, decoration, season, shock, veteran, talent, party, cost, spare (extra), hint, drive (auto), boom (Japan boom), sales (bargain), chance, deluxe, etiquette, nice, neuroses, double, business, give-an-take, recreation, design, etc., etc. These were picked merely at random. There are many more.

People nowadays don't say "shashin-ki" anymore. It's kamera. You can go into Japanese barber shop in Japan and ask for "hair-cut and shampoo." You can even call the "tokoya-san" a "bar-bar."

Therefore, dear readers, you need not fret about your highly anglicized Japanese when you come to Japan because you will be speaking a very sophisticated Japanese. In fact, I am learning the certain nuance that separates Nisei speech from that of the new anglicized Japanese. My greatest ambition is to be mistaken for a scholarly Japanese gentleman who speaks fluent English.

## Christmas Cheer to hit \$3,000

While the final report of the 1959 Christmas Cheer issued earlier this week showed \$2,813.80—which surpasses the \$2,500 goal—received in contributions, Cheer chairman Jim Higashi expects the final summary to be turned into the City Social Welfare Agency will show an additional \$200.

Several donations are expected to be made to push the 1959 campaign over the \$3,000 mark, it was explained.

There were 331 recipients this year, the final report indicated. Only \$167.11 (less than 6 per cent) was used for expenses.

Contributors for the past weeks were:

**CHRISTMAS CHEER DONATIONS**  
December 14 - 19

\$277.97—Southwest LA Chapter JACL  
\$50—Luknes, East Los Angeles JACL  
\$25—Nisei Legal Secretaries Association, Los Angeles Union Church  
\$20—Kumamoto Fujinkai  
\$15—Funsters Club  
\$10—Nishi Hongwanji Y.B.A., Union Church Fujinkai, Cher Amis, West Adams Christian Church Danaes  
\$5—Dr. Shokichi Kato, Ray T. Kuni-shima, Diamond Securities Co., Mr. and Mrs. Will T. Kodama  
\$3—Marian Kawai, Fred Tanaka, Los Angeles Nisei Free Methodist Church, Frank and Kazue Yamashita.  
\$2—Mrs. Chusaku Ueda, H. Fujioka.  
\$1—Teru Kobata, Mrs. Rose Shioji, Anonymous (Los Angeles), Yezo Yutani Anonymous (Pasadena).  
**Cheer Fund Recapitulation**  
Total previously reported .... \$2123.83  
Total this report ..... 553.97  
Current total ..... \$2677.80  
**Other Donations**  
Canned Goods and Staples—Philos, Nishi Hongwanji Y.B.A., Hollywood Independent Church, Christ Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles (Nisei) Free Methodist Church Orange County JAYS, Shufflers of Pasadena, San Fernando Valley Holiness Church Toys—Hollywood Beverly Christian Church.

### Dec. 21-26

\$25—Suzuki Family (Miss Eva Suzuki)  
\$20—Vandas, The Town Hubs, LA JACL Coordinating Council.  
\$10—Pandoras, Mrs. Takeyo Mutow.  
\$5—Fred Taomae, Miss Blanche Shio-saki, George Iseri, Katsuma Mukae-da, Mrs. Lucille Starnard.  
\$3—Los Angeles Holiness Church.  
\$1—Y. Kuratomi, K. Toji, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hirose.  
**Cheer Fund Recapitulation**  
Total previously reported .... \$2677.80  
Total this report ..... 136.00  
Current total ..... \$2813.80  
**Other Donations**  
Canned Goods and Staples—Los Angeles Holiness Church.

### Wins architectural award

Masami Tanaka, 30-year-old architectural designer from Tokyo, was selected as recipient of the first Welton Becket working fellowship. Tanaka will join the Los Angeles staff of the firm in late April for a one-year period.





## Washington Newsletter

BY MIKE MASAOKA

### JAPAN - U.S. INTERDEPENDENCE

Tokyo

**WHILE IN JAPAN**, Sam Ishikawa and I were honored with an hour long visit with Douglas MacArthur II, the able, active United States Ambassador to Japan. That he is a popular representative of the American people is evidenced everywhere one goes in Japan. That he is extremely capable and effective is witnessed in the continually improving relationships between Japan and the United States.

In October, Ambassador MacArthur spoke to the Yokohama Rotary Club on The Interdependence of Japan and the United States. We believe that, except for the introductory comments, which we have deleted, this expression of views is of particular significance to Nisei Americans. Accordingly, we are devoting our Newsletter this week to reprinting of his speech.

**I. Introduction**—And speaking of progress, I would like to say a few words today about Japanese-American relations, because here also we have seen much progress in the past few years. This progress has not been just a matter of chance. It is, I believe, the direct result of the fact that Japan and America are interdependent. Therefore, I would like to speak today on the "Interdependence of Japan and the United States."

This is a subject which is close to the hearts of all of us who are assembled here. But it is also timely to talk about because recently voices have been raised in Moscow, and subsequently in Peking, criticizing the cooperative arrangements between Japan and America. Indeed, within Japan itself certain voices have echoed and parroted the criticisms of Moscow. And so today I thought it would be useful to analyze Japanese-American interdependence and cooperation in two vitally important fields—trade and security. And since we are not only interdependent, but also share many common objectives, I will also say a few words about these objectives.

**II. Trade — Our Daily Bread**—In a conversation that I had with a prominent Japanese businessman about Japan's trade with the United States, he said to me, "Trade is literally Japan's daily bread." I will, therefore, first deal with the interdependence of our two countries in the field of trade.

Japan has in recent years been a very important market for America. In fact, it has generally been the second largest export market for the United States, ranking only after Canada. Until this year, when Japan enjoys thus far a favorable balance of trade with the United States, Japan has traditionally bought much more commercially from the United States than we have bought from Japan. And in this connection, Japan has been one of the United States' largest markets for agricultural products, including some that are in substantial surplus in the United States. The United States benefits very greatly from trade with Japan, and the American agricultural surplus problem would be infinitely more difficult to handle without the large Japanese market.

Now, let us look at the opposite side of the coin. The United States is Japan's largest single market. Indeed, today almost one-third of all Japan's exports go to the United States. These exports consist largely of high quality luxury or consumer goods such as fine textiles, radios, optical goods and instruments, stainless steel flatware, plywood, fine porcelain, toys, and a variety of sundries. Such luxury goods are, of course, not easily sold in quantity in areas such as Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and in other areas where real wages are not as high as they are in the United States. Furthermore, Communist countries never import in quantity such consumer goods, which would serve to make their peoples' lives more pleasant and agreeable. Instead, in their foreign trade, Communist countries concentrate on importing machinery and equipment which will strengthen the sinews of their war and heavy industries. So Japan has no market available to replace the American market which takes about one-third of all Japan's exports.

Now, it so happens that most Japanese products exported to America are produced by medium and small-sized industries in Japan. And medium- and small-sized industries in Japan account for roughly 80 per cent of the employment of Japan's entire industrial labor force. Therefore, one can easily see that the United States market is not only important, but is essential, for Japan's economic and social well being.

Thus, in the vital field of trade, which is so important to America but is, as my Japanese friend pointed out, Japan's daily bread, there is a deep interdependence between Japan and America.

**III. Mutual Security — Our Freedom and Independence**—Now, I would like to turn to the field of mutual security. While trade for Japan means its daily bread, security for Japan—indeed for the United States or for any free country—means its continued independence and freedom. According to the Japanese press, Soviet leaders in Moscow recently criticized Japan's security ties with the United States, and indicated that Japanese-American security ties should be severed or drastically changed as the price for better relations between Russia and Japan.

Why does Russia, with its great military power and with a thirty-year military alliance with Communist China, insist that Japan sever its security ties with America and isolate itself from the United States, its strong and friendly ally?

Perhaps the history of the last twenty years holds the answer to this question. In that period, fifteen once proud and independent countries have either been enslaved by Soviet or Chinese Communist imperialism or have suffered substantial

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### FOUNTAIN VALLEY MAYOR AND NISEI COUNCILMAN AT ODDS ON ZONE ISSUE

FOUNTAIN VALLEY. — Mayor Jim Kanno and a Nisei councilman Charles Ishii are on opposite sides on a proposal to erect a 1,000-car, \$150,000 drive-in theater within city limits.

Mayor Kanno and another councilman at a recent council meeting voted against approving a motion made by Ishii to allow a zoning change to permit construction of the theater. One councilman was absent and the motion failed to pass on a 2-2 deadlock vote.

The drive-in theater would be Fountain Valley's first commercial venture. The city covers nine and a half square miles and has a population of approximately 2,000 almost all farmlands.

### Aliens reminded to file address cards

George K. Rosenberg, district director of the U.S. immigration and Naturalization Service, estimated today that 360,000 aliens will report their address in the Los Angeles District during January under the Federal Alien Address Report Program.

(The So. Calif. JACL Regional Office will assist Issei file alien address reports as in the past, during the month of January, assured Fred Takata, regional director.)

In addition, aliens who are temporarily out of the United States during January must report their address to the Service within 10 days after their return.

The District Director said that address report cards will be available at the Immigration Service office at 510 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., and local United States Post Offices beginning Jan. 1, 1960.

### CHARTER FLIGHT PLANS TO JAPAN CANCELLED

SANTA ROSA. — Sonoma County JACL's proposed charter flight to Japan in May, 1960, has been cancelled, it was announced by Ed Ohki, chapter president, last week.

Ohki thanked the many who inquired of the flight and said they would be advised of the cancellation. Circumstances beyond the chapter's control necessitated the dropping of plans.

### Instead of being Bitter

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would retort with: "You've no right to tell me what to do. You're not supporting me. The government is."

"One effect of Japanese pride being broken can be seen in the old folks who lost everything and were too old to get on their feet again. The Japanese would die before they asked for help. Now we have many old people who have to ask for help. This was never so in the old days no matter how badly off they were. The self-supporting Japanese economy was destroyed."

#### Good Side of Evacuation

"On the good side though is the acceptance of the Japanese. In most cases we can live where we want to. Today a doctor or a dentist can set up practice in almost any neighborhood he chooses. No longer is he confined to the Japanese neighborhood."

Kido who also publishes the Japanese American News, a bilingual daily newspaper, with a circulation of 6,000 says of his own relocation, "It was a good chance to move out of San Francisco. I always wanted to come to Los Angeles and probably never would have made my mind up to it if I hadn't been pushed."

Kido who lost \$23,000 got \$2,700 in claims.

Six thousand of the Japanese renounced their citizenship. Of these 5,000 have had their citizenship restored to them. Four hundred have been denied citizenship and 600 have not applied which they must do by the end of the year.

Perhaps the strongest reason for the lack of bitterness is the complete change in attitude toward the Japanese. As they say, "why live

### Elaine Kuritani named 1959 winner of Mile-Hi JACL-Sakata Memorial award

DENVER. — Elaine S. Kuritani, 18, now a freshman at Denver University, was named the outstanding high school graduate of 1959 by the judges of the Mile-Hi JACL-Harry H. Sakata Memorial Award, for the Denver metropolitan area.

Miss Kuritani was selected as winner of the JACL-Sakata Award, out of the more than 60 Nisei and Sansei high school graduates of 1959.

Elaine is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuritani, who evacuated to Colorado. Elaine was born in Los Angeles, and is a Sansei. She expects to make teaching her career.

During her high school years, Elaine was vice-president of the Future Teachers of America Club, secretary for the Latin Club, the International Relations Club, and of the Senior Class. She was the ranking honorary officer of the ROTC, as commanding colonel for Manual High School. She graduated third in her class of 327, and was one of three student speakers for the graduation exercises.

Miss Kuritani won the Thunderbolt Citizenship Award, the Estelle Hunter Scholarship, the Denver Class Room Teachers' Assn. award, the Thom McMan Leadership Award, and was a finalist in the National Sojourners speaking contest. She is a member of the choir and a Sunday School teacher at the Tri-State Buddhist Church.

The panel of judges, headed by Larry Tajiri as chairman and assisted by Jack Boyd of the Denver Public Schools and Mrs. Robley Brannon a trustee for Colorado College, in reviewing the records of Paul Y. Horiuchi of Brighton, Elaine Kuritani, Eugene Mizawa of West High, Melvin Shiramizu of Manual High and Joyce Ann Takamine of East High, expressed their admiration for the outstanding records achieved by all of the finalists, and commented that the young students of today matched and indeed even surpassed the proudest records of the Nisei of 20 years ago.

Toshio Ando acted as chairman of the Mile-Hi JACL - Harry H. Sakata Memorial Awards committee, and was assisted by Chiyo Okumura, Fumi Yabe, Haruko Kobayashi, Phoebe Sasano, Sam Matsumoto, Tak Terasaki, Min Yasui, and ex officio members Mary Sakata and Robert Y. Uyeda, as

president of the Mile-Hi JACL.

The Mile-Hi JACL - Harry H. Sakata Memorial Award was established in 1956, under the presidency of John Sakayama, in memory of Harry Harumi Sakata, an ardent JACLer who served the Mile-Hi JACL as president in 1955 and died during his term of office. The award was established to perpetuate the faith that Sakata had in young people, and as an inspiration towards community leadership.

The first award winner in 1954 was Carl Yorimoto, in 1957 Viola T. Doizaki, and in 1958 Thomas Yasuda.

### Nisei attorney may be named to tax appraiser position

SAN JOSE. — Attorney Wayne Kanemoto has been mentioned to State Controller Alan Cranston as a prospect for the next appointment as a Santa Clara County inheritance tax appraiser, according to Harry Farrell, San Jose Mercury political writer.

Kanemoto would be the first Nisei to hold such an appointment, and Cranston has been systematically recognizing minority groups in handing out appraiser jobs around the state, Farrell said.

The controller's plans for eventual expansion of the local appraiser panel from three to four are already known, though he has said he may let the status remain "quo" for some months yet.

Kanemoto has practiced law in San Jose since after World War II, in which he fought in the famed 442nd regimental combat team.

Since 1958 he has served on the San Jose Human Relations Commission. He is a former Democratic county central committee man and an active JACL member here.

### Sansei touring with Mitchell choir

Jon Craig Sakamoto, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Sakamoto of 5637 Spokane St., will tour Russia and Europe with the Bob Mitchell Singing Boys. The noted group left yesterday for a three months tour.

Jon, who was auditioned and accepted in the select group this spring, began his career with the choir early in the summer. He is the only Japanese youngster among the 18 boys, each a musician and soloist in his own right. Of these, only eight boys will go on the tour. The remaining 10 will be touring the United States.

Each boy receives his schooling along with his musical training. Young Sakamoto is a fifth grader.

Jon has appeared on Art Linkletter's Secret World of Kids. He has sung at churches, weddings and funerals with the group.

### Berry growers group to centralize operations

SAN JOSE. — The Central California Berry Growers Assn. will centralize its berry processing operations here with the exception of a Watsonville receiving and packing station, it was announced last week by general manager Tad Tomita.

A new 70,000 sq. ft. processing plant is under construction to supplement the present 12,000 sq. ft. station here.

Regarded as the oldest and largest strawberry marketing co-operative in the U.S., it now has nearly 200 grower members who operate or control some 1,400 acres.

### CALENDAR

Jan. 1 (Friday)  
San Jose—New Year's dance, Hawaiian Gardens.  
Jan. 2 (Saturday)  
Long Beach—New Year's dance.  
Jan. 6 (Wednesday)  
Detroit—Teen Club elections.  
Jan. 9 (Saturday)  
Sonoma County—Installation dinner.

26 Weeks till 16th Biennial JACL Convention — Sacramento: June 28 - July 2