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BY THE BOARD:

Alien land law of the Evergreen State

SEATTLE. — Fact that the state of Washington happens to be the one remaining state with an existing alien land law is and properly should be a source of concern to the Pacific Northwest District Council, and more particularly to the Seattle and Puyallup Valley chapters.

In Washington, the prohibition against ownership of land by aliens is contained in the state constitution as well as in the statutes. The constitution provides as follows:

ALIEN OWNERSHIP. The ownership of lands by aliens, other than those who in good faith have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, is prohibited in this state, except where acquired by inheritance, under mortgage or in good faith in the ordinary course of justice in the collection of debts; and all conveyances of lands hereafter made to any alien directly, or in trust for such alien, shall be void . . .

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The statutory provisions are contained in Chapter 16.46, entitled "Alien Land Law." Most pertinent sections are as follows:

64.16.010 — **Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires: "Alien" does not include an alien who has in good faith declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, but includes all other aliens and corporations . . . . and includes all persons who are noncitizens of the United States and who are ineligible to citizenship by naturalization . . .

64.16.020 — **Citizenship: Presumption of Bad Faith.** Unless an alien who has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States is admitted to citizenship within seven years after his declaration was made, it shall be presumed that he declared his intention of bad faith.

64.16.030 — **Aliens: Restrictions as to Land — Forfeiture.** An alien shall not own land or take or hold land or title to land for an alien. Land now held by or for aliens in violation of the Constitution of the state is forfeited to and declared to be the property of the state. Land hereafter conveyed to or for the use of aliens in violation of the Constitution or of this chapter shall thereby be forfeited to and become the property of the state.

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Under council chairman Dr. Kelly Yamada, the PNDC recently took the initial step toward something about this by setting up a committee headed by attorney William Y. Mimbu, who served as National Board Secretary during the past biennium. Assisting him is Tak Kubota, whose practical experience and contacts make him a "natural" for this group. Others are to be appointed in the near future by Seattle Chapter president Toru Sakahara.

Inasmuch as the com-

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15TH BIENNIAL MAY BLOSSOM AS FULL SCALE FETE

SALT LAKE CITY.—The 1958 national JACL convention will be "no watered-down affair" as plans are being formulated for a full-scale program and then some.

Mas Satow, national director, was present at the convention board meeting here last Saturday to advise the Salt Lake JACL, which will be hosts, and added words of caution to some of the over-enthusiastic plans.

A convention theme is still undecided and suggestions are still welcome until Aug. 15, when the board will reconvene. Several slogans have been acknowledged. The board feels the theme should convey the appreciation of the past for envisioning the future.

15th Biennial Format

As it stands, the 1958 convention (Aug. 21-25) will be headed by a board & staff luncheon at the Hotel Utah headquarters on Thursday, Aug. 21, with national council sessions scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Monday.

A mixer follows the opening ceremonies on Friday. The 1000 Club dinner is set for Saturday. The picnic and dancing under the stars are set for Sunday with the convention banquet and ball climaxing the five-day program on Monday.

Golf, bridge, table tennis, oratorical and queen contest plans are all underway.

Henry Kasai has accepted to work as business manager of the convention booklet. An editor and staff are to be named.

Matsudaira sorry on acceptance of 'Jap'

Dr. Koto Matsudaira told Honolulu and San Francisco reporters this week he was sorry for the recent remark he made on television regarding his acceptance of the word "Jap".

The Japanese ambassador to the United Nations was to have made similar explanations in Los Angeles Wednesday but he was ordered to proceed directly to New York.

In answering newsmen in Hawaii on Monday, he said the interviewer caught him off guard and added that he wishes to make amends in any way possible.

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WASHINGTON.—Koichiro Asakai, Japanese ambassador to the United States, agrees with the Japanese American Citizens League that the word "Jap" should not be used either as an abbreviation or as slang, in his reply to a letter of protest made last week by Washington JACL Representative Mike Masaoka.

After thanking Masaoka for his letter and stating his interest in reading of the work of the League and the favorable comments in the Congressional Record, the Ambassador wrote:

"I share your opinion that, in the interests of maintaining and furthering friendly relations between the peoples of Japan and the United States on the basis of mutual respect, the word 'Jap' should not be used, either as an abbreviation or as slang, in any medium which reaches the attention of the American public.

"I wish you every success in your campaign against the use of this word."

Five-Page Protest Letter

Masaoka had sent a five-page letter to the ambassador in which he explained JACL's protest of the racial slur, which has been used by race-mongers and "anti-Japanese" elements in this country to discredit, ridicule and humiliate those of Japanese ancestry.

Masaoka called upon Japanese U.N. Ambassador and the Japanese Foreign Office to make clear to the American public their official objection to the use of the word "Jap" in any context whatsoever.

The Washington JACL Office, at the same time, disclosed that copies of Masaoka's protest to Ambassador Asakai, together with covering letters, had been sent to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Japanese Foreign Minister Aiichiro Fujiyama in Tokyo, and to John Wingate, the TV interviewer who asked Ambassador Matsudaira's reaction on the use of the word "Jap" over the DuMont station WABD in New York, as well as to Ambasador Matsudaira.

Suggesting that objectionable racial slur has "the same ugly implications to you that it does to us," Masaoka wrote the Secretary of State that "we believe that the State Department too should be concerned that the use of this word "Jap" be discouraged in the interests not only of our American citizens of Japanese ancestry in the United States but also of our international good relationships with Japan.

"In sending you a copy of our letter of protest," the Washington JACL representative concluded, "it is our hope that your Department will remain aware of our organization's continuing program in this regard and will cooperate with us to the end that racial slurs against any and all races whether resident in this country or not will be discouraged as against the national interest and basic human dignity."

Japanese Objection Sought

To the Foreign Minister of Japan in Tokyo, Masaoka wrote that "while we feel that our letter to Ambassador Asakai summarizes our resentment of his (Ambassador Matsudaira's) attitude on the use of this objectionable slur, we

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Amb. Matsudaira's acceptance of use of word 'Jap' viewed as setback in JACL national campaign to eliminate racial slur

SAN FRANCISCO.—Protesting on behalf of the National Japanese American Citizens League, national director Masao W. Satow sent a letter from National Headquarters here to Dr. Koto Matsudaira, Japan's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York protesting his "acceptance" of the use of the word "Jap" over a recently televised interview program.

In addition, Satow forwarded a copy of his protest to Ambassador Koichiro Asakai at the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C., together with a covering, explanatory letter.

In his letter to the U.N. ambassador, the national JACL executive stressed that "Americans of Japanese ancestry, as well as resident Japanese, in this country object to the use of this term, for it carries a derogatory connotation, however used. 'Jap' is not merely American slang or colloquialism at its worst, but it is as insulting and degrading as 'Kike,' 'Dago,' and 'Chink,' used by the prejudiced and ignorant with reference to other groups.

"Perhaps you are not aware of the disgraceful hostile treatment accorded Japanese immigrants, our parents, when they migrated to the West Coast of the United States at the turn of the century," Satow wrote. "The term 'Jap' was used deliberately against them as one of ridicule, humiliation, and insult. Then, as we Americans of Japanese ancestry were growing up, we, too, were referred to as 'Japs'. World War II served to intensify this feeling against us when we were mistakenly identified with Pacific enemy.

People of Japan Involved

"Our concern," explained the JACL official, "extends to references to the people of Japan as 'Japs'. Such reference reflects upon our ancestry and is easily transferred to us because we have the same racial characteristics. We also feel the hates and animosities of wartime should not be carried over when there is need of cultivating the friendliest relations between the people of our two countries.

"Members of the Japanese American Citizens League, the national organization representing the interest of Americans of Japanese ancestry, have pledged ourselves to do all in our means to delete the use of this objectionable term in spoken and written word. In recent years, we have been alerting newspapers and other media of public communications regarding our feellngs about this. As a matter of fact, we have just completed a successful representation to the California State Board of Education to delete the term 'Jap' from a wartime story with reference to the Pacific enemy in a reader used in the sixth grade in the public schools.

Setback in Campaign

"At a time when it seems we have been making some headway in our national campaign, it is most disappointing and of great concern to us that a high official of the Japanese Goverm e n t should set back our efforts," Satow concluded.

The letter to the Japanese Ambassador in Washington declared that "we are deeply disturbed, in fact, shocked, that such remarks (as those attributed to Ambassador Matsudaira in connection with the use of the racial slur 'Jap) should be expressed publicly by an official spokesman of the Japanese Government at a time when our national organization of the Japanese American Citizens League is doing everything in its power to eliminate this distasteful and insulting term. Frankly, this unfortunate attitude makes our efforts appear ridiculous."

Satow then observed that "just this past week, two highly respected metropolitan newspapers in our San Francisco Bay Area have come out strongly against the use of this term and its bad reflection upon resident persons of Japanese ancestry, as well as upon the people of Japan. And, from time to time, since the war years, other newspapers across the country have pointed out the same thing and have been careful to avoid the shortened derogatory term 'Jap' in their columns and headlines.

"We deeply regret the nature of this protest," the national JACL director, wrote, "but must make this known as Americans vitally interested in promoting good will among all peoples, and especially, because our Japanese ancestry makes us vulnerable to any hint of ill between the people of the United States and Japan."

UTAH PASSES CPA EXAM FIRST NISEI WOMAN IN

SALT LAKE CITY.—Utah's only woman certified public accountant finally has some company. Claire Haynes had been unique among Utah accountants until Tayeko Okino, 975 N. 11th West, was notified on Aug. 1 that she had passed the Utah CPA examinations.

Of some 56,000 practicing CPAs in the nation, only 900 are women. Miss Okino is the only Nisei woman CPA in the state. She is a 1949 graduate of the Univ. of Utah.

(There are approximately 40 Nisei CPAs in the country, 15 of them in the Los Angeles area, according to Sho Iino, CPA, who serves on the Pacific Citizen board.—Editor.)

SENATE PASSES CIVIL RIGHTS BILL BY 72 TO 18 VOTE

WASHINGTON.—The Senate approved a watered-down edition of President Eisenhower's civil rights bill Wednesday night by a vote of 72 to 18.

Passage came without the Southern filibuster which has killed such legislation for decades and without the deep split in Democratic ranks which some had anticipated.

Voting for the bill were 29 Democrats and 43 Republicans. The 18 dissenting votes were all Southern Democrats and Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon.

Five Southerners breaking tradition were Johnson and Yarborough of Texas, Smathers of Florida, Kefauver and Gore of Tennessee.

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WASHINGTON. — The Japanese American Citizens League has decided, following a weekend study of the amended Senate civil rights bill, to urge all senators to vote for the legislation as a "small first step" in civil rights progress, the Washington JACL Office announced.

This decision was reached following telephone discussions with Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national president in Los Angeles, Masao W. Satow, national director who was attending a quarterly meeting of the Intermountain District Council in Salt Lake City, and Harold Gordon, chairman of the national legal-legislative committee who was vacationing in Wisconsin.

Although deploring the two major Senate amendments—the July

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LOST FOR 12 DAYS, WALKS OUT OF MOUNTAINS ALIVE

SEATTLE.—Lt. Robert M. Hayashida of Minneapolis, lost in the Cascade Mountains for 12 days while hunting and fishing, walked out alive last Tuesday hungry and with a sprained knee. He had followed the sun to the west to come out. He is a company commander at Ft. Lewis.

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From the Frying Pan

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THIN SKINS AND TENDER BEEFS — The current furor (see last week's Pacific Citizen) about whether "Jap" is or is not an insulting word and should or should not be mouthed in public brings up something that newspaper and radio-TV editors know well: There's some minority lurking behind every column of type and every page script ready to scream foul.

The honorable Japanese ambassador to the United Nations notwithstanding, common misusage has made Jap a nasty word in this country. Persons of the Jewish faith say with pride and honor: "I am a Jew." A person of Irish descent is referred to affectionately as "a fine old Irishman." But when you refer to someone as a Jap or a Chinaman, it's like whipping him across the face even if you mean no harm at all. Custom, history and the derisive origins of those names have endowed them with a sting.

The memory of bitter insults is so relatively recent that our skins are still tender. At the same time, it would seem that those who persist in using the term "Jap" do so more out of ignorance than malice and our sensitivity to such matters can be allowed to go too far. A case in point is the television industry's "minority" troubles reported in the August 5 issue of Time magazine.

OUTRAGE IN DIXIE — The Stephen Foster Memorial Commission of Florida, according to Time, was outraged on learning that the nation's radio and TV networks have banned such words as "darkies," "mammy," and "massa" from Foster's lyrics. This made prominent Negroes happy but provoked professional southerners. What makes all this utterly ridiculous to an outsider is that while the Fosterites are just getting around to being mad, the network imposed the ban 22 years ago.

Time's story reports that television in particular is the object of all manner of minority pressure groups. Leather jacket manufacturers protest their product being identified with juvenile hoodlums. A doctor is unhappy because pharmacists are pictured as doddering old incompetents. A waitress complains because waitresses are shown as hard-boiled, gum-chewing and illiterate. The New York Stock Exchange kicked at the sight of a shady stockbroker and chirpractors howled when a frustrated medical student in a TV drama announced he would settle for becoming a chiropractor.

A newspaper must be careful to identify persons by their race only when race is pertinent to the story, especially in crime reports. For instance, a Negro bandit may be captured in the act of holding up a drugstore, but in a nothern newspaper he's identified merely as "John Jones, 26, of 1234 A street." But if he should escape, and police were looking for him, the newspaper might say: "The bandit was described as a Negro, six feet tall and weighing about 180 pounds." Why? Because the fact he is a Negro identifies him, and may help in his capture, just a sa description of a scar would help identify the man.

By the same token, when Althea Gibson won her tennis crown, she was identified as a Negro. Since she was the first Negro to win at Wimbledon, that was a pertinent fact.

SCREEN VILLAINS — National sensitivities long have given Hollywood a bad time in portraying villians. For years the baddies were Latin or Oriental types until movie makers got repercussions from foreign markets. Even the Indians, unfailing portrayers of treachery, brutality and general loathesomeness, have a lobby now to protect their good name. Currently, Hollywood's bad guys seem to be either Americans turned Communists, or monsters and irradiated insects grown to prodigous size and ferocity. They have no one to protect for them.

Civil rights—

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24 action restricting the bill only to voting right violations, instead of all civil rights, such as school integration and nonsegregation in places of public entertainment and public transportation, and the Aug. 2 action providing jury trials in all federal "criminal contempt" cases—the JACL believes that some progress was made in the cause of civil rights and, therefore, urges all senators to vote for the bill, as amended, in the final showdown.

As Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, pointed out:

"Although JACL is bitterly disappointed, with the President, that last Friday the Senate adopted an amendment interposing jury trials in all federal criminal contempt cases, JACL is of the opinion that even the emasculated Senate measure represents progress in the field of civil rights for all Americans. We would have preferred a much stronger bill, such as the one approved by the House on June 18. But, legislation is a matter of compromise and we believe that the amended Senate bill represents at least a small first step in the direction of meaningful civil rights for our citizens.

"The Senate bill now provides for a bipartisan civil rights commission with investigative powers and the directive to recommend needed legislation. A civil rights division, with an Assistant Attorney General in charge, will be established in the Department of Justice, replacing the present civil rights section hidden away in the criminal division. And, the privilege of all citizens to serve on federal juries without regard to state qualifications has been written into the bill. These, plus the authority of the Attorney General to seek injunctions in cases involving voting violations, represent to our way of thinking, positive gains in this field of congressional activity for civil rights, something that has not happened in the past 80 years," Masaoka explained.

He added the hope that the House either in Conference with the Senate or by amendment would strengthen the bill as much as possible, with the minimum the limiting of jury trials to cases involving criminal contempt in voting violations only.

L.A. consul feels protest 'appropriate'

Japanese Consul General Shigeru Nakamura of Los Angeles this week replied to the protest of Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, over the inexplicable attitude of Japanese Ambassador to the United Nations, Dr. Koto Matsudaira, when he refused to object to the use of the word "Jap" on a recently televised New York interview.

"I feel that your protest against the use of this word is appropriate and I wish you success in this campaign," the ranking Japanese government official in Southern California said. "Please be assured that I have always had high respect for the Japanese American Citizens League and whenever it is feasible for this office, we will be happy to cooperate with your activities."

Dr. Nishikawa explained that "Our national organization has long sought to discourage the use of this word in the United States because we consider the term derogatory and in many cases insulting.

"In view of this, we feel that Ambassador Matsudaira's statement condoning the use of this word was unfortunate and regretable, especially since the statement was made by a representative of the Japanese government who holds such a high office.

"At any rate," Dr. Nishikawa concluded, "we should like to respectfully ask the understanding and cooperation of your office in helping us eliminate the use of the word 'Jap' from the American vocabulary. In this way, we believe, we can reduce many of the old hatreds and animosities that have been directed against the Japanese both in this country and in Japan."

On last Friday's vote to require jury trials in all criminal contempt cases, which the JACL opposed, of the 39 Democrats who voted for the amendment, the following 13 senators are from states in which JACL has chapters: Senators Anderson of New Mexico, Bible of Nevada, Byrd of Virginia, Chavez of New Mexico, Church of Idaho, Hayden of Arizona, Jackson of Washington, Lausche of Ohio, Magnuson of Washington, Mansfield and Murray of Montana, O'Mahoney of Wyoming, and Robertson of Virginia.

Of the 12 Republicans who voted for the amendment, four are from states in which the JACL has chapters: Senators Butler of Maryland, Curtis of Nebraska, Goldwater of Arizona, and Malone of Nevada.

All nine of the Democrats who voted against the amendment are from states in which JACL has chapters: Carroll of Colorado, Clark of Pennyslvania, Douglas of Illinois, Humphrey of Minnesota, McNamara of Michigan, Morse and Neuberger of Oregon, and Symington of Missouri.

Of the 33 Republicans who voted against the amendment, 19 are from states in which JACL has chapters: Allott of Colorado, Barrett of Wyoming, Beall of Maryland, Bennett of Utah, Bricker of Ohio, Case of New Jersey, Dirksen of Illinois, Dworshak of Idaho, Hruska of Nebraska, Ives and Javits of New York, Knowland and Kuchel of California, Martin of Pennsylvania, Potter of Michigan, Smith of New Jersey, Thye of Minnesota, Watkins of Utah, and Wiley of Wisconsin.

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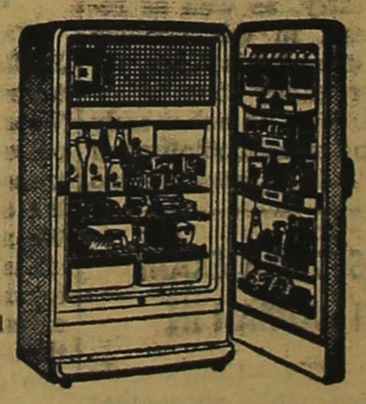

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VAGARIES
By Larry S. Tajiri

Epithet with a History

Denver

Any person of Japanese ancestry who has lived in the United States during the first half of the 20th century cannot take the word "Jap" lightly—as Japan's ambassador to the United Nations, Dr. Koto Matsudaira, apparently has.

"Jap" is a racially derogatory epithet with a history of abuse and violence. Though it is often innocently used, particularly by headline writers desperate for a shorter word than "Japanese", "Jap" is a product of the Yellow Peril campaigns on the west coast. It is synonymous with "skibbie", another contemptous term referring to persons of Japanese ancestry which Damon Runyon, for one, tried to popularize.

In a Night Beat TV program on June 7 over the Dumont network, Dr. Matsudaira was asked whether he objected to the word "Jap".

"I don't care," said the Japanese envoy, "It's an English word. It's maybe American slang. I don't know. If you care, you are free to use it."

That "Jap" is racially derogatory is accepted in today's dictionaries which classify it on the same level which "kike", "nigger", "wop", "greaser" and the like. Webster's New World Dictionary (1954 edition) has the following description: "Jap. Japanese; a shortened form often expressing contempt, hostility, etc."

On many newspaper copy desks the word "Jap" is taboo, and "Nisei" is used by many newspapers, including the New York Times, as referring to all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Dr. Matsudaira obviously was not thinking in terms of Japanese Americans when he gave "Jap" the green light. It would behoove him, however, to study the background of the word's usage.

It may be that the Nisei are hyper-sensitive, but it can be argued that Japanese Americans have earned the right not to be called "Japs".

'JUNGLE HEAT' ABUSES NISEI LOYALTY

The JACL, which has become something of a watchdog to protect Japanese Americans from unnecessary abuse in filmplays and TV portrayals, might do well to ask for a screening of a forthcoming Bel-Air production for United Artists, "Jungle Heat". This is a picture about alleged Japanese fifth column activity in Hawaii on the eve of Pearl Harbor—something, of course, which has no factual basis.

When this picture was being filmed earlier this year on the island of Kauai, something of a hassle ensued when veterans of the 442nd Combat Team on the island learned that the picture was about treachery by persons of Japanese ancestry on the island.

The director, Howard Koch who, incidentally, wrote a story of Nisei treason called "Across the Pacific" which Warners produced in 1941, promised the angry Kauai citizens that the script would be revised to meet their objections. Japanese Americans on Kauai and elsewhere are necessarily concerned over any motion picture which repeats the now-repudiated rumors of Japanese American treachery and sabotage in Hawaii in the Pearl Harbor period. Several films have, of course, contined such untruths and, as a partial result, many Americans still accept these rumors as gospel.

As it is described, however, "Jungle Heat", which goes into national release shortly as a strictly B-grade offering for the bottom half of double bills, is still a story about a Japanese fifth column in Hawaii.

It would appear some effort has been made to depict Nisei loyalty since the wife of the national guard commander, Rhodes Reason, is a woman of Japanese ancestry played by Miyoko Sasaki. The leader of the enemy underground is a Caucasian, played by James Westerfield. Several actors of Japanese ancestry are in the cast.

NEW OPERA: 'TWILIGHT HERON'

Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" is one of the most popular of all operas. But during the past half-century a number of other operas and musicals with Japanese themes, "Geisha", "Sakura" and others have been performed in the United States and Europe and have been received with only mild enthusiasm. The latest is a short work by Ikuma Dan called "The Twilight Heron" which was performed last week in Zurich, Switzerland.

"The Twilight Heron" is derived from a Japanese folk tale about a peasant who marries a lovely girl who is the incarnation of a heron he once saved from death. The wife weaves her husband a cloth out of her own feathers. The man, prompted by greedy friends, sells the cloth. The wife consents and promises to weave her husband another cloth, but makes him promise not to watch her at her weaving. When he breaks the promise the girl is turned once more into a heron and flies away.

In the Zurich premiere the lyrics were in German and were sung by Michiko Sunahara of Paris' Opera Comique. Miss Sunahara will be remembered in the United States as the soprano of the Fujiwara Opera Company which toured the coast and presented "Madame Butterfly" in New York two years ago.

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One of these girls will reign as Miss Nisei Week of 1957, the weeklong celebration in Los Angeles. Candidates are (left to right) Nancy Nishi, Mitzi Miya, Sumi Takemura, Jean Takahashi, Keiko Miwa, Mary Yoshioka and JoAnne Miyamoto. — Roy Hoshizaki Photo. (Cut courtesy: Shin Nichi Bei.)

Reno Sansei attends Girls Nation as state representative from Nevada

WASHINGTON. — Judy Aoyama, one of the two Nevada State "senators", was the only Japanese American attending the 1957 Girls Nation, which was held here last week.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aoyama of Reno, the 18-year old Sansei was selected from among some 85 girls representing the high schools of her state, for the high honor of being one of two Nevada "senators" to participate in Girls Nation.

Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, outstanding girls in every high school in every state, the Canal Zone, the District of Columbia, are selected to attend Girls States. Then, two are selected from these state meetings, to attend Girls Nation, where, as "senators" they participate in citizenship activities, including mock political conventions and presidential elections.

Attends White House Party

Last week, "senators" of Girls Nation also visited the national shrines in the Washington area; watched the Congress in action; listened to briefings on current events and politics; attended receptions; and met with President Eisenhower personally in the White House rose garden.

Judy, who is looking forward to her senior year at Reno High School, is an outstanding student leader, having served in two offices of the Girls Athletic Association, as treasurer of the junior class and as treasurer of the school drill team, as vice president of the speech club, and was an alternate in the state forensic tournament. She is also a Worthy Associate Advisor of the Order of the Rainbow, Masonic Order Reno Assembly No. 1.

Her father is a past president of the Reno JACL chapter and currently is a member of the 1000 Club.

JUDY AOYAMA

SHONIEN SOS CAMPAIGN HITS $35,000 MARK IN SPECIAL TWO-MONTH DRIVE

Shonien Child Welfare Center announced $35,789.15 were received during the two-month "SOS—Support Our Shonien" campaign of June-July.

Full program of operation is expected to start soon, but faces "a very tight budget", commented Shonien Board president Nobu Kawai, who added that "with faith in the continuing support" from the community, the new center can become a reality.

DOCTOR SAYS 'NO FEE' IF FIFTH SON ARRIVES

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Masami Sugayas of 2327 Pine St. welcomed a new arrival into the family last month.

They were already parents of four lively and robust boys and it was reported that Mrs. Hisako Sugaya's doctor had guaranted a girl this time—delivery free if the fifth one was also a boy.

The Pine St. laundryman will be getting a doctor bill soon if he hasn't already paid up. Yoko Judy Sugaya arrived July 14.

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VERY TRULY YOURS
By Harry K. Honda

'By the Board' Writer

Thanks to an all-but-quiet fellow who sat behind us at the 1950 JACL convention in Chicago but commanded the attention of all delegates with his well-worded "opposition" to celebrating National Nisei Memorial Day in October since the Seattle chapter felt the observance in May was most appropriate, we're on this side of the page . . . That's how many JACLers at that convention met Harry Takagi, then Seattle chapter president and now third national vice-president. An attorney for the Veterans Administration, he was transferred to Minneapolis, where he continued his interests in JACL and before moving back to Seattle was voted Midwest District Council chairman . . . That day he got up to suggest JACL abandon sponsorship of this Oct. 30 memorial in view of circumstances in Seattle, it was apparent to many of us he was of national JACL officer calibre . . . As minutes will show, a roll call of chapters (48 yes, 9 no) passed a substitute amendment encouraging its observance since the National Nisei Veterans Committee of the convention had proposed abandonment. Many chapters still remember the Nisei war dead during the last week of October, which was selected because of the rescue of the Texas "lost battalion" by the 442nd RCT in the Vosges Mountains.

This week Harry Takagi (a somewhat misplaced mirth darts through me each time I meet a chap by the name of Harry) presents the problem of eliminating the alien land law in his home state of Washington . . . "By the Board' in the past have been shorter, but leeway has always been provided to have our national officers and district council chairmen occupy the front page left-hand column as well as carry-over to the bottom of page 5 as today's . . . And when that happens, we're on this side of the page.

PC INTRODUCTORY OFFER

An unusual amount of copy from Washington this week prevents an elaborate announcement on our special 25 issues for $1 to new readers . . . But we'd like to remind our chapters that envelopes are still waiting to be distributed through your regular mailing. We appreciate every bit of help in this regard.

NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT
By Masao Satow

Daisy Pinch-hits

Dear Boss:

Hope you are enjoying a well-deserved rest though you have had to attend several meetings during this period. This is to advise you on activities at Headquarters during your visit to Salt Lake this past week.

NC-WNDC MEETING IN MONTEREY: Members of the Monterey Peninsula Chapter have been working steadily under the chairmanship of Paul Ichiuji to host the third quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council this Sunday at the Mark Thomas Inn. Reservations already received from the chapters indicate another well-attended business session. Mr. Karel Vit, Army Language School Instructor at the Presidio of Monterey, will speak at the banquet Sunday night on his experiences behind the Iron Curtain.

SAN FRANCISCO NEWS: The Radio and Television column of the San Francisco NEWS printed your letter lauding columnist Guy Wright's suggestion that old wartime movies which impugn the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry be "junked". Two other letters were published which duplicated your sentiments.

OAKLAND CHAPTER FASHION SHOW: Attended the Oakland JACL fashion show luncheon with Mrs. Yo Hironaka, San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary president. Marie Sato did a terrific job in chairing this event which featured Japanese-inspired fashions by May S. Aoki. Marty Oshima gave the commentary and Nancee Limjap was the fashion coordinator. The models were exceptionally beautiful and performed with professional aplomb. The lovely floral arrangements, which transformed the Oakland Sailboat House into a garden-like atmosphere, were designed by Roy Endo, who incidentally provided the piano accompaniment for the models. Chapter President Asa Fujie welcomed the luncheon group. Honored guest was Clifford Rishell, Mayor of Oakland.

TELEVISION PERSONALITIES: What a pleasant surprise to view 1000er Kathy Reyes on a local TV station relating a Japanese folklore to children on the "Adventures in Friendship" show, which is sponsored by the local Council of Churches. Also seen on this show were Jutaro Shiota, Mrs. Helen Mori and Al Haruyama. This particular series will present eight weekly programs on the customs and culture of Japan in storybook fashion to the youngsters. Wil Maruyama (S.F. JACL Board Member) is serving as special staff adviser for this program.

JACL ENDOWMENT FUND: During the past two weeks we have received over 100 individual contributions to the JACL Endowment Fund from grateful recipients of evacuation claims awards. Our deposit in the Trust Fund this week will put us over the $100,000 mark.

SAD PASSING: Harry Makita, San Francisco chapter vice-president in charge of public relations, was fatally injured in an automobile accident in Marin County last week. We shall certainly miss him as we continue with our chapter activities for the remainder of the year.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN: With Venice-Culver, Detroit, and the Placer County Chapters topping last year's records in their membership drives, we now have a total of 30 chapters in this elite category. San Francisco Chapter still leads the membership campaign with 1030, with Southwest Los Angeles

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NEW YORK:

PROTEST DELEGATION PLANNED BY CHAPTER ON USE OF WORD 'JAP'

Effectiveness of a delegation to call on Dr. Koto Matsudaira, Japan's Ambassador to the United Nations, to protest his failure to object to the use of the word "Jap" in a recent TV interview is being considered by Aki Hayashi, national JACL treasurer; William Sakayama, New York chapter board chairman, and Sam Ishikawa, New York representative, of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The possibility of sending a protest delegation also to New York Consul General of Japan Tanaka is being explored by JACL officials.

At the same time, it was disclosed that Sakayama has sent a letter to Ambassador Matsudaira on behalf of the members and friends who had witnessed the television interview in which the Japanese official had replied to the question as to his reaction to the use of the word "Jap" by saying: "If you care, you are free to use it."

Professor's Attitude Told

The chapter letter also pointed out that subsequently a Professor Earl L. Reynolds, on the same television interview program, expressed his dislike of the use of that term, describing it as "unnecessary" and "unkind."

"Members of the Japanese American Citizens League," the Sakayama letter said, "consider the term 'Jap' as shockingly insulting. It is an unpardonable affront by the impudently informed, and excusable only to the grossly ignorant.

"We deplore the use of the term as an outrage upon our dignity. Whenever we come across such usage we have immediately endeavored to correct the situation, hoping to expunge the word completely, so that it may become as if it had never existed.

"Slang is comprised of widely current current terms. In no proper sense can the term 'Jap' be included in that category (as the Ambassador categorized it during the interview). The term is not widely current, and we cannot condone its classification as 'slang'.

"We strongly feel that the position taken by Professor Reynolds is correct. Insulting remarks or characterizations should never be left unchallenged in a forum viewed by the public, especially when they are directed against a race, nationality, or nation. As one whose authority is subjected to be quoted, as already evidenced, we feel that the impression you have given should be immediately eradicated.

"Feeling as we do, we are compelled to take an unequivocal position and voice our remarks to you. We living in the United States as citizens, and being of Japanese descent, are sometimes confronted by such insults. With your seeming tolerance and the impression of invitation of continued use of it, the affront of the uninformed becomes a part of the vocabulary of clever antagonists. The latter can make simple reference to the remarks of the high officials of Japan as his authority for proper usage."

OMAHA:

Members donated prizes, pop for chapter picnic

The beautiful Mead's Summer Resort west of here attracted over a 100 people at the Omaha JACL picnic last month. Under general co-chairmanship of Roy Hirabayashi and Sam Tsuji, the picnickers enjoyed a day of fishing, swimming, games and fun.

Assisting were Richard Takechi, Chick Matsui, Don Matsunami, Frank Tamai, and Robert Nakadoi.

Members in the chapter donated prizes, refreshment and ice cream and acknowledged as follows:

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Watanabe, Roy Hirabayashi, Frank Tamai, prizes; Jack Kaya, Bob Nakadoi, soda pop; Mr. & Mrs. Kazuo Takechi, ice cream; James Ishii, Mitsuo Kawamoto, T.S. Arikawa, James Egusa, K. Matsunami, $5 ea.

NEW YORK:

Long Island locale set for New York JACLers

The New York JACL chapter picnic will be held this Saturday, Aug. 10, on the north shore of Long Island at Sunken Meadow Park.

The chapter is also urging all voters take advantage of the current personal permanent registration campaign.

Popular golf pro Harry Bassler of Fox Hills Country Club gives preview of his "Golf Clinic" talk to pretty Southwest L.A. JACLer Irene Kubo. Bassler and his assistant Grabel Duvall will speak at the Aug. 14 chapter meeting at Centenary Methodist Church social hall. A golf film and question period will follow. Open to public without charge, chapter program veep Sam Hirasawa especially urged women golfers to take advantage of Bassler's advice.

—Steve Mayeno Photo.

'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—JACL Headquarters this past acknowledged 49 new and renewal 1000 Club memberships for the period of July 15-31. A total of 100 memberships were received for the month.

Members in current good standing is 1,158, as compared with 1,166 on June 30, which was the all-time high. Immediate goal is for 1,200 in good standing.

As for "Operation Breakthrough" to have 2,000 JACLers who have signed up as 1000 Club members, it was reported there are now 1,978. It may be that the 2,000th sign-in may be secured at the EDC-MDC joint convention Aug. 30-Sept. 1.

TENTH YEAR
Salt Lake — Mrs. Rae Fujimoto.

NINTH YEAR
Pasadena — Ken Dyo.
Omaha — Robert Nakadoi.
Southwest L.A. — George S. Tarumoto.

EIGHTH YEAR
Santa Maria Valley — Frank K. Ito.
Pasadena — Butch Y. Tamura.

SEVENTH YEAR
Portland — George Y. Azumano.
Seattle — Harry I. Takagi.

SIXTH YEAR
Omaha — Mrs. Masako Nakadoi.

FIFTH YEAR
Coachella — George K. Shibata.
Monterey — Minoru C. Uyeda.

FOURTH YEAR
Chicago — Harry T. Ichiyasu.
Spokane — Tetsuo Nobuku.
Downtown L.A. — Ernest K. Iwasaki, Ed K. Yamato.
Berkeley — Tokuya Kako, Albert S. Kosakura.
Pasadena — Takeshi Kishi.
D.C. — John Y. Yoshino.

THIRD YEAR
Southwest L.A. — Masamichi Kataoka.
Sanger — Benny K. Matsunaga.
Downtown L.A. — Masami Sasaki.
Delano — Sadawo Yonaki.

SECOND YEAR
Pasadena — Sei Dyo, Tsutomu Dyo, Eiko Matsui.
Twin Cities — Sam Hara.
Fresno — Fred S. Inouye.
Cleveland — Harry Kaku.
Downtown L.A. — Mrs. Tomoe Kiyono, Tsukasa Kiyono.
San Francisco — Joesph T. Kubokawa.
Chicago — Masato Nakagawa.
Portland — Tom T. Okazaki, Bob Sunamoto.
Southwest L.A. — Terumi Yamaguchi, Jim S. Yamamoto.
Ventura County — Dr. Mitsuru Yoshimoto.

FIRST YEAR
PNWDC — Hideo H. Yamamoto (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho).
Southwest L.A. — John Shiokari.
Long Beach — Frances Ishii, Mrs. Lilly Lee.
Sequoia — Mrs. Roz Enomoto.
Pasadena — Ronald Ueda, Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, Mary K. Yusa.
San Francisco — Kiyoshi Tanamachi.
New York — Kenji Nogaki, Takeo Nogaki.

DECEASED MEMBERS
Richmond — Mrs. Hayane Ninomiya, July 11.
San Francisco — Harry Makita, July 27.

MONTEREY PENINSULA:

Steak barbecue seen as final pre-school affair

The annual JACL steak barbecue will be held on Aug. 25 at Big Sur State Park.

Co-chairmen Mush Higashi, Jim Uyeda and Jim Tabata have urged Monterey families to make it the final outing for the youngsters before they return to their three R's

DETROIT:

500 SWARM PARK AT 11TH ANNUAL PICNIC

The weatherman cooperated this year as estimated 500 swarmed the Middle Rouge Park picnic site for the 11th annual Detroit community picnic July 14, jointly sponsored by the local JACL, Mr. & Mrs. Club, Motor City Golf Club and Nisei Bowling League.

Extending greetings was chapter president Yoshio Kasai with John Miyagawa as emcee. Sud Kimoto announced the games and Pete Fujioka did yeoman duty with the door prizes. The Teen Club assisted with the games.

Thirty-seven prizes were awarded including items donated by:

Sus Hada, Irene's Beauty Salon, Kado's Oriental Food Store, Roy Kaneko, Mary Bee's Beauty Salon, Michigan Cleaners, Northland Studio, Oriental Provision Co., Spectrum Radio-TV, Sone Front Garage, Stone's Drug, Udaco Mfg., Well's Drug.

Eddie Matsui headed the picnic committee, assisted by:

Jim Kubota, Massey Sakow, Bowling League; Tess Tada, Yoshio Ushire, Golf Club; Gus Kinoshita, Lefty Nishimura; Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Kurihara, Jean Nishimoto, JACL; Mae Miyagawa, sec.

BY THE BOARD:

From Front Page

mittee is still only in the "preliminary investi g ation" stage, it may be premature to speculate its ultimate decisions and recommendatio n s. H o w-ever, it seems to us that one of the most important problems before the committee will involve the matter of appraising on a realistic basis the possibility of obtaining a favorable two-third majority in both houses of the legislature, which is necessary before a proposed constitu t i o n a l amendment may be submitted to the voters in a general election.

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Another important problem (where have we heard this before?) is that of finances. While there is no organized opposition to combat, funds will be still needed to investigate, campaign, publicize and to educate the general public, since (as shown in California) most voters will usually vote "no" on a proposition with which they are not acquainted.

Insofar as finances are concerned, the problem facing the PNDC is rather acute, since there are only two JACL chapters in the state of Washington and a rather small J-A population f r o m which to draw support. Under these circumstances, it will be essential to enlist the support of other individuals and organizations in order to attain the desired objective.

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While the Washington situation i s differe n t from that which faced the California JACL chapters prior to the successful termination of their campaign last year, no doubt those who took a leading part therein will be able to impart much valuable information to the PNDC committee. We are sure that the committee will welcome such information and practical suggestions.

Those of us who live in the Evergreen State may, perhaps, be pardoned for thinking of it as one of most enlightened and progressive states in the Union. That such a jurisdiction should continue to be the only one with an alien land law is merely another illustration of JACL's oft-repeated thesis that legislative benefits just don't happen — they have to be worked for.

—Harry I. Takagi
3rd Nat'l V.P.

'Holiday at Monterey' theme of NC-WNDC summer parley, dance on Saturday prelude to full day of golf, business, banquet

MONTEREY.—Launching a two-day program for delegates and boosters this weekend at the summer quarterly session of the NC-WNDC will be the Monterey Peninsula JACL dance tomorrow night at San Carlos Hotel.

Mush Higashi and Jim Uyeda, dance co-chairmen, announced the music of Eddie Zubov will play. Admission will be $2 per couple or stag.

Golfers will vie at Del Monte on Sunday morning, the first foursome teeing at 7, for the NC-WNDC championships.

Six chapters are vying for the NC-WNDC golf team honors with Monterey Peninsula defend i n g. Others are San Francisco, Watsonville, Salinas Valley, Eden Township and San Jose. Top competitors are 7-handicappers Chic Hinaga and Karl Taku of San Jose, and George Ura of Watsonville.

Viola Uyeda and Ish Enokida will be directing the registration desk, which opens at 11:30 a.m., at the Mark Thomas Inn, where the remaining sessions are scheduled.

District Chairman Akiji Yoshimura will preside at the business meeting scheduled to start at 12:30 p.m. A free period has been set for 3-5:30 p.m., which may be utilized by a beautiful boat ride around Monterey Bay. Yoshio Satow is handling the boat ride. Cocktail hour has also been scheduled at Ginza Restaurant.

Banquet will start sharply at 5:30 at the Inn with Jimmie Tabata as chairman. Kay Nobusada, toastmaster, will introduce Krel Vit, Army Language School instructor, as the main speaker who will tell of his trying experiences behind the Iron Curtain. Aki Sugimoto will present the golf trophies at the close of the banquet.

The business session will also serve as an introduction of Fred Takata, PSW regional director, to NC-WN CLers.

Intermountain CLers favors DC contest for confab queen

SALT LAKE CITY.—In spite of problems of mileage which separate the eight chapters of the Intermountain District Council, delegates are on record for a queen contest at the district level to select an official hostess for the 1958 national JACL convention here.

Delegates at the summer quarterly session, hosted by Mt. Olympus JACL, felt wider support and enthusiasm would be stirred by their sharing in the pre-convention stunt.

IDC chapters felt the same way about the oratorical contest, which is being revived, although it admitted a financial burden may prevent other district councils to send representatives. Six out of eight chapters in the IDC regarded it as a boost for the Jr. JACL program and would support it.

The IDC meeting was presided by vice-chairman Mas Yano of Salt Lake City in the absence of chairman George Sugai of Snake River Valley. Roll call by secretary Massie Sugai was responded by full attendance and both luncheon and dinner were attended by a full house at Andy's Smorgasbord.

Growth and progress were noted in the various chapter reports that were made. Idaho Falls is planning the 10th Anniversary Reunion of the 1000 Club, which is expected to be attended by past national JACL presidents, past national 1000 Club chairmen and JACL officers.

Steve Abe, clinical psychologist at the Univ. of Utah who is making a Nisei survey, was introduced and he explained that the personality tests he was giving were not an IQ test.

On the lighter side, Mrs. Chieko Okazaki, local school teacher, entertained with Japanese and Hawaiian numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Elsie Bills. After dinner, Mrs. Lily Uno, still remembered as the pianist who played at the Governor's Mansion at the 1948 JACL Convention here, rendered several piano selections. Miyoshi Umeki, Japanese singer, also entertained.

SANAE KAWAGUCHI'S BOOK PUBLISHED

Little, Brown of Boston has published "Taro's Festival Day" with story and pictures by Sanae Kawaguchi. The book tells of the daily life of a Japanese boy, reaching a climax in the preparation and celebration of Boy's Day.

Midwest District chapters to consider possibility of bidding for Nat'l confab

CHICAGO. — Consideration of a Midwest JACL chapter to bid for a national JACL convention in 1960 will be one of the subjects to be mooted by MDC delegates at the EDC-MDC joint convention over the Labor Day weekend at the Sheraton Hotel.

The business agenda was disclosed in a monthly memo released to chapters of both Eastern and Midwest district councils last week by Abe Hagiwara, MDC chairman.

Midwest delegates will also discuss an amendment to the district council constitution to add another elective post in order to obtain full participation of eight MDC chapters on the cabinet.

Election of officers will also occupy one of the meetings.

During the discussion sessions three areas in education and public relations will be aired. It will answer the question: "Can JACL build its future program around an educational program to:

(1) instill greater sense of individual citizenship responsibility;

(2) develop an imagination community relations program involving Japanese Americans in vital roles at home and abroad; and

(3) provide additional service to its members and take on some fraternal aspects of organizational work.

In the final session old-timers will share their knowledge and experience with the newcomers and chapter officers on matters dealing with the mechanics of "running a chapter".

Jimmy Featherstone's orchestra will play at the convention ball climaxing the three-day meeting on Sept. 1 after the convention banquet.

Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) has accepted the invitation to be present at the convention banquet. Sen. Everett Dirksen (R., Ill.) and Mayor Daley are also expected to be present.

POCATELLO:

'Hobo' barbecue attracts good size attendance

An estimated 80 people enjoyed the Pocatello JACL "Hobo" barbecue picnic at Ross Park, July 24.

Roughing it as it were, each person fixed his own "feast" at dinner time. Typical menu included wrapping onions, green peppers, tomatoes and hamburger in aluminum foil and cooking it over hot charcoal.

Kin Sato and Dorothy Carlson, social co-chairmen, were in charge.

IRAN, TURKEY FARMERS VISIT UTAH NISEI FARM

MURRAY, Utah.—First hand look at American crop marketing techniques, farms and orchards in the Great Salt Lake Valley for 30 agricultural specialists from Iran and Turkey included an afternoon last week with Mas Namba, 4710-9th East, who grows celery.

Namba is past president of the Mt. Olympus JACL chapter.

The foreign farm experts are spending three weeks in Utah, the majority of the time at the Utah State University at Logan.

NISEI REPRESENTS U.S. AT INTERNATIONAL MEET

WAILUKU, Maui.—Margaret Tokunaga of this city is one of eight Americans selected to represent the United States at the International Girl Scout Chalet in Switzerland this summer.

SAN FRANCISCO FEPC ORDINANCE GOES INTO EFFECT

SAN FRANCISCO.—A new city ordinance for fair employment practices—the first in California—went into effect last Wednesday under a commission which has been nominated by Mayor George Christopher.

C. J. Goodell, former state appellate court judge, was named chairman and to a four-year term on the seven-man body on July 30. Also named were former Mayor Roger D. Lapham and one Negro attorney, Terry Francois.

The new law to prevent racial discrimination in employment went into effect Aug. 7, thirty days after it was passed by the city-county board of supervisors.

JACL was one of the active advocates urging passage of this city measure at various public hearings held on the bill. It was a culmination of a year and a half of work by various local organizations in the field of human relations.

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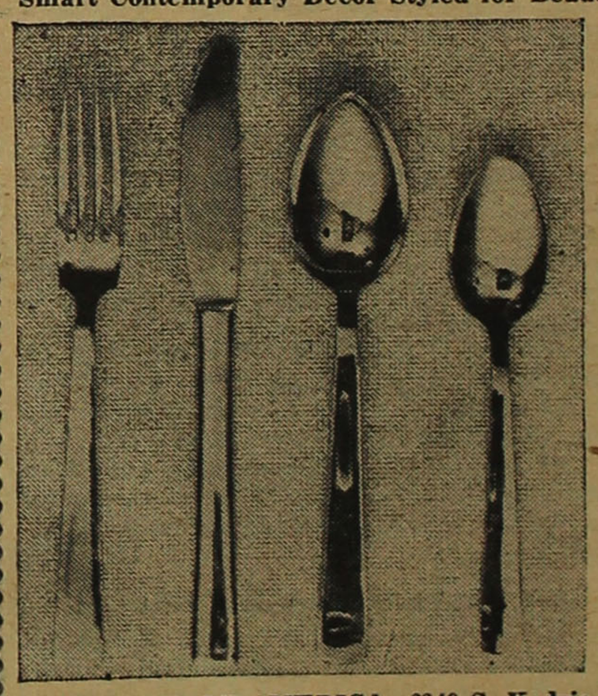

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A near 400 participated in the Bon Odori in front of the Seattle Buddhist Church last week as flock of Seafair Pageant visitors swarmed the block-long area. Pensive girl at extreme left is wearing a towel-scarf souvenir from the Nippon Maru, a four-masted bark, which was another Seafair attraction.—Ogawa Photo.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE
By Elmer Ogawa

Bon Odori Attracts

Seattle

For doing great service in representing this community in Seafair activities when it was sorely beset for sustained leadership during uncertain periods in the past, and for enterprise in building our Seafair contribution into a major attraction, a big round applause goes to the Seattle Buddhist Church and its active young people's organizations.

Last weekend, thousands of Seafair visitors, many of whom were from distant points, visited the two day Bon Odori festival, the temple, and the spacious gym attractively arranged with some 70 to 80 superlative flower arrangement exhibits, along with displays of local achievement in the arts of Japanese hand embroidered pictorials and the work of doll making hobbyists.

The steady growth of interest in this group's contribution is a solid manifestation to modern America's interest in the culture of Japan, and it is perhaps all the more significant that this and other Northwest cultural features receive such a big share of attention in a ten day Seafair period devoted so thoroughly to sports events, and the salty variety of hilarious high jinks.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL BACKGROUND

By way of background the people of this area entered into the spirit of the first Seafair at the beginning of the decade by organizing an "International Festival" which was first conceived locally by the Jackson Stret Community Council under the leadership of energetic Mrs. Ruth Manca, then executive secretary of the Council.

Mayor William F. Devin proclaimed this area to be Seattle's "International Community'; coronation balls were held in the civic auditorium, where such name bands as Tommy Dorsey and Frankie Carle appeared on successive years; Japanese, Chinese, Negro and Filipino queens and courts were enthroned; concessions and rides filled the local streets; an open air theater rendered hours of cosmopolitan entertainment—there were art exhibits also, and the Bon Odori was moved into Main Street.

After the first year, the Jackson Street Council withdrew, as the job was too much for its two person staff and limited number of member volunteers. A separate group, the International Improvement Association was formed, which, by the end of its second year blew up for plenty of reasons; internal politics, skullduggery, and financial finagling, repercussions of which are still felt, five years later.

The Negro group shifted to their "other" community on East Madison and continued with the Mardi Gras theme. The Chinese community under the able publicity-wise leadership of restaurateur Ruby Chow and Dr. Henry Luke created a "Chinatown Night" with all the Seafair pageantry moved to Chinatown for one night. The Filipino community was somehow lost in the shuffle as far as any real participation goes, although it still elected a queen.

JAPANESE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION MAINTAINED

The Japanese community, once heaviest contributors to the Festival, was left leaderless with a sour taste and dissension. Downtown Seafair officials, not wishing to lose Japanese participation, wanted to keep the Bon Odori as part of the picture. anyhow, and since this is an event put on by the Buddhist Church, it was up to them, and it is most fortunate that the church joined with the Seafair plans, even though the Bon was hereafter to be held in front of the Buddhist Church.

Another favorite was the Buddhist kindergarten drill team, made up of little 3- and 4-year-old tykes under the leadership of teacher Mrs. K. Iwami and the late Dr. K. Harada, a tender hearted Svengali of drillmaster who in some unbelievable way made a drill team of those little kids. Well, the Buddhist nursery drill team as it was sometimes called, participated in a lot of parades and civic functions, but grdually the little drill sharks grew up and lost the novelty appeal.

Replacements of one kind or another have a way of cropping up, so now it is the drum and bugle corps of Boy Scout troop 252, Buddhist Church sponsored, under the leadership of Haruo Fujino. Some thirty scouts have perfected their technique in this line well enough to draw a big hand from this year's parade viewers, and it's a sure thing they'll be going up in the world as their audience increases.

Getting back to where we started, it's with a feeling of pride and also of gratitude to realize that when the going got tough, there was one group willing and able to carry the ball, and what a whale of a job it has done.

Nisei gridders star before 85,000 fans

Three Nisei who have starred during their three years of high school football participated in the Shrine crippled children's benefit game last week before 85,000 in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Reedley's sensational halfback Larry Iwasaki toted the ball on nine tries for a total yardage of 50 for a 5.5 average for the victorious North team, which were rated underdogs at game time but turned in a bewildering 32-0 score over the South.

Iwasaki is headed for UCLA after a stint at Reedley J.C.

On the starting line-up for South were Dave Okura of Downey High and Doug Furuta of Los Angeles, a pair of fast and hefty guards.

Cincinnati Redlegs sign Nisei, plays for Mexicali

SAN FRANCISCO.—Earl Minagawa, 22-year-old Hawaiian Nisei third baseman and right fielder for the Visalia Redlegs in the California State League, has been sent to Mexicali in the Arizona-Mexico League, it was learned here last week.

Minagawa played two seasons at Santa Rosa Jr. College and was signed by Babe Pinelli of San Francisco, retired American League umpire and now Cincinnati scout, last spring.

Minagawa is 5 ft. 11 in., weighs 185 and was batting .280 for Visalia, getting 17 hits including three homers in 60 times at bat.

Puget Sound's No. 1 golf post now wide-open race

SEATTLE.—With Erv Furukawa now in Los Angeles and unable to defend his title here, the 36-hole Puget Sound Golf Club summer tournament to determine the club champion will be wide-open race.

The first round is slated for Aug. 18 at Jefferson and West Seattle courses. The Puget Sound club is also hosting the annual Northwest Open on Sept. 1 over the same links.

(Erv Furukawa won his first Southern California tournament July 28 since moving here last month by lacing a 38-37—75 for low gross honors in the first Long Beach golf club tournament at windy Meadowlark.)

Vested property—

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wartime sequestrated prop e rty have considered German and Japanese vested property as part of a single issue. Now, if for political or diplomatic considerations, the return of German properties are to be considered first or on a more 'liberal' basis than for the Japanese, JACL must, of necessity, protest such discrimination," Masaoka said.

Here in Washington, there is considerable speculation that the White House statement was timed to give support to Chancellor Adenauer's bid in next month's West Germany elections for re-election, since this question is a "hot" political one there and it is recalled that the Bonn Chancellor made quite a point of this matter with the President when he was here in Washington earlier in the year.

Masaoka declared that the JACL would watch all developments with care, since the organization has endorsed legislation for the past decade which would return this property in kind or full payment made in lieu thereof in case of liquidated holdings for both Germans and Japanese on the same basis.

He conceded that there are differences in the status of the German and Japanese cases which might make appropriate the separation of the two situations, but he insisted that no favoritism should be shown to one over the other.

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IMAI SECOND IN GREAT SALT LAKE SWIM RACE

SALT LAKE CITY.—Tooele's Tosh Imai sprinted home for second place honors, finishing behind Jerry Chadwick, in the annual Great Salt Lake swimming race July 20. Imai's time for the five-mile salty grind was 2 hrs. 18½ min.

The annual Antelope Island to Saltair race is part of the Days of '47 celebration and is run of under the auspices of the Intermountain AAU.

Nisei-headed bowling group to build alleys

SAN JOSE.—Ground was broken last week on a five-acre site on the southwest corner of Graves and Saratoga Aves. here for a $1,450,000 bowling alley equipped with 32 fully automatic lanes.

The house is scheduled for completion in December and is being developed by Stevens Creek Bowl, of which S. Stephen Nakashima is president. Gabriel Kiss, treasurer, will be house manager.

Sakaguchi Construction Co. has been named builder.

NISEI GOLFERS COMPETE IN SEAFAIR TOURNAMENT

SEATTLE.—George Okada topped the West Seattle field with a 72 gross in the Seafair men's golf tournament. Other divisional winners were Kumi Nakamura, net 66 at Jefferson; Jim Okimoto, net 66; and T. T. Nakamura, net 61 at West Seattle.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER
By Henry Mori

Nisei Week Queen

Pre-festivities to the 17th annual Nisei Week function, Aug. 17-25, came off well last Saturday when the six out of seven queen candidates in the 1957 race were feted royally at the Consul General and Mrs. Shigeru Nakamura's swank residence in Pasadena.

The locale has been the traditional site for the afternoon buffet in which the queen committee and a host of community leaders volunteered their services to make the gathering a success.

Mrs. Elsie Uyematsu, queen committee chairman, brought the members of her Junior Matrons of Montebello to act as hostesses for the occasion.

There was the So. Calif. Fujinkai, headed by Mrs. Sachiko Furusawa, preparing some osushi for the girls and the guests which numbered nearly 100.

The queen aspirants present were Keiko Kay Miwa, West Los Angeles; Mitzi Miya, Torrance; Mary Hatsuko Yoshioka, Gardena; Jean Takahashi, San Fernando Valley; Nancy Nishi, Venice; and Sumi Takemura, East Los Angeles. Missing was JoAnne Miyamoto whose rehearsal for a ballet part in "Coppelia" currently at the Greek Theatre prevented even an hour's leave. She hails from Southwest.

The men pitched in a lot to make it a gay affair. Fred Wada brought in half-passenger carload of selected fruit; George Nakatsuka had sushi and salad preparations; and George Izumi of Grace Pastry Shoppe made another large size cake for the party.

The "hard-stuff" was provided by Meijiro Sato, Willie Funakoshi, Giichi Takata, Kinkichi Shibuya and Tadanori Kato. They were well mixed by "bartender" Yoshiro Yamagishi from the Consulate's Office.

Jibo Sato, president of the So. Calif. Flower Growers Association, donated beautiful flowers, arranged by Mary Mikuriya of Bamico in Pasadena.

We'll also list the queen committee, headed by Mrs. Uyematsu: Mmes. Hatsuko Nakatsuka, Sakaye Aratani, Elaine Hori, Helen M. Matsunaga and Alice Nakagawa. Hostesses were Mmes. Martha Yamamoto, Dorothy Tsuchiya, Karie Aihara, Meiko Yamate and Hide Sasaki.

The coronation ball at the Hollywood Palladium on the night of Aug. 18 will be under the sponsorship of the Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles with Roy Hoshizaki as general chairman. He is to be assisted by Yosh Inadomi, Frank Kuramoto, Blair Fountain and Richard Kaku.

LITTLE VOICE KEEPS WHISPERING

This column never professes to be an authority on feminine pulchritude and therefore won't have six mad girls down our throat (ah, youth is a wonderful thing) but some little voice keeps on whispering into our ears: "S-U-M-I."

She, by the way, is sponsored by the East Los Angeles JACL. And that chapter's been pretty lucky with their beauty choice in other contests.

Of course, a Caucasian panel of judges may have different taste in picking a Nisei girl. One thing is sure, however. All the entrants are quite tall and they level off pretty well at about 5'3", one JACL matron with an eye for attractiveness commented.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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"pending business" by vote of the GOP-Liberal Democrat coalition, led by California Republican Knowland, it will be up to Vice President Nixon to name the conferees. Traditionally, he does this in consultation with the Majority (Texas Democrat Johnson) and Minority (Knowland) Floor Leaders. He may, however, appoint as Democratic (Majority) Party conferees civil rights advocates as opposed to those from the Deep South. In any event, he will be strictly "on the spot" since his appointments may well determine the fate of some civil rights bill this session.

And, even assuming that the House accepts the Senate version or that a House-Senate Conference agrees on a compromise, there is always a question of whether the President will sign such legislation in view of his strong comments following Senate action in interposing jury trials in contempt proceedings.

There is no question but that the civil rights issue is not yet settled, even for this congressional session.

NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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close behind with 939, followed by Chicago with 924.

SAN FRANCISCO 1000 CLUB WHING DING: You were sorely missed at the first get-together of the San Francisco 1000 Clubbers at Morton's Warm Springs. The entertainment was refreshing and original. Bill Matsumoto (NC-WNDC 1000 Club Chairman) can always call on the San Francisco hula dancers to perform at the luau he is planning for the 1000 Club Whing Ding at the NC-WNDC convention this November in Sacramento. I am sure you could have added much to the singing quality displayed by some of our over-exuberant 1000ers. Orchids to Chairman Hatsuro Aizawa and his committee for doing such a bang-up job in planning this gala affair, which ws enjoyed by some 60 Thousanders and their guests.

MANY THANKS: Have relied heavily on Yas Abiko for advice and suggestions on various problems during your absence. Lucy Adachi has been faithful about coming in after her office hours to help with the filing and she has also been taking care of our outgoing mail.

AND SPECIAL THANKS: How nice it was to have Roy Sugimoto of the SWLA Chapter and Dr. Tak Shishino, past prexy of the Venice-Culver Chapter, drop in for a visit. Besides cleaning up the Headquarters office, (dusting, scrubbing, filing, etc.), they were also good enough to wash our dirty, dirty windows.

PLEASE HURRY BACK: Have been kept busy with our regular office correspondence, and though we trust you are finally getting some relaxation and rest, we are eagerly awaiting your early return to the office. Sincerely—Daisy U.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

SAN JOSE

HANDA, Takuzo — boy Brad Kiyo, June 21.
HASHIGUCHI, Noburo — girl Lana Nobuko, June 15, Cupertino.
HIOKI, Albert S. — boy Chris M., July 15.
HIROSE, Chester A. — boy Brian D., July 5.
HOSODA, Hisashi — girl Joann Miyoko, June 5.
IDA, James N. — boy, May 27 Palo Alto.
ISHIZAKI, Henry — boy Keith, June 28.
KATASHIMA, Sawato — boy, July 15, San Martin.
KIKUCHI, Joseph — boy Steven, June 8.
KITAHARA, Arthur T. — boy James, June 4.
MIYASHIRO, Hiroshi — boy Ira C., Apr. 21.
OKAGAKI, Thomas S. — boy Michael B., May 14.
SAKAGUCHI, Shigeru — boy James B., June 27.
SAKAMOTO, Richard M.—boy Martin T., July 14.
SAKODA, Sam I. — girl Shari L., June 2.
SHIMADA, Robert — boy, June 11.
TAKIMOTO, Jr. J. — boy Martin J., May 1, Mt. View.
TSUTSUI, George S. — boy Stanley G., June 4.
UYEDA, James — boy Craig, May 29.
WAKAYAMA, George S. — girl Sandra Setsu, July 7.

SEATTLE

CHIHARA, Theodore — girl, June 7.
FUJITA, Jack — boy, June 24.
HASHIMOTO, Shigeru — boy, June 3.
KIGA, Henry — boy, June 20.
KOMOTO, James T. — boy, June 25, Kent.
KONO, Keiichiro — girl, June 3.
KOYASAKO, Jimmie — twin girl & boy, June 18.
MATSUI, Jack — boy, June 14
MATSUOKA, George — boy, June 20.
MIZUKAMI, Masatoshi — girl, June 4.
MIYAMOTO, Joe S. — boy, June 1.
MORI, Hideo — girl, June 12.
MURAKAMI, Washin — boy, July 9.
NAKASHIMA, Isao — boy, June 21.
NAKAMURA, Jimmie H. — girl, June 21.
NOMI, Jack — boy, June 1.
SAITO, Akira — girl, June 7.
SAKAGUCHI, Paul — boy, June 3.
SAKAI, Toshio — girl, June, June 24, Winslow
SUMI, Tadashi — girl, June 14.
TAMADA, Henry S. — girl, June 13.
TAKAHASHI, Kinji — girl, June 24.
YAMAMOTO, Joe — girl, June 18.
YORITA, Benjamin — girl, July 16.

NEW YORK

FURUYA, Yas — girl Diane Keiko June 17.
HAJIRO, Tokuro (Eileen Nomura) — girl Victoria, June 19.
HATA, Richard — boy Robert Hideo, June 3, Ft. Lee, N.J.
KONNO, Jimmy — boy Grant Asaju, June 8.
SASAKI, Hiro (Gail Y. Sugimoto) — girl Claire Satomi, May 28.

ENGAGEMENTS

ABBEY - NAKAGAWA — Leona L. to W. Shoji, both San Francisco.
AJIFUJI-MIYAOKA — Alice Y., Los Angeles, to Tomio, Sacramento
FUJIWARA - YORITAKE — Teruko, both San Francisco.
IKEDA-YAMASHITA — Fudge to Sab, both Los Angeles.
JUMURA-NAKANO — Chizuko, San Jose, to Jack, Gilroy.
KUBO-HASHIMOTO — Miyeko, Los Angeles, to Ted, Fresno.
MORITA-NORIKANE — Tetsuko, Sacramento, to Joe, Walnut Grove.
NITTA-NAKANO — Grace K. to Mickey, both Chicago.
OBATA - TOKUBO — Harumi, West Fresno, to Akira, Fowler.
SUGIDONO- OKINE — Alice, Watsonville, to Alfred, San Mateo.
SUGITA-NAKANO — Julia to Kojii, both Berkeley.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

BLOOM-YAMURA — Morris D., 27; Eileen M., 24, both Seattle.
FUKANO-YAMAMURA — Yoshihiko and Misao, both Hanford.
FUTABA - TAKATSUGI — Hiroshi, 33; Shiyoko, 27, both Watsonville.
HATA-OTAKE — William T., Richmond; Joanne T., Berkeley.
HATA-SASAKI — Robert N. and Thelma I., both Berkeley.
HULIHEE-TANIGUCHI — Bernard and Ingebord, both San Francisco.
ISHIMARU-MIYAKE — Satoshi and Marilyn Y., both Mountain View.
ITO-MORITMOTO — Howard, Sacramento; Yuriye, Auburn.
JOHN-HIGAKI — Clarence, 28, Chicago; Jeanne, 26, South San Francisco.
KAMADA-NISHINA — Ted M., Sacramento, Reiko, Honolulu.
KANEDA-KUWAHARA — Kay, San Francisco; Patsy, Bakersfield.
KAWAHARA-YAMAMOTO — Robert, 26; Ruth M., 21, both Seattle.
KING-NISHIGUCHI — Alvin J. and Joy C., both Reno.
KITAO-KANEKO — Tim and Tokiko, both Berkeley.
KOBAYASHI-ITOGAWA — Arthur and Keiko, both Sacramento.
KOBAYASHI-ONODERA — Richard and Jeanne, both Denver.
KURATA-CENDA — George Y., 27; Margaret M., 22, both Seattle.
MAKISHIMA-KATO — Joe, Rio Linda; Emmie, Sacramento.
MAR-NAKAGAWA — Hubert R. and Kimiko, both Fresno.
MATSUO-IDE — Hakunin and Tokiko, both Berkeley.
MAYEDA-MURATA — Tsuneo, Berkeley; Sumiko, San Francisco.
MIYANAGA-SASAKI — Frank H., San Jose; Jean F., San Francisco.
MORIYA-SHIMONO — Toshiharu and Gail S., both Sacramento.
NOMURA-NISHIKAWA — Ted T., Oakland; Mariko, San Francisco.
NOVITSKI-KUWADA — Martin (USA) Grace, San Francisco.
OBA-MYERS — Calvin and Mary E., both Denver.
OKABE-KISHIDA — Roy T. and Masa, both Seattle.
OKAMOTO-IKEDA — Takeyoshi and Fukuko, both Seattle.
OSHIRO-JAMES — Harumi, 29; Olive 21, both Seattle.
PRICE-ICHIKAWA — Charles and Haruye, both San Francisco.
SATO-ROMO — Yoshio and Mina, both Denver

'A Jap's a Jap'

BY SABURO KIDO

The Japanese ambassador to the United Nations Dr. Koto Matsudaira is reported to have said that it was all right with him if someone called him a "Jap". From his standpoint, I suppose it does not make any difference.

It does, however, make a lot of difference to those of us who are living in this country. To be called a "Jap" has been a fighting word for many persons of Japanese ancestry. We recall the days when we used to go to "bon odori" back in Hawaii. Visitors from the mainland would come and innocently mention the word "Jap", which inevitably meant a fight. And even our son had to bop his schoolmate because he was called a "Jap".

The word, "Jap", became more than ever offensive when Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, the misguided commander of the Western Defense Command, uttered the famous words, "a Jap's a Jap", during the war years immediately following our mass evacuation from the West Coast.

When the word is used jokingly amongst persons of Japanese ancestry, it carries a certain amount of sarcasm, an indignation at the word itself. We can call ourselves "Jap" but that does not mean that others can use the same term without making us feel mad. We may not fight with our fists. On the other hand, we feel we have the other party pretty well sized up with those remarks. This is how deeply most of us feel to the use of the word "Jap".

It is possible that those from Japan may think that this is an obsession with us in this country. In other words, it may sound funny to them that such a howl is being raised because a Japanese ambassador approved the use of the word.

JAPANESE VISITORS SHOULD KNOW BACKGROUND

When problems common to persons of Japanese ancestry arise, it works better if we have an understanding of the background. In this respect, it may be advisable for all Japanese leaders who come to America to read some of the materials published before, during and after the war. This is especially true with those in the Japanese diplomatic and government service in general. Inasmuch as they are the spokesmen, they should know what they are talking about.

For instance, if Ambassador Matsudaira had some knowledge of what the JACL has been working on in its campaign to eliminate the use of the word, "Jap", I am confident that he would have been in sympathy because there is a great deal more than simply the use of a word.

Only recently, one of the California textbooks came under fire because one war story used the word, "Jap", profusely. And the school authorities understood the implications and agreed to have the words changed.

TIME OPPORTUNE TO ELIMINATE 'JAP'

When the tide is running in our favor, it is the opportune time to sweep away all the things we don't like. And the use of the word, "Jap" is one of them. The disappearance of the word was one indication of the improved atmosphere. In the pre-war days, even if we had suggested the elimination of the obnoxious word, the general public would not have paid any attention. The newspaper editors would have laughed at us. Times have changed so that there is an appreciation of the sensitiveness to such nicknames or the derisive interpretation which can be read into its use.

Inasmuch as an improved condition for persons of Japanese ancestry will be reflected upon Japanese-American relations, we believe it is to the advantage of the representatives of the Japanese government to understand and cooperate with whatever movements we are sponsoring. It is not going to help any of us to have someone high in authority from Japan to contradict what we are trying to say and do.

This will not be the first time that such a thing will happen. It reminds me of the mistakes made in the past when Japanese government leaders spoke about the Nisei as if they were Japanese subjects.

It may be helpful for the Japanese government officials and leaders to read the Japanese vernaculars or the Pacific Citizen in addition to the books to keep abreast of what is transpiring so that we can cooperate and help each other. At least, they can be aware of what we are trying to do.—From "Observation", Aug. 3, 1957.

CHICAGO CORNER
By Smoky H. Sakurada

Summertime Activities

Chicago

Thousands of Japanese American families of Chicago were expected at the 10th annual community picnic last Sunday at the Northwestern Woods near Des Plaines. The affair featured square-dancing and ondo, a happy combination of adult-youngster races and a traditional finale—the tug-o'-war. The JACL was among assisting clubs.

Equally anticipated for the month of August is the joint EDC-MDC convention Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at the Sheraton Hotel. A social highlight will be the convention ball Sept. 1 with Jimmy Featherstone's 15-piece orchestra engaged to play that evening. The aggregation has played in the leading Chicago ballrooms and is a favorite at the Roseland Ballroom of New York. Dr. Joe Nakayama, convention ball committee head, will be emcee.

The mixer (Aug. 30) under chairmanship of Chiye Tomihiro will be novel, too. Three prep cheer leaders, Jeanne Karuma and Miriam Odoi of Hyde Park High School and Elizabeth Oda of Waller High, will participate in "Kick-off—New Perspectives" theme.

Another August attraction is the Midwest Buddhist Church Obon festivities this weekend. The Obon dances are scheduled tomorrow in front of their church on North Park Ave.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

The Japanese American Service Committee reported 41 referrals were made in one month among other services it provides to the community. It learned a professional employment agency protested since the JASC offered free service to the loss of their own business. Rather than curtail this community service, the group felt JASC was offering this service long before the professional agency came into existence. It was also felt that JASC's service dealt with cases which profesional agencies cannot or will not handle.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER
By Mike Masaoka

Senate Civil Rights Bill

Washington

By the time this is read, the Senate will probably have passed its first—though so-called—civil rights bill since Reconstruction Days following the War between the States some 80 years ago. This, in itself, is quite an achievement for civil rights adherents.

But, the debate is still going on as to whether the Senate-amended version of the House-approved legislation is, in fact, "better than no bill at all." And, this is a question that is sure to be mooted for many years to come, with perhaps great political implications for both parties.

'MODEST' CIVIL RIGHTS BILL OK'D BY HOUSE

The House on June 18, by a 286 to 126 margin, passed what was considered by most civil rights advocates, such as the JACL, to be a modest, moderate, yet meaningful bill that would have (1) created a temporary bipartisan civil rights commission. (2) established a civil rights division in the Department of Justice, with an Assistant Attorney General in charge, and (3) authorized the Attorney General to seek court injunctions against civil rights violations, including those relating to voting, school integration, and desegregation in public facilities and transportation. Any one cited for contempt for flouting any court order in connection with these injunctive proceedings in the name of the United States would be tried by a judge, without a jury.

Previous demands for fair employment practices, anti-poll tax, and anti-lynching assurances, among others, were not included in this "first step" Administration-backed measure.

AMENDMENTS REDUCE BILL TO VOTING RIGHTS

In the Senate, however, by last weekend when all amendments were disposed of, the bill had ben reduced to one for voting rights, in the main, with jury trials guaranteed for all criminal contempt cases, in addition to those for voting violations. At the same tme, however, uniform qualifications for federal jury service, regardless of state qualifications, was adopted, which would make Negro Americans eligible for jury service in all sections of the nation, including the Deep South.

The first Senate test was on limiting the injunctive power of the Attorney General to voting cases, and eliminating enforcement authority for school integration and other civil rights. The vote was taken on July 24, and by a 52 to 38 margin, the "crippling amendment" was approved.

The second Senate test was on the isue of jury trials. After a 14-hour session on August 2, by a 51 to 42 margin, the O'Mahoney-Kefauver-Church "jury trial" amendment passed.

HOW SENATE-AMENDED MEASURE STANDS

The amended bill that the Senate finally voted on provided (1) creation of a bipartisan civil rights commission to investigate cases of racial discrimination, but amended so that it could not use voluntary unpaid workers and whose director, appointed by the President, must be confirmed by the Senate, (2) establish a civil rights division within the Department of Justice, with an Assistant Attorney General in charge, (3) authorized the Attorney General, with or without the consent of the individual, to obtain injunctions against interferences with voting rights. Violators of injunctions could be fined or imprisoned by federal judges in case of "civil" contempt, but jury trials are provided for those charged with "criminal" contempt, and (4) uniform federal qualifications for jury service, without regard to state laws, were set up, thereby assuring all persons, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin, of the privilege of serving on federal juries.

HOPEFUL OR RESTRICTIVE?

Many of the senators who voted for the amended bill did so only because they felt that the legislation, as emasculated as it was, represented the only hope for any civil rights measure this session. Others did so on the grounds that, as weak as the Senate version was, it represented a significant, though short, first step towards the goal of civil rights for all Americans. They saw it as the initial break in the congressional barrier that had withstood all onslaughts for more than three-quarters of a century. They felt that the bipartisan civil rights commission with powers to recommend needed legislative action and the creation of a full-fledged civil rights division in the Department of Justice, with an Assistant Attorney General in charge, represented at least a hopeful beginning for federal concern in the field.

On the other hand, some civil rights champions voted against the bill in the fear that once such a restricted measure was passed it would serve as the excuse to effectively bottle up for a long time to come further efforts to strengthen the civil rights of all.

CIVIL RIGHTS STILL LIVE ISSUE

Though it may have passed the Senate, the fight, if one is to call it that, even for this "minimum" bill is not yet finished.

It has to be considered by the House, which some six weeks ago approved a radically different and more meaningful bill.

The House may consider the Senate amendments and accept them—on the theory that it will have to be this Senate bill or nothing at all this year.

Or, and more likely, the House will demand a Conference with the Senate and try to iron out the differences between the House and Senate versions. This alternative, depending upon the make-up of the Conferees, could well spell the doom of any civil rights bill this session.

Heading up the House conferees will be two champions of civil rights, Democrat Celler and Republican Keating, both of New York, the chairman and the ranking GOP member of the House Judiciary Committee. They are likely to insist at least on some restrictions to the jury trial amendment, if not to the complete withdrawal of the amendment.

On the Senate side, since the Judiciary Committees with it Southern leadership was bypassed and the House-passed bill placed directly on the Calendar where it was made the

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'That should improve your focus'

JACL ENDORSES ADMINISTRATION MOVE TO CHANGE IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON.—Following testimony by an Administrative spokesman urging consideration of amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League called upon the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization to act upon needed corrective legislation this session prior to adjournment.

Deputy Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers testified July 30 before the Senate subcommittee urging the enactment of the Administration's interim program for bringing the nation's immigration statutes up to date in the light of world tensions and America's leadership of the free world.

The JACL specifically endorsed provisions in the Administration bill which (1) would increase the number of annual quota immigrants by basing the increases on the Census of 1950, as against that of 1920 currently in use, and by the actual immigration from various countries since July, 1924, to December, 1955; (2) would allow the use of unused quotas placed into regional quota pools by preference immigrants; (3) would authorize the admission of 5,000 orphan children; and (4) would eliminate the so-called mortgages against future immigration.

563 as Japan Quota

By using the revised formula of the Administration for determining annual quota immigration, the Washington JACL Office estimated that some 563 quota immigrants would be eligible for visas from Japan every year, instead of the current 185.

By pooling unused annual quotas on a regional basis, it was thought that within a few years the alien parents, and immediate blood relatives of American citizens and the alien blood relatives of resident aliens would be able to come to the United States, whereas under the present statute well over a decade may pass before the alien parents and close blood relatives of citizens and the spouses, parents, and brothers and sisters of resident aliens may be eligible for preference visas from Japan.

By authorizing the admission of orphan children adopted by United States citizens, many innocent victims of war and its aftermath will be afforded the opportunity of growing up and living in America.

Eliminate Mortgages

By eliminating the mortgages against future quotas, Japan's annual quotas of 185 could be used in its entirety. At the present time, only about half the quota is available every year to applicants for immigration in Japan because charges up to one-half the quota against future quotas are made for those who change their immigration status in the United States from that of temporary visitors, or "illegal" entrants, etc., to that of permanent residents.

While endorsing the President's proposed changes in the Walter-McCarran Act, the Washington JACL office explained that it was not optimistic about congressional approval for such amendments this session.

Chairman of the subcommittee on Immigration, as well as of the parent Judiciary committee, is James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), a consistent opponent of revisions in the current law.

Washington JACL Office helps check on Nisei casualties in Mexico earthquake

WASHINGTON.—Last week the Washington JACL Office was checking possible Nisei casualties in the earthquake in the Mexico City area.

When parents of Nisei visiting and vacationing in the Mexico City area during the earthquakes there failed to hear from them, telephone calls were made to the Washington JACL office, with the request that the Special Consular Service of the State Department be asked to contact the American Embassy and the Consulate General in Mexico City to locate the missing Nisei and to determine whether they had suffered any injuries.

No Casualties Reported

In every case, the Washington office was able to report that no Nisei or American casualties resulted from the earthquakes.

In most cases involving Nisei, since they did not report to or contact the American Consulate or Embassy in Mexico City on their arrival, the United States officials had to locate the Nisei from possible addresses given by their parents.

According to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative this was the first time in which his office had been requested to make such inquiries but it did illustrate the usefulness of an office in the nation's capital to cope with emergency situations such as earthquake information.

JACL disappointed over White House view on vested prop.

WASHINGTON. — Disappointment over the White House statement regarding its plan to submit to the 1958 Congress a supplementary program for settlement of German vested property in the United States was expressed this week by the Japanese American Citizens League.

The White House on July 31 issued a press release in which it announced that "the Administration intends as a matter of priority to submit to the Congress, early in the coming session, a supplementary plan" which "would provide for the payment in full of all legitimate war claims of Americans against Germany and would permit, as an act of grace, an equitable monetary return to former owners of vested assets."

The statement concluded with the sentence: "It is hoped that it will also be possible to work out a final solution of the Japanese vested assets problem for presentation to the next session of Congress."

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, commented that the White House statement indicates that Japanese interests were not consulted or advised of the negotiations and discussions on the final settlement of the vested property problem and that it appears that the ultimate solutions contemplate a separation of the German and Japanese questions.

Protest Separation

'Up to this time, the Administration and all bills on this subject of resolving the problem of

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Asakai replies —

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are hopeful that your Ministry will make clear to the press, radio and television, as well as to the American public generally, that the Japanese government officially objects to the use of the word 'Jap.' We are also hopeful that all officials of the Foreign Ministry who are hereafter assigned to this country will be specifically briefed on the connotations of the word 'Jap' in the American and English language."

The letter to John Wingate concluded: "If there is an opportunity, we know that there are many Americans of Japanese ancestry who are willing and eager to appear on your (Nightbeat) program to express our sentiments in regard to racial slurs against any nationality group in the United States and elsewhere in the world. We believe that such indulgence is harmful to our national interests and to international good relations."

The covering letter to Ambassador Matsudaira simply expressed JACL's resentment over his "ready acceptance" of the racial slur "Jap," "a term which we find insulting, degrading, and in exceeding 'bad taste'."

CALENDAR

Aug. 11 (Sunday)

Salt Lake City — Summer Outing, Lindsey Gardens, M and 9th Ave., 2 p.m.

NC-WNDC — Summer Quarterly, Mark Thomas' Inn; 11:30 a.m., regis.; 12:30-3, business; 5:30, banquet. Golf, 7 a.m., at Del Monte.

San Francisco — Chapter bowling tournament, Downtown Bowl, 1 p.m.

Richmond-El Cerrito — Community picnic, Marsh Creek.

Aug. 14 (Wednesday)

Southwest L.A. — Golf Clinic, Centenary Methodist Church, 3 p.m.; Harry Bassler and Grabel Duvall, spkrs.

Aug. 15 (Thursday)

Pasadena — Brewery tour, Pabst's, Los Angeles.

Aug. 18 (Sunday)

PSWDC — Summer Quarterly, Hollywood JACL hosts.

East Los Angeles — Fishing derby, Joe Martin's Landing (22nd St.), San Pedro, aboard Emerald.

D.C. — Annual picnic.

Philadelphia — Chapter outing.

Aug. 20 (Tuesday)

Pasadena — Cabinet meeting, Joe Kuramoto's

Aug. 24 (Saturday)

Twin Cities — Steak Fry.

Aug. 25 (Sunday)

Monterey Penisula — JACL Barbecue, Big Sur State Park

Portland - Gresham - Troutdale —Dinner honoring ex-Gov. Sprague, Salem.

Aug. 31 (Saturday)

Orange County — JAYs picnic, Irvine Park.