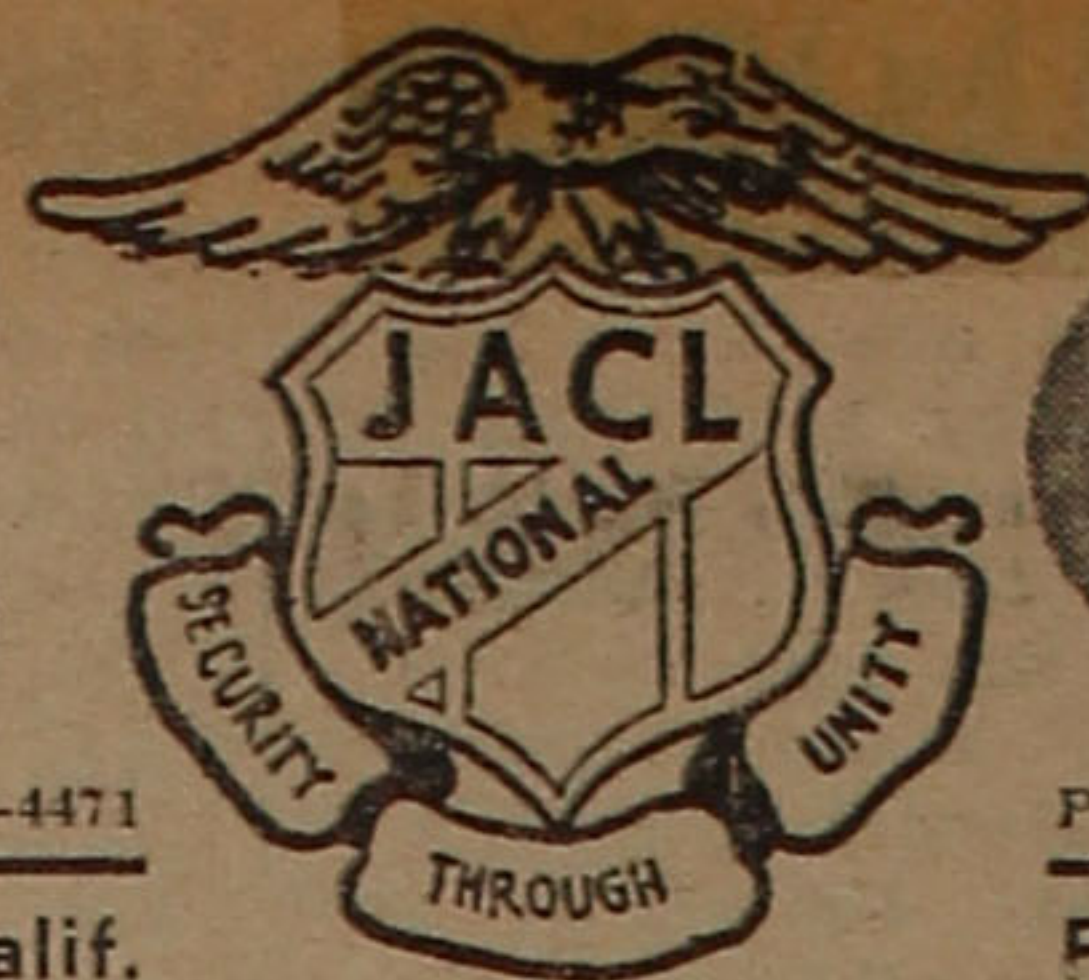


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Year 1957 proves to be a busy one

The New Year traditionally brings on a rash of year-end reviews, so this writer too, will review the past year in terms of JACL activities related to his office. One of the first tasks in our administration was to appoint National JACL Committee Chairmen during the Fall of 1956. Additional national chairmen appointed since that time include: Frank Chuman of Los Angeles, JACL bequest program; Yas Abiko of San Francisco, nominating committee; Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, scholarship program; Akiji Yoshimura of Marysville, essay and oratorical contests. The latter will be held in conjunction with the National Convention in August, 1958.

In November, 1956, it was our pleasure to speak at the Placer County JACL goodwill dinner. In our opinion, no other local chapter has been able to equal this outstanding annual event.

On December 2, 1956, we were privileged to speak at the 7th Annual Central California District Convention. The mass installation of officers from 10 chapters is always an impressive ceremony. Tom Nagamatsu of Del Rey replaced Jin Ishikawa of Fresno as district chairman.

On January 2, 1957, we called a special meeting of the National Board in Los Angeles which included the virtual kidnapping of Mike Masaoka from Seattle in order to insure his presence for Ralph Edwards' "This is Your Life" show.

February was busy. It included visits to the NCWN meeting in Sacramento which initiated the big push on the JACL youth program; a dinner-dance sponsored by our home chapter, Southwest Los Angeles; and installations in Orange County, Coachella Valley, and Pasadena. We also met with Department of Justice officials George Doub and Enoch Ellison and attended a Japanese Chamber of Commerce dinner. Nisei president Kenji Ito was introduced at this time. March brought a panel

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FIRST NISEI NAMED AMBASSADOR FOR JAPAN, TO REVISIT HOMETOWN

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
PC Japan Correspondent

TOKYO.—The first Nisei to become an ambassador, Ko Chiba, is scheduled to depart in the middle of January via San Francisco, his hometown, to head the Japanese Embassy in Mexico City. He told this reporter he was most anxious to meet his boyhood friends, including Yasuo Abiko, Tsune Baba and others.

Ko-chan, as he was called by his San Francisco chums, was born in the city by the Golden Gate as a son of a newspaperman. His father was on the Japanese American News staff. Young Chi-

ba finished the public schools, attended Kinmon Gakuen, and then went to Japan where he graduated from Tokyo Imperial University.

He passed Japan's diplomatic corps examination, which is considered very difficult. He had an advantage of knowing English, which every Japanese diplomat must be able to handle well. It was 1932 that he received his first assignment—a post in China in which he served for five years.

Reputation Well-Known

Ko-chan was already known to many of his San Francisco friends at that time as a "rising" diplomat with his ability and personality. He was transferred to London next, where he spent 4½ years.

When this writer renewed acquaintances with him after covering the Berlin Olympic Games, Ko-chan was acquiring a British accent on top of his California English.

Before the war, his colleagues regarded him as the Nisei diplomat who spoke English well. They did not pay much attention to his ability and personality.

However, after the war, the leaders recognized Ko-chan's talent and sent him to Mexico to open the Japanese overseas agency, staying there for 23 months. During this period, many were designating him to return as a full ambassador.

Headed American Affairs

When he became director of the American Affairs Bureau in the Japanese Foreign Office, he stood out prominently because he knew the problems and spoke the "language".

"I had a very busy life," he told this reporter. "I like to have my own time to study a little and I think Mexico is ideally situated for this purpose. I am looking forward to renew my boyhood memories when I visit San Francisco. My San Francisco days were really fascinating to recall."

New Japan Ambassador Chiba to Mexico delivered the message of Foreign Minister Aichihiro Fujiyama to the recent International Nisei Convention.

Chiba is married to the daughter of the former Prime Minister Tanaka Ishibashi.

Bill Mimbu's wife dies, was active in Seattle circles

SEATTLE.—Mrs. Merry Toyoko Mimbu, 47, of 6832 44th Pl. N.E., died in a hospital Dec. 22 after a long illness. Funeral services were held Dec. 27 in the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mimbu was born in Seattle. In 1915, she went to Ellensburg, where she attended high school and Central Washington College of Education. She returned here in 1930 to attend the University of Washington. From 1943 to 1946, she lived in Madison, Wis.

Mrs. Mimbu was a past president of the Ai-iku Orthopedic Guild. She also was an adviser to the Valedas Club at the university. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary, Japan Society and the Japanese American Citizens League.

An active member of the Sand Point Community Church and the Sand Point Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. Mimbu also was a member of the Seattle Lady Lions and the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, William Y. Mimbu (past secretary to the National JACL board); a son, David, Seattle; two brothers, Thomas S. (Chicago) and Albert (Osaka), and sister Mrs. Mae Natori (Seattle).

New York first city to pass ordinance barring discrimination in private housing

NEW YORK.—The city of New York became the first American metropolis to ban discrimination in private housing as the law received its final approval of the Board of Estimate last week.

The city's top policy-making group approved the bill unanimously Dec. 23 and needed only Mayor Robert Wagner's signature to become law. He has supported it since it was introduced.

Effective April 1, the law will forbid discrimination because of race, creed or national origin in all private housing except one- and two-family houses in developments of less than 10 units.

It was the subject of long and violent debate, with real estate interests calling it "vicious . . . ill-advised . . . unenforceable . . . and a complete denial of traditional American property rights."

\$8000 FROM MARKET LONE BANDIT ROBS

SACRAMENTO.—Weekend receipts of over \$8,000 were taken at gunpoint from a lone bandit who held up store manager Kiyoshi Goto of Garden Basket market at Broadway and Land Park Dr., on Dec. 22. The market is Nisei-owned.



MASAMI ABE
Grateful to JACL

Naturalized Issei shows appreciation of JACL in \$500 gift

For making possible the privilege of naturalization, Masami Abe, of 204 N. Burlington Ave., this past week contributed \$500 to the Japanese American Citizens League and expressed an eagerness to become a member of the organization.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national president, in acknowledging the contribution said that half of the donation would go towards a 1000 Club Life membership and the other half to the National JACL Endowment Fund, which has been established to protect and promote the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

"Mr. Abe's donation is typical of the strong community spirit and generous nature of the Issei, who have been among the strongest supporters of the National JACL program during the past decade," Dr. Nishikawa commented.

Ask ban against discrimination by employment groups

New laws to prevent racial and religious discrimination in private employment agencies were urged at the Dec. 17 hearing before the California State Assembly Interim Committee on Industrial Relations here.

Milton A. Senn, representing the California Committee on Fair Employment Practices, told legislators that employment agencies now carry out the prejudices of employers.

He said 200 Los Angeles firms recently placed orders for clerical employees which specified that Negroes, Jews, Mexican Americans, Orientals or Catholics were not to be referred.

State Policy Cited

The California State Dept. of Employment is not allowed to accept racially discriminatory job orders, nor to refer people to employment on the basis of race.

In addition, racial discrimination is banned by civil service and the Public Personnel Directors of Los Angeles County early last month adopted a professional code of ethics including 10 principles, one of which propounded "equal opportunity for all to present their qualifications under a system of merit selection, and in the right of every interested person, regardless of race, religion, politics, or economic status, to demonstrate his competence."

Senn recommended that the committee, headed by Assembly-

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NO DEADLINE FOR REVIEW OF NISEI RENUNCIANTS YET

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—The Justice Department has not set any deadline for the filing of applications by renunciants for the administrative review of their cases, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported today.

Because of many inquiries caused by newspaper reports to the effect that government had set a Dec. 31, 1957, deadline for the filing of these applications, the Washington JACL Office queried the Justice Department, which has jurisdiction over this problem.

The department informed the JACL that although no deadline has been set as yet, they are encouraging early filing of applications for review in order that the administrative review phase of the program may be completed not later than Dec. 31, 1958.

Procedure Explained

The procedure for renunciants seeking a review of the validity of their wartime act is to apply to the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service office, requesting an affidavit which they are to fill in. The government will then review the affidavit and determine whether the applicant is required to file an alien registration form or not.

If the applicant is required to file this form, it means that the renunciation is valid. If they are not required to file this form, it means that their renunciation was not valid and that they are citizens of the United States.

At the same time, the Washington JACL Office has advised all aliens to register their addresses at the nearest post office during the month of January, 1958, as required by law.

Only foreign governmental and diplomatic aliens are exempt from the filing of this annual address registration in January. Resident aliens as well as temporary visitors, temporary workers and students from abroad must comply with this January filing requirement.

Violators are subject to fine and imprisonment as well as possible deportation from the United States.

So. Calif. Hi-Co confab dates set

The Presbyterian Conference Grounds in Pacific Palisades have been acquired for the forthcoming Hi-Co Conference to be held April 12 and 13, 1958.

The objective of the conference is to orientate the high school seniors on the different aspects of college life and tips on careers. High school seniors are given the opportunity to meet, discuss, and work out ideas with college students from the various colleges throughout Southern California.

The planned weekend of activities include organized panel discussions, seminars, and recreation which guarantees meeting new people and learning more about college life.

The Hi-Co conference is under auspices of the Pacific Southwest District Council.

BANK EXAMINER TO HEAD 442ND CLUB IN HAWAII

HONOLULU.—Clarence T. Taba, senior bank examiner for the Territory of Hawaii, was elected president of the 442nd Veterans Club for 1958 at its recent board of directors meeting. He succeeds Stanley Watanabe.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

LOOKING TO '58 - Why did we sing Auld Lang Syne as the old year faded out and a new one stepped in? Because, I guess, we were reluctant to let go of familiar things, sorry to see the present turn into the past, uneasy about the future. But not I. I'm looking forward with great anticipation to '58. It promises to become the most interesting yet.

What's going to happen as the year unfolds? Well, to begin with, man will continue his assault on space. Maybe we'll get an intercontinental ballistic missile that will fly the way it's supposed to, and perhaps we'll finally put a satellite into an orbit around the earth. No doubt the Russians are going to spring some more surprises on us, too.

We're going to see a great power struggle between the United States and Russia in the fields of diplomacy, propaganda 'n just plain politics. We seem to have Western Europe wrapped up among our friends, but for how long? How will the Middle East ruckus turn out and what's going to happen to North Africa? What will Indonesia's bid to kick out the Dutch lead to? What about all the unrest reported within Communist China? A year from now we'll know a lot more about these matters.

Domestically, we're in for equally exciting events. How is President Eisenhower's health going to be in the ensuing months? What will the Democrats do and say as they step up their sniping campaign against the Republicans? What's going to happen to the national budget and our personal ones? Will Labor complete its house-cleaning and what new scandals will be uncovered in the process? Can the farm problem be resolved and if so, how?

And the Nisei. Today they are prospering as never before, holding positions of responsibility and influence, contributing to the welfare and progress of their communities, making new advances in social and economic acceptance. What new steps forward will they take? Will they begin to make their voices heard on an international as well as national scale?

Yes, sir, it's going to be an interesting year and chances are - if we're still around by then - 1959 is going to be even more fascinating. The good Lord willing, I hope to be around for a while yet to look around and enjoy myself.

NEW MEMBER - Perhaps what remains of this first column of the year ought to be used to introduce you to the newest member of our household, a dachshund pup. Her formal name is Winifred von Pooh, but she's better known around the diggin's as Winnie or Poonie. She is the antithesis of all that a dog is supposed to be.

We've come to expect all dogs to be noble beasts. They're supposed to be fearless, loyal, devoted, patient, tireless, faithful, intelligent, trustworthy and all the rest of the attributes that makes them (and Boy Scouts) man's best friend.

Not our Winnie. She is the opposite of all these. She's cowardly. She blusters and barks at shadows in an effort to prove to her masters that she is brave. But let the shadow take more solid form and she comes home yiping as if a monster were after her. A little intelligence could be a saving grace because after all no one expects an underslung sausage dog to go out and rip a wolf to pieces. But oh, no, she's just as stupid as any puppy dog, indulgent, lazy, fond of the hot air register and useless as a cat.

Nonetheless, we like her very much and we hope to have her with us for a long time. It seems we admire and respect perfection, but often love persons and pets for their weaknesses as well as their attributes. Thus endeth today's lesson.

Happy New Year.

Federal civil rights commission to be headed by Michigan State president

WASHINGTON.—Senatorial approval of the new Civil Rights Commission may have been advanced by President Eisenhower after naming John A. Hannah as its chairman this past week.

The White House announced Dec. 24 that Hannah, president of Michigan State University, will replace former Supreme Court Justice Stanley Reed, who resigned because of his judicial responsibilities and background possibly might conflict with commission duties.

Former Gov. Doyle E. Carlton of Florida was named to complete the six-member board, which now includes three Southerners.

All commission appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

Alabaman Impressed

Sen. John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.) said he was impressed with what he called some recent statesmanlike statements made by Hannah, who is well-known in Washington, having served as assistant secretary of defense and other administrative posts of both President Eisenhower and of President Truman.

"I understand he has made recent statements to the general effect that he believes the Southern viewpoint on civil rights must be considered," Sen. Sparkman said.

Hannah himself has some strong moral convictions on the subject of civil rights. He integrated Negro and white students in dormi-

tories at Michigan State when he took over there in 1941. He also did away with racial designations on student records at the school.

Hopeful of Outcome

But he indicated no intention of trying to force his views on others. "I approach this task," he said, "with the attitude that men of good will should be able to work out their differences, and I hope we will be able to make some useful contribution to the national interest."

Carlton, a 70-year-old Tampa lawyer and a Democrat, was governor of Florida from 1929 to 1933. Other southern members of the commission are former Gov. John S. Battle of Virginia and Robert G. Storey, dean of the Law School of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Tex., and former president of the American Bar Assn.

The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, and J. Ernest Wilkins, assistant secretary of labor since 1954, complete the commission. Wilkins is the group's only Negro member.

Marysville grower absolved by jury

YUBA CITY.—A Sutter County jury recently completely absolved Dan Nishita, prominent orchardist here, of any blame in a suit brought by the State of California. He was charged with delivering one unconditioned load of peaches and another they considered deceptive on consecutive days in 1956.

In a third count, the state sought an injunction against the Marysville JACLer from carrying on directly or indirectly any business as a producer of cling peaches in the state and a \$1,000 fine.

After a two-day trial, the jury unanimously returned a verdict in favor of Nishita. He was represented by Mamoru Sakuma, Sacramento Nisei attorney.

Nisei importer testifies before U.S. Tariff body

WASHINGTON.—James T. Ota, prominent Los Angeles Nisei businessman, testified at the final day of a three-day hearing here conducted by the U.S. Tariff Commission investigating the impact of Japanese tuna import recently.

The commission findings are to be sent to the Senate Finance Committee, which is expected to conduct hearings on proposed legislation to restrict tuna imports.

Ota was against tariff or restrictive measures on imported frozen tuna, explaining that collective security without cooperative trading conditions would be difficult to achieve.

Noguchi-designed waterfall in lobby of N.Y. building

NEW YORK.—Manhattan's newest skyscraper, which was dedicated in November, has as one of its main features a lobby treatment designed by sculptor Isamu Noguchi.

The building occupies an entire blockfront on 5th Ave., between 52nd and 53rd Sts., rises 38 stories and contains more than a million square feet of office space.

A waterfall pouring over a sculptured glass background is the focal point of the arcade. Four 35-foot honey locust trees are set along 5th Ave. Each is lighted at night.

Site of the new building is north of Rockefeller Center. Part of it formerly was occupied by the French Renaissance mansion of William K. Vanderbilt.

Madera group elects

MADERA.—The Madera Japanese American Community Corp., at its annual meeting last month elected Harry Gekko as the chairman succeeding George S. Mochizuki, formerly of Salt Lake City, and 11th year 1000er.



TOKYO TOPICS By Tamotsu Murayama

Aloha Club

TOKYO.—A social group from Hawaii known as the "Aloha Club" has become quite an influence here since so many of its prominent Nisei members are in the entertainment and athletic fields.

The new president, David Minoru Yamada, cleaning and laundry firm president, is succeeding Kaiser Yoshio Tanaka, who served a very fruitful year, and is signed to take over managerial duties of the Hanshin Tigers of Osaka this year. Kaiser used to catch for the Tigers before the war.

This past Christmas, the Aloha Club gathered funds and old clothing for needy children of the Elizabeth Saunders Home in Oiso, which is being operated by Mme. Miki Sawada. The club has also assisted in the Japan Times Milk Fund, which helps needy youngsters.

Yamada anticipates a big kick-off affair for the Aloha Club in April, when a huge get-together is being planned to greet the many tour groups coming here from the Islands.

Nisei businessmen in Tokyo, who have become known as Pepsi-Cola King, Potato Chip King, Sausage King, etc., all hail from Hawaii. Still popular in the theaters are actor Katsuhiko Haita, singer George Shigeta and others from the Islands. There are no state-side Nisei active in the theatrical field today—if there are any, they have all faded away.

And ball players from Hawaii are all popular today. Still in top form are Wally Yonamine, Andy Miyamoto, Stanley Hashimoto, Ailen Yamamoto, Shin Yogi, and Noboru Fujishige. Only mainlanders is Fibber Hirayama of Lindsay, Calif., of the Hiroshima Carps.

Bits & Bites

We finally had time to count the number of faces on the 1957 Holiday Issue front cover created and designed by San Francisco JACLer Hisashi Tani . . . There are exactly a thousand faces, which have been construed as Sanskrit, Japanese, Chinese, and even Korean characters. It has evoked wide comment—including a "plug" in San Francisco Hoku-bei Mainichi's Noteworthy column this past week. In this connection, the PC editor takes no credit for the cover design. All we asked of Hisashi was something simple to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 1000 Club—and what came continues to draw wonderful words of praise.

Japan Times writer Yoshitaka Horiuchi goes to great lengths to tell of the unique role occupied by Nisei in the American melting pot and in U.S.-Japan relations, as an aftermath to the recent International Nisei Convention in Tokyo. His choice of Nisei achievements worthy of special note is most meager, though understandably so for a general story of this nature. Listed were the following: Business—Earl Tambara, formerly advertising manager for the Dollar Lines; Military—Lt. Col. Judge John Aiso, Lt. Col. Robert Saibara, Medal of Honor Winner Hiroshi Miyamura; Scholars—Dr. Ernest Takahashi, dean of Monroe Optometry College; semantics professor Samuel Hayakawa; Entertainment—Hollywood movie star Miiko Taka, ballet dancer Sono Osato (see below); Fine Arts—Mine Okubo, Isamu Noguchi; Journalists—Togo Tanaka, Louise Suski; Athletics—swimming champions Ford Konno, Yoshi Oyakawa, Evelyn Kawamoto, weightlifting champion Tommy Kono; Public Relations—Mike Masaoka of JACL; Politics—Hawaii Senate Pres. Wilfred Tsukiyama, Hawaii Treasurer Sen. Sakae Takahashi, Attorney General Michiro Watanabe and ex-Rep. and now Federal Judge Ben Tashiro.

Only 20 names are listed and it's possible to add that many more per category without too much difficulty.

Horiuchi concludes: "With the coming of age of the Nisei, they are playing an increasingly important role in the land of their adoption in the main arena. Nisei are truly pioneers of a new Japanese international race, which it is destined to become in the future centuries in the global atomic-socioatomic age, as well as unique links of better understanding and American-Asian neighbors in a world of neighbors" . . . We don't know the writer, but he should be informed the Nisei do not consider America as the land of their "adoption", but their "native country". One wonders if the last paragraph is the kind of fantastic thinking the newsmen of Japan hold for the American Nisei. It's unfortunate a Nisei writer in the States or Hawaii was not asked to write the story.

"Whatever became of Sono Osato?" The Chicago Daily News on Dec. 19 reports the Tokyo-born dancer and actress who grew up in Chicago and joined the Ballet Russe at 14 back in 1934 is still performing and has an appearance scheduled for Jan. 5 at Hunter College, New York. She is the daughter of Shoji Osato, a photographer, and of the former Frances Fitzpatrick, a society girl from Omaha. After leaving the Ballet Russe in 1941, where she had become a prima ballerina, she joined the Ballet Theater for two seasons. After a feature role in "One Touch of Venus", she had a dancing and dramatic role in "On the Town", both New York hits. She lives with her husband Victor Elmaleh, French car importer and distributor, and their two sons, 11 and 7, in New York City.

We certainly encourage letters for the PC Letter Box, which will alternate in this column hereafter, if at all possible.—Editor.



VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

World's Strongest Man

Denver

DEVOTEES OF BEEFCAKE are well aware of it, but many Nisei probably don't realize that the world's strongest man—pound for pound—is a Japanese American. He is Sacramento-born Tommy Kono, who now competes out of Honolulu, and who has been named "Mr. Universe" at the world's weightlifting championships on at least three occasions.

Tommy is up for the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy, symbolic of the honor of the nation's outstanding amateur athlete (the results may be out before this column appears). He is worthy of the award, and has strong backing from the Hawaiian AAU, but the other nominees are perhaps better known, and include Abilene Christian's fleet Bobby Morrow, currently the world's fastest human.

Tommy Kono, who got his start in AAU meets around Sacramento ten years ago, was the only American to win a world's championship at this year's weightlifting competition and his victory prevented a Russian sweep. Kono, in fact, has never been beaten in world or Olympic competition. He won Olympic titles at Helsinki in 1952 and Melbourne in 1956, and has six world titles and five national AAU championships. He has been champion in three separate divisions, the welterweight (148) at Helsinki, the light-heavyweight (181) pounds at Melbourne, though he was over his own weight division, and the middleweight (161).

This week Tommy's candidacy got a boost from the United Press' Oscar Fraley. "I've got to cast my vote for Tommy Kono, the Honolulu Hercules," Fraley wrote. "Kono, whose muscles have muscles, is my boy."

Fraley recalled an interview with Kono at Melbourne last year, just before the Nisei won the Olympic crown. "Tommy, at the time, was 'resting,'" wrote Fraley. "This does not mean with weight lifters that you collapse flat like us ordinary folks. In each hand he held a hard rubber ball that I couldn't dent with a hatchet. Tommy constantly squeezed the balls flat as easily as if they were marshmallows. Every few seconds he did a few deep knee bends while holding a bureau over his head."

TAKE TED STEELE'S word for it, one of the biggest names in jazz soon will be that of Miss Teal Joy (real name: Elsie Itashiki of San Francisco).

"I've lived music and the music business for many more years than I would care to mention," says Steele, "working with giants like Perry Como and Frank Sinatra. I've worked likewise with newcomers, many of whom I have been fortunate enough to start on their climb to stardom.

"But I have never been so positive of greatness as I am now. Miss Teal Joy. This young lady was singing in the Bamboo Club in Atlantic City, practically on the doorstep of the recording center of the world and virtually unnoticed, when I happened in. Now I am so grateful that I was the one to come along and be completely stunned by her immeasurable talent and taste.

"I now have an opportunity to create with, what I consider, the greatest new voice in the last decade."

Steele is an orchestra leader, an arranger and composer, with a long background in network radio and TV. He recently was chosen to launch a new series of pop music recordings under the Bethlehem label and "Miss Teal Joy" is his first. On this record, the Nisei singer displays her versatility with a delicate "Easy to Remember" to the full orchestration of "Come Back to Sorrento." Steele has backed Teal Joy with a full production orchestra, a wailing jazz band and soft string ensemble, depending on the background needed for her particular number.

Teal Joy's appearance recently on the Steve Allen show received accolades and probably will lead to other guest shots.

TOGE FUJIHIRA has made the movie bigtime with his work on the new Universal-International release, "The Mark of the Hawk," which he photographed in Nigeria this past year in Technicolor and SuperScope. Toge, who started out nearly two decades ago by filming a Chekhov play with a Nisei case in New York, has been an outstanding cameraman in the short subject field for many years, and he has won a number of awards. "Mark of the Hawk" starring three of America's outstanding Negro performers Eartha Kitt, Sidney Poitier Juano Hernandez, is a story of African nationalism, filmed in Nigeria, now the republic of Ghana. It was an independent venture and Toge was hired as chief cinematographer. He was in charge during all of the location shooting, but when the company moved to London for interior sequences, he was informed that British industry rules prohibited his working in the London studio. Another head cameraman was hired, and Toge went on to other assignments in the Belgian Congo and Brazil.

U-I, incidentally, is proud of "The Mark of the Hawk." The company lists the films as "one of the company's major offerings for the coming year."

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Texas rice-king Saibara has 20-minute audience with emperor of Japan, would regard interview with Eisenhower equal honor

(A picture story of Webster's ricegrower, Kiyooki Saibara, was featured in the Nov. 17 Sunday Supplement of the Houston Chronicle. Saibara, first Issei to be naturalized an American citizen since the passage of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, was a staunch supporter of the JACL-ADC drives during the postwar years. —Editor.)

BY ROBERT O'CONNOR

Houston

In the inner room of the imperial palace in Tokyo, Emperor Hirohito of Japan listened attentively to a rice grower from Webster, Texas.

Kiyooki Saibara, dressed in morning coat and striped trousers like the palace officials who ringed the hall, spoke to the emperor in the center—at a prescribed distance of 5½ feet from him.

Saibara told the story of first and second-generation Americans of Japanese ancestry, particularly those in Houston and Harris county.

It was the first time—and probably the last—that the emperor would have such a personal interview with a Japanese-American.

They spoke for 20 minutes, in the Japanese language.

"When you go back to the United States, please do the best you can in strengthening the relations between the United States and Japan," the emperor said to Saibara.

The entire nation later heard a news broadcast of the interview. This was a Tokyo news broadcast transmitted from the imperial radio.

Father Came in '03

Part of Saibara's report to the emperor was the story of the career of his father, the late Seito Saibara, idealist and a parliamentary leader, who in 1903 founded the first colony of Christian Japanese in America at Webster. A university president, he had sacrificed a great future at home to prove that life could be enhanced by peaceful means. Although born in Japan, his son grew up in Webster and followed in the father's footsteps.

He added another chapter to the record of the distinguished Saibara family both in Japan and in the United States. They are all Americans now, except the wife whom he married in Japan in 1955. She, too, expects to gain United States

J. IWASHIGES OF SALINAS HONORED BY 180 GUESTS AT GOLDEN WEDDING FETE

SALINAS.—A pioneer Salinas Issei couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jikishi Iwashige, were honored by 180 guests gathered here recently to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

The pair, wed in Seattle in 1907, have lived in Salinas more than 49 years.

Members of the family were introduced. These included Mr. and Mrs. Mitsue Ideda of Bridgeton, N. J., Mrs. Nobu Iwashige Houston of Salinas and daughter Denise, Mr. and Mrs. Kazue Tsujihiro of Petaluma and sons Glenn, Darryl and Terry and daughter Jonni, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chung of Salinas and Miss Sumi Iwashige of Salinas. These are the Iwashiges' five daughters and their families. Their two sons, Jimmy and Harry, are deceased.

Following dinner Albert Ikeda gave a short biography of the honored couple. Judge Stanley Lawson, Ken Sato on behalf of the Japanese American Citizens League, Y. K. Yamashita on behalf of the Buddhist church and S. Kitamura on behalf of the Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian church offered congratulations to the pair. Henry Tanda was toastmaster.

Disneyland parade

DISNEYLAND.—The impressive parade of Christmas all over the world delighted over 25,000 youngsters through Walt Disney's fantasyland on the Sunday before Christmas. Representing Japan were the Nisei dancers of Kansuma Kai.

citizenship in due time. Saibara's first wife, who died in 1935, was the mother of his four sons (one killed while serving in the United States Air Force and a daughter). Time proved the wisdom of the elder Saibara, the son felt, and he longed to give a report to the Japanese nation in a face-to-face meeting with Hirohito. It was comparable to the emperor's receiving a ranking diplomat or head of a friendly nation.

Full Story Told

Previously, Saibara had given the full story of Japanese in America, and the respect won by their offspring, to former Premier Shigeru Yoshida. The latter suggested how it could be condensed and how to gauge Hirohito's interest.

Saibara is convinced the Japanese ruler was pleased with what he heard, and it received nationwide attention.

Friends and influential persons whom Saibara later met, including a provincial governor, said they were pleased to learn that emigrated Japanese and their sons and daughters were given top recognition when they entered the professions. They were glad also that Saibara, after a half century of life in the United States, found Americans fair in attitude.

"Americans are the finest friends Japan could ever expect to have," he had told the emperor.

Press Interviews

Saibara was received everywhere with courtesy and consideration. He was interviewed by some 35 times, and was made the subject of feature articles in newspapers with millions of circulation.

Saibara saw the terrific pressure of a steadily mounting Japanese population (44,260,000 in 1903) in a group of islands less than the size of Montana and not much more than half the size of Texas. He dreaded the thought of possible war and conquest with heavy toll of life and engendered hatreds.

The idealistic statesman envisioned the energetic Japanese clearing the forests of undeveloped regions of the world, developing farm and ranch lands and producing an over-supply of rice and beef which he foresaw would find its way back to the homeland. This would be by peaceful means, he felt, with Japan retaining the good will of all nations.

Once Saibara provided the surprise element of a TV program. The head of U.N.E.S.C.O. in Japan and a former cabinet member Tamon Mayeda, was being interviewed. Mayeda was informed by the master of ceremonies he was to meet there a schoolmate of 5 years before who was a "rice king" in Texas. Saibara was ushered in

and joined Mayeda in a TV interview seen in all parts of Japan.

At Saibara's birthplace, to which he made a pilgrimage, he was greeted with great respect by men, women and children, whom he had never seen before. The governor of the province came personally to greet and congratulate him.

Liberal Leader

A society has been formed by Japanese persons living in the communities where the elder Saibara lived to collect data for a life story of Seito Saibara. He had been a leading Tokyo lawyer, leader of the liberal element in parliament, an ardent foe of those who sought about 60 years ago to oust all Christian institutions from Japan.

Born in Japan, Saibara has the native's respect for the emperor. Yet, as a naturalized American, he has a profound respect for the President of the United States, and would consider it an equal honor to have an interview with the President. —The Houston Chronicle

MILWAUKEE:

Folk Fair proves big success again

Gross sales at Milwaukee JACL's annual Folk Fair held in late November amounted to \$3,700.76, according to Walter Wong, chapter president, who added that a detailed report would follow after expenses are totaled and paid.

He thanked the members and many non-members who worked hard to make the Japanese exhibit and sales booths so popular. Helen Inai and Henry Date were designers of the Japanese garden. The collection of dolls of Mr. and Mrs. Clement St. Germaine, which were featured in the Milwaukee Journal society section, was on exhibit.

Those who helped to sell (and it was a mad-house at times) were:

Mickie Aratani, Ken and Aya Teramura, Sachi Ishii, Helen Inai, Sus and Grace Musashi, Toshi Watanabe, Frank Xavier, Flo and Roy Yashiro, Kiki Mo moi, Miwa and Hank Hashimoto, Chickie Ishida, Joe and Hide Yamashita, Betty Iwata, Al Popp.

Lil and Tak Kataoka, Dr. Kay Kawabe, Walter Wong, Julius and Betty Fujihira, Jennett and Tats Tada, Yutaka and Addie Kuge, Sat and Toshi Nakahira, Frank Kihara, Shiro and Cathy Shiraga, Masa Sese, Yo Okabayashi, Tok and Carol Shimichi, Chic and Faye Tanouye, Helen and Irene Jonokuchi, Ruth Minami, Dennis Makiya, Lil Moritsugu, Carolyn Date, Charlie Matsumoto and Nami Shio.

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By Fred Takata

Anti-Nisei Movies

THIS PAST MONTH station KTLA telecast the picture "Air Force", which is one of the films on our objectionable list, twice on their station. Before the film was shown for the first time, we protested to the station without much success. We spent the whole day trying to get in touch with Jerry Rogers, the film director for KTLA, but they gave us the old run-around, and it wasn't until a string telegram was sent by our National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa, that we finally had a chance to speak to Harry P. Warner, the legal counsel for the station.

Mr. Warner explained to us on the phone that "We pay good money for these films, and we're not going to yield to any pressure group. If we yield to JACL, then we would have to yield to Negroes, Italians, Jews, etc., and would fail to discharge the responsibilities of the broadcasting station." The film was shown as scheduled.

We explained that the picture "Air Force" inferred that the people in Hawaii were saboteurs, and that FBI records prove otherwise. We felt that such a picture made in time of war and hate would create a wrong impression among the general public, and was not fair to the men of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team who gave their blood for their country. We told Mr. Warner that it was disgusting to us to think that KTLA would show such a film, contradicting the loyalty of these men and their families in Hawaii.

Last year L. G. Muller, then the film director of station KTLA, offered his full cooperation in not screening the objectionable films, but he was replaced by Jerry Rogers about six months ago, and it seems that Mr. Muller's word doesn't stand for Mr. Rogers.

Telegrams were sent by 20 organizations of the L.A. County Conference on Community Relations, after our good friend George Thomas heard of the incident. Wires were also sent by Perry Post American Legion; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 100, Nisei Veterans Association, Nisei VFW posts in Gardena, Los Angeles, Orange County; Aviators Post and the American Chinese Post, both of American Legion. Our deepest thanks to Soichi Fukui for his help in alerting the veterans groups.

Station KTLA, after our protests, did make an announcement during the first showing (Dec. 5) when the first commercial spot came. The second showing (Dec. 21) the announcement was made after the show, stating that the portions in the film about the Japanese in Honolulu committing sabotage and snipers in Maui were not true. Although, we appreciate KTLA making these announcements, we certainly feel that an appropriate explanation during the program was certainly in order.

Sponsors of these films, who were probably unaware that the station was showing these films despite our objections were: Habb Furniture Stores, Transmission Exchange, and Vic Tanny Gyms on the Dec. 5 showing, and Adams Furniture, for the second showing on Dec. 21.

It's too bad that KTLA cannot cooperate as the other TV stations in our nation and in the American spirit of fair play refrain from showing such objectionable films.

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PC HOLIDAY ISSUE — Well, you've all probably received your Holiday Issue by now, and we certainly hope you enjoyed it. This was the first time we've had the opportunity working on the Holiday Issue, and boy, what a job it was! We were really putting our sweat and tears into it, working all day and into the evenings til 1 and 2, but we can't complain too much when you consider ye Editor was working around the clock.

We also picked up some of this newspaper lingo such as, "galley, proofs, dummies", etc. We always thought a "galley" was a place to eat; "proofs" as something to drink to keep us going, and "dummies" as what we felt like when we found out that they all meant something else. Although it was rough, we also had our share of laughs to keep us going.

We certainly wish to extend our thanks to all the chapters for coming through with their ads.

We would also like to thank Roy Yamadera, Grace Sakurai, Linda Ito, George Nomi, Bob Sawai, Charles Fullert, Tarzan Kaneko, and Joe Kim, for coming out and helping us with the Holiday Issue. For without their help, we wouldn't have had a nice looking issue as we did. Thanks again, gang!

RICE—We were invited by the Toei Film Co. to review their latest film, "Rice", now playing at the Monica Theater. We haven't attended many Japanese movies in the past, but we were quite impressed with this particular picture. The photography and color was really beautifully done, and the story was very frank and well presented. The picture will probably raise many criticisms, and is hardly recommended for the family trade. However, we personally feel that the picture may cop a few awards when that time comes around.

NEW YEAR—Well, 1958 is here, and as we look back on 1957, it really hasn't been too bad a year. We are grateful to have the opportunity to serve the community and JACL, even though filling Tats Kushida's shoes has been no easy task. We are really grateful for the many, many new acquaintances that this job has offered us, and the wonderful support and help given us by the Chapters this past year. May we take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a VERY PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Name of Dr. Frank Sakamoto circulated for unprecedented third-term president of Chicago JACL, now an ex-officio

As immediate past president of the Chicago JACL, Dr. Frank Sakamoto has a somewhat patient post as parliamentarian to the chapter board of governors and will sit in as the 21st member.

Actually, the Chicago JACL board is composed of 20 elected members—so Frank's position is ex-officio. But the name of this energetic CLer, who hails from Wapato, Wash., and Guadalupe, Calif., is making the rounds to have him serve an unprecedented third term here.

An optometrist by profession (class of 1946, Chicago School of Optometry), "Doc's" record in the chapter is outstanding as he was a two-term president, having been elected by the general membership in 1956 and then by the board in 1957 when the chapter converted to the directorate system.

Over 1,000 Members

Dr. Sakamoto made national JACL history after heading the Chicago chapter membership campaign, which grossed 1,087 names in 1950—the first time a single chapter roll scaled past a thousand.

He had openly challenged four Los Angeles area chapters to a membership race and won hands-down. This was the year when Shig Wakamatsu, now national 1st vice-president, was chapter president and Smoky Sakurada, now PC Chicago representative, was chapter 2nd vice-president in charge of membership.

As years went by, Frank shouldered all three vice-president positions in the chapter, gaining valuable experience in program & public relations, membership and finance.

Elected President

As president in 1956, he found many things inadequate with the changing times and was instrumental in having the constitution revised to incorporate the directorate system in place of the direct method of electing officers.

Today, the chapter is guided by a 20-man board of governors. Recently installed for 1958 were George Chida, Daniel Kuzuhara, Mike Hori, Mrs. Sachi Izumi, Mrs. Ayako Kumamoto, Joe Sagami, Hank Tanabe, Harvey Aki, Ruth Kumata, Mrs. Sumi Miyaki, Paul

Otake. Holdover members from the 1957 board are Mieki Hayano, Fumi Iwatsuki, Lillian Kimura, Tahei Matsunaga, Hiro Mayeda, Maudie Nakada, Tom Okabe, Sat Takemoto and Frank Takahashi.

Those in support of Frank for a third term proudly point to the past year in which Chicago JACL enthusiastically launched the Jr. JACL and its scholarship fund programs and aroused a greater membership in the 1000 Club. The latest 1000 Club membership report shows Chicago leads the nation with 132 members as of Dec. 6.

These same supporters recall the time when Frank signed up Kumeo Yoshinari as an active member in 1950, a veteran JACLer in his own right as he was chapter president before the war at the tender age of 18 at Hood River, Ore. Kumeo eventually became another two-term president and is currently Midwest District Council chairman.

Credits Board Members

While Sakamoto has given full credit of the accomplishments of the chapter this past year to the board, his tireless service and loyalty to the organization have won him deep respect from the board members.

Sakamoto explained that because the members of the board were so capable and willing to

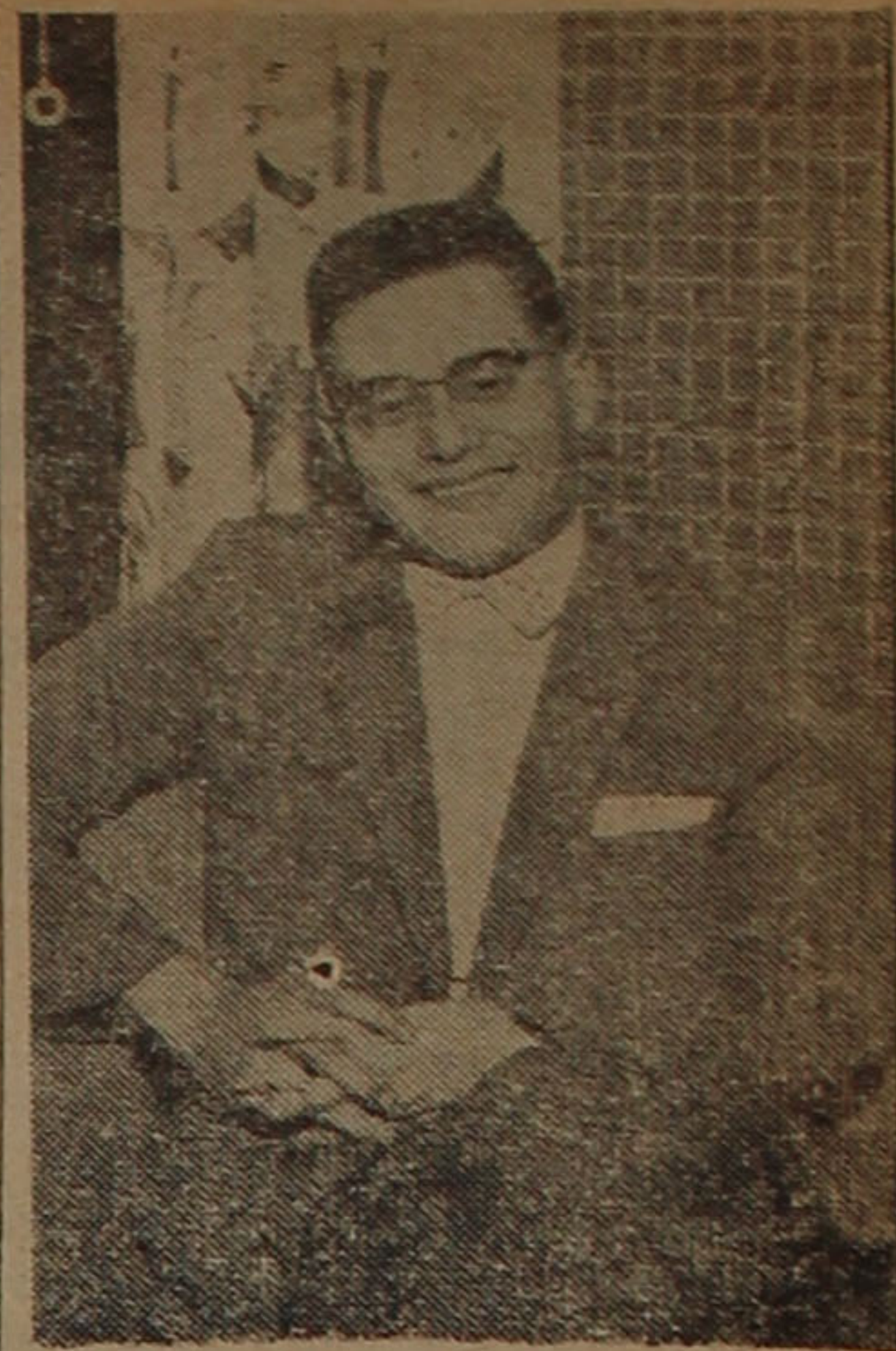
CHICAGO:

Jr. JACL scholarship fund contributor named

The Chicago Junior JACL received a donation of \$25 from Mrs. Sumi Miyaki, in memory of her father who died recently.

The donation is being added to the scholarship fund from which an award will be given each year in June to a high school graduate. The Scholarship Fund is one of JACL attempts to build better citizens through education. The goal of the scholarship is \$300.

Mrs. Miyaki heads the Chicago JACL chapter's Scholarship Committee, which selects each year the Chicago candidate for the Pvt. Frank Ben Masaoka Memorial Scholarship Award, administered by National JACL.



Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 1956 - 57 Chicago JACL president, an optometrist by profession, may be a third-term president—the first time in Chicago chapter history.

share in the responsibilities, accepting the chapter chairmanship was made easier. This unity of purpose exemplifies the kind of leadership in Chicago, added one of the supporters of Frank for a third term.

Sakamoto relocated to Chicago in 1942. He practices at 4603 N. Sheridan Rd. While associated with JACL all these years, he is also active with the Boy Scouts, Cooperative Investors and the Church of Christ. He is married to the former Toshiko Kuratsuchi and they have one child, Randall.

SALT LAKE CITY:

Yearbook, directory aids membership

Neatest gimmick to encourage renewal of JACL memberships and attract new members was seen in the Salt Lake City JACL 10-page yearbook published last week.

The first three pages are devoted to a review of the past year's activities, a page for the treasurer's report, another page recalling the activities of the Auxiliary, and one page devoted to miscellaneous projects conducted by the chapter.

(The copy was used in the 1957 Holiday Issue of the Pacific Citizen.)

The final three pages contain an alphabetical listing of the 1957 membership, giving names of the members and their addresses.

Included in the yearbook was a simplified form for 1958 memberships to be remitted to Ichiro Doi, chapter president, 273 S. W. Temple.

The 8½x11-inch booklet is printed on an offset or multilith machine.

OAKLAND:

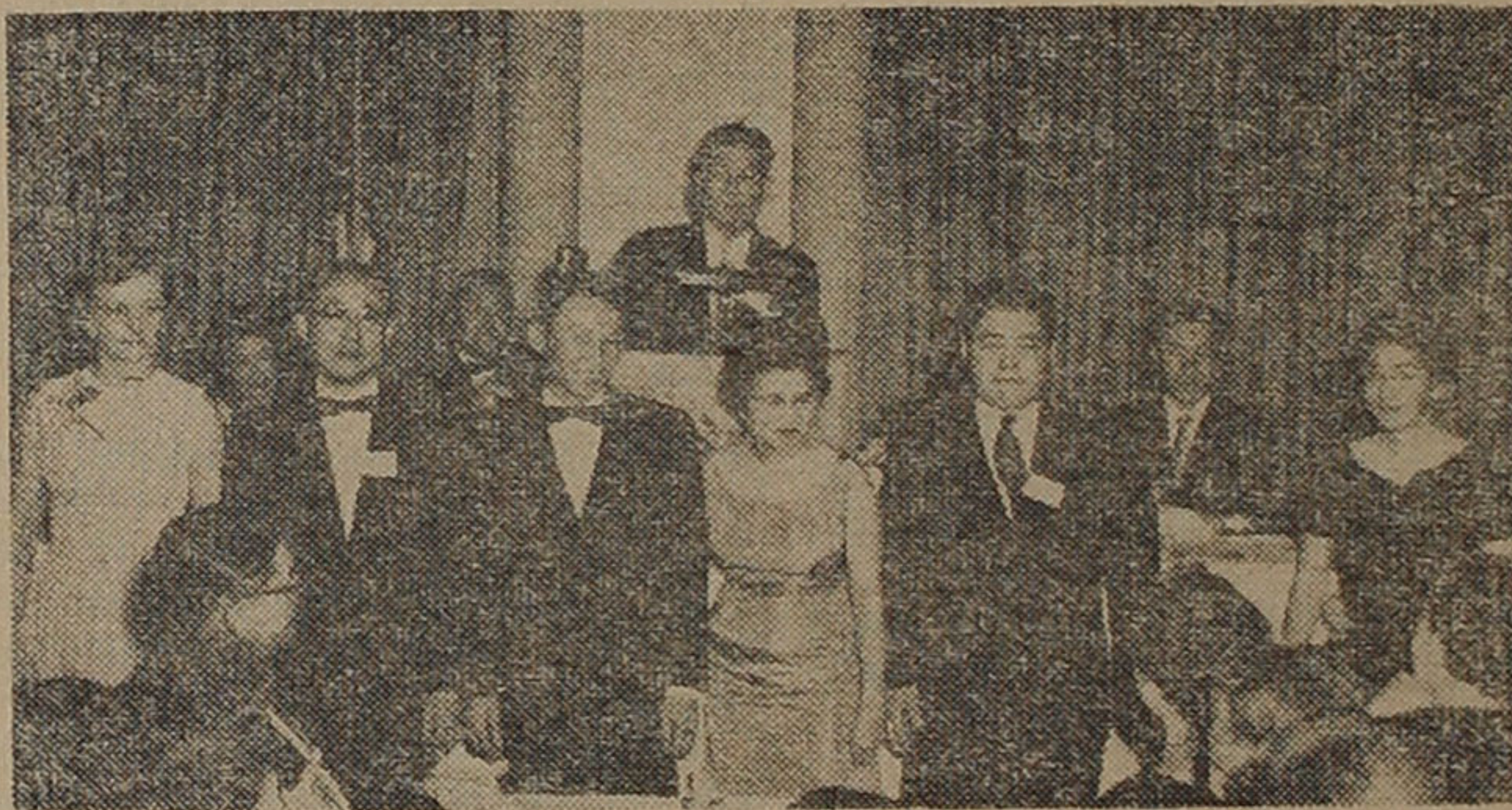
Dance proceeds for books, CARE packages to Asia

The Oakland Jr. JACL raised funds for CARE packages and textbooks for Asia at its "Collaboration" dance last Friday at Mosswood Recreation Center.

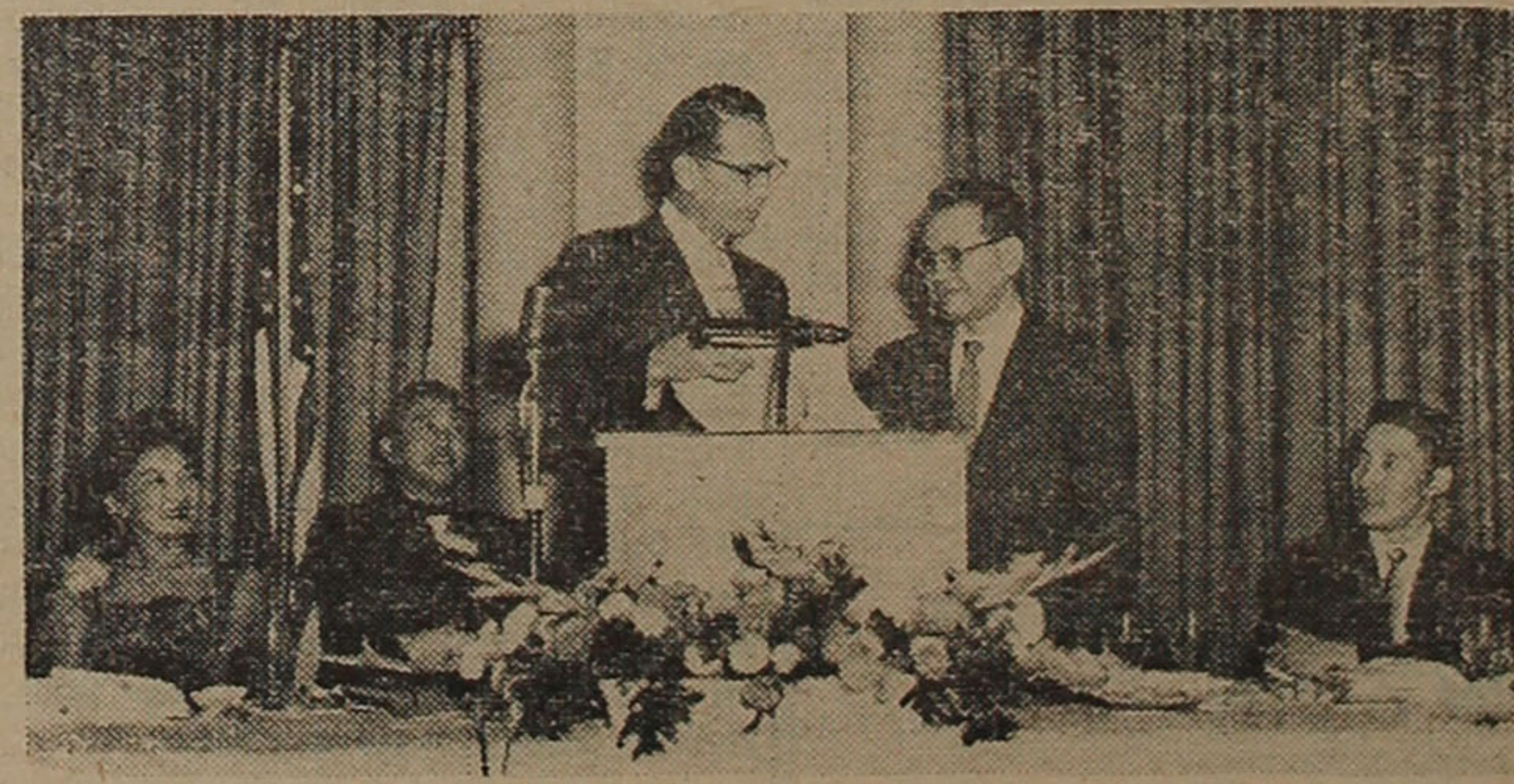
The dance was chaired by Judy Maruyama and R. A. WeHara. While nominal admissions were charged, books to be sent to children in Asia were also accepted at the door.

PHILADELPHIA CL-ER AIDS IN MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION

PHILADELPHIA.—Recently a new Oriental wing was opened at the Museum of Art here, featuring a Japanese temple, teahouse and garden, Chinese temple interior and scholar's study. Dick Koga, Philadelphia JACLer, was center-in-chief during the construction of this wing, considered to be the foremost museum display of Far Eastern architecture in the country.



New officers of the Mountain-Plains District Council sworn in at the Omaha convention over the Thanksgiving holidays by past national president Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe of Chicago, national board member (in rear, standing at rostrum) are: (left to right) front—Barbara A. Lawson (Omaha), hist.; John Masunaga (Mile-Hi), 1000 Club chmn.; William Kuroki (Mile-Hi), treas.; Mrs. Betty Suzuki (Mile-Hi), rec. sec.; Frank Tamai (Omaha), No. Dist. v.c.; and Mrs. Sumi Takeno (Mile-Hi), cor. sec. New chairman Tak Terasaki (Mile-Hi) was not present — Ishii Studio.



State Sen. William Moulton presents Masao Satow with certificate of admiralship to the Great Nebraska Navy at the recent Mountain-Plains JACL District Council convention hosted by Omaha JACL. Seated at table are (left to right) Mrs. Lily Okura, secretary to the National JACL Board; K. Patrick Okura, convention chairman; and Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, national 1st vice-president. — Ishii Photo.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

U.S. census ready for 1960 head-count

On rehearsing the gospels of Christmas this past week, it was the census ordained by the Roman emperor that took Joseph and his spouse Mary to Bethlehem. And it reminded us that the U.S. Census Bureau is planning for the 1960 tally. The questions to be included in the census are probably already decided.

Until people got used to the idea, the taking of a census was no more popular in the United States than it had been elsewhere. Historically, the purpose of a census was to find out how many people could be sent to war or how much money could be levied in taxes.

After gaining our independence, the Constitution stipulated a census be taken every 10 years. As time went on, the census was widened to include more information. In 1820, a distinction was made between native and foreign-born and whether the latter were naturalized citizens.

A census is far more than a matter of just listing how many people there are. Vital information has been gathered and published, such as: population by ages to help government estimate how many schools will be needed at a certain time; births, deaths, employment and housing conditions help government planning and policy. Census figures are highly useful to business, social and economic agencies.

While the federal census becomes more comprehensive every year, a limit exists to the amount of data that can be collected. For a time, there has been a tendency to decrease the information taken on the foreign-born and their children, who total some 34 million. Obviously, reliable information about this large segment of the U.S. population is of great value to the press, radio, and organizations of American nationality groups.

Adequate figures on the size and distribution of our nationality groups depends on such data as the place of birth, country of birth of father and mother and native tongue was omitted in 1950 and many nationality organizations hope it can be restored in 1960. It would help determine more accurately the ethnic origin of American residents. Its usefulness is not hard to understand. —Harry Honda.



New officers of the Pacific Northwest District Council and Seattle JACL chapter are sworn into office by National JACL Director Mas Satow of San Francisco (back to camera at right). Two Seattle board members — William Mimbu and Kazie Yokoyama — are not in the picture as the photographer could not get them into focus. Standing from left to right are Eddie Shimomura, Dr. Paul S. Shigaya, H.T. Kubota, George Kawachi, Yoshito Fujii (board members), Mrs. Carol Suguro (hist.), Heitaro Hikida (treas.), Miye Ishikawa

(cor. sec.), Amy Hara (rec. sec.), Minoru Yamaguchi (3rd v.p.), Yukio Kuniyuki (2nd v.p.), Paul Kashino (1st v.p.), Takeshi Kubota (pres.), of the Seattle Chapter; George Nakamura of Mid-Columbia, PNDC hist.; Tom Takemura of Puyallup Valley, PNDC treas., Toru Sakahara of Seattle, PNDC v.c.; Henry Kato of Gresham-Troutdale, PNDC chmn.; and Dr. Kelly Yamada of Seattle, PNDC board del. — Elmer Ogawa Photo.

Until something better comes

(There are chapter newsletters which carry in addition to personal news items and general news of the community, some grass-roots thinking about the organization. An example of what we mean is found in a recent Contra Costa JACL Newsletter which features an editorial signed by George Sugihara, the chapter president.—Editor.)

(An Editorial)

A man finds it difficult to enter anyplace unless he carries his complete self with him; this includes knowledge of his own group and something of himself allied to the improvement of the world.

This position requires that we belong to or to be possessed by a cause. It was said that the late Arturo Toscanini thought not himself great but that the perfection of Beethoven's music gave him purpose. Happiness seems to spring from this oneness because it uses our best drives as an extension of an ideal.

Given the choice, activities of a group become higher in moral nature than going it alone where any isolation cuts off the possibilities for a total experience.

Of late there is a growing feeling that ordinary citizens must bear more initiative in the affairs of the community which, in reality, is an island linked to the nation at large. We can't observe our country without first seeing the immediate horizon—everything begins at home.

In the scheme of Nisei until something better than the JACL comes along its parent and local organizations merit all the approval that can be given. Reasons are that unless we maintain an order creating dignity for our own sake impersonal, inflexible gov't faculties will relentlessly command the remaining outposts of our freedoms. Congress has officially recognized the JACL as the commissioner of Issei and Nisei affairs, and we need to steer this unifying principle and be steered by it as we move in new directions. — George Sugihara.

DETROIT:

Weekly English classes to be resumed in Detroit

A tea held Dec. 15 ended the regular fall term of the weekly English Class sponsored by the Detroit JACL. In attendance were president-elect Charles Yata and 1st vice president-elect Frank Watanabe who will take over responsibility of the class from retiring vice president George Nagano.

Resumption of the class in the new term beginning Jan. 19 was announced.

MILE-HI:

Viola Doizaki of Brighton named winner of Mile-Hi, Sakata Memorial scholarship

Viola T. Doizaki of Brighton has been named the 1957 winner of the Mile-Hi JACL—Harry H. Sakata Memorial Scholarship Award, according to announcement by Robert M. Horiuchi, chairman of the Mile-Hi JACL Scholarship Committee.

Miss Doizaki is now a student at Colorado University, and was the recipient of a PTA education grant upon her graduation in June 1957. She has been active in the Future Teachers Assn., a member of the International Relations Club, Latin Club, National Honor Society, as well as participating in many extracurricular activities including the Brighton High school annual, chorus, senior play, and activity clubs. She ranked fourth in the graduating class of 116 at Brighton high school.

Miss Doizaki was selected as the most promising Nisei high school graduate of 1957 by a panel of judges composed of Justin Briery, a consultant in general curriculum services of the Denver Public School, Mrs. Marguerite Juchem who is a consultant on secondary schools for the State Department of Education, and William K. Hosokawa, executive news editor of the Denver Post. The final judging was based on personal interviews at a luncheon meeting with the candidates by the judges.

Other Candidates

Other outstanding candidates for the Mile-Hi JACL—Harry H. Sakata Memorial Scholarship Award included Thomas Muroya

of Westminster High, who was an outstanding athlete as well as school leader and ranked fifth in the graduating class of 160; Mary Miyauchi of Manual High in Denver, who ranked fifth in the graduating class of 660 and was regarded as one of the best graduates of Manual on the basis of scholarship and general service; Evelyn Tayeko Imada, who was salutatorian of Mapleton High school and was prominent in school activities; Jean Kuniko Sato, who was valedictorian of Mapleton High school and served as senior class president as well as participating in many extracurricular activities; Ron Fukuhara of Manual High, who served as senior class president, and was winner of a joint honor scholarship; and Nancy Kitashima of Manual High, where she was selected as head girl in 1957, and won a scholarship to CSCE at Greeley.

Committee Members

Members of the committee assisting Horiuchi included Mary Funakoshi, secretary; Haruko Kobayashi, Mary Sakata, John Masunaga, Buddy Uchida (ex officio, as the Mile-Hi JACL president), Tom Masamori, John Sakayama, Y. Tak Terasaki, and James Okazaki.

The Mile-Hi JACL presented a permanent plaque to Miss Doizaki in recognition of her outstanding achievements as a high school student, and Mary Sakata made the presentation of a cash award at the Mile-Hi JACL Recognitions Dinner held at the Albany Hotel last Tuesday.

DETROIT:

Over 100 youngsters romp at Detroit Christmas party, 70 adults join fun

Over 100 youngsters accompanied by some 70 adults romped at the annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Detroit JACL on Dec. 22 at the International Institute.

Tiny tots provided the entertainment under the direction of Yori Kagawa. Appearing in the choir which opened the program were Jackie Doi, Nancy Fujii, Pamela Fujishige, Joyce Horikawa, Vickie, Sandy and Joy Kasai, Janet Yasuhiro and Jo Ann Yonemura accompanied by Dennis Okamoto.

A Christmas reading by Robert Luscombe of Wayne State was fol-

lowed by the Nativity scene accompanied by the choir. Cynthia Kizuka appeared as Mary; David Seriguchi, Joseph; Craig Kizuka, Bobby Matsura and Donnie Nomura, Three Wise Men; Michael Nakamura and John Okubo, shepherds and Terry Nomura and Diane Tanaka, angels. The film "The Littlest Angel" followed.

Carolee Matsumoto emceed the program which was climaxed by the appearance of jovial Santa, Saburo Kunimatsu, who led the children downstairs for refreshments. After receiving a gift from Santa the children were entertained with a movie while the parents had refreshments.

Other committeemen assisting the co-chairmen Mariko Matsura and Nob Okubo, were Fay Doi, refreshments; Ruby Kizuka, gifts; Miyuki Kunimatsu, publicity; and Pearl Matsumoto, reception.

SAN FRANCISCO:

SAN FRANCISCO TO HOST NC-WNDC MEETING FEB. 2

The first Sunday next month, Feb. 2, will be a "red letter" day for the San Francisco JACL, which will host the first quarterly meeting of the NC-WNDC at the House of Lawton and climax the day with its own 30th anniversary celebration.

San Francisco JACL is one of the few pioneer chapters which predate the national organization, which was formally organized in 1930.

The day's schedule calls for registration of district council delegates at noon at the catering establishment, followed by a business session under the gavel of re-elected NC-WNDC chairman Akiji Yoshimura of Marysville. A cocktail hour precedes the banquet.

An outstanding personality will be secured to give the main address at the banquet, the San Francisco JACL hosts assured. Civic officials will be invited to celebrate the 30th anniversary celebration.

Yas Abiko, past chapter president and NC-WNDC chairman, will be the day's chairman.

Chapter Installation

National JACL Director Mas Satow will install the new chapter officers during the banquet.

The new officers are to be selected when the 20-man board of governor meets sometime this month. Results of the mail election to pick 10 new board members were announced as follows:

Lloyd Hiura, Tad Ono, Mutt Matsumoto, Jane Okada, Tats Sumida, Benny Morinaga, John Yasumoto, Steven Doi, Barbara Nagareda and Jiro Arakawa. The holdover members are Mrs. Yo Hironaka, Mrs. Vi Hatano, Cal Kitazumi, Shiz Yoshimura, Wil Maruyama, Mary Minamoto, Geo. Miyamoto, Elsie Uyeda, Mike Yoshimine and Tess' Hideshima.

Jack Kusaba is the outgoing president.

Outgoing board members, who have served two years, are Miyuki Aoyama, Dr. Robert Kiyasu, Dick Nishi, Sam Sato, Mo Noguchi, Yone Satoda, Ki Tanamachi and Thelma Takeda.

JACL SPEAKER CLUB RE-ELECTS YONE SATODA

SAN FRANCISCO.—Yone Satoda was re-elected chairman of the JACL Speakers Club here for forthcoming half-year with Jiro Arakawa, sec., and Mas Hatano, treas. Jim Noda of the Skyline Toastmasters was installing officer at ceremonies held recently at El Jardin Restaurant.

Teen Clubbers Gail Kaneko and Rumiko Sakow greeted the tiny guests with glitter name tags.



THE NORTHWEST PICTURE
By Elmer Ogawa

The Civilian in Wartime

Seattle

WE ARE ALL familiar with the oldtime overworked movie plot wherein the otherwise O.K. young fellow appears to be in cahoots with the cattle rustlers or whatever other type of bad guys. He gets in bad with his family, girl friend and the world in general which looks askance at his activities and choice of companions. In the end he turns out to be a U.S. marshall who is the determining factor in the defeat of the bad guys, and everyone in the audience goes home realizing that it was just one of the inherent aspects of the marshall's job to suffer malicious condemnation of his fellow man until justice was done and the struggle over.

Our recent conversations, with couple of persons who knew what they were talking about, convinced this corner of the significant number of Nisei, Kibei, and some Issei too, who served the United States in civilian capacities during World War II.

In many confidential fields of endeavor, their contribution to the war effort was great, and their work undoubtedly saved thousands of American lives.

It is easy to recognize how the services of the combat intelligence men contributed so much to the shortening of the war. It takes a little wider stretch of the imagination to visualize the far reaching effects of just one occupational class in the army of civilian workers, to cite an example; the faculty man in the intelligence language schools.

Like a cloistered professor, he could look with pride on the work of his fostered students. But for him there was no fanfare, no public acclaim; nothing that could even be called public recognition for conscientious long hours of work carefully planned along lines of efficiency in a national crisis when so few knew the language of the enemy. The same goes for the many other categories of civilian workers in that war.

SOME OF THESE men were persuaded by the government, to follow a specialty in civilian service rather than enlist. They walk, work, and live as neighbors among us today, in the same manner as it was their job to serve efficiently and say nothing during the days of combat.

This reporter is old enough to have observed it for some 20 years or more after 1917-18, and who knows for how many years this'll go on after 1942-45?

We always have with us the type of veteran who points to the other guy and says in effect, "What did HE do during the war?" While living in New York we saw many a fine brannigan start with such a remark, frequently made in second person to a total stranger.

People of the various European extractions, who by heritage and environment seem to be more outspoken in telling each other off, frequently wind up in a tussle; then shake hands and forget about it.

It is particularly distressing when the same sort of thing is brought up concerning a Nisei, who almost invariably will just bite his lip and go on his way. In many cases, depending on the individuals, personal resentments are built up lasting years and years, and that is not good for many reasons; one being that mental institutions are full of people who nurtured lasting hates.

It is distressing also to see such stupid attitudes acting to disrupt the cooperative feeling of individuals in a group but a generation away from identical national origin. A group which during the period before and during War 2, collectively suffered the same socio-economic problems including the evacuation. It shouldn't happen around here, brother.

Well, these are just a couple of random thoughts during a break in weekends full of whoopee and celebration. We are in the midst of the good will weekend as this is written, and are about to enter the period characterized by the making of resolutions.

The compassionate one will remember that his neighbor may have been the victim of environment, like the principal of "No, No, Boy", and remorseful and resentful about the time and circumstances of his less mature conceptions. The 4-F guy may have been the victim of some of the same GI rules which rejected many a professional athlete in the draft. The "Conchie" is entitled to his own conviction just as the rest of us are entitled to our own religious beliefs.

But the greatest mistake is to hurt the guy who served so quietly, efficiently and faithfully as a civilian with never the prospect of recognition or public acclaim.

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Boise Valley kegler scores 299 game, left 7-pin standing

CALDWELL, Idaho.—Harry Kaneshige, who bowled a 300 perfect game two years ago on a Boise alley, clicked a 299 game at the Caldwell Bowl on Dec. 13.

And don't tell him that number seven is lucky. It was the 7-pin he left on his 12th ball.

Kaneshige is a member of the Boise Valley JACL, which held its ninth annual Holiday bowling tournament here last week with Harry Kawahara in charge. Teams from Snake River, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Salt Lake City vied for an estimated \$2,000 in prize money.

Other committeemen are Harry Hamada, vice-chairman; Frances Yamamoto, dance; Elaine Matsumoto, Frances Kimura, tickets; Jim Dunbar, tabulations; Nino Ninomiya, schedule.

Elaine recently won the Tri-City Bowling Tournament women's all-events with a 1,932 effort for nine games at Nampa.

Caldwell Bowl is the home alley for the Boise Valley JACL League.

Job bias —

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man Lester A. McMillan (D., of Los Angeles), seek laws which would make it illegal for an employment agency to:

(1) Use application forms containing questions on race, religion, ancestry or national origin.

(2) Make any "code" notations on such matters on applications.

(3) To advertise or promote jobs with such restrictions.

(4) To abet management in discriminatory practices.

Senn also asked that it should be a misdemeanor for employment agency officials to perform any of such acts and that the State Labor Commission should be able to revoke licenses of offenders.

Tot dies after eating beans from castor tree

OXNARD.—The public has been urged by City Councilman Davidson to destroy castor trees in order to prevent innocent children from eating them and causing illness or death.

Susie Okada, 21-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Okada, 3793 Coast Hwy., ate at least five of the lethal beans, according to the coroner who reported her death in late November. She and her sister, Lily 6, found some beans after attending Sunday School, took a handful home and ate some of them. Susie became sick and died two days later. Her elder sister recovered.

While the city has removed castor trees from all public property, there is apparently no legal action the city can take to eliminate trees on private property. Four or five beans are enough poison to kill a person.

Young composer dies

NEW YORK.—Composer Robert Kurka, 35, died of leukemia Dec. 12 at James Ewing Hospital here. He is survived by his Nisei wife Mae Sakamoto Kurka and daughter Mira and his parents. He had completed a two-act opera, "Good Soldier Schweik", only recently and material used in the opera was presented as an orchestral suite in 1952.

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Fullback Dennis Ekimoto, Antelope Valley High's scoring menace was named to the first string of the All-Southern California CIF team picked by the football writers and coaches on the Helms Athletic Foundation. Antelope Valley was Channel League champions. During the school's 10-game season, the speedy back hustled 20 TDs, averaged 7.4 yards per carry and has 1,312 total yards. He stands 5 ft.-9 in. and weighs 167. The Lancaster Nisei has expressed a desire to remain on the coast and may wind up at UCLA, though he is reported to have had feelers from Oregon, Oregon State, Idaho, Michigan and USC.

Handling Rose Bowl tickets for the Univ. of Oregon this past month was Amy Miyako, probably the only Nisei ticket manager for a major American college.

Sab Ogishima was elected 1958 president of the Puget Sound Gold Club last month. He also won the club's Golfer of the Year competition, surging ahead of Yosh Teshima and Dick Imai . . . Dr. Wilfred Hiura succeeds Yone Satoda as the president of the San Francisco Century Golf Club.

Honolulu's Wally Yonamine was voted the "most valuable" player in the Central League by the Sports Nippon poll of 26 Japanese baseball writers. The 32-year-old outfielder also led in the batting.

Dr. Kazuo Yanagisawa, doctor in attendance at Madison Square Garden, made the sport columns the other day in the New York Post. Writes Leonard Scheeter on Dec. 17:

When Phillipe Henri Watson, coach, picked an argument with Dr. Kazuo Yanagisawa, he apparently chose the wrong guy.

In dispute is the severity of the cut (six stitches) on the little toe of Dean Prentice. It happened Sunday and Dr. Yanagisawa thought Prentice would be out for a week or ten days. Watson said he suspected it would be closer to two days. Watson was wrong. The doctor insists that Prentice stay off his feet and he will.

Only one small problem. Dr. Yanagisawa gave Prentice a pair of crutches. He threw them away.

Golf group leader

CHICAGO.—Jiro Ikeda of the Hawaiian Golf Club was elected 1958 president of the Chicago Golf Council, composed of nine Nisei golf clubs here. Lincoln Shimidzu is the vice-president; Ariye Oda, secretary.

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Best post-Christmas remark among the Nisei writers comes from George Yoshinaga's column in the Shin Nichibei, under the title of "The Day After".

Ill-fitting shirts, loud ties, and a general worn-out expression worn by the male members of our staff reminds me that Christmas 1957 is now history. I hope Santa Claus was kind to all of you.

A kid in our neighborhood got a new football from St. Nick, and I've got a sore arm to prove it.

The lad didn't have anyone to try out his new ball with so I was nominated. After throwing the leather oval a dozen or two times, I discovered that I was no Norm Van Brocklin. Worse, I also discovered old Father Time tugging at my arm each time I reared back and let a wobbly pass go.

More depressing was the statement from the boy: "Oji-san, you can't throw very good, can you?"

I didn't mind his opinion on my throwing arm but that "oji-san" was too much to take.

Man, this morning, as I started to tackle my work, I felt like an "oji-san."

George, who played football at Los Angeles City College, was on the San Francisco Nichibei Times staff before returning to Los Angeles a little over a year ago.

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President's Corner:

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discussion sponsored by the Los Angeles Nurses Association, installation meetings with the Hollywood JACL and the Gardena Valley JACL, and a reorganization meeting with the Long Beach-Harbor JACL. From the depths of reorganization, Long Beach, through its extensive youth program, developed into one of the nation's outstanding local chapters. Other meetings during this month included a SWLA cabinet meeting, a Pacific Southwest District meeting, a meeting with the Pacific Citizen Board and a dinner with Ralph Edwards and his staff.

April included an installation of the San Fernando JACL officers, two local Board and Staff meetings and a visit with the Consul General on the Farm Labor Program.

May was the month we started preliminary negotiations with Fred Takata, the new Southern California Regional Director. We also spoke at the PSWDC Convention in Disneyland and presented an award to Ralph Edwards. Dave Yokozeki was re-elected district chairman.

June brought a dinner meeting with Shonien and other community leaders, a fabulous (no other word will describe it) testimonial dinner for outgoing Regional Director Tats Kushida, and an appearance with Fred Takata before the Pasadena Nurses Association on a race relations panel.

July was relatively quiet with only a few informal meetings recorded on our calendar.

August brought another Pacific Citizen Board meeting, a meeting of the SWLA chapter and a PSWDC meeting which kicked off the exploration of Japan-America affairs. The end of the month brought on the "fantabulous" joint EDC-MDC convention in Chicago which has been aptly described as a "little National Convention." Kumeo Yoshinari replaced Abe Hagiwara as Midwest District chairman while Charles Nagao replaced Bill Sasagawa as Eastern District chairman.

September included a testimonial for one of JACL's best Issei friends, Katsuma Mukaeda; a poolside 1000 Club Luau of the Pasadena Chapter; an installation of the Harbor Hi-Cos, Long Beach's junior group; a dinner for Judge Tashiro of Hawaii; and the Long Beach 1000 Club Affair.

October brought a dinner sponsored by the Southern California Churches honoring longtime Issei Christians and the Long Beach Dinner-Dance which announced the selection of Dr. Dave Miura as chapter president for 1958.

November had the PSWDC meeting in Orange County at which Mike Masaoka led the discussion upon Japan-America affairs. The last three days of the month were spent in Idaho Falls, Idaho at the IDC convention and 10th anniversary of the 1000 Club. This too, was one of the year's outstanding events. Mas Yano of Salt Lake replaced George Sugai as district chairman.

December was started off by attending the Central California District Convention in Fresno. George Abe replaced Tom Nagamatsu as the new chairman. Back in Los Angeles, we helped to judge a scholarship winner for the California Inter-collegiate Nisei Organization, attended an important cabinet meeting of the Gardena Chapter, and on the 21st revisited Fresno for an hour long TV program on JACL and Japanese Americans. This was produced by Kenji Tashiro with the aid of Professors Beatty and Lombard of Fresno State College. The last meeting of the year was a Pacific Citizen Board meeting at George Inagaki's home.

Some years ago when our son was asked what his father did for a living he said, "Oh, he's the man who goes to meetings." Now, he simply says, "Hello Stranger." But seriously, the past year has been a busy and challenging one; and it has been a privilege and an honor to have served. To all JACLers everywhere, whose interest and support has made our job more meaningful, a sincere Thank You and a Happy New Year!

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Making their debut at the recent Eden Township JACL Christmas Party as part of the Baby JACL Dance Revue are (left to right) front row—Kathy Naruo, Barbara Shimizu, Beverly Saito; back — Gail Naruo, Ada Wada, Agnes Yokota, Connie Korematsu. The children's show was under direction of George Minami, Jr. — Cut Courtesy: Hayward Daily Review.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

ADASHI, Foichi (Emiko Adachi)—boy Mark Michiko, Oct. 20.
AMEMIYA, Takeharu (Tomioy Fujino)—girl Lynn Akiko, Oct. 6.
DETWILER, Vincent (Ayako Iyobe)—boy Neal, Oct. 5, San Pedro.
FUJITA, Mitsuo (Sumako Ishibashi)—girl Pamela Junko, Oct. 19.
FUKUI, Thomas (Hannah Isono)—boy Gregory Kaname, Oct. 13.
FURUKAWA, John (Ayako Kado)—boy Gary Yukio, Oct. 12.
GIBO, Tadashi (Michiyo Shikasho)—girl Evelyn Keiko, Oct. 20.
HANAMI, Thomas (Reiko Tsuchiyama)—boy Thomas D., Oct. 2.
HANASHIRO, James (Meiko Yokooji)—girl Lisa J., Sept. 28.
HEYADA, Mitsuo (Grace Takai)—girl Ann Natsumi, Oct. 5.
HIGASHIDA, Henry (Sayoko Noutake)—Bruce Tetsuo, Oct. 9.
HOJO, Kiyoshi (Kiyoko Sawai)—girl Irene Midori, Oct. 7.
HOKODA, Katsumi (Mitsuye Takayama)—boy Wade Katsumi, Oct. 7.
ICHIYAMA, George (Akiko Kinoshita)—girl Susan Aiko, Oct. 6.
IGE, Hiroshi (Atsuko Ishikawa)—girl Jocelyn Akyo, Oct. 13.
INAFUKU, William T. (Akie Watanaabe)—girl Cheryl Naomi, Oct. 7.
IWANAGA, Russell (Namiko Yasumoto)—girl Susan Mariko, Oct. 4.
KOBATA, Haruo (Sumiko Masuda)—boy Daniel, Oct. 6.
KUWAKI, Takao (Mineko Hayashi)—girl Barbara Eiko, Oct. 4.
NAKAHARA, Hajime (Chieko Uue)—girl Taryu Tsuru, Oct. 19.
NAKAKI, Hidetoshi (June Mayemura)—girl Carolyn K., Oct. 17.

NAKATA, Naoto (Kazuo Nakamoto)—boy Kyle Kazuo, Oct. 10.
ODY, Ray (Mieko Kii)—boy, Sept. 20.
OKUSHI, Harold (Ethel Oshiro)—boy Russell T., Oct. 17.
OSHIRO, Donald M. (Sanae Shinohara)—girl Dana J., Oct. 6.
RAMUS, Leonard (Kazuko Ogura)—girl Mary, Sept. 10.
SAENZ, David (Helen Kawano)—boy Frank, Oct. 5.
SAITO, Yasuo (Tsuruko Tanaka)—boy Paul Tetsu, Oct. 10.
SENDA, Osamu (Kazuko Nakayama)—boy Donald Tetsuya, Oct. 11.
SCHWARTZ, Dean W. (Kazuko Nakai)—girl Arlene C., Oct. 17, Long Beach.
SHIRAIISHI, Yutaka (Grace Furuta)—boy Ronald G., Oct. 7.
SHORAKUBO, William (Alice Matsuda)—girl Stephanie Yooko, Oct. 7.
SOTTELO, Jimmy (Darlene Malloy)—girl Sadako Jo-del, Dec. 15.
SUZUKAWA, Reginald (Matsu Miyawaki)—girl Joani Toshiye, Oct. 6.
TAKASE, Stanley (Miyoko Kitagawa)—boy Stewart Kiyoshi, Oct. 9.
TAMANAHARA, Masaru (Suniko Tamana)—girl Lynn Chiemi, Oct. 21.
TAMAYOSE, Wallace (Amy Hadano)—girl Sandra Rei, Oct. 4.
TAMURA, Hasahiko (Fumi Yoshida)—boy Scott L., Oct. 7.
TATSUI, M. (Jenny Kawana)—boy Michael Kunio, Oct. 1.
TOKUYAMA, Torao Sumiko Murata)—girl Sharon Sumie, Oct. 15.
TOMORI, Susumu (Shizuko Kamiya)—girl Donna L., Oct. 20.
UNE, Yoshito (Yoshimi Kawate)—girl Donna Chiyemi, Oct. 17, Torrance.
YAMASAKI, Tatsuo (Reiko Ando)—boy James Tatsuo, Oct. 9, Gardena.
YAMASAKI, Toshiaki (Itsuko Murata)—girl Wendy Fumiye, Oct. 10.
YASUDA, Ben (Sumiko Imamura)—boy David, Oct. 18.
YENOKI, George (Lily Tanaka)—girl Marilyn Reiko, Oct. 16.
YOSHIDA, Yoshio (Tomiko Senmaru)—girl Diane Chiaki, Oct. 7.
YOSHIHARA, Akira (Toshiko Okura)—girl Kathryn Shinobu, Oct. 1.
YOSHIOKA, Ben (Yoshiko Nakamoto)—girl Jessie Kaoru, Oct. 15.

ORANGE COUNTY

MATSUMOTO, Kay (Masako Yoshimura)—girl Heene Aiko, Oct. 13, Santa Ana.

ENGAGEMENTS

KAWAMOTO - FUKUDA — Fumi to Chiyoshi, both Los Angeles.
KAWAOKA-KATO — Irene to Makoto, both Los Angeles.
NANYA-ANIMOTO — Marian S. to Richard S., both Los Angeles.
SUZUKI-KATSURA — Shizuko, Los Angeles, to Toshiro, Berkeley.

DEATHS

Mrs. Sawa Beppu, 72, died Dec. 24 after a long illness. Funeral was held last Monday at the Seattle Buddhist Church. As a midwife, she assisted in the delivery of 3,000 babies. She came to Seattle in 1909, was licensed in 1912 and retired in 1941. Survivors include four sons, Taft, Lincoln, Grant and Monroe; daughter Mrs. Hiroko Imori, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Kanichi Miyasako, 76, died Dec. 9 at his home in Homedale, Idaho. He came to America in 1889, returned to Japan in 1916 to get married and returned three years later. The Boise Issei pioneer op-

erated a restaurant until 1930 and had been engaged in farming since that time. He is survived by his widow, one son, Tony and five daughters, Mmes. Hajime Tamura (Japan), Mary Inouye (Homedale), Miyako Akutagawa (Lansdowne, Pa.), Yoshie Yamada (Wilder) and Itsuko Fujishin (Homedale).

HASHIMOTO, Gene, 9½ mos.; Los Angeles, Dec. 14 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Paul Minoru.
HORI, Hisatoshi, 93: Riverview, N.Y., Nov. 22.
HORITO, Katsuei, 74: Los Angeles, Nov. 29.
ITO, Kamekichi, 70: Sun Valley (Los Angeles), Dec. 10.
KIDO, Katsuzo, 70: Los Angeles, Nov. 1.
KOWASE, Kohagi: Arlington, Nov. 28.
MEGURO, Kumaji, 79: Los Angeles, Dec. 1.
MIMURA, Kazunori, 57: Waleria, Nov. 1.
MIYAGISHIMA, Katsutaru, 64: Los Angeles, Nov. 26.
MIYAKAWA, Tomekichi, 73: Los Angeles, Dec. 21.
MORIMOTO, Tadaichi, 61: Los Angeles, Dec. 21.
NAKAMURA, Masutaro, 71: Los Angeles, Dec. 12.
NISHIO, Kaichi, 85: Los Angeles, Dec. 28.
SAKAGUCHI, Mrs. Hisaji, 73: Los Angeles, Dec. 22.
SERIZAWA, Mrs. Hama, 66: Los Angeles, Dec. 22.
SHIGETA, Kiyoshi: Chicago, Oct. 3.
SHIMODA, Masaru, 73: Los Angeles, Dec. 14.
SHIOJI, Jinsaburo, 68: San Diego, Nov. 28.
SUGINO, Masutaro, 64: Los Angeles, Dec. 13.
SURUKI, Tamekichi, 70: Harbor City, Nov. 30.
TAHARA, Mrs. Saki, 58: Gardena, Dec. 12.
TAKESHITA, Masamoto, 74: Chicago, Oct. 22.
TANAKA, Mrs. Ritsuko: San Francisco Nov. 4.
TANIGAWA, Mrs. Shigeno: Denver, Nov. 3 (in Hiroshima).
TANJI, Ruby, 4: Montebello, Dec. 24— (p) Mr. & Mrs. Shiro, (b) Sumio, Minoru, (s) Fumiko.
TOMURA, Mrs. Kikuno, 66: Stockton, Oct. 8.
TSUDA, Akira, 22: Parlier, Dec. 16.
UMEMOTO, Otoichi, 76: Ontario, Ore., Nov. 1.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER
By Mike Masaoka

JACL's Legislative Log

Washington, D.C.

When Congress reconvenes next Tuesday, Americans of Japanese ancestry will have a stake in the momentous decisions affecting national existence and individual life that the Congress will have to chart in this new nuclear-space era that has been thrust upon us.

At the same time, picayunish as it may seem in these days of great and grave decisions, the JACL, as usual, will have its own special concern for certain legislation directly affecting its own membership and others of Japanese ancestry in this country.

EVACUATION CLAIMS APPROPRIATIONS

It is hoped and planned that the administrative aspects of the so-called evacuation claims program may be completed by December 31, 1958, ten years after the Congress enacted the basic remedial statute.

The payment of claims and authorized awards will have to be secured through appropriations from the Congress.

The JACL will be active in this field.

IMMIGRATION LIBERALIZATIONS

Although the last Congress passed an amendment to the 1952 Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act which helped re-unite long separated families and wiped out most of the oversubscription to the Japanese and other quotas for the preference categories, JACL would like to see some additional liberalizations enacted which will enable more Japanese immigrants to be admitted into this great land of opportunity.

It will be interesting to see what legislation the Administration and others concerned with a more enlightened immigration policy will propose, for the last Congress enacted most of the features which, realistically speaking, this next Congress will seriously consider.

JACL continues to watch all developments, while giving thought to some constructive thoughts of its own.

CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION

Though the past Congress approved its first civil rights bill in some 80 years, and in spite of the Attorney General's recommendations that no new civil rights legislation be considered in the forthcoming session until after the bipartisan commission authorized in the last statute makes its report on what needs to be done, JACL remains convinced that human dignity and equality of opportunity should be advanced on every possible front at every possible opportunity.

Fair employment practices guarantees, elimination of racial discrimination in housing and rentals, repeal of remaining segregation statutes, opening of cemeteries to all, as well as integration in the public schools are among the items that still need to be sanctioned in law.

And, whenever civil rights are involved, Nisei Americans are directly concerned. It is not the Negro American alone who has all the burdens and all the discriminations to bear, for Americans of Japanese ancestry are still the targets of too much bigotry.

HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD

Recognition of the cosmopolitan population of the Territory of Hawaii can no longer be ignored in this space age, when the uncommitted millions in Asia and Africa look to our treatment of minorities, including the Hawaiian minorities, as action that speaks louder than our professions.

By every standard of the past, Hawaii qualifies for statehood status. By every implication of the future, Hawaii qualifies for statehood in this Federal Union.

The most legitimate argument—that of non-contiguity—no longer is valid in this coming era of jets and space machines.

VESTED PROPERTY RETURN

Considerable Japanese property was sequestered during and immediately after World War II presumably to prevent its use to aid the enemy.

Now that 12 years have elapsed since the end of hostilities and five years since the coming into force of the Treaty of Peace with Japan, JACL believes that this private property should be returned to their former owners both in this country and in Japan.

Now that the Administration has announced that it intends to propose more generous legislation than it previously sponsored, which limited return to natural persons only and then only up to \$10,000 each, it is hoped that the Congress will take some definitive action on this wartime question that requires, in keeping with our national interest and precedence, return to private owners.

WATCHDOG RESPONSIBILITY

As always, perhaps the most important responsibility of the Washington Office is to serve as the watchdog of JACL's interests and concerns. This may take the form of legislative and or administrative action which promotes, or threatens, the welfare of those of Japanese ancestry in this country.

In the forthcoming congressional session, with so many challenging and complex issues pending before the lawmakers, it may be that in some detailed and lengthy bill some reference is made to Americans of Japanese ancestry, perhaps even inadvertently.

The JACL must be ever watchful that no legislation however minute is allowed to pass without at least a challenge if it, directly or indirectly, threatens the welfare or the acceptance or the opportunities provided Americans of Japanese ancestry at the present time.

By the same token, should any measure contain language which will be helpful to American of Japanese ancestry in any way whatsoever that measure should be endorsed and every aid given to its passage.

When there are many national issues involved, many with conflicting interests, the watchdog responsibilities of the Washington Office are the greatest.



PHILADELPHIA:

Joint meeting of '57 and '58 board set to select new Philadelphia head

A joint meeting of the 1957 and 1958 Philadelphia JACL board of governors has been scheduled Jan. 10, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Watanabe, 2218 Locust St., to select the '58 chairman who will serve as chapter president and prepare the program for the year.

At the recent Christmas party held at International Institute, a capacity crowd of 100 adults and 75 children enjoyed the program of caroling, games and supper.

Election of the new 1958 board took place while the children were viewing movies. Five who will serve on the board are:

Louise S. Maehara, 2430 Pine St., supervisor of the Philadelphia branch, Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania. She was born in Honolulu, graduated from the Univ. of Hawaii, and earned her Master of Social Work degree at the Univ. of Pennsylvania.

Tadafumi Mikuriya, 1102 Buckingham Way, Morrisville, head of the Tada Engineering Co. Japan-born, he is a naturalized American citizen, graduated from Kumamoto Technical College, and with a B.S. and M. S. degree in civil engineering from the Univ. of Pennsylvania. His firm of consulting engineers is licensed in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

Tomomi Murakami, 1112 Mercer Dr., Haddonfield, N. J., research and advanced development engineer, RCA, at Cherry Hill, N.J. Born in Los Angeles, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Swarthmore College and has a master's degree in E.E. from the Univ. of Pennsylvania.

George C. Sakai, 14 Hemlock Rd., Landsdowne, Pa., project stress engineer for Vertol Corp., Morton, Pa. Born in Koloa, Hawaii, he is graduate of California Institute of Technology, holding bachelor and master degrees in aeronautical engineering.

Hiroshi Uyehara, 2119 Sixth Ave., Morton, Pa., supervisor of drawing office, Westinghouse Corp., Lester, Pa. Born in Los Angeles, he is an electrical engineer graduate from the Univ. of California at Berkeley.

Also elected were Yuri Yamamoto, sec., and Richard Hirata, treas. Miss Yamamoto hails from California and is an anesthesiologist at Frankford Hospital. Hirata, a native Philadelphian, is a teacher at Fairhill Public School here.

PHILADELPHIA CL-ER NAMED ASS'T ATTORNEY GENERAL IN PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA.—Martin Barol, who served as 1957 secretary for the Philadelphia JACL, was being congratulated on his recent appointment as assistant attorney general for the State of Pennsylvania.

Commenting was the Philadelphia CL Newsletter: "Marty is almost a commuter between Philadelphia and Harrisburg these days."

During the past year, he served on the committee headed by Bill Marutani in drafting a revised chapter constitution, which will be presented to the membership soon.

While the new constitution is reported to retain the general tenor of the present one, being proposed are (1) a more fully defined nominating and electing procedure, (2) clarification of the executive board personnel and (3) method by which the board chairman is selected.

San Fernando High

SAN FERNANDO.—Harry T. Muranaka, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Muranaka, was re-elected student body president at San Fernando High School for the spring semester this past month. He is also sports editor of his school paper.

TO UNVEIL STATUE IN HONOR OF JAPAN SCOUT

TOKYO — Fifty thousand Japanese Boy Scouts have launched a nation-wide fund drive to build a memorial honoring an unknown Japanese soldier who saved a wounded American on Wake Island during World War II.

During the battle for Wake, the Japanese soldier stumbled across a wounded American. The GI touched three fingers to his forehead in the traditional scout salute, and the Japanese soldier immediately gave him first aid.

The Japan Boy Scouts headquarters in Tokyo said almost \$850 of the needed \$1,950 has been raised.

The statue, showing the American and Japanese soldiers, will be unveiled soon in Tokyo's Boy Scout hall.

Los Angeles City Council FEPC public hearing date set

"Public sentiment and the informed community leadership of Los Angeles strongly favor fair employment practices legislation," the Committee for Equal Employment Opportunity declared in a statement urging adoption of the pending FEPC ordinance by the City Council at its public hearing scheduled Jan. 7, 10 a.m.

The ordinance, introduced by City Councilman Edward R. Roybal, would establish a Fair Employment Practices Commission and prohibit discrimination in employment based on race, color, creed or national origin. The CEEO is coordinating efforts of community groups, including the Japanese American Citizens League, to achieve its passage.

"San Francisco and Bakersfield have already joined the 40 other cities and 13 states that have enacted FEPC laws, and their successful experience with the satisfactory operation of these laws provides an excellent example for our own forward-looking community to follow," declared Gil Anaya and Loren Miller, CEEO co-chairmen.

Saburo Kido, past national JACL president, and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, are scheduled to testify at the city council hearings urging passage of the FEPC ordinance.

Eight Votes Needed

Proponents of the bill have reported seven votes for the measure are assured though eight will be needed for passage. The FEPC bill is expected to come up for a vote in late January or early February.

After the file on "Equality in Employment" is presented to the city council for discussion on Jan. 7, a vote will be taken then on the question of the City Attorney drafting the measure and it will then be returned to the Council for a formal vote on the measure. This will be the third time the City Council has voted on FEP. Then, too, the measure failed for lack of one vote.

Councilmen favoring the measure besides Roybal are Edward Burkhalter, Gordon Hahn, John Gibson, Ernest Debs, Mrs. Rosalind Wyman and James C. Corman, it was understood.

NAME HONOLULU ATTORNEY TO INTERNATIONAL BODY

SAN FRANCISCO—For the first time in the history of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, this exclusive world organization for legal profession will have a Japanese American among its members.

He is Shiro Kashiwa, Nisei attorney in Honolulu. His membership was sponsored by Melvin Belli, dean of the academy, and acceptance was announced recently.

Born in 1912 in Kohala, Hawaii, Kashiwa was graduated from the Univ. of Michigan in 1936 and has been practicing law before the Supreme Court of Hawaii and the U. S. Circuit Court for the past 20 years.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 3 (Friday)
Fresno — New Year's semi-formal dance, Rainbow Ballroom, 9 p.m.
- Jan. 4 (Saturday)
D.C. — Installation Dinner-Dance, Occidental Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 10 (Friday)
Chicago — "Candidly Yours" meeting, McCormick YWCA, 8:30 p.m.; Slides by Fred Ohi.
- Philadelphia — Old and new board executive meeting, home of Dr. Warren Watanabe, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 11 (Saturday)
Sonoma County — Installation Potluck Supper, Sebastopol Memorial Hall, 6 p.m.
- Twin Cities — Installation Diner, Park Terrace Restaurant.
- Jan. 17 (Friday)
Chicago — Credit Union annual meeting, Younker's Restaurant.
- San Jose — Installation.
- Jan. 24 (Friday)
Livingston-Merced — Installation dinner (tent).
- San Jose — General meeting, speaker from Social Security Office.
- Contra Costa — Installation dinner, Yamato Sukiya.
- Jan. 25 (Saturday)
Los Angeles — Joint JACL installation dance, Forum Starlite Roof.
- Salinas Valley — Installation dinner-dance, Cominos Hotel.
- Feb. 1 (Saturday)
Marysville — Installation (tent).