

## Dillingham-nouye Senate race big election issue

### MIN YASUI NAMED MAIN SPEAKER OF CCDC CONVENTION

Fashion, Talent Shows  
Afternoon Attractions  
Of Dec. 9 Annual Event

SELMA.—Denver attorney Minoru Yasui was announced as the main speaker at the annual convention of the Central California District Council, scheduled for Dec. 9 at the Fresno Elks Lodge, 3080 E. Kings Canyon Rd. He is currently Mountain-Plains District Council chairman and widely known as one of the principals in the famous Yasui supreme court case on evacuation.

The CCDC, which met here at Freeway Lanes on Sept. 16, felt the speaker would be a worthy



Minoru Yasui

successor to the convention speaker last year, Bill Hosokawa, also of Denver.

The CCDC convention will be preceded by a no-host dinner on Saturday night, Dec. 8, at the Fresno Hacienda to greet out-of-town guests. A business meeting will follow.

#### Fashion Show Reinstated

A fashion show is being groomed again for the convention program after a hiatus of one year. CCDC chapters were reminded to have two women representatives at the next council meeting at Freeway Lanes, Oct. 14, 2 p.m.

The talent show, which was incorporated into the convention format last year, will follow the fashion show. Ben Nakamura, CCDC 1st vice-chairman, is convention general chairman.

The CCDC golf tournament will be held out of Fresno for the first time at North Kern golf course in Bakersfield on Sunday, Nov. 25, with Bakersfield JACL hosting.

Tom Shimazaki, CCDC chairman, announced the appointment of Dr. James Nagatani (Delano) as Pacific Citizen district chairman; and Mikio Uchiyama (Fowler) as membership district chairman.

## By the Board

### LAWSUITS IN JULY ARE INDECENT

By WILLIAM MARUTANI  
National 3rd Vice President

Philadelphia Schedules were shaved, juggled, postponed to the point that I ticketed purchased an air ticket for Seattle to leave Philadelphia on Friday a.m., July 27, the earliest available opportunity for me. But by Thursday several unexpected lawsuits erupted and fond hopes of seeing friends of the Northwest, a number of whom I had not seen for 24 years, vanished.

This is by way of an explanation for my absence from the JACL convention in Seattle this past July, an explanation which is particularly owed to those JACL chapters who supported my candidacy for the third vice-presy post. The explanation is also owed publicly to Dr. H. Tom Tamaki who worked on behalf of the candidacy. With "Doc" in your corner, anyone can win... as he proved.

The time was May, 1942. With a mixture of resigned bewilderment, sinking futility and a sad adventure, I left the U. of W. campus and Seattle to leave for "Pinedale" (near Fresno, California) where the heat certainly confirmed the gossip that it was the raisin center of the world.

Seattle had always been the epitome of the "Big City" to an "inaka" boy from White River Valley who remained wary for the slick city "shobai-nans". The Smith Tower near the waterfront represented to me an engineering marvel and surely next to the tallest building in the land. I had heard about Empire State Building which

Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

## Emancipation Proclamation

Washington, D.C. IMPRESSIVE ceremonies commemorating the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln were held last Saturday (Sept. 22) at the magnificent Lincoln Memorial here in the nation's capital. The ceremonies were sponsored by the Civil War Centennial Commission.

Appropriately enough, the two principal speakers for the day were Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and Thurgood Marshall of New York.

Al Thurgood Stevenson, one of America's most distinguished citizens and our country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, is among our nation's most eloquent orators.

Judge Marshall, of the United States Court of Appeals, as counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, during the past decade and a half planned and argued most of the great legal questions concerning the civil rights of all Americans—and with unprecedented success—before the nation's highest tribunal, the Supreme Court of the United States.

This centennial of the land-mark proclamation freeing American slaves is one of great significance to civil rights groups and to others who would advance the cause of human dignity and decency.

IN THE hundred years since the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, tremendous progress has been witnessed in the area of civil rights and liberties, not only in the United States but throughout most of the world. This does not mean that equal rights and equal opportunities are the heritage of every human being—far from it. But, both here and throughout most of the world, we are closer to those ideals than ever before. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, sponsored by the United Nations, expresses the minimum to be hoped for in the immediate future and serves as the inspiration to continue the common effort toward equality and dignity.

Only in those nations and among those peoples under the domination of ruthless, totalitarian, imperialistic communism are there less human freedom and liberty than a century ago in these same areas. The recent independence gained by so many former colonial territories is perhaps the single most dramatic evidence of this drive toward equality among men.

WHILE PERHAPS the greatest progress in this field has been evidenced here in the United States, much remains to be done.

The courts have been most aggressive in striking down racial discrimination in its many aspects and in asserting the rights of individuals to equality of treatment and opportunity. The courts have held unconstitutional segregation in its many forms—in public

schools, in interstate transportation, in the use of public facilities. The courts have voided arbitrary and illegal restrictions on voting. The courts have insisted upon "due process" in the judicial treatment of all Americans and have sustained the right of Negro and other Americans to serve on juries, etc. This Administration is demonstrating vigorous action in several fields to uphold the declarations of the courts and to implement their stated objectives.

But, the legislatures, including the National Congress, have been most reluctant to enact appropriate legislation to implement not only the historic decisions of the courts but also the spirit of the 14th and 15th Amendments, both the outgrowth of the same war that inspired the Emancipation Proclamation.

And, as the congressional elections draw nearer, together with State and local elections, there are many areas in the territory of the defeated Confederate States of America which, by terror and intimidation, are attempting to make a mockery of the Supreme Court's orders regarding registration and

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### ONE HUNDRED years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, in spite of a unanimous Supreme Court decision seven years ago, most of the public schools in the Deep South of the Old Confederacy are either still closed to Negro children or are closed altogether to avoid integration.

In the State of Mississippi, last Saturday, United States marshals were attempting to enforce a court order that the State University admit a qualified Negro student. And, in many cities of the North and Midwest, as public schools opened for the regular term, schools were segregated not by laws but by the geographical segregation of the races.

Since 1948, the United States has declared that the courts could not be used to enforce racially restrictive covenants on housing. And yet, almost everywhere in the land, members of minority races encounter some difficulty in buying a home wherever and whenever

### PLACER COUNTY FLOAT WINS FAIR THEME PRIZE

AUBURN.—For best carrying out the 21st annual Auburn District Fair theme of "Adventures Near and Old", the Placer County JACL entry in the fair parade Sept. 15 won the theme prize.

Thousands lined High St. along the route to the fairground to see the parade which had more than 100 entries.

The four-day festivity and display of agricultural accomplishments is managed by Bunny Nakagawa of Newcastle. Howard Nakae is one of the fair directors.

### Iwata mum on site of new jr. college

ATWATER.—The site offered by the city of Atwater for the new Merced Junior College was called "very, very good" by Buddy Iwata, chairman of the board for the school soon to be established.

However, in a talk last week in which he reported on the progress of college planning to a group of Winton and Atwater Lions, Iwata would not commit himself.

But he said he believed it would be a long time before any decision is made on the site.

Iwata stated junior colleges are becoming a more important part of the educational system every day. He expected nearly 600 will attend the new college when it opens "and that does not include Air Force personnel," he added.

The state law requires a minimum attendance of 400 at junior colleges.

Iwata, active Livingston-Merced JACLer, was named chairman when he received the most votes when the board was elected in a district balloting several months ago.

### Li'l Tokio urban renewal panel topic

LOS ANGELES.—"Urban Renewal Program for Li'l Tokio" is the subject of a panel discussion sponsored by the West Jefferson Democratic Club and the Downtown L.A. Businessmen's Assn. at the Sun Bldg., Room 308, 125 Weller St., on Friday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m.

Meeting will center around a class project undertaken by students in city and regional planning at the Univ. of Southern California. Financial support for the project was provided in part by the Li'l Tokio businessmen, following the 1961 zoning laws change for Li'l Tokio.

Dr. Arthur Grey, associate professor of city planning at USC, will be moderator. Frank Kurihara, Eiichi Tanabe and Roosevelt Suzuki, a participant in the class project, are members of the panel.

N.Y. world's fair

### Presidio of Monterey language school to train all personnel

Program began in 1941  
to teach Nisei Nihongo

WASHINGTON.—The U.S. Army Language School, which was moved to the Presidio of Monterey in 1946 to continue instruction of Japanese to service language personnel, will soon become a consolidated language training institute for all U.S. armed service personnel.

A start on building new facilities for this new school will be made at Monterey Presidio soon, largely as a result of uncompromising efforts by Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.), to have the defense department unify its instructional program.

An initial appropriation of \$800,000 for a long-planned dormitory has just been voted by Congress in the current year's military construction money bill.

Previously Rejected

The Senate approved money for the project after rejecting it in the two previous years when the California senior senator received Defense Department assurances that all service language schools would be combined at Monterey.

The House which had approved this budget item twice previously turned down the request this year, but the fund was restored to the military appropriation bill during a joint House-Senate conference.

The conferees agreed to a modified version of the proposal advanced by Sen. Kuchel.

Sen. Kuchel reported that the defense authorities now contemplate a five-year program, costing \$3½ million to provide adequate school facilities.

The Monterey language school now operates classes in 23 languages.

### L.A. Japanese Hospital moves to new site in Lincoln Park area, services expanded

LOS ANGELES.—Another milestone in the history of the Japanese hospital in Los Angeles was reached last week when it made its third and greatest transition.

Now known as the Memorial Hospital of Los Angeles, its office and staff has moved to a new home, the City View Hospital at 3711 Baldwin St. in the Lincoln Park area.

The sudden and unexpected exodus, especially in view of the hospital's earlier announced plans of possibly rehabilitating its present structure at First and Fickett Sts., was explained by hospital administrator Edwin C. Hiroto.

"Memorial Hospital administrators and board of trustees were apprised of the availability of the 1½-year-old City View Hospital only a short time ago. Initial investigations revealed the feasibility of the move, both from an administrative and medical point of view."

"Following innumerable consultations with board members, attorneys, hospital authorities and the hospital medical staff, the decision to make the move was unanimously agreed," Hiroto said.

In further clarifying the situation, Hiroto pointed out that the Memorial Hospital's move will be more than merely a physical transfer.

"We will most certainly continue as a non-profit organization and our progressive program will not be hindered in any way," he emphasized. "Rather," he added, "the move will actually enhance and speed up our program tremendously."

"The move will immediately enlarge the capacity of our services from 43 beds at our old, outmoded facilities, to 62 beds at City View,"

he continued.

"The advantages are not merely in quantity alone. We will be able to offer greater care and service in all departments, such as modern surgical suites, new equipment throughout the hospital, and fully air-conditioned rooms."

Reason for Surprise Break

In explaining the suddenness of the news break, attorney James Mitsumori, chairman of the board of trustees and legal adviser, explained that technical and legal problems made it impossible to apprise the community of the proposed move in advance.

"We of the new City View Hospital staff are most certainly agreed that the public which we are looking forward to serving must be kept abreast of new and future developments."

High on the list of "firsts" scheduled for the new hospital will be an informal open house scheduled for the near future to acquaint both the Japanese American community and the medical profession of the facilities of City View.

In observing the final shutdown of the old Japanese hospital, Dr. Tadashi Fujimoto, its president, stated that "one cannot permanently close the doors of the old building without a sincere feeling of remorse and regret. Despite its inability to grow and progress in this modern era of medicine, the patients served by the old Japanese Hospital of Los Angeles will witness the closing of the doors at 101 S. Fickett St. with more than a pang of sorrow."

Serving with Mitsumori on the board of trustees are Goro Nakamura, Fred Wada, Kiyoshi Maruyama, Joseph Shinoda, George Aratani and Frank Omatsu.

### Hawaii campaign attracts national, global attention

BY ALLAN BEEKMAN  
(Exclusive to Pacific Citizen)

HONOLULU.—Democrat Dan Inouye and Republican Ben Dillingham, contending for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Oren E. Long, are providing a contest full of interest for the Hawaiian electorate. The race has cast into obscurity the campaign for two House seats and for the office of governor. It is attracting national and international attention.

In this nuclear age when Congress may decide the fate of mankind, the post is especially important. But what seems to give the contest drama and color is the striking difference in the appearance, personality, background and outlook of the two determined candidates.

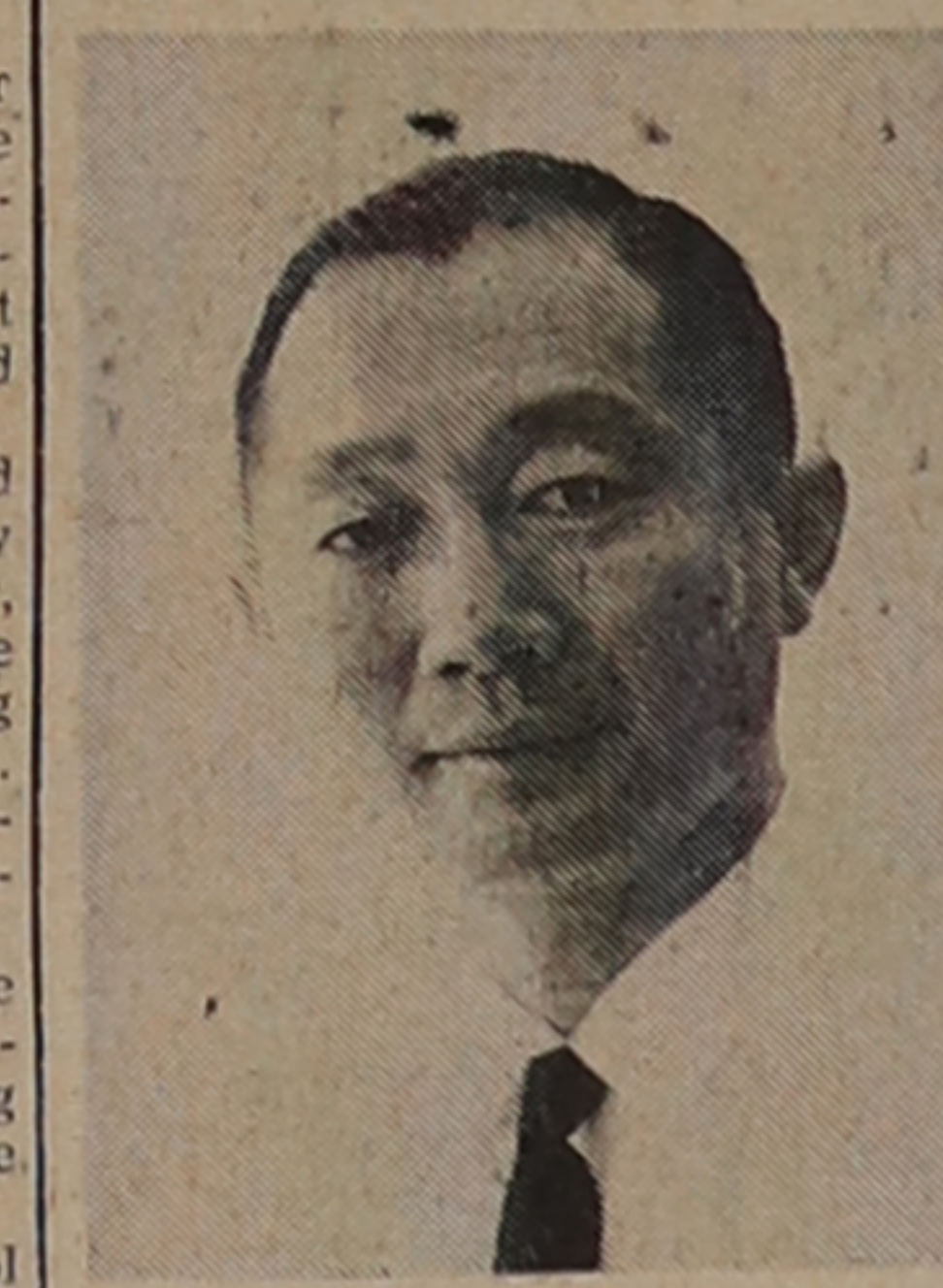
Son of a poor Japanese immigrant, Dan, 38, a lawyer, is five feet six inches tall and weighs 155 pounds. Scion of great wealth, senior vice president of an industrial empire, Ben, 46, is six feet two and one quarter inches tall, and weighs 250 pounds.

#### Educational Backgrounds

Ben graduated from exclusive Punahou preparatory school and Harvard. Between 1928 and 1929 he attended Le Rosey School in Switzerland, where he studied French. Dan got his education in the public schools, and graduated from McKinley High. After the war he returned to graduate from the University of Hawaii and to take a law degree from George Washington. He first saw Europe in 1944, when, as a member of the 42nd, he landed at Rome and marched north on a campaign in which he was to lose his right arm and gain the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, and three Purple Hearts.

Dan volunteered as private, left Europe as first lieutenant, and retired as captain. Ben, whose brother was to lose his life on a bombing mission over Japan, be-

### Yamasaki to design huge \$276 million World Trade Center in lower Manhattan



Minoru Yamasaki

named as the architect for a huge \$276-million World Trade Center in New York's lower Manhattan area.

The center, to be built on a 15-acre site, will bring together for the first time all the specialized activities needed for efficient conduct of exports and imports in the world's greatest port.

S. Sloan Colt, chairman of the port of New York Authority, said Minoru Yamasaki and Associates, of Birmingham, will be the architects for the project and Emery Roth and Sons, of New York, will be associate architects.

"The World Trade Center will be the most exciting thing we or anyone else in the architectural profession will have the opportunity of working on for a long time to come," Yamasaki said.

"To me the basic problem, beyond solving the functional relationships of space, is to find a beautiful solution of form and silhouette which fits well into lower Manhattan and gives the World Trade Center the symbolic importance which it deserves."

The architect, who was honored by the Japanese American Citizens League as its Nisei of the Bium, 1961-62, said the center "will not melt into the multi-towered landscape of New York, but will be 'scaled to the human being so that, rather than an overpowering group of buildings, it will be inviting, friendly and humane."

Yamasaki has won three First Honor Awards of the American Institute of Architects, for the St. Louis Airport Terminal, the McGregor Memorial Center at Wayne State University and the Reynolds Metals Co. regional sales office building in Southfield.

One of his latest designs is the new Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. building in downtown Detroit.

Calif. gardeners  
to meet in Pasadena

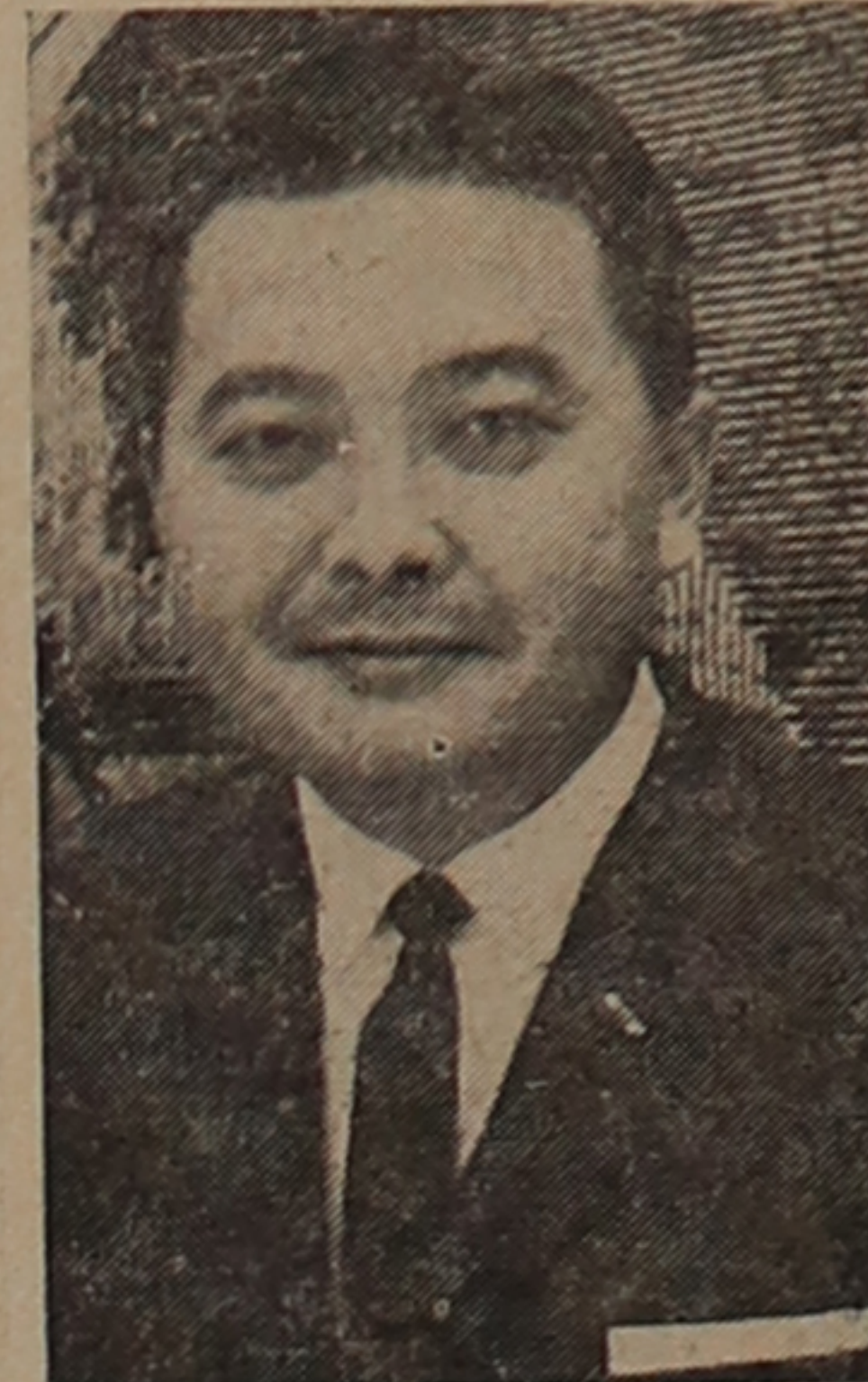
PASADENA.—The sixth annual California Landscape Gardeners convention, chaired by active JACLer Ken Dyo, will be held Nov. 3-4 at the Huntington Sheraton Hotel.

Delegates from 40 or more groups throughout the state are expected to attend the meeting, which bears the slogan: Progress with Better Gardens. The 1962 Tournament of Roses queen Martha Sissel and her court will serve as hostesses.

In addition to the business sessions and social events, commercial exhibits showing a number of new and improved supplies and equipment are also planned.



Ben Dillingham



Daniel Inouye

came a member of the Officers Reserve Corps in 1939. On Pearl Harbor Day, he went on active Army duty as second lieutenant.

Assigned to various commands in the Pacific, he received a Certificate of Commendation. He was awarded the Bronze Star for outstanding service under enemy fire during the assault on Saipan. Released from active duty as a major in 1948, he is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Dan has an special appeal for the Nikkei, who number about one third of the total voters in Hawaii, perhaps because they can more easily identify themselves with him. They like his colorful personality and dynamic oratory. They are proud of his war record and of his distinction as the first Nikkei elected to Congress. They know they have a friend in Dan, but the Dillingham clan has a tradition of friendship for the Nikkei that tends to balance this factor.

#### Dillingham Friendship

In the days after the Pearl Harbor attack, when the community seethed with tales of Nikkei espionage and sabotage, the Dillingham friendship was put to the test. Walter Dillingham, Ben's father, was called before the Roberts

Commission, investigating the attack, to testify.

Prominent persons had testified against the Nikkei. There was talk of shipping thousands of Nikkei to the Mainland, and of quarantining the remainder on the Island of Laval for the duration of the war. It was even seriously proposed that all Nikkei be banished from Hawaii permanently.

The stories of Nikkei treachery have since been exposed as fabrications. But to question them at the time was to risk one's own reputation for loyalty and trustworthiness.

Into this atmosphere of hysteria stepped Walter Dillingham, Hawaii born, with many defense commitments, a power in the community, and one whose words would be given weight. Among other things, he was asked his opinion of the Nikkei.

#### Defends Nikkei Loyalty

In addition to other responsibilities, he was the head of the Oahu Railway. And he testified that on the morning of the attack he had 45 Nikkei brakemen at work on the docks of Honolulu, and had worked them round the clock.

"They picked up and moved away from the docks... enough dynamite and high explosives to flatten the whole city of Honolulu," he testified.

Going to Pearl Harbor and other restricted areas, the locomotives had worked without headlights, "because when they were used it frequently happened that somebody on guard... took a shot at the fellow that was between the engine and the highball. We have had our men shot at, machine guns as the train pulled out... when we had Marine guards on the train, and guards along the side, and moving train loads of ammunition solely on the basis that Section 3375 of the state penal code in connection with draw poker was constitutional."

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WALKIE-TALKIE ASSISTS  
MOTORING VACATIONERS

VENICE.—Among the best wrinkles devised for motoring vacationers was reported by the Venice-Culver JACL Newsletter this past week.

The George Isodas, with some friends, headed up north in several cars and each had a walkie-talkie. Throughout the trip, they talked with each other and never had to worry about getting separated—especially through city traffic. They even warned each other when traffic officers were nearby.

### \$750 monthly income accruing to Nisei VFW at stake over outcome of poker vote

GARDENA.—Card club operators are banding together to defeat the anti-draw poker measure on the ballot Nov. 6, following action last week by the California Supreme Court reversing a preliminary injunction issued by Superior Judge Alfred Gitelson.

The showdown vote at the general election in November will affect directly the \$750 monthly income, now accruing to the Fourth District Nisei Memorial VFW Post 1961, if draw poker is voted down.

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#### Political note

OAKLAND.—Jerry T. Nomura, a Nisei stockbroker, has been named political action vice-president of the Oakland Young Republicans. His position will primarily consist of coordinating and supervising precinct committeemen during elections.

Nomura is an account executive with Harris, Upham and Co., a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

SAN JOSE.—Grant Shimizu, attorney, and Norman Y. Mineta, insurance broker, both of San Jose, were named the V. Donlon Edwards steering committee.

Edwards is Democratic candidate in the newly-formed 9th Congressional District, covering southern Alameda county and eastern half of Santa Clara county north of Gilroy.

#### Nisei for Nixon

LOS ANGELES.—Republican gubernatorial candidate Richard Nixon will appear before an all-Japanese group for the first time at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park on Saturday, Oct. 13, 12:30 p.m. Bill Marumoto, coordinator for the group, announced.

#### RENEWALS

JACL members renewing their memberships for 1963 are asked to use the same name and address as indicated on the current address label, if there is no change.

### Island's Japanese press appears to be pro-Ben

tion; they would open fire and shoot back and forth.

"But never once was there an employee of the road, Japanese or otherwise, who failed to carry on, or who showed any inclination to do other than his job and do it well and faithfully and stay on it 17, 18, 19 hours out of the 24. I must say they (the Nikkei) certainly delivered a square job to the United States."

It was not the Dillinghams who brought this testimony, given in confidence, to public attention. They do not mention it. But since it is known, it will be remarkable if the Nikkei, on election day, for-

### Horiuchi wins GOP nomination for Colorado House seat

Uphill battle assumed  
for November victory

BRIGHTON, Colo.—Seiji Horiuchi, local farm group leader, was one of two successful Republican candidates for two Adams County seats in the Colorado state house of representatives, but he knows he faces an uphill fight to win in November.

Adams County has long been a Democratic stronghold and the voting in the recent primaries indicated that this trend continues. Horiuchi and the other Republican winner, Robert Tonsing, plus a third unsuccessful candidate, polled a total of 6,200 votes, while 9,200 votes were cast for two Democratic candidates.





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## Ye Editor's Desk

### NISEI G-2 SERVICEMEN

News from Washington last week disclosing that the U.S. Army Language School at the Presidio of Monterey would soon become the Consolidated Language Institute for all U.S. armed services personnel must bring a sense of elation and grandeur to the first company of Nisei who were gathered 20 years ago to form the first Army Language School at the Presidio of San Francisco.

And rightfully so.

Importance of training service personnel in the Japanese language was recognized in the 1940s when war clouds over the Pacific loomed. Hence, Nisei in the service with bilingual ability were being screened for language studies and by Nov. 1, 1941 the first class was opened by Col. Kai E. Rasmussen at the Presidio of San Francisco.

The colonel, who was the principal speaker at the recent 20th anniversary reunion of Military Intelligence Service Language School veterans of Hawaii, praised the wartime efforts of Nisei G-2 men. "The war would have lasted much longer and caused many more casualties if it had not been for the military intelligence."

Rasmussen was the wartime commandant of the school, which was moved inland to Camp Savage and then to Fort Snelling, Minn., in 1942. After the war, it was moved to the Presidio of Monterey. Today, Rasmussen is retired and director of research in psychological warfare in an Army-sponsored program at the American University in Washington, D.C.

As commandant of the school during World War II, Rasmussen was responsible for training 7,000 interpreters, translators and interrogators in the Pacific theater. Of these, it is estimated half came from Hawaii.

None of the Nisei G-2 students will forget the rigorous training in the Japanese language established by the Army at Savage or Snelling. It was no nine-to-five curriculum. Instead of six hours per day, it was sixteen hours per day in study, review and improvement of the language plus knowledge of military terms, interrogation and interpretation.

In addressing the reunion, Rasmussen noted that the Nisei combat teams were formed only after the Nisei interpreters had proven their loyalty on the Pacific fronts. Nisei G-2 men were in combat areas by mid-1942. By V-J Day, 1945, they had seen service in the southern and southwest Pacific, China, Burma, India, Alaska, Okinawa, and finally Japan.

Much of Rasmussen's talk dealt with the importance of linguistic tools in the Government's cold war efforts. He urged expansion of U.S. language efforts and formation of a national commission to study the problem. He advocated a national academy of languages.

He said he was fearful to think that there are "about 50 languages and at least 200 separate dialects behind the Iron Curtain."

Some 250 veterans and wives attended the affair, which was the first reunion in 20 years. Some of the leading Nisei figures in public life who were MIS graduates assisted in making the reunion a success: Judge Benjamin Tashiro of Kauai, emcee at the memorial service held at the Punchbowl; Hawaii County Attorney Yoshito Tanaka; Spark Matsunaga, candidate for U.S. House of Representative; Masaji Marumoto, former associate justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court; and others whom I'm sure are leaders in the community though not known to me personally.

Indeed, the time has come for a comprehensive story of the Nisei intelligence work in the Pacific as suggested in a recent letter to the editor from Dr. Clifford Uyeda of San Francisco. We have been attempting to pick up individual stories for our Holiday Editions in recent years but without much success after the initial report from Akiji Yoshimura, active Marysville JACLer and now liaison chairman for the JACL Japanese History Project, who recalled in our 1959 Holiday Issue the exploits of Nisei attached to General Frank Merrill's Marauders in Burma. But we shall keep trying.

The Pacific Citizen, during the 1942-46 period, did publish some stories of Nisei intelligence work in the Pacific at a time when accounts of such activity was classified.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EDITIONS

Special editions primarily for the benefit of our membership are scheduled the first two weeks of October. Next week, a major part of the Pacific Citizen is being devoted to the Idaho SJR 1 campaign to remove the anti-Oriental section from the state constitution. The following week, similar treatment is being accorded the Washington SJR 21 campaign to repeal the 1889 alien land law.

These "specials" should not only foster understanding of the JACL projects by the membership in general but we hope would inspire the membership in Idaho and Washington in particular to help in the public education program so vital for success at the polls in November.

And for the first week of November, spadework is underway for the 1963 JACL Membership Issue. The special for December, of course, is our mammoth Holiday Issue. We plan to cover the Resettlement Period (1944-49), a logical follow-up to last year's Holiday Issue theme: Evacuation.

## Perils dogged Nisei G-2 men

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin treated the following account of the Nisei military intelligence veterans as its major front page story in the local news section recently.

While many Mainland Americans of Japanese ancestry languished in relocation centers, World War II secrecy hid from the U.S. public the fact that thousands of Nisei were fighting Japan—armed with rifles as well as knowledge of the Japanese language.

Among these fighters were 14 Nisei interpreters (seven from Hawaii) who served with Merrill's Marauders, an American unit of three battalions formed to infiltrate behind the Japanese lines in Burma between February and August 1944.

The Nisei were commended for their contributions during the Military Intelligence Service Veterans' 20th anniversary Hawaii reunion, which ended Sept. 2.

The organization is composed of former Japanese language interpreters.

The Nisei, who fought with rifles like the other soldiers, had more to worry about than the danger of combat behind enemy lines, the malaria mosquitoes, the leeches and the mountainous jungle, and the hunger when an air-drop was missed.

There was also the continuous peril that, despite their U.S. Army uniforms, they might be mistaken for Japanese soldiers and shot on sight by U.S. or Allied troops.

Russell Kono, Waialua district magistrate and former legislator,

### Tokyo Topics: Nisei newsmen in Japan stepping up with responsibility

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Many Nisei are coming up in the Japanese journalistic world of late. There is Welly Shibata, one of the contributing editors of the Pacific Citizen before the war, is now managing editor of the Mainichi Shimbun, of UCL and a Phi Beta Kappa genius, is also a managing editor at the Japan Times.

Yosh Higashimura, a Stanford grad, is assistant business manager and ad manager with the Japan Times.

One of the pioneer Nisei newspapermen in both U.S. and Japan, Kimpei Sheba, is now executive director and managing editor of the Asahi Evening News, one of the many publications of the Asahi, which claims to be the world's biggest newspaper. George Somakawa of Portland is now the able assistant editor of the Asahi Evening News.

### News Agency

San Francisco-born journalist Saito Otake is a director of Kyodo News Agency, one of the biggest in Japan and formerly known as Domei. The old Domei once had many Nisei writers, including Clarke Kawakami, son of K.K. Kawakami of Washington, D.C.; Tozuke Yamasaki, now in Washington; Ken Murayama, now with the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo; and many others.

Surely, many remember John Jofu, whose father was a Methodist minister in Alameda. He is now editor of the Tokyo This Week—a travelers' guide book. To keep busy, he represents the London Daily News and several advertising agencies.

The younger Nisei coming to Japan are wise. They do not come into the journalistic world where there is little money. They are entering the commercial world and meeting with success. For instance, John Oki of Sacramento, proprietor of the Standard Advertising Agency; and Tom Oshidari of Fresno, in radio recording business.

Foreign news agencies have many Nisei in their employ, including Leslie Nakashima of UPI, Day Inoshita and Kay Tateishi of AP.

### Future Looks Bright

Within the coming decade, we expect to see Nisei gain prominence in the journalistic field in Japan. Some may rank with George Togasaki, ex-president of the Japan Times.

We're not aware of the new writers. In the prewar days, Nisei newspapermen were very close to each other, being housed by the Kempeitai. Today, there is no pressure upon the Nisei and the picture today is very optimistic.

### By the Board

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formance and attitudes more than amply demonstrate this view.

Of course, being most familiar with EDC's situation and problems, whenever the situation calls for an expression of these viewpoints, such will not be denied to the National Board. We believe that out of our experiences in the East and with our familiarity with the situation in this part of the country, we—just as you—hopefuly have something to contribute toward the betterment and strengthening of the national organization. But betterment and strengthening must, by definition, be a joint and unanimous venture. And if there be any efforts to press and promote selfish regional advantages to the detriment of the national wellbeing, no matter where such selfishness emerges from, you'll understand if we speak against them . . . and not take offense.

These "specials" should not only foster understanding of the JACL projects by the membership in general but we hope would inspire the membership in Idaho and Washington in particular to help in the public education program so vital for success at the polls in November.

And for the first week of November, spadework is underway for the 1963 JACL Membership Issue. The special for December, of course, is our mammoth Holiday Issue. We plan to cover the Resettlement Period (1944-49), a logical follow-up to last year's Holiday Issue theme: Evacuation.

was a staff sergeant in the unit in Burma.

During the reunion he recounted to a reporter some of the experiences he and his buddies went through with Brigadier General Frank Merrill's Marauders.

### His Buddies

His buddies from Hawaii were Howard Furumoto, Thomas Tsubota and Herbert Miyazaki, all of whom attended the reunion, and Edward Mitsukado, Roy Nakada and Robert Honda. The latter three are in Japan. All were sergeants.

(The seven Nisei from the Mainland were Roy Matsumoto, Ben Sugeta, Jimmy Yamaguchi, all of Los Angeles; Grant Hirabayashi of Kent, Wash.; Henry Goshu, Seattle; Calvin Kobata, Sacramento; and Akiji Yoshimura, Colusa, Calif.)

One interpreter tapped a Japanese telephone line and learned that the enemy was going to make a push through an area being defended by one of the U.S. battalions.

Because of this information, Kono said, the battalion prepared and mowed down the attackers.

But more often they would translate captured documents, maps and letters on the spot and interview prisoners, he explained. Maps showed various river-crossings, places where forces were deployed and supply areas. Interviews determined the state of enemy morale, supplies and strength.

More information about the name of prisoners' units and their commanding officers, which was relayed to upper echelons in Washington, would be used to locate the position of the enemy troops.

Most prisoners when first captured would say, "Koroshite kure" or "Kill me." They were disgraced and feared torture, having been taught that Americans were merciless.

The interpreters would tell them that capture is no disgrace; dying won't help their country; better to live and teach the young what they learned.

"As we talked to them, they realized what they had been taught was all wrong. They were willing to talk," Kono said.

"Most of them talked after we spoke to them in Japanese. I had a feeling they were more or less relieved to know there was someone who could converse with them."

### Preparing for Mission

At the Army's Japanese Language Intelligence School in Minnesota, the Nisei had translated Japanese military books, "so that we'd know the kind of tactics they taught their soldiers and their officers."

A Nisei from the Office of War Information named Sergeant Henry Goshu learned from captured

## PC Letter Box

### Efforts of Many

(From the Idaho Falls Newsletter)

Most of you have probably seen in a recent issue of The Pacific Citizen that the Idaho Falls Chapter Newsletter won a Pacific Citizen Jimmie Sakamoto Memorial Award at the recent National JACL Convention in Seattle. The award was for the best local coverage. The plaque is now on display at our Hall.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the past staff for their wonderful efforts. This award for local coverage shows a combined effort of many members. It is not an award of individual performance. To me, an award for the work of many means more than an award for the work of a few. In conclusion, I would like to say that the Newsletter did not publish in July and August.

BUD SAKAGUCHI

Editor  
Idaho Falls JACL

### Anti-Nisei writer quitting career

VANCOUVER, B.C.—No tears will be lost by Japanese Canadians over the recent announcement in the Vancouver Sun that columnist Harold Weir was retiring after a 44-year career.

Though a brilliant writer, Weir had some adverse opinions of Orientals and particularly Japanese Canadians. Throughout the last war and to this day he insisted that he had come across examples of Japanese Canadian disloyalty.

He spoke of the "arrogance of new Japanese right here in British Columbia" and claimed that "some of our own Japanese were so cock-a-hoop that it's hard to believe the whole lot of them weren't in it right up to the neck."

### Yellow Writer Disagrees

He then went on to describe three incidents where he came across Japanese Canadians who told him that Japan would soon take over this country, etc.

For these views, which he expressed in his columns, Weir was severely attacked by Jack Scott, a fellow columnist on the Sun, in 1955.

Though it has been said that it is wrong to hold a grudge, one cannot help but say "good riddance" to a man who made such a mockery of our democratic way of life and our beliefs in the equal rights of man regardless of his color, creed or ancestry, the New Canadian added.

prisoners that a group of Japanese troops was on an island in a river. He and three comrades swam over.

Goshu pretended to be a Japanese colonel and ordered the troops to surrender to the Americans. Not only that, he had the soldiers build a raft and push him back across the river! Some 15 or 20 were thereby captured, as Kono recalls.

Kono recalls: "The mental strain we went through was tremendous. We looked like Japanese. They (U.S. officers) informed the troops that the Japanese soldiers would put on American uniforms."

"We had to be sure that the American soldiers knew us. Otherwise somebody in a dark corner might mistake us for a Japanese soldier infiltrating the unit."

"When we walked through the Chinese units, they'd say 'Japanese, Japanese!'"

"I suppose if we had been captured by the Japanese they would have put us through all kinds of torture. Of course, the thought of being captured never occurred to me."

### Beekman

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get that it was a Dillingham who came to their aid in their hour of need.

### Ben's Philosophy

Ben is as individualistic and outspoken as his father, and often less tactful. Some of his public statements endorsing future enterprise seem to equate poverty with moral delinquency. One citizen was moved to write that for a man in Ben's position to preach rugged individualism was like an elephant calling "every man for himself" as he danced among the chickens.

But face to face, Ben gives the impression of great warm-heartedness and sincerity. Sitting across from me at his desk in his campaign headquarters, he puffed a cigar and expounded his philosophy.

"Government should be for the common good of each individual. I seek to solve all issues on the basis of seeing if it can't be worked out by private interests, or the government interests most directly concerned—city, county, or state. Can it be done privately? How can you regulate with the least amount of government interference?"

In the face of the substantial Dillingham achievements, such talk cannot be dismissed as bluster. Not only are the Dillingham construction projects world wide, Tokyo, Bay, Wait, Suez, Dammon, British Guiana, the Philippines, Guam, Wake, Midway, Kwajalein, California, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, and Australia, but the evidence of them confronts the voters at every turn here in Hawaii.

### Dillingham Enterprises

For example, everyone on the Island of Oahu uses the spic and span Ala Moana Shopping Center in mid-Honolulu, built by the Dillingham organization at a cost of \$27,000,000 on 54 acres of land which they reclaimed from swamp and duck ponds. Scientifically planned and executed, it houses more than 80 business establishments employing upwards of 3,500 persons, the largest single source of tax revenue in the state—\$2,000,000 a year.

The people of Hawaii are proud of this still growing center, with its unlimited parking facilities. They are grateful for the skill and enterprise that made it possible.

Ben is conducting his campaign for the Senate in the same scientific, vigorous fashion that built the shopping center. Carefully worded ads are tactfully reminding the voters of the benefits the Dillingham organization has brought to Hawaii. A direct public relations outfit keeps Ben constantly in the news. With indefatigable energy, he keeps going all his waking hours, shaking hands, giving talks, and criticizing the record of Dan.

Dan has been in Washington too much to campaign properly. The efforts of his organization are feeble compared with those of Ben's. Until recently, Dan has always had a favorable press, but now even the Japanese language papers seem pro-Ben. The calm confidence that pervades Ben's camp is absent in Dan's headquarters. Dan's backers are nervous.

### Inouye's Campaign

There was a troubled frown on Dan's face as he talked to me. "Because of my background and experiences in life," he said, "I truly believe that I am in a better position to more effectively sense the aspirations of the people of Hawaii than my opponent, Mr. Benjamin Franklin Dillingham, II."

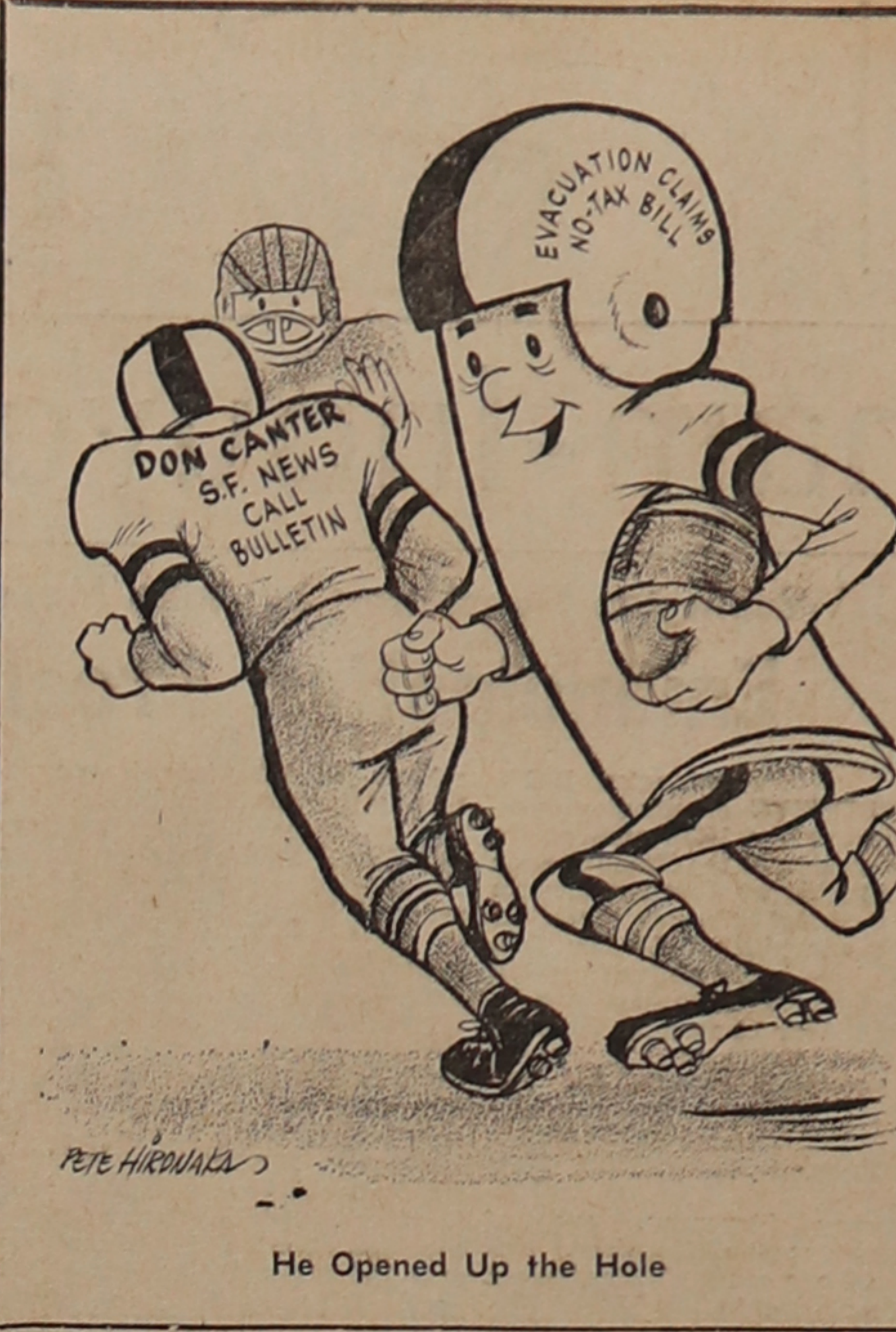
With evident pride, he and his staff showed me a story by Jonathan Rinehart, in USA-1, about Cien Inouye, which they had just received. Rinehart refers to the planes that attacked Pearl Harbor as Japanese, and then refers to Dan by the same term.

Rinehart lauds the war record of Dan and the 442nd. But such articles, confounding the Nikkei with the enemy, must do Dan as much harm as good.

It seems curious that Dan and his advisers cannot see that they will not win an election in this year of 1962 by belaboring the dead horse of his war time heroism.

This negative campaigning will not win the election. Dan is not going to sell the people of Hawaii a piece of goods by telling them what it will not do for them.

"If I am elected," he told me, "I will do nothing, privately or publicly, to bring discredit or dishonor to Hawaii."



He Opened Up the Hole

### Masaoka

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voting rights.

This is just part of the still-unachieved civil rights picture in the United States. But, contrasted to what it is in most other countries today and to what it was in this land a hundred years ago, remarkable and undeniable progress has been made.

Today, more people than ever are concerned with the civil rights of all Americans. And, with this growing awareness of this problem, in the not too distant future, equality of treatment and in opportunity should be the birthright of every citizen.

THE STORY of civil rights advances for persons of Japanese ancestry in this country is even more impressive than for most other Americans.

When the early immigrants arrived in this land, transferred to them immediately were the prejudices and the hatreds that had been fomented against the Chinese immigrants of an even earlier era. Laws were enacted in all of the Western States to circumscribe and limit their lives and opportunities.

And yet, in spite of these discriminations and persecutions, the alien Japanese became a true pioneer in the development of the western frontier.

By the time of World War I, they had gained for themselves grudging respect and even some admiration as worthy and hard-working individuals. Their citizen children were rapidly winning acceptance among their fellow students and citizens as co-partners in the democratic dream that is America.

Then came Pearl Harbor, and with it a chain of events unprecedented in the history of Ameri-

can civil liberties. After the war, however, due to the gallant record of the Nisei in the armed forces and the unquestioned loyalty demonstrated by both the Issei aliens and the Nisei citizens during their entire period of mistreatment and travail, not only were the civil rights of the Nisei restored but, for the first time, naturalization privileges were extended to the Issei immigrants, to become citizens in the land of their adoption and of their children's birth.

Today, only 20 years after the evacuation, Americans of Japanese ancestry enjoy unprecedented and previously undreamed of acceptance. And, they enjoy more of the equality of treatment and opportunity than that accorded to many other Americans. The ultimate too is closer to realization.

But, in two Western States, there remain glaring reminders of the grim and ugly past around the turn of the century when being a person of Japanese ancestry was a special kind of crime requiring constitutional attention. In Washington State, a vestige of the anti-alien land laws of the old frontier still remains in its Constitution. Across its border to the east, Idaho State proclaims in its Constitution that even naturalized Japanese, since they were not born in the United States, may not vote, serve on juries, or hold civil office.

Fortunately, the more enlightened State Legislatures of Washington and Idaho, respectively, have voted, overwhelmingly in the first instance and unanimously in the second, to allow their citizens to vote to repeal these constitutional prohibitions against the Japanese at the general elections this November 6.

It is our hope, in this centennial year of the Emancipation Proclamation, that the voters of Washington and Idaho will go to the polls and emancipate those of Japanese ancestry in the United States from the stigma of racism and bigotry.

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# Vagaries

Oriental Influences in Mexico

THERE WAS a custom in China, prevalent many centuries ago, of putting jade pieces on the eyelids of the dead at the time of burial. It is significant that the ancient Aztecs of Mexico had a similar custom, bespeaking the existence of some sort of cultural interchange with the Orient long after the time of the land bridge across the Bering Strait.

Jade, the most prized of the gemstones of the Far East, also was revered by the Aztecs, Montezuma, the Aztec emperor, gave the conquistador, Hernan Cortes, pieces of jade for the Spanish king, saying they were far more valuable than gold. But a mystery remains. No source for the jade has been found.

Oriental influences in Mexican life are many, including the China poblana costumes which women wear on festive occasions. Of course, there was considerable contact between Mexico and Orient after the Spanish conquest. Back in the 16th century before the Pilgrims had arrived at Plymouth Rock a ship from Japan arrived on the Mexican shore, bearing Catholic Japanese pilgrims who were en route to the Vatican in Rome. Some, according to the meager accounts which remain, stayed in Mexico instead of going on to the Vatican.

THERE ARE reportedly some 5,000 Mexicans of Japanese ancestry and they are completely integrated into the life of the country. Best known of them is Seki Sano, who for more than a generation has been a foremost force in the Mexican theater. Sano has directed Shakespeare in Spanish, and many of the outstanding plays of the American theater. Some years ago he also staged "Teahouse of the August Moon" with a Japanese actress as Lotus Blossom, but he is best known for his productions of such plays as "The Taming of the Shrew."

THERE IS no record of discriminatory activity on the part of the Mexican government against persons of Japanese descent, although the Chinese in Mexico, in some provinces, were subjected to considerable harassment during

the 1920s. But in the days of Yellow Peril journalism in the United States, the Hearst press once made much of the Japanese threat to Mexico and spread the suspicion that the Japanese in the country were potential spies and saboteurs. Hearst papers once carried front-page warnings of a Japanese attack upon the United States through Mexico. Anyone who has driven through Sonora, Sinaloa, Nayarit and other coastal Mexican provinces, or pondered the desert mysteries of Baja California south of San Quentin knows how ridiculous the threats were. But they were voiced in campaigns, particularly in the early 1920s, which prepared the American public for restrictive legislation aimed at persons of Japanese descent.

Today, Mexico is probably more accessible by car than almost any country in the world outside of the United States, but back in the 1920s there were few roads, much less the sort of highways which now exist.

A LONG TIME ago, when we were newspapering in Los Angeles, we were approached by a Hollywood filmmaker who wanted to make a picture about a fishing village in lower California which was peopled by Japanese fishermen—the presumption was that these were descendants of men who had been lost at sea on fishing voyages out of Japan and had found landfall on the Baja California shore. They had been accepted by the Indians in the area and had been integrated into the tribe. These fishermen made their living catching sharks for the valuable liver oil, or so the story went, and the movie maker contemplated scenes of fishermen in mortal combat with giant sharks. But the story didn't check out, and remains in the mist of legend.

MEXICO CITY, of course, is one of the most sophisticated of cities, with a population of 5,000,000, making it the second largest in the western hemisphere. It has great wealth, a burgeoning middle class and great poverty. It has the air of Paris, and the skyscrapers of American cities. It has practically every cuisine in the world, except the Japanese.

## Japanese may be offered to students at Moses Lake High

JACL endorses course in secondary schools

MOSES LAKE, Wash. — Elementary Japanese may be on the local high school curriculum in 1963, according to Edward Yamamoto, active JACLer who recently conferred with local school administrators.

At the Pacific Northwest District Council meeting in May, Yamamoto called for teaching of the Japanese language in the secondary schools. The motion was also adopted by the National JACL as its Seattle convention.

Robert C. Smith, superintendent of schools, was reported to be in full accord to include Japanese on the curriculum and said a survey of high school students, arrangements for qualified instructors and teaching material would be made with the aim of starting classes in 1963.

Other school officials were equally enthusiastic and were eager to start night classes for adults, in spite of short notice, if a teacher were available. An announcement for evening classes, sponsored by the Big Bend Community College Adult education division, to include elementary Japanese was made last week.

## Oakland JACLers join city officials to initiate Sister City ties in Fukuoka

OAKLAND. — Mayor John C. Houlihan and a delegation of Oakland citizens will go to Fukuoka, Japan, to attend a celebration which will launch its sister-city relationship with Oakland.

Frank Ogawa, prominent Nisei nurseryman and vice-chairman of the Oakland City Park Commission, and Mas Yonemura, Oakland attorney will be among the dignitaries planning to attend this celebration, a two-day event on Oct. 12 and 13.

According to reports from Fukuoka, a spectacular parade is being planned as a feature of the program as the Japanese city's 700,000 citizens are planning to go all out in their enthusiasm for this people-to-people experiment in international understanding.

An official program for the celebration has been received in advance by Mayor Houlihan who is planning to leave here Oct. 7 with his wife.

### Will Arrive Later

They plan to spend several days in Fukuoka prior to the official program becoming acquainted with the city and its officials.

The remainder of Oakland's representatives will arrive in Fukuoka just in time for the two-day event.

Mayor Houlihan and Oakland officials will participate in many events including a commemorative ceremony at the Fukuoka Sports Center on the final day.

## Two brothers on charge of assault with intent to commit murder plead 'not guilty'

LOS ANGELES. — The Sasaki brothers, Tetsu, 29, and Atsui, 19, pleaded not guilty in a local superior court last week to charges against them for a series of gang fights last month.

The brothers were charged with assault with intent to commit murder after they were caught following a brawl on the night of Aug. 19. Atsui is being held in jail on three counts of this charge, while his brother is out on bail with one count against him. Their plea was made before Superior Court Judge Evette Younger who set the trial for Oct. 18.

The two are accused on a joint count as a result of a shooting at Shatto Playground during which a Negro Edward Reed was killed. The incident grew out of a dispute earlier in the night at the Nisei Week Festival carnival.

## Nisei grow carrot seeds commercially

YUBA CITY — Long-time farmers Hideo and Masao Sagaras of Esparto, in neighboring Yolo County, harvested the first commercial crop of carrot seeds produced in the district for processing here.

The heavy soil of Esparto is not considered suitable for root crops but a fine crop of seeds was harvested from the leased ranches of the Nisei brothers. Seeds are destined for either Arizona or Japan, where climate prohibits seed production.

The Sagaras were the only ones in western Yolo county to raise seeds this year, even though, in the past John Hatanaka, a cousin, has cultivated the crop in Esparto. Until the nutritional value (Vitamin A) was discovered in carrots about 1915, Americans fed more carrots to their horses than they ate themselves.

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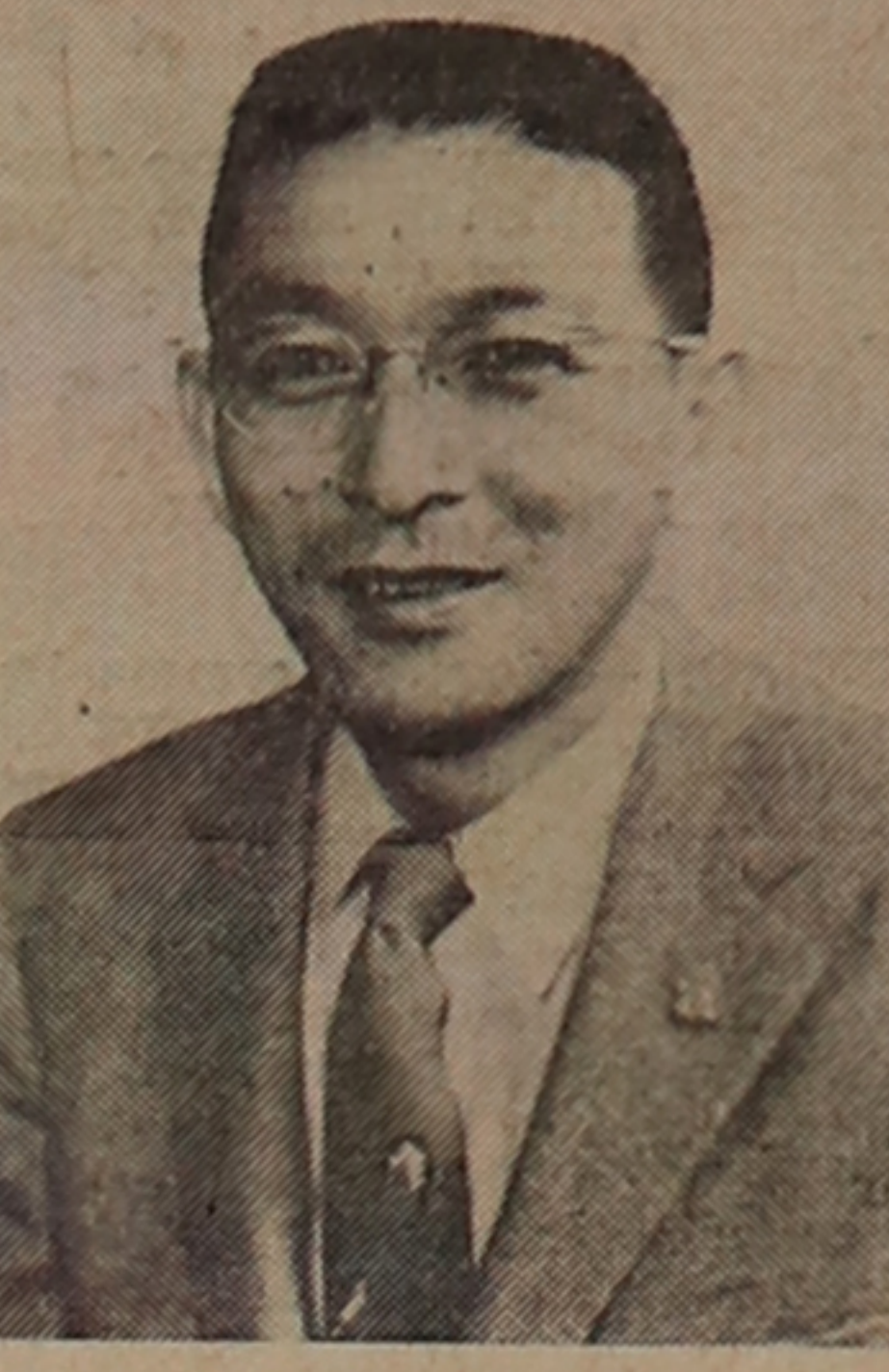
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## JAPANESE OLYMPIC GAME ORGANIZERS RESIGN

TOKYO. — A serious hitch to the progress of Japan's preparation for the 1964 Olympic Games appeared last week with Juichi Tsushima, president of the organizing committee, and Shigeo Nagano, chairman of the committee raising funds to train Japanese Olympians, resigning.

This comes in the wake of news that the road and subway building program to handle the Games is behind schedule, and that there will not be enough hotel rooms to accommodate the visitors and no time to build new hotels.



George Hirakawa

## Placer County Cler earns CLU honors

SACRAMENTO. — The American College of Life Underwriters last week conferred the coveted Chartered Life Underwriter rank to George S. Hirakawa of Penryn, a representative with New York Life Insurance.

The CLU designation is given upon passage of a series of professional examinations and meeting some stringent requirements. Hirakawa was among 776 men and women to become eligible to use CLU after their name and wear the CLU key. Since the college was founded in 1927, a total of 10,599 have received this award.

Hirakawa has been president of the Placer County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. and is currently a director in the state organization with headquarters in San Francisco.

A past president of the Placer County JACL, he is member of the county grand jury and a director in both the Auburn Kiwanis Club and the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce.

## San Jose golfers to stage state Nisei championships

SAN JOSE. — Garden City Golf Club, hosts for the 1962 California Nisei golf championship tournament, announced the dates of Nov. 17-18 for the annual test of golfers with 12 handicap and under at Pebble Beach and Del Monte courses.

Tournament co-chairmen Hideo Igawa and Mumbo Hayashi said players with higher handicaps than 12 may compete, but the tournament maximum would remain at 12.

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## English Channel waters too cold to swim in for Nakama, would like another attempt

HONOLULU. — Koo Nakama, first person to swim the treacherous Molokai Channel, claims the Hawaiian swim was fun compared to his attempt to swim the English Channel.

Nakama spent three weeks in Canada and three more at Dover, England, trying to get in shape to swim the English Channel. He gave up finally and returned home two weeks ago.

The 41-year-old former world middle distance swimming champion had mentioned earlier he might pull out of the English swim because of the cold.

Nakama, who spent more than 15 hours in 72-degree Sept. 29, last year to become the first recognized person to swim the Molokai Channel said he practiced for three weeks in temperature ranging from 65 to 68 degrees in Canada.

### Temperature in 50s

"I felt when I reached Dover after my training in Canada, I would encounter 68-degree water. I was wrong. In my three weeks at the English summer resort the weather ranged in the low 50s, except one day when it ran up to 59."

"On that 'warm day' the sun came out, the only time I saw sustained sunshine. But the next day, gusty winds, stormy winds and cold resumed."

Nakama said of the 21 swimmers signing Channel entry blanks at Dover for the swim only four were left.

"I would have made an attempt to swim the English Channel," Nakama said, "if the temperature was around 62. I tried swimming the day (59 degrees) the sun came out, but even then it 'sort of' left."

### Kono competes in world weightlifting meet

BUDAPEST. — Tommy Kono of Sacramento and Honolulu took second place in the light heavyweight class of the world weightlifting championships held here last week.

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## Director's Report

By Masao Satow

**FEP ANNIVERSARY**—The 3rd Anniversary of the establishment of the California Fair Employment Practice Commission this past week brought out an overflow crowd representing all segments of the community. A similar luncheon will have been held in Los Angeles for the southern section of the State by the time this report shows.

JACL's cooperation and support toward the FEPC was duly recognized with your National Director joining the dignitaries at the head table. We are grateful to Tak Yatabe, Secretary of the California Flower Market, and 1000 Clubber Gichi Yoshioka of Hayward for the flowers bedecking the head table.

**HISTORY PROJECT**—Dr. Scott Miyakawa, Director of the Japanese History Project, emphasized at the National Convention that the first efforts will be to gather documentary material, including recorded interviews with selected Issei and Nisei. One of the big tasks will be to look over all the material that has been written to date on the Japanese in the United States, both published and unpublished.

In this connection, we have received an invitation from Mr. Allan R. Ottley, California Section Librarian of the California State Library in Sacramento, to make use of the indices of reference to several thousand items on the Japanese which have appeared in California newspapers and magazines. He informs us that the newspaper references go back to 1869.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN**—We are pushing out 1963 membership cards as rapidly as the printer can get them off the press to chapters designating 1963 Membership Chairmen or someone responsible. Our listing shows at present: Ted Kometani—Chicago, Frank Oda—Sonoma County, Joe Oishi and Hannah Yasuda—Contra Costa, George Inagaki—Venice-Culver, Mas Hayashi—East Los Angeles, George Uye-da—Monterey, co-chairmen Robert Sakata and Dr. Masa Gima—Mile-Hi, Amy Ishii—Hollywood, and Tom Ouye—Berkeley.

Meanwhile, we trust chapters will check to see that all their 1962 memberships are in. As of date we are about 700 memberships behind last year. Included among these are about 150 1000 Clubbers whose memberships have lapsed and upon whom we are counting to continue their support.

All chapters which have participated in the National JACL Japanese movie project are requested to send in their reports so we can see how we came out. The report will be sent to all participating chapters.

**DISTRICT MEETINGS**—Several Districts have set up meetings for the fall and winter, most of which we hope to cover:

Pacific Southwest—Nov. 11, hosted by Downtown L.A. Northern California - Western Nevada - Nov. 18, at Marysville. DC executive board meeting Oct. 21. Intermountain—Nov. 24-25, Mt. Olympus Chapter hosting. Pacific Northwest—Dec. 2 at Portland. Central California District Convention—Dec. 8-9, Fresno. DC Meeting Oct. 14 and Nov. 18, both at Selma.

**PAT AND MIKE**—National President Patrick Okura and Mike Masao stopped by Monday for a few hours between flights to report on their rugged weekend in Idaho Falls and Boise, and to discuss some follow-up on National Convention items. We are grateful to the Hilton Hotels Corporation for the complimentary room at the airport Hilton Inn to enable us to confer in privacy and in comfort.

We have finally sent out the minutes of the two National Board meetings held in conjunction with our National Convention. We hope now to concentrate upon getting out the more voluminous National Council minutes.

## San Mateo to honor Issei in October

SAN MATEO.—Issei residents of the San Mateo area will be honored at a recognition and appreciation dinner in October, it was announced this week by Wilson Makabe, San Mateo JACL president.

This event will be held Sunday, Oct. 14 from 4:30 p.m. at the San Mateo Buddhist Church.

The San Mateo Gardeners Assn., San Mateo Buddhist Church and Sturge Presbyterian Church are

co-sponsoring the dinner.

Makabe will be general chairman for this program to which the mayor of San Mateo, county officials and other local dignitaries will be invited. An invitation is also being extended to the Japanese consul general in San Francisco.

Haruo Ishimaru will be in charge of entertainment and Mike Yamaguchi will make program arrangements.

A history of the local Issei will be reported by William Nosaka.

### 10-year service

SAN MATEO.—San Mateo Gardeners Assn. members and their families honored Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sakai for 10 years of service as secretary-treasurer of the Association's group insurance plan here last week. Harry Ichida is association president.

### Calendar

Sept. 29 (Saturday)  
East Los Angeles—Box lunch social, International Institute, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 30 (Sunday)  
Fresno—Bridge class, Fresno Bridge Club, 2415 E. Clinton, 7 p.m.  
Sonoma County—Striped bass derby, Nelson's Resort, Napa.  
San Francisco—Auxiliary outing, Roberts Regional Park, Oakland, 1:30.  
San Francisco—Chapter golf tournament, Kiote Hills CC, 7 a.m.  
Oct. 2 (Tuesday)  
Oakland—Meeting, Shizuo Tanaka residence.  
Oct. 6 (Saturday)  
No. San Diego County—Installation dinner, Chicken Inn, Carlsbad, 8 p.m.; Frank Chuman, speaker.  
Pasadena—Movie benefit.  
Oct. 9 (Tuesday)  
Pasadena—Meeting.  
Oct. 11 (Thursday)  
Fresno—Board meeting.  
Oct. 12 (Friday)  
Philadelphia—General meeting.  
Oct. 13 (Saturday)  
San Jose—Potluck supper, Buddhist Church hall.  
Long Beach—Baseball Awards.  
Oct. 14 (Sunday)  
San Mateo—Issei Appreciation dinner, Buddhist Church, 4:30 p.m.  
Selma—CDC meeting, Freeway Lanes, 2 p.m.  
West Los Angeles—Auxiliary luncheon-fashion show benefit, Beverly Hills Hotel Crystal Room.  
Oct. 20 (Saturday)  
Long Beach—"Autumn Ball".  
Oct. 21 (Sunday)  
Monterey Peninsula—Auxiliary House and Garden Tour.  
Oct. 27 (Saturday)  
East Los Angeles—Scholarship benefit dance, Old Dixie, 9:30 p.m., sports formal.  
Venice—Halloween party, Gakuen.  
Sonoma County—Nisei GI Memorial service, Buddhist Church.

## History Project seeks background info, clues

CHICAGO.—A second general call to chapters was issued this week by the JACL Japanese History Project to help complete its preliminary research through completion of Instruction I not later than Dec. 1, 1962.

Instruction I, calling for leads, clues and background information of Japanese Americans within the chapter area, was issued last May from Shig Wakamatsu, project chairman, and Akiji Yoshimura, chapter liaison chairman, who revealed about 35 chapters have responded.

The project committee is trying for 100 percent participation and has suggested chapter presidents check with their project chairmen to determine the status of the assignment.

To the chapters which have completed Instruction I, some reports

100 Per Cent Participation by JACL Chapters and Completion of Instruction I by Dec. 1 Anticipated

being from two to five pages in length and others being very sketchy. Wakamatsu expressed his hearty thanks and added that Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa, project director, has found them helpful and extremely interesting.

"All are of value because they provide a basis for evaluating the scope of the project and planning the next steps," Wakamatsu added.

### Instruction I

The Instruction I calls for reports to be filed in duplicate with the District Council project chairmen:

EDC—Dr. Mary I. Watanabe, 2218 Locust St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.  
MDC—Noboru Honda, 1455 Balmoral, Chicago 40, Ill.

MPDC—John T. Horie, 185 N. 7th Ave., Brighton, Colo.  
IDC—Rupert Hachiya, 461 N. 6th West, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
PNWDC—Henry Kato, 7620 SE 190th Dr., Portland 36, Ore.  
NC-WNDC—Frank Oda, 1615 W. 3rd St., Santa Rosa, Calif.  
CCDC—Tom Shimazaki, 22150 Ave. 250, Lindsay, Calif.  
PSWDC—Roy Yamadera, 123 N. Mathews, Los Angeles 33, Calif.

There are five parts in Instruction I.

Assignment 1—List names of interesting Issei who live or have lived in your community or region. Explain in what way they are interesting.  
Who were the earliest settlers.

Give approximate dates of arrival. Were there unusual characteristics of the Japanese in the area; such as all from the same ken, gun or mura, some religious faith, unusual enterprises or with particular skills?

Assignment 2—Why did the Japanese settle in your area? Examples might be: (a) readily available employment in the mines, railroad, lumber, farming, etc.; (b) farming opportunities, such as clearing land for farming purposes, introduction of new crops, cheap marginal lands for improvement; (c) colonization, such as the Yamato Colony in Merced County, Rising Sun in Pennsylvania, etc.

Were there unusual personal or group experiences among early settlers, such as hostility and adjustment problems (language barriers, social customs, diet, housing, etc.). Assignment 3—From what ken did the earliest Japanese predominantly come? Was there a kenjinkai in the area?

Assignment 4—Include other information which may be useful to the project.

Assignment 5—List non-Japanese still living who know most about the early Japanese in the area by name, and occupation (minister, teacher, editor, employer, etc.) and include as much data as possible.

## San Francisco move toward approval of Japan center seen

SAN FRANCISCO.—The construction of the long-delayed Japanese Trade and Cultural Center appears likely now that the finance committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors has endorsed in principle the project and the controversial garage.

The center and garage proposal has been under consideration by the Board of Supervisors for more than seven months.

One small hitch still remains, explained committee chairman Supervisor Harold Dobbs. The committee wanted assurance that National Braemar Corp., the developer of the multi-million dollar Japanese center in Western Addition, would not sell out to a charitable, tax-exempt trust, the way some downtown San Francisco stores have and thereby escape paying property taxes.

Deputy City Attorney Jerome Cohn said he would write into the agreement with the developers a provision that there would be no tax exemption for National Braemar or its successors.

Controversy over the garage concerned the original plan that the promoters would receive \$1.1 million from the non-profit garage corporation for the land instead of \$256,640 as finally agreed upon. The garage will become a city-owned facility after construction costs are paid and the initial franchise period ends.

### LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT

REEDLEY.—Active JACLer Ed Yano presided at his first meeting as Reedley Lions Club president recently. Serving as his secretary on the board is Kei Kitahara, local JACL president.

### FFA LEADER

IDAHO FALLS.—Ronald Morishita was elected president of the Future Farmers of America at Idaho Falls High.

## Community service projects adopted by Fresno chapter, plan bilingual discussions on statewide ballot propositions

FRESNO.—Several community service projects were adopted by the Fresno JACL at its recent board meeting chaired by president Dr. Frank Nishio.

A ballot discussion night with Dr. Kikuo Taira as chairman is being planned for October and will be conducted in both English and Japanese. Jin Ishikawa will assist. Discussion will center on the statewide propositions on the Nov. 6 ballot.

The chapter also decided its services at funerals for Fresno

people held in Fresno. Such services would include ushers, collecting koden, etc.

### Group Insurance Plan

Dr. Robert Yabuno, chairman of the investigating committee for suitable group medical and hospital insurance plans for the chapter and possibly the entire Central California District Council of 10 chapters with over 1,200 members, has extended an open bid from interested insurance agents. Dr. Yabuno (AM 4-2737) must be contacted by Sept. 28, in order to prepare

his report in time for the next Board of Governors meeting Oct. 11.

"Japan Night", a gala entertainment benefit, is still on the schedule for early next year, according to Mike Iwatsubo, chairman, with Jin Ishikawa and James Kubota heading the project.

### Dues Increased

Dr. Frank Nishio and Dr. Henry Kazato, chapter delegates to the National JACL Convention, reported on the convention. In view of the \$1 increase in national dues, the chapter has announced its 1963 dues will be \$5.50 single membership, \$9.50 for husband-wife memberships.

The chapter also voted \$25 to assist the Idaho chapters in their SJR 1 campaign. At the same time, it was the board's feeling that although the project was worthy, the sum requested should have been prorated on a per capita basis and be a part of the national budget. Under this method, it was felt the burden upon smaller chapters would have been minimized.

## Venice-Culver JACL lines up '63 board

VENICE.—Nominations for the 1963 Venice-Culver JACL board were announced at the recent board meeting held at the home of chapter president George Inagaki. Nominated were:

George Inai, Ethel Nomura, Jack Nomura, Jane Yamashita, Betty Yumori, Frances Kitagawa, Mary Wakamatsu, Sam Miyashiro, Fumi Utsuki, Kaz Adachi, Mike Shimizu, Stan Shimizu, George Isoda, Tak Shishino, Ken Onishi, Charles Kurashita, Steve Nakaji, Arthur Fujiwara, Eichi Shibata, Gram Norzaki, Hiro Tanigawa, Joyce Imazu and George Inagaki.

The chapter board also voted membership dues in 1963 would be raised a dollar for single memberships (from \$5 to \$6) and retaining the couple membership (\$9) unchanged. Jane Yamashita and George Inagaki are co-chairmen of the 1963 campaign.

Board meeting was highlighted by the presence of the officers of the young boys club, the Valiants, who came with the proposition that they would like to sponsor the annual Halloween party. The board accepted and arrangements were made to have the party Oct. 27 at the local Gakuen Hall.

## Milwaukee JACL to push for memberships from November, newsletter spurs interest

MILWAUKEE.—An early start on the 1963 membership campaign has been announced by Milwaukee JACL membership chairman Tats Tada. Instead of waiting for the new year, the solicitations will start in November.

"By starting the drive a little early this time, the chapter will be able to commence the new year with complete records and will assure everyone of getting all the issues of the Pacific Citizen to which the membership is entitled," Tada explained.

The 1962-63 Milwaukee JACL directory is ready for distribution. Credit was given to Nami Shio and Jennett Tada for typing and to Eddie Ogawa for the mimeo work.

### Newsletter Staff

The chapter newsletter, in subsequent issues, will carry additions and corrections to the directory.

## Chapter Call Board

### Reedley JACL

**Nominations at Barbecue:** Nominations for 1963 officers will be the chief item on the agenda of the short business meeting planned for the Reedley JACL barbecue dinner at City Park this Sunday at 5 p.m., according to president Kei Kitahara. Dinner chairman Amy Yano said movies and games will conclude the evening.

### San Francisco JACL

**Auxiliary Outing:** The Thomas J. Roberts Regional Park on Skyline Blvd. in Oakland will be the locale for the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary outing on Sunday, Sept. 30, according to co-chairmen Sumi Nakagawa and Emi Yokogawa. The picnic will begin at 1:30 p.m., a barbecue chicken dinner from 4:30 at \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children. A variety of activities for members and their friends include swimming, volleyball, baseball and bridge.

### Fresno JACL

**Bridge Class:** The chapter will sponsor its first bridge class this Sunday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., at the Fresno Bridge Club, 2415 E. Clinton. Subsequent meetings will be held on the third Sunday evenings of the month. Mike Iwatsubo will be the instructor.

### East Los Angeles JACL

**Benefit Dance:** To augment funds for the East Los Angeles JACL scholarship program, the chapter will have Aaron Gonzales and his orchestra play at a benefit dance at Old Dixie, Western Ave. and W. 43rd St., on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., it was announced by chapter president Mable Yoshizaki.

Tickets are \$4 per couple or stag and obtainable at the JACL Regional Office or at the door. The chapter scholarship program honors deserving Japanese American graduates at Roosevelt and Garfield high schools, both in the east-side of town.



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## Non-citizens in Calif. eligible for old-age pensions should apply at county welfare

SACRAMENTO.—Assemblyman Phillip Burton (D., San Francisco), who authored the state law providing pension and disabled benefits for non-citizens, urged those who are eligible to file their application with the local county welfare office.

Non-citizens must meet the following requirements to be eligible for a pension, Assemblyman Burton explained:

1. They must be 65 years or older.
2. They must have lived in California a total of 5 years out of the last 9 years.
3. They can be eligible without regard to the value of their home or household furnishings, etc. (But they cannot have in excess of a total of \$1,200 in cash or investments or in a savings or checking account.)
4. Many receiving Social Security are also eligible for the Old Age Pension.

Old Age Pension benefits include the following:

1. A basic guaranteed minimum income of \$105 a month (any income or earnings or gifts are subtracted from this \$105 per month.)
2. All medical and dental costs, e.g., doctor's visits, medicine, etc. (except no costs of hospitalization are provided.)
3. In cases of "special need", \$65 in addition to the \$105 is made available to the recipient.

### Disabled Benefits

Assemblyman Burton stated that the following requirements are those which must be met in order for a non-citizen to receive aid to the disabled:

1. They must be 18 years or older.
2. Their disability must be such that it requires "continuous care".
3. They can be eligible without regard to the value of their home or household furnishings, etc., but they cannot have in excess of a total of \$1,200 in cash or investments or in a savings or checking account.
4. They must have lived in California a total of 5 years out of the last 9 years.

Disabled benefits include the following:

1. An average of \$100 per month per recipient.
2. Payment of all medical and dental costs (except no costs of hospitalization are provided.)
3. In certain cases, part or all of the costs of attendant care will

be paid in addition to the monthly grant.

Burton advises all non-citizens who have questions with reference to their eligibility to receive pension or disability benefits to contact their local county welfare office.

## Malibu luxury apts. completed by Nisei

LOS ANGELES.—Completion of a \$400,000 development, the Malibu Westwinds, at Big Rock Beach was disclosed by Togo Tanaka of Chicago and Los Angeles this past week. A joint venture of Gramercy Enterprises, headed by Tanaka, and Holiday Construction Co., of Santa Monica, the 16-unit ocean front luxury apartment consists of two buildings of unified design. Tanaka, publisher of School-Industrial Press, has previously built Research Houses in Encino and Ventura.

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