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FORMATION OF JACL CHAPTER IN HAWAII PROPOSED

PSWDC to Study
Several Resolutions at
Gardena May 19-20

GARDENA.—Serious deliberation on several resolutions to be presented to the National Council can be expected at the Pacific Southwest District Council pre-convention rally here next weekend, May 19-20.

Among the resolutions to be presented at the PSWDC Rally is one to be presented by the Hollywood Chapter urging the entrance of JACL into Hawaii.

Such a move would prove a breakthrough for JACL, with the vast potential there, the Hollywood chapter will state.

With the mainland United States now having roughly the same Japanese population as Hawaii, and with 85 chapters in the continental United States, the potential in Hawaii can readily be seen, the Hollywood chapter will state. The PSWDC will be urged to adopt the measure for presentation at the National convention.

DC chairman Mas Hironaka, in announcing the schedule, said other resolutions being offered include: 1. Proposing the Convention Credentials Committee honor chapters in good standing which are not in arrears of National or district assessments by convention time rather than Sept. 30 as provided in the Constitution.

2. Uniform chapter election procedures, suggesting new officers be installed by Dec. 1 so that membership drive commences before Jan. 1.

3. Matters for consideration of National Council be in writing at least 60 days prior.

4. Converting 1000 Club memberships gradually from fiscal to calendar year basis, same "cut-off" date on PC as regular memberships.

Business sessions will commence at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Western Club Cafe, 15516 S. Western. Evening will feature the convention daily speaker at 7, followed by the dance at 9:30. The Nisei Relays queen will be crowned at the dance.

The business sessions continue Sunday morning from 10 till noon, adjourning for luncheon and district oratorical contest. The Sunday meeting locale will be Rose Lanes Bowl, 2030 W. Rosecrans.

Delegates are offered a \$9 package deal covering registration (\$1), banquet (\$4), dance (\$3.50) and luncheon (\$2). Pre-registrations will be Wednesday, May 16, was urged by Ronald Shiozaki, rally chairman.

Washington Newsletter: Congressional Contests

By Mike M. Masaoka

Washington, D.C.

THIS IS the season for primary elections to determine major party candidates for this November's congressional contests for the 435 seats in the national House of Representatives. This past Tuesday five states held their primaries. Previously, six other states had held their primary elections. Many others are due to hold theirs soon.

Although it has been traditional that the dominant party loses seats in the so-called non-presidential year elections, there are more uncertainties this year than ever.

To begin with, it is difficult to assess what the net results of the congressional redistricting caused by the population changes evidenced by the 1960 Census will be.

Then, there is no telling what will happen as a consequence of the recent United States Supreme Court decision that the courts may intervene in reapportionment and redistricting matters where injudicious discrimination against urban voters is apparent.

And, as in the Eisenhower era, there is a question as to whether a popular President may transfer his personal popularity to various congressional candidates.

AT THE moment, the Democrats hold a 263 to 174 seat margin in the House of Representatives. Because Alaska and Hawaii became states before the 1960 Census was taken, there are now two more seats than are provided for the House by law. These two extra seats will be eliminated after this session of the Congress and the House will return to its 435-seat membership beginning next year.

A nation-wide survey by a usually reliable source resulted in the following tabulation: safe Democratic seats—194; leaning Democratic—42; safe Republican seats—117; leaning Republican—44; and toss-ups—38.

By dividing the undecided districts evenly between the two parties, it would result in some 255 Democratic members and 180 Republicans in the next or 88th Congress, which convenes next January. While this would mean a net gain of six for the GOP, control of the House would remain in Democratic hands. To gain control of the House, the Republicans would have to pick up 44 seats.

On the other hand, though nominal control might be retained by the Democrats, the loss of six to ten seats could create considerable difficulty for the Kennedy Administration. Several key votes in the present Congress have been extremely close. For example, Administration Democrats were able to defeat the Conservative Republican-Southern Dixie coalition for control of the powerful House Rules Committee by only five votes early in 1961.

Wins railroad scholarship

SPOKANE.—Kenneth Kosai, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kiso Kosai, E367 Seventh, is one of three winners of \$3,000 college scholarships awarded each year to sons of the employees of the Great Northern Railway. He is a student at Lewis and Clark High School and plans to major in chemical engineering.

Rev. Kuroda, D.C. JACLer, accepted as first Japanese American Unitarian minister

WASHINGTON.—When the Board of Trustees of world-famed All Souls Unitarian Church of Washington unanimously accepted Rev. Andrew Yoshinobu Kuroda into its ministry, he became the first Unitarian minister of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

He is the fourth Japanese to be accepted into the Unitarian ministry, the other three serving the two Unitarian churches in Japan.

Rev. Kuroda was born in Yokosuka, Japan, 52 years ago. His father was a Presbyterian minister who served as a kind of unofficial chaplain to Japanese naval personnel at that base. A graduate with a degree in literature of the Meiji Gakuin College in Tokyo in 1933, he attended Auburn Theological Seminary in New York, receiving his Bachelor of Theology degree in 1937. He received his Master's degree from the Biblical Seminary, also in New York, the next year. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in 1937.

Pastor at Wapato After receiving his Master's degree, he accepted assignment as pastor of the Wapato (Wash.) Japanese Methodist Church in 1938. In 1941, he became the pastor of the Japanese Community Church at Salem, Oregon. The next year, he was evacuated to the Tule Lake (Calif.) War Relocation Center. From April 1943 to July 1944, he attended the Univ. of Michigan Army Language School, then joined the Office of Strategic Services, where he performed such important missions that his work is still classified secret. Following the Japanese surrender, he became a member of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey team.

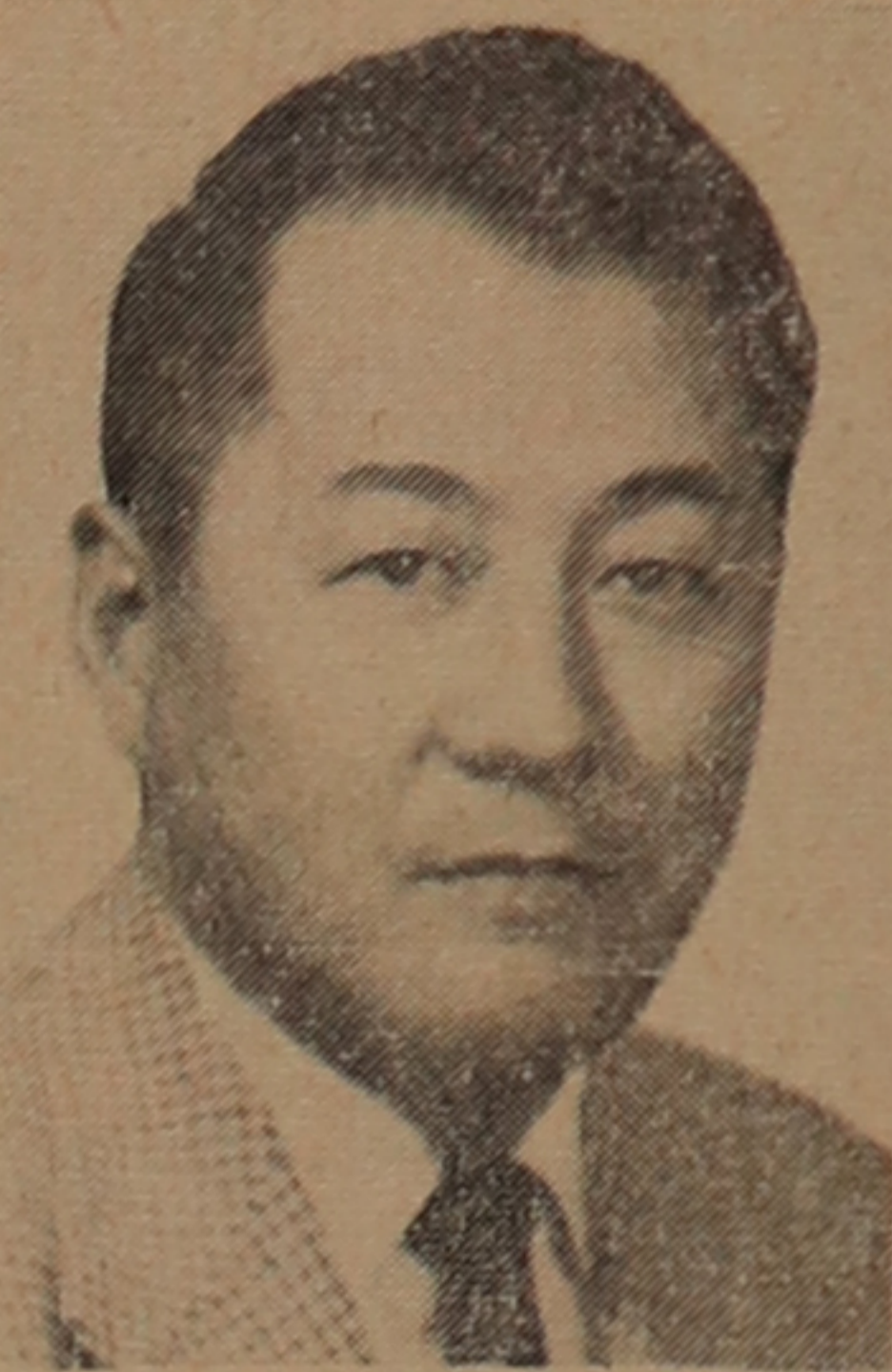
In April 1946, he was employed by the Library of Congress, a position which he retains to this day. When he came to Washington, he organized the Japanese Christian Fellowship in order that Issei and others might enjoy Christian fellowship together.

This Japanese Christian Fellowship is being dissolved as of May 31, when Rev. Kuroda's resignation as its head becomes effective. He was accepted unanimously last month (April) by the Board of Trustees of the All Souls Unitarian Church, which has been a leader in the nation's capital in the battle for civil rights and human dignity for all Americans for many years, long before other Christian denominations became active in the field.

Rev. Kuroda hopes to organize the first Japanese-speaking Unitarian fellowship in the United States. A naturalized American, he has been active in the local JACL, officiating at such historic events as the interment of the first Nisei war heroes to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Rev. Kuroda is married to the former Julia Noda of Livingston, Calif. The Kurodas have two sons, Francis O., a junior at Franklin and Marshall College, and Arden S., a sophomore at the Univ. of Maryland.

Pat Okura first nominee for president, Mt. PDC candidate



K. PATRICK OKURA
Up for JACL Presidency

DENVER.—K. Patrick Okura of 2604 Garden Rd., Omaha, Neb., has been nominated for the national presidency of the Japanese American Citizens League by the Mountain-Plains JACL district, according to word received from Betty Suzuki, national nominations committee member and Mt.-Plains JACL district nominations chairman.

Okura has a record of almost 20 years of continuous service to the JACL, serving as a JACLer since 1934. He was executive secretary of the Los Angeles JACL chapter in 1936. Okura was the first president of the Omaha JACL in 1947 and 1948, and the first district chairman of the Mountain-Plains JACL district council in 1949-51.

He has served as Chairman of the National Public Relations Committee of the JACL in 1950-52, and in 1960-62, as well as being Chairman of the National Planning Committee in 1958-60.

Okura has been elected to the National JACL Board on three occasions, serving as 3rd Nat'l Vice-President in 1950-52; 2nd Nat'l Vice-President during 1952-54; and is now the incumbent 1st Nat'l Vice-President for the term of 1960-62.

Civic Leader Because of his activities, as a civic leader, he has been honored by the National JACL, receiving the JACL Distinguished Achievement Award at the San Francisco Nat'l JACL Convention in 1952, and also the Mountain-Plains JACL's Community Service Award at the district convention in Denver, Colorado in 1959.

In Omaha, he has been a member and officer of the local Rotary Club, the Omaha Urban League, state president of the Nebraska Welfare Association, the Governor's Committee on Youth, vice-president of the Nebraska Assn. of Child Care Institutions, president of the Centennial Toastmasters Club, recipient of the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Man in Government" Award, awarded a life membership in the Nebraska PTA Congress, subject of newspaper special feature articles for work with juvenile delinquents, and has worked as chairman for Boy Scouts at Father Flanagan's Boys Town.

K. Patrick Okura is a psychologist by training, receiving both his BA and MA from the Univ. of California at Los Angeles in the early 1930's. While at UCLA he lettered in baseball, and was also president of Psi Chi (honorary psychology) at UCLA. He was the first Nisei to ever receive a varsity letter in a major sport at UCLA.

After his graduation from UCLA, Okura was employed as executive secretary of the JACL, Los Angeles chapter, and went into civil service with Los Angeles county. Until evacuation in 1942, he was personal secretary to the Japanese American Citizens League.

7 Japan governors due for 1-day visit LOS ANGELES.—Seven Japanese prefectural governors will stop one day (tomorrow) in California as part of a nation-wide tour. Governor Brown announced this week.

Arriving via Japan Air Lines at 7:55 a.m., at International Airport, the visiting governors will breakfast at the Beverly-Hilton, visit Seibu Department Store, have luncheon at Disneyland's Red Wagon Inn and meet with civic leaders in the late afternoon at Consul General Matao Uriu's residence in Pasadena.

The governors will be guests of Walter O'Malley for supper at the Dodger Stadium Club and then watch the Angels and White Sox play.

The Japanese governors are returning the visit paid by a group of eight U.S. governors last month.

Illinois Sansei wins PTA scholarship

CHICAGO.—Gail Katagiri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Katagiri, 241 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling, Ill., and a senior student of Arlington Prospect High School, was selected as the 1962 winner of the Illinois District 21 Congress of Parents and Teachers "Golden Jubilee Scholarship."

The award, given in four \$250 amounts, is limited to senior students who plan a career in teaching. Winners must teach for two years in Illinois after graduation from college.

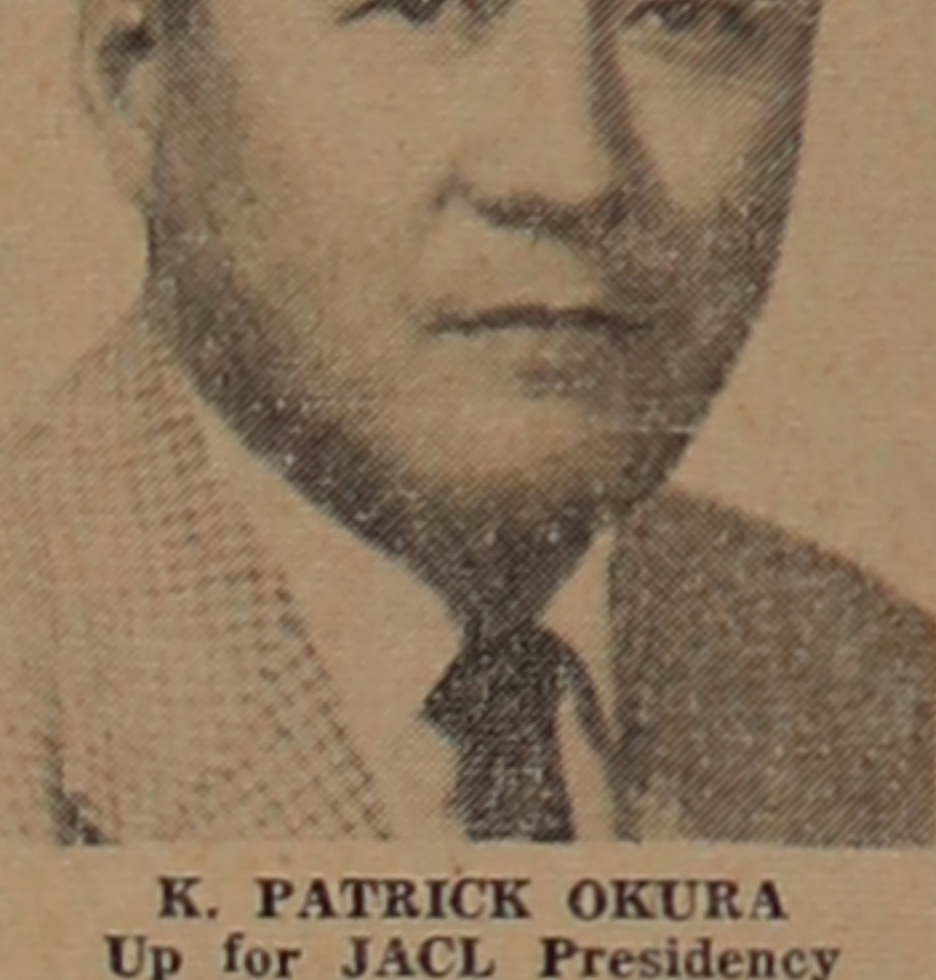
The PTA Golden Jubilee scholarship fund is a joint project of 138 PTA units of this District. One future teacher is given a scholarship from each of the 38 PTA districts in the state each year.

One of 15 applicants from eight high school districts, Gail was presented to over 250 representatives of the Parent Teacher Associations.

Miss Katagiri plans to enter Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, this fall to prepare for a career in secondary education in the field of history or foreign language.

Besides ranking Number One in her class at Prospect High, Gail holds office in the National Honor Society and Spanish Club, is staff member on the school newspaper and yearbook and is an alternate on the varsity cheerleading squad.

HISTORY PROJECT FUND CLIMBS PAST MARK OF \$62,000



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Two More \$1,000 Donations Acknowledged from San Franciscans

SAN FRANCISCO.—Another \$10,165.66 in contributions and pledges to the Japanese History Project was acknowledged this week by National JACL Headquarters. The current grand total as of this date is \$62,500.13.

The California Flower Market of San Francisco, Sam Sakai, president, and Otigiri Mercantile Co., Goro Otigiri, president, each contributed \$1,000.

Mosaburo Shinoda of San Leandro and Mas Yonezuma of Berkeley were both \$500 contributors in the latest report.

The national goal of \$100,000 by June 1 appears to be in the realm of possibility, according to Sim Togasaki, national chairman of the History Project fund drive.

With the announcement last week of joint sponsorship of the writing of the history of Japanese in America: 1860-1960 by the Univ. of California at Los Angeles and the Japanese American Citizens League, Togasaki said the campaign was given a significant boost.

The contributions acknowledged this week are as follows:

CHICAGO JACL (Previously Reported \$5,377) \$500—Albert and Mary Koga, Masato Tamura, Charles Yamashiki, the Kitakata Family: Mr. and Mrs. George Kameluchi, Mr. and Mrs. George Joji, and Robert S. Yoda; \$250—Mrs. Kenji Nakane, Misses Moto, Sumi and Kiyo Kobayashi (in memory of parents); \$100—Mrs. Etsuko Nishimura, Frank J. Fukuda, Takaharu Kishi, and Mrs. Yatsuo Nakata (in memory of father Yasuji Ike); \$50—Mrs. Michio Yamada.

CONTRA COSTA JACL (Previously Reported \$328) \$100—J. Oishi Nursery (Joe, Tom and George Oishi, Sugihara Nursery); \$75—Mr. and Mrs. Eizo Oshima; \$50—Miyamoto Nursery (Richard Miyamoto, Jun Honda); \$25—Mr. and Mrs. Toshiro Nabeta; \$25—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Serata; \$15—Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Yasuda; \$10—Mr. and Mrs. Shig Hoku, George Nakamura, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yamashita, Haru Mayeda, Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Mayeda, Mrs. Masa Kawai, Mr. and Mrs. K. Higashi;

\$25—Mr. and Mrs. Eichi Nakazono, Kiyoshi G. Nakagawa, Roy S. Tashino, Frank Wada, Mr. and Mrs. George Egashira, Mr. and Mrs. George Wada, Mr. and Mrs. Takeuchi, William Hirano, Mr. and Mrs. William Shimamoto, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Y. Mizutani; \$10—Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Seiji, Mrs. Yo Doi; \$5—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sahara; \$5—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tekawa, Beth Yamashiki. (Total This Report \$600)

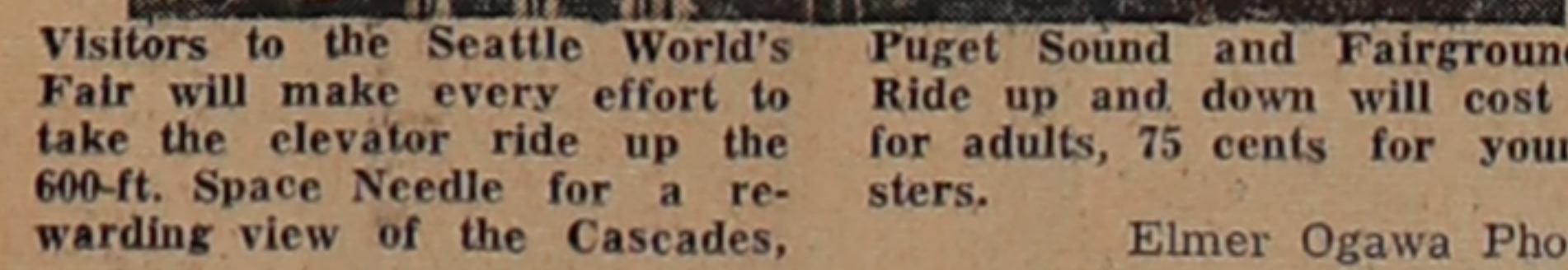
CORTEZ JACL \$25—Sam Kuwahara; \$25—Ernest Yoshida; \$20—Hiro Asai, Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Asai, Yoshio Asai, Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Baba, Harry Kajioka, K. Kajioka, H. Kajioka, Mark Kamiya, Yoshio Kubo, Ben Kumimoto, Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru Miyamoto, Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Miyamoto, Ken Miyamoto, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morimoto, Saburo Narita, S. Okamura, Sakaguchi, G. Sakaguchi, Sakaguchi, Y. Sufura, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taniguchi, K. Taniguchi, W. 1111 a m Taniguchi, Don Toyoda, K. O. S. I. Yamamoto, Peter Yamamoto, K. Yamaguchi, Frank Yoshida; \$15—Masuda, George Yuge; \$10—Tak Date, Fred Kajioka, Shizuma Kubo, Mae Sakaguchi, T. Sugiyama, Jim Yamaguchi, Takao Yotsuba; \$5—Mrs. Mabel A. Yoneyama, Frank-in Baba; \$5—Isamu Nakamura; \$250—Jiro Yotsuya. (Total This Report \$745)

IMPERIAL VALLEY JACL \$42—Chapter Members. LOS ANGELES (Previously reported \$5,332) \$100—James Watanabe; \$100—Soy Takechi, Kenichi Yokogawa. (Continued on Page 3)

PC PROBLEM PEOPLE: FIRST NAME SWITCHERS The PC Circulation Manager asks JACL membership solicitors their cooperation in the matter of signing up renewals. The name of the renewing member, who is on the PC mailing list, should be the same as that appearing on the address label of the paper currently being received.

The switching of names from English to Japanese and vice-versa has created quite a problem for the Circulation staff.

'Nihonmachi' meeting SAN FRANCISCO.—The United Committee for the Japanese Community (Nihonmachi) will meet Monday, May 14, at the 1830 Street St. NWCA from 7:45 p.m.; it was announced by Chairman S. Togasaki, to adopt a constitution as well as confirm the enlarged Executive Board. The final draft of the Articles will be presented by the rules committee chairman Masao Satow.



By the Board
By Frank Hattori, Nat'l 1000 Club Chairman

HELLO, THOUSANDERS

Seattle
A "red carpet" welcome awaits you at the 17th Biennial national convention. Seattle JACL is preparing diligently the greatest convention program amid the excitement of the World's Fair and the annual Seafair frolics. . . . But make your hotel reservations now and register early.

SPACE NEEDLE

A fine example of our convention theme—To Bridge and to Build—is that Space Needle at the World's Fair. Standing at the foot of this massive structure, you will marvel at its great beauty and the concrete strength of the trunk almost tells the story of our wonderful Organization and the reasons for existence.

Now, like the Space Needle, national JACL is deeply rooted and stands firm . . . the concrete pillars that form the trunk of the Needle reminds us of the growth of the 1000 Club . . . in the Eye of the Space Needle, we visualize the faithful 86 member chapters huddled there . . . from the top of the Needle or the Observatory, we scan a horizon clear of Alien Land Laws . . . the Flaming Torch like Japanese History Project, is dedicated to our parents . . . and in the Space Needle elevators can be seen our Jr. JACLers.

I'm not that poetic, but come to the 17th Biennial—you may feel the same way about that Space Needle as I did.

SHOOT FOR TWO

We're still shooting for two—2,000 Thousanders by convention time. Like the concrete pillars of the

Space Needle, the 1000ers support the National Budget of \$100,000 by one-half.

We appeal to the chapter and district leadership, 1000 Club chairmen everywhere, to call back those Thousanders who did not mean to lapse. According to the latest statistics (April 1), there were 1,038 lapsed members—who, if they register now, could help meet our Shoot for Two goal easily. As of April 30, there were 1,516 paid-up members and 19 chapters, which had met or exceeded their goals (shame on the other 67).

We still offer the \$10 down, \$5 quarterly payment plan if it'll be easier to send in the \$25 a year. You not only help others by supporting the JACL program as a 1000er but also yourself.

WHING DING

Final note—and this is my last "By the Board" before the Convention—on the Whing Ding . . . Mark your convention calendar: July 28, Saturday night, for an exciting get-together. Bring along your skits and talent to help make this an evening of fun, laughs and merriment. And bring along a prospect, too, for that'll make us very happy.

See you at the Convention, 2,000 strong.

Coupons for silverware being saved for JACL hall

POCATELLO.—The Pocatello JACLers are saving "Betty Crocker" coupons for silverware, which are to be used in the proposed Pocatello JACL hall. And to help buy dishes, the women had a potluck supper last week preceding the general chapter meeting.

Ham was served at \$1.25 per plate. Another potluck supper this summer is now being contemplated along with other fund-raising projects.

Greets new students CLEVELAND.—Janet Kadowaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kadowaki, was recently chosen New Student Program coordinator at Kent State University to orient incoming students. She is a candidate for corresponding secretary of Associated Women Students, Alpha Chi Omega vice-president and dormitory secretary.

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Guest Columnist:

History Project Doubts Removed

BY TOARU ISHIYAMA

Cleveland
During National JACL President Frank Chuman's recent visit here a clear picture of the status of the History of the Japanese in America Project was evolved. A clear elucidation of the project was indeed timely, in view of the confusion and even hostility which existed in Cleveland.

While glowing reports of the support given the project by other communities were being received, the reaction in Cleveland was one of doubt, criticism, and a sitting-on-hands approach. Indeed, the question was legitimately aimed at Cleveland, "Are you with us or against us?"

What were the bases for the objections and the passive hostility? One might, if one did not know the background of the resistance, speculate that the resistance was the usual resistance to giving.

We believe that such was not the case. It is true that logical explanations of objections are often mere rationalizations, but we sincerely believe that the tightness of the pocketbook was not a crucial variable.

Then, were we against the philosophy and goals of the project itself? Here again the answer is in the negative. The value of a valid and comprehensive history of the Japanese in this country would be extremely high, not only in terms of service to scholars and to the public in general, but also in terms of returns for ourselves and our progeny. Then, why the negativity?

Three Factors Emerge
An objective analysis of the situation would reveal, we believe, the emergency of three factors as the crucial and relevant points of departure.

First, there were real doubts as to the ability of the JACL to successfully carry out the project. A project of the magnitude of the proposed history cannot be carried out overnight and without experience. An organization must be established, if only to carry out the administrative aspects of the project. Technicians must be hired and trained. Material must be anticipated and bought; equipment for the processing and storing of data must be obtained.

Even from our limited knowledge and experience in the field of research, the three years generally given as the period of the project seemed unrealistic.

We had seen too many projects flounder in administrative red-tape and rigamarole. When one is starting from scratch, one year is not an unrealistic period to allot to the mere establishment of the machinery of research. Consequently, the \$100,000 goal seemed rather naive.

Of course, there was talk about getting a grant from some foundation. The approach is good, but here again, from the vantage point of our limited knowledge, we doubted that substantial grants would be given to a concern which had not even gotten off the ground.

Affiliation with or a cooperative venture with a university was also talked about, but very indefinite. In other words, everything was very vague and based upon too many "ifs."

One Doubt Eliminated
Consequently, it seemed to us that the only sure thing was to think in terms of complete and sole responsibility. This would then bring the budget close to \$300,000.

This, then, gave rise to our second crucial point of departure. If the JACL were to undertake the project in its entirety, this might mean that the project would become the primary issue for the next three to five years, not only financially but also with regard to energy and focus.

This seemed particularly imminent in view of the instructions to the chapters to select interviewers, data collectors and the like (perhaps not in so many words, but in intent).

In the first place it seemed to us that the project would become a Roman Holiday for amateur sleuths, sociologists and researchers (and we are of course as amateurish as the rest of the rank and file) rather than a high-level research project.

In the second place, this would necessitate a great deal of man-hours and focus. This, we felt, would be extremely harmful to the progress of the JACL in the long run.

It would make the project serve

DEATHS

Iscye, Taro, 78; San Francisco, Mar. 29.
Okamoto, Harry Y., 49; Pasadena, Apr. 15.
Y. Heek, James, Jack, George, (s) Mary Funakoshi.
Otsu, Takao, 42; Chicago, Jan. 21.
Suzuki, (s) Sumio, (s) Martin.
Kometsu, Kizo, 57; Marengo, Ill., Feb. 3.
Shimomura, Torakichi, 72; Chicago, Feb. 16.

Round 1: The PC Debate

How many rounds this "PC Debate" will last is anyone's guess.

Now that PC with Membership has been in force a full year, re-enters its second year, reactions to the pair of commentaries printed below will be most welcome.

We were motivated by the hope that JACLers would be jarred into thinking what PC's role should be in explicit terms.

We also invite JACLers to offer their comments on matters to be presented to the National Council.

If this week's all-time high of 227 column inches of advertising is indicative of things to come for the Pacific Citizen, the day is not far when 6 pages will be published. This would allow full coverage of JACL chapter, district and national news as well as news of general Nisei interest. —Editor.

FOR A BETTER PC

Inasmuch as the Mile-Hi JACL Board officially noted complaints against the Pacific Citizen at its last Board meeting on Apr. 3, 1962, despite the fact that I mentioned it in a memorandum to Mas Satow, believe that in all fairness, I should communicate these complaints directly to the Pacific Citizen.

The complaints of the Mile-Hi JACL Board, membership solicitors, and members are something as follows:

1. Make-up and writing of the Pacific Citizen is exceedingly poor, and of no interest to the general membership. The articles apparently seem to most readers in this area to be re-hash of articles previously written and published. The complaint is that news is not attractively presented, nor interestingly written.

The further complaint is that the P.C. over-emphasizes the negative, and is always crying about discrimination and tends to make it appear that everything is against the AJAs. This is a question of emphasis, of course, but the complaint has been made that the PC emphasizes too much the negative aspects of AJA relationships.

No Local Color
2. Complaint has been made that there is nothing of local interest. The fault here lies partially with the local chapters, of course, but we have found depending upon volunteers is an absolutely impossible method of trying to put out a newspaper. Assigned responsibility to volunteers will not answer this criticism, for if the PC is to publish the news of interest to various areas, there must be some mechanism set up to get that news out.

3. Membership solicitors have found mention of the P.C. in attempts to get memberships have backfired. They are asked if they don't get the P.C. (and they emphatically state they don't want it — they don't read it anyway), couldn't the dues be reduced. Our membership solicitors have found that it is better not to mention "P.C. with membership" to get local JACL memberships.

Not Fulfilling Role
We can only conclude that the Pacific Citizen is not fulfilling its function as a membership publication, based upon the formal complaints that have come in to the local chapter.

I realize that the foregoing criticisms seem terribly harsh, but we also need to deal with the realities of reaction from our members. In general, I am inclined to agree with the criticisms made.

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It is further my personal feeling that the JACL, if it is to continue as a national organization, needs to have a regular publication. But, if the publication is not serving its purpose, then it needs to be improved. If this requires more money and more effort, then it is my opinion that the money should be raised.

Solution Unknown
I do not pretend to know the solution to the problem. Admittedly, more staff is essential for successful operation of the P.C.

We had been advised that moving the P.C. to Los Angeles would result in tremendous advertising incomes so that the P.C. would actually become a money-making asset for the JACL. We do not believe that this has transpired.

We believe that the JACL membership is docile enough to accept "P.C. with membership" without raising too much outcry, because of loyalties to the JACL. We do not agree that P.C. has made the membership drives easier—at least in this region. It has, in some cases, made the membership drives more difficult in this region.

These thoughts are being sent to Pacific Citizen, because they represent some of the thinking of the JACLers in this region.
MINORU YASUI
Denver.

IN REPLY
As Chairman of the Pacific Citizen Board, I welcome Mountain Plains District Council Chairman Min Yasui's letter of April 27. Such criticism serves to keep the Board and Staff on their toes and most certainly will jar us out of any complacency that some of us may have acquired.

In this respect, criticisms are far more effective than words of appreciation or praise. Not as an excuse, but as an explanation, we should note that the Editorial "Staff" consists of one man.

The Business Manager, who doubles as Regional Director, gives us perhaps one-quarter of his time. Our Circulation Department consists of one girl with occasional part-time student help. This is the entire Pacific Citizen "staff". Under these conditions we are publishing the largest vernacular in the continental United States.

The Pacific Citizen Board itself is composed of volunteers. We meet with far greater regularity and frequency than any other committee or Board in the National JACL. And we have been doing this for a decade. The Board itself is not an "operating" board but serves as a policy making and supervisory body. The Staff, limited as it is, carries out the actual operations involved in publication and distribution.

And now to answer Mr. Yasui's complaints:
(1) "Make-up and writing is extremely poor—paper not interesting." We grant there is much room for improvement. Our Editor is dependent upon news and arti-

cles which are channeled to him through various sources: Chapters, districts, headquarters, Washington Office, chapter newsletters, National Board and Staff, regional writers. Only a few professional writers are paid.

To be sure, more effective punctuation, correction of errors, punctuation, grammar, etc. can and should be done. But at the same time, the Editor is dependent almost wholly upon the sources mentioned for his materials, hence to some degree these original sources too must write with fresher, more interesting and more challenging views. Obviously it is impossible for the PC Board to proof-read each issue before it goes to press.

(2) "PC overemphasizes the negative aspects." If this is so, then it must be said that JACL does almost always get these negative reflecting official JACL policy. The PC Board itself has limited policy making powers for it is subservient to the general policies of the national organization.

(3) "There is nothing of local interest." I differ with Mr. Yasui's reasoning here, for I feel that if there is nothing of local interest, then local people are to blame. Local chapters who submit stories almost always get these printed. Those who do not—do not. It is as simple as that. Blame for local indifference should not be foisted upon the PC. Further, PC was never intended to take the place of local JACL Newsletters.

Do Without PC
(4) Denver area solicitors, according to Mr. Yasui, have run into the problem of members who wish to join the JACL at reduced rates and do without the P.C.

If this is so, and there are enough JACL members who feel this way, they can, of course, rescind the action taken by the National Council at the 1960 Convention. However, the advantages of "PC with membership" are so overwhelming that it would seem to this writer that such a movement would gain very little support among informed JACLers. These advantages are:

A. Interesting or not, the members must learn at least something about their organization through the Pacific Citizen. If, as Mr. Yasui contends, they are not interested enough to read the PC, perhaps their interest in the JACL is of equal caliber. In contrast to this viewpoint, I have received many reports of members calling upon their Membership Chairman because they wanted the PC subscription to continue.

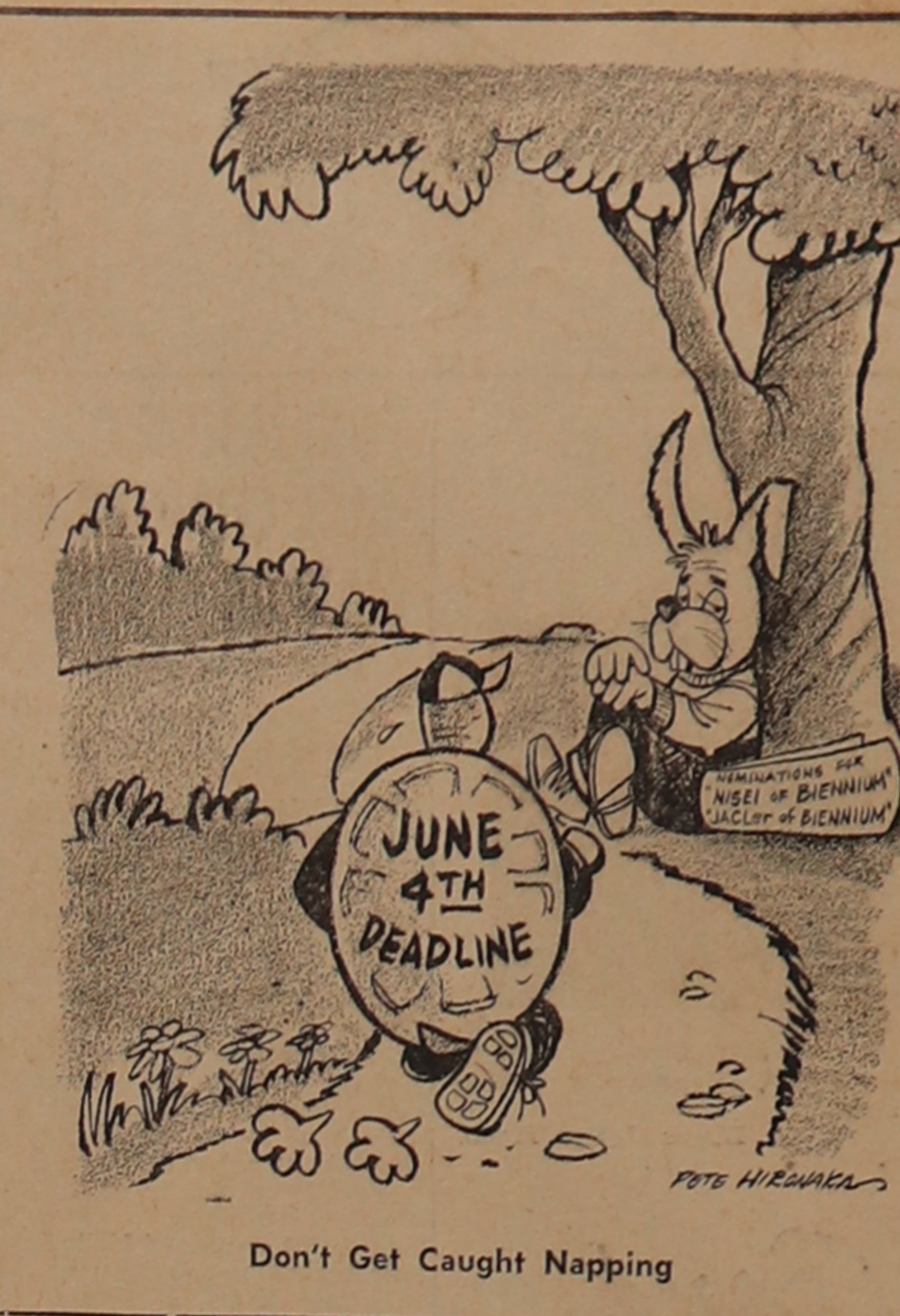
B. Comparative membership and financial records of 1960, 1961 and 1962 definitely indicate that PC with membership has spurred the early completion of membership drives and the early attainment of financial quotas. Exact figures will be given in the P.C. Board's Report to the National Convention which is now in the process of preparation. Since membership and financial obligations are the primary problems of every chapter, this factor alone makes PC

with membership significant.
Value of 'Cut off' Date
C. By having the bulk of membership in by the March 31st cut-off date, the chapters, districts and national organization is left with more free time and energy to pursue the established programs and activities of the JACL. This is a far cry from the pre-1961 period when membership sign-ups stretched out until as late as September of each year—hardly fair to a new member and certainly not conducive to chapter efficiency. Getting started early on membership drives is—more than ever before—the responsibility of each chapter.

D. Despite all of PC's faults and shortcomings, it still serves as the main public relations and news dissemination organ of the National JACL. But it cannot create articles and news stories, it can only report them after they have been received.

In fairness to the Pacific Citizen Staff I must state that I believe the Denver area problems as related by Mr. Yasui are local and not a general condition. For example, the questionnaire conducted by this writer several months ago indicated 95 per cent approval of "PC with membership." And 90 per cent felt that PC was fulfilling its main functions as a public relations and news media for the JACL.

Sometimes I feel that some of us, including myself, expect too much of the PC! Why? Just because it is our "own" paper. Obviously it is unfair to compare it



Don't Get Caught Napping

with its large metropolitan daily with its vast resources. Obviously, PC can not be all things to all people. It cannot have the informal chat-chat so loved by local members. It necessarily must reflect, by and large, JACL policy. But compared with many vernaculars, I do not feel that it is quite as bad as Mr. Yasui suggests.

Like Don Quixote I have had, perhaps, as much experience in tilting with JACL windmills as anyone else in the organization, therefore Min Yasui's letter elicits a certain degree of admiration for his outspoken criticism. If PC is to become a better, more interesting paper then it is essential that JACL leaders and members speak up. JACL, the Pacific Citizen, National Board and Staff members and chapter leaders should never be regarded as sacrosanct. Loyalty to JACL may persuade some of us to hesitate to speak up, but in reality this is a disservice. Frank, free and uninhibited expression regarding P.C. articles, reporting, columnists, editorials, stories, etc., as well as of JACL policies and programs, will help to improve the PC and its parent, the JACL.

My only regret is that Mr. Yasui failed to include some specific suggestions for improvement rather than to state "I do not pretend to know the solution to the problem." We are always open to suggestions.

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Vagaries

By Larry Tajiri

STILL A 'HIT' AFTER NEARLY FIVE YEARS

Las Vegas, Nev. — WHEN Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II set out to produce their musical version of C.Y. Lee's "Flower Drum Song" nearly five years ago at the St. James theater in New York, they were determined to cast it with performers of Asian ancestry. They assembled a cast of more than a dozen Nisei, plus singers and dancers of Chinese, Filipino, Korean and Hawaiian descent.

"Flower Drum Song" was a Broadway hit with three talents of Japanese ancestry—Miyoshi Umeki, Pat Suzuki and Jack Soo (Goro Suzuki)—in principal roles. The story about "Flower Drum Song," however, is its course record since then, on tour, in Hollywood and as a show for Las Vegas.

Novelist Lee's story of the clash of cultures in San Francisco's Chinatown has achieved tremendous audience acceptance. The tour of the New York company duplicated its Broadway success, and a major reason was the rise to stardom of Soo as Sammy Fong. In fact, his comedy performance was so impressive that Producer Ross Hunter insisted on casting him in the movie. Hunter also decided to forego Hollywood's usual musical stars and allotted his principal roles to Oriental performers, with Miss Umeki as the picture bride, Mei Li, Nancy Kwan as Linda Low, James Shigeta as Wang Ta and Soo. The picture was U-I's most successful release of the past year.

FOR the past six months an abridged version of "Flower Drum Song" has been playing the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas and has proved a show business phenomenon. Since its opening it has proved the hit of the Las Vegas Strip, in competition with rival shows which have featured the biggest names in entertainment.

In contrast to the bare bosomy which is the special appeal of much of Las Vegas entertainment, "Flower Drum Song" remains a family show. It has proved that the exposure of vast areas of feminine epidermis is not necessary to success in the Nevada oasis.

Soo is the star of the Las Vegas edition (co-star Juanita Hall has dropped out of the cast because of serious illness) and he has established himself as an outstanding entertainer. The major reason is that he paid his tuition in years of hard work in night clubs all over the country and was ready for the one big break in "Flower

Drum Song." He has comedy savvy and a sense of timing which is not easily come by.

The Las Vegas production also is a credit to dancer Carolyn Okada who worked with William Hammerstein in adapting the Broadway musical to the 90-minute running time required at the Thunderbird. Miss Okada, daughter of Hito Okada, the JACL's president during the World War II years, redesigned Carol Haney's choreography and also dances one of the lead roles.

The Mei Li of the Las Vegas show is the charming Romi Yamada who has been in the United States less than two years. Her only other American role was the lead in the touring company of "The World of Suzie Wong." Jon Lee is Wang Ta, and the principals include Josephine Chianese, Bob Kino, George Minami (who has the male dancing lead and appeared in both the Broadway and London companies), Linda Harris and Arlene Fontana as Linda Low.

Performers of Japanese ancestry in the Las Vegas company also include Yoshiko Kuzutani, Marion Hatakeba, Kumiko Terri Funai, Robert Ito, Suzie Kimura, and Carol Kimura. George Young, whose real name is George Naito, has the role of Commodore Low and understudies Jack Soo.

JACK SOO is in Hollywood this week taping a guest appearance on the Jack Benny Show, and George Young is taking over in his absence. The Benny Show is the biggest chance Soo has had to date on television and probably will establish him as a personality on the big tube.

Soo also is scheduled to make the pilot film of the proposed TV series, "The Li's of San Francisco," in which he will play the lead. Also cast in the TV pilot is Benson Fong, who played the father in this movie version of "Flower Drum Song," and Reiko Sato who scored in the lead dancing role in the movie.

Soo will commute between Hollywood and Las Vegas by plane daily during the filming of the pilot film.

Because of his contract with the Thunderbird for "Flower Drum Song," Soo has had to turn down offers for roles in two films to date. "The Hook," which will star Kirk Douglas and "The Ugly American," which stars Marlon Brando, Sandra Church and Eiji Okada, the Japanese film star of "Hiroshima, Mon Amour."

By Henry Mori

Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

TIME FOR LI'L TOKIO TO STEP OFF THE DIME

A few of Li'l Tokio's leading citizens are again worked up about improving the local area. It happens every few years and usually ends with only talk.

However, things are a little different this time.

Last year, through the efforts of Eiji Tanabe, then president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, merchants requested the rezoning of First and San Pedro Sts. which would enable them to establish light manufacturing.

Under the old building code and zoning law, anytime a structure in Li'l Tokio went down or the other through condemnation or otherwise, the same type of business could not be continued.

Thus, if an old hotel structure was declared unfit to live in, the building would go down without possible replacement or improvement. The new zoning opens the way for high rise construction, a shopping center or any other type of building.

Where do the merchants go from here now that they have the right to build or rebuild as they please? The more progressive and younger businessmen are looking ahead.

One is Joseph Ito who is a clothier on First St. His Joseph's Men's Wear became the first all-electric building to go up in Li'l Tokio in mid-March last when he moved one door west from where he used to operate. The apparel shop was designed by architect Kazumi Adachi.

The remodeled Sun Building on Weller St. where the So. Calif. JACL regional office is headquartered is another step forward in the local physical improvements. The other offices and stores on Weller toward Second St. promoted by the Sun Building investors appear encouraging.

However, the heart of Li'l Tokio which strangely enough bounced back from Bronzeville to the present after the west coast ban was lifted in 1945 remains dormant.

The more recent promotional efforts were triggered through a USC redevelopment project in which some 50 students studied and appraised local conditions, coming up with six different scaled models. One of the contributors was Roosevelt Suzuki, whose work was described by the faculty and judges

as one of the "most practical" to fit into the Li'l Tokio scene.

It calls for a Japanese cultural center with all of its facilities for presenting things Oriental, from gift shops to Kabuki theatre, from library to restaurants and recreational hall to professional and medical offices.

There is also a strong move on the part of the City Planning Board to have Li'l Tokio storekeepers realize that time is running out on their "status quo" attitude. One official declared some suggestions from the City Hall would be presented to the leaders here within a year.

The board will use the models made by USC students as a guide as well as an inducement.

It may result in some "outside" money filtering in to finance the improvements but that day seems to be closer at hand today than any other time.

Booklet theme
LOS ANGELES. — "Heritage" is the theme of the 1962 Nisei Week Festival souvenir booklet, which will be published on July 16.

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D.C. Teenagers form girls' odori group

WASHINGTON.—The girls' odori group of the local Teenagers Club will begin their schedule of public appearances this Sunday at the Landon Azalea Tour and at the Folk Festival later this month at the D.C. Recreation Center.

The group will perform July 7 at the Shoreham Hotel for the national convention of Beta Sigma Phi, business and professional women's sorority, and on Aug. 3 at the National Park Service festival at Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument grounds.

Girls are under guidance of Mrs. Fumi Iki, assisted by Mrs. Alice Endo and Mrs. Tomi Fukuda.

History Project —

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55—Mrs. Midori Nakada, Mr. and Mrs. James Kane, Roy Yamada. (Total This Report \$130)

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85—William Kaneshiro, Y. Funatake, Rev. Waichi Oyama, Shobito Sadamoto, Josuke Nakata, Mrs. Isa Yumibe, Y. U. Azuma, Mrs. Rui Ishida, Mrs. Kimiko Iwamoto, N. Toyooka, Mrs. Yurino Nishikawa, Fred M. Hinaga, Uchitsuto Yamaguchi.

\$3—Jimmy Yabuki.
\$1—Tsu Funatake.
(Total This Report \$904)

SAN FRANCISCO JACL (Previously Reported \$16,952)

\$500—Nomura & Co.
\$200—Mr. and Mrs. Mary Kimura.
\$200—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kobuchi.
\$100—San Francisco Nikkei Lions Club, Tsune Baba, pres.; Dr. Kay J. Kitagawa.

\$25—Ichiji Motoki (add'l).
(Total This Report \$1,225)

SAN JOSE JACL

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\$50—Phil Matsunaga, Mr. and Mrs. Hideyuki Noguchi.
\$25—Mr. and Mrs. Shigeki Hiratsuka.
\$20—Mrs. N. T. Ishiyama & Maruko Ishiyama.

\$15—James T. Shizuoka.
\$10—Mr. and Mrs. Ky Asano, Mr. and Mrs. Harley H. Mimura.
\$5—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Ikazaki.
(Total This Report \$285)

MISCELLANEOUS

\$5—Dr. Yoah Maruyama, Palo Alto; Mary Wakamiya.

Sony to manufacture portable 5-inch TV set

SAN FRANCISCO.—Sony Corp. in Tokyo announced it will start selling the world's smallest and lightest television set from May 20. The "micro-TV" set measures 4 1/2 by 7 1/2 inches and 7 1/4 in. deep, about 8 lbs. with a 5-inch picture tube operating on 12 volts DC or AC house current.

James Kumagai, Sony franchise dealer here, hopes to secure a supply. Price of the sets will be \$5,000 yen (\$180).

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LOS ANGELES.—An evening of "lanoshimi" was had by all who attended the informal Japanese dinner prepared recently by Auxiliary members of the West Los Angeles JACL at the Brentwood residence of Dr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Sonoda for students from Japan now attending UCLA. Co-chairmen for the event were Mmes. Robert Goka and Sakae Kawata.

Among the guests was Katsumi Niwa, who appeared in the "Mask Maker" at UCLA, and who is studying under Dr. Jan Popper at the University. Niwa entertained with a few Japanese renditions ranging from arias to folk songs.

Culminating the evening of friendship was the blending of voices in Japanese folk songs lead by Niwa.

The organization had a successful Cancer crusade as a result of careful planning by Auxiliary co-chairmen Tayeko Isono and Suki Uyeno together with the indispensable help of the Darses, Embers, Ladies' Guilds from the WLA Methodist and Buddhist churches, and volunteers from the Nora Sterry PTA.

Nisei Week queen candidates will be interviewed at the next meeting, May 21, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sakae Kawata, 3556 Inglewood Blvd. Hostesses for the May meeting will be Mmes. Harold Harada and Akira Nishizawa.

Queen chairman, Mrs. George Kanegai, will conduct the interview, as well as work out the final details for the ultimate selection of Miss West Los Angeles at a tea in June.

Cleveland —

(Continued from Page 2)

pletion of the project. Incidentally, the university is not charging the JACL any of the usual "overhead" charges. Thus, in fact, the university becomes a co-sponsor of the project, with co-responsibility for the successful completion of the project.

With the establishment of this kind of tight organization, and with the project under the direction of a man of the stature of Dr. Scott Miyakawa, the prognosis is good.

Furthermore, because of the groundwork laid out by the national officers of the JACL, the load on the local chapters would be far, far less than anticipated, thereby freeing the local chapters for efforts in other areas.

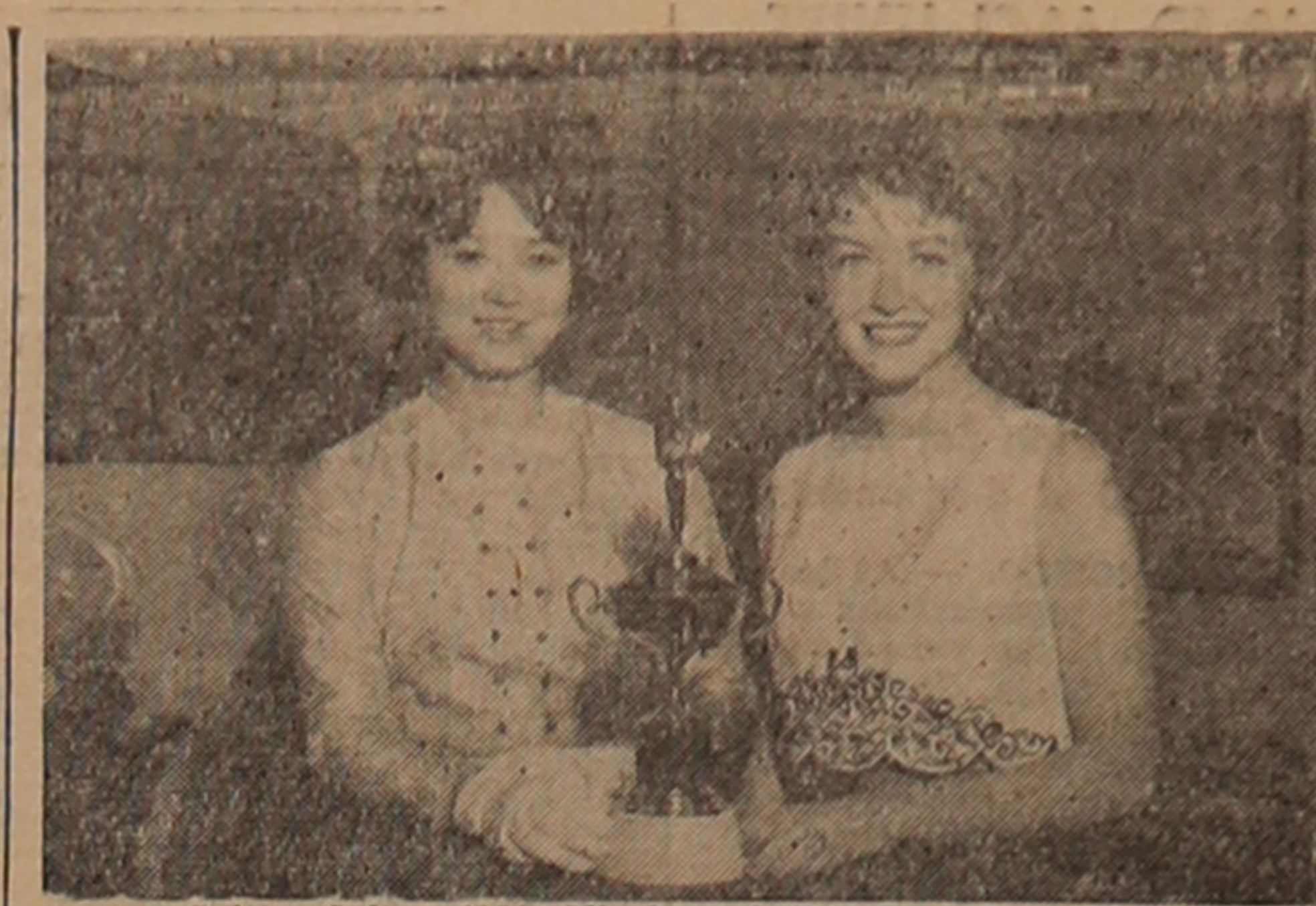
And yet the participation of the chapters in initiating and stimulating the project is sure to result in a sense of participating pride on the part of every JACL member.

It is not an understatement to say that when Frank finished putting the final touch on the story of the project, a swell of enthusiasm and agreement was immediately noticeable.

Doubts Removed

It was clear to us that no longer were there any doubters in his audience. As one listener observed, "Now that I've been sold, I can go out and sell the project to others."

The Cleveland Bulletin can now, in clear conscience, support the project in its entirety. The motivation for the project and its goals were never doubted, only the implementation.



Sandy Saito (left), 1961 Nisei Week queen, and Ann Johnson, head contest judge, will interview candidates for the 1962 Nisei Week queen contest at the home of the Carl Tamakis next Friday. Miss Johnson, part-owner of Yamano Beauty Salon, was a television star and cover girl in Japan.

Nai'l JACL scholarship judges announced

LOS ANGELES.—Judges for the National JACL scholarship program, which includes five awards, were announced today.

Top award is the Pvt. Ben Frank Masao Memorial Scholarship of \$200 donated by his mother, Mrs. Haruye Masao, and supplemented by Dr. James Mimura of Royal Oaks, Mich., with an additional \$100. Dr. Mimura was the co-recipient of the first Pvt. Ben Frank Masao scholarship in 1946.

National JACL also provides four supplemental awards of \$200 each.

This year 22 candidates are vying for the scholarships. Sam Hirasawa, scholarship chairman, stated the panel of judges, all prominent individuals active in their community, are:

Mrs. Mabel Ota, principal of the Santa Barbara Avenue School in Los Angeles. Mrs. Ota received her AB degree in Sociology at UCLA and her MS in Education at USC.

Active with many organizations connected with her profession as well as the Japanese community, she is the wife of Fred K. Ota, JACL 1000 Clubber.

Mrs. Mary Mathew, society editor of the Los Angeles Times newspaper. She graduated with a AB degree from the University of Rochester, majoring in Sociology and Psychology. In private life she is the mother of three children.

Father Clement, assistant pastor at the Maryknoll Mission school and church in Los Angeles, who graduated from Maryknoll Seminary in New York and is presently an active board member of the Downtown JACL chapter.

MDRT qualifiers named

CHICAGO.—Los Angeles insurance representatives Kiyoshi Dominic Kagawa, Occidental Life of California; George S. Ono, New York Life; and Bill T. Yamashiro, California-Western States Life, are listed in the 1962 roster of the Million Dollar Round Table of the National Association of Life Underwriters.

Every member of the 1962 Round Table must have sold at least a million dollars of life insurance in 1961 or else have met the even stricter requirements for Life membership by his sales in prior years. Fewer than 1 per cent of the world's life insurance agents are Round Table members.

'Nisei Fun Tour'

LOS ANGELES.—Fred Takata, former JACL regional director, is back at his desk at Taiyo-Do Travel Service this week from a successful 24-day Spring Nisei Fun Tour of Japan. He is now preparing for the first Nisei Fun Tour into Mexico, scheduled to leave here May 26 by air.

Members of the Fun Tours to Japan are joining the Fun Tour to Mexico, Takata reported, attesting to the tour slogan of providing the "maximum of fun." The coming tour will cover the famous attractions in and around Mexico City with Acapulco as the climax.

Nisei professor aids youth win Science Fair honors

SACRAMENTO.—Cecilia J. Moore, Folsom High School senior who studied under Dr. Joseph Ogawa, Nisei professor of plant pathology, at the Univ. of California at Davis last summer, was one of the sweepstakes winners in the California Central Valleys Science Fair here last week.

Miss Moore was honored for exemplary work with microscopes in experiments she began last summer in a National Science Foundation program at Davis. She will compete in the National Science Fair in Seattle, May 2-5. Her experiments dealt with variations of peach rot fungus.

Apato celebrates fourth anniversary

SAN FRANCISCO.—Some 2,000 California residents of Japanese descent are expected to attend a gala party tonight, sponsored by the officers of the Nakamura Realty Co. and Apato, Inc., in celebration of Apato's fourth anniversary at the Fairmount Hotel.

Thomas S. Nakano, vice president of Apato, Inc., said the party is being presented to the many people of Japanese descent for their "faith in enabling the companies to develop more than \$10,000,000 in properties over the past three years."

The officers are to announce the formation of a new corporation to be known as General Apato, Inc. Purpose of the new firm and details on pre-incorporation subscriptions will be described at the party, Nakano noted.

During the past three years, Apato, Inc., through joint ventures, has built many residential and income-producing properties. The latest joint venture undertaking is The Imperial now nearing completion at Trousdale and Ogden Drive in Burlingame.

Kagawa designs church for Detroit congregation

DETROIT.—Holy Cross Lutheran Church, a congregation that existed only on paper 28 months ago, dedicated its stone and mortar church last month. The new edifice was designed by Wallace Kagawa and Associates as a first unit, multi-purpose building in a tri-level setting.

Kagawa is currently Detroit JACL president.

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By Jim Higashi, PSW Regional Director

BIRTH OF A NEW CHAPTER

After years of talking about it, we have a new chapter in northern San Diego county. Our thanks go to Clarence Nishizu (Orange County), Jim Yamaguchi (SWLA) and George Yasukochi (San Marcos) for rendering valuable assistance the past two weekends in our "mid-winter" VISTA JACL Chapter. (Name is tentative.)

Taking the cue from requests to form a chapter in this farming community near Oceanside, San Luis Rey and Vista, we were able to sign 34 charter members—more than the required minimum of 25 being signed were:

Vista: Yutaka Fukuda, Tatsumi and Masako Harada, John and Karuko Kawano, Uchi Inoto, Elmer and Grace Onori.

San Luis Rey: Toran and Shige Yoshimura, John and Amy Yoshimura, Charles and Machi Yoshimura, Takeki Sonoda, George and Alethea Nagata, and Hiroshi Kawano.

San Marcos: Joseph and Mitsui Matsumoto, George and Sakae Yasukochi, Tomomi and Linda Nomura, and Shundo Nomura.

Oceanside: George and Grace Hasegawa, and Yoshitaro and Sono Yoshimura.

Fallbrook: Masao Uchimura, Isami Uchimura, Ted Matsumoto, and Yoneki Matsumoto.

Encinitas: Taisuke Yasukochi.

LONG BEACH SEARCH FOR NISEI WEEK QUEEN ENTRY DUE WIND-UP TOMORROW

LONG BEACH.—Applications for Miss Harbor are now being accepted, it was announced by Frank Sugiyama, Long Beach-Harbor District JACL chapter president.

Miss Harbor will also carry the title of Miss Port of Long Beach, according to Mae Ishihara, who carried those titles last year. Miss Harbor will represent the Port of Long Beach in the International Beauty Pageant along with Miss Welcome to Long Beach.

Names must be submitted by May 12 to be eligible for this year's title. Contestants must be 18 years of age by Aug. 11, 1962, of Japanese parentage, and available for appearances throughout the ensuing year.

An interview meeting of all applicants is planned for Friday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., at the Harbor District Community Center, 1766 Seabright Avenue.

Nominations are being received by:

Mrs. Sue Sugiyama (1736 N. Fries, Wilmington), TE 5-1708; Mrs. Alice Fukui, GE 3-2841; Mrs. Barbara Mura, GE 1-9044; May Ishihara, FA 1-8726; Hiroko Kotsubo, GA 4-6843; Joan Takenouchi, HE 5-7371.

Art Noda, Miss Harbor Committee Chairman, will chair the preliminary judging committee. Five candidates are to be chosen. Jim Okita and Roy Shiba were named to head the coronation ball committee.

Fresno ALL

Executive Club: Dr. Frank Nishio's pet project, a group for aspiring toastmasters, has been organized with the name "Executive Club" as a starter. It next meets on May 7 at the Toki-ware.

Japan Night: An impressive array of Japanese culture and the fine arts is being programmed for the chapter's most ambitious public relations project, tentatively scheduled for January, 1963. Members are being asked to forward ideas to James Kubota, Ken Mayeda or Mike Iwatsubo.

Several thousand tickets are expected to be sold with proceeds earmarked for some local charity.

10 JR. JACL UNITS ORGANIZE NC-WN YOUTH COUNCIL

Formal Adoption of Constitution Set for May 20 at Sacramento

SAN FRANCISCO.—At least 10 junior JACL organizations will be represented at the second quarterly session of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council next weekend, May 19-20, at Sacramento, it was indicated by Marie Kurihara, district youth chairman.

Four chapters currently organizing new youth groups are Berkeley, Cortez, Monterey Peninsula and Sequoia. The other six already formed are Contra Costa, Eden Township, Oakland, Placer County, Sacramento and San Francisco.

In action at the NCWNC executive board meeting at Sacramento on April 28, \$500 was allocated for the youth program.

Program for youth delegates will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, at El Rancho Motel.

Youth Constitution

Major agenda items include the presentation and adoption of the NCWNC Youth Council constitution, election of officers and a progress report of the Japanese History Project by Akiji Yoshimura, national liaison chairman of the History Project.

Contra Costa Jr. JACL will present a check of \$146, raised with the U.C. Nisei Students Club, to the History Project.

Youth delegates will also be asked to sign up for the Seattle National JACL Convention. To secure a chartered bus, a minimum of 29 passengers is needed. A \$20 deposit is also being asked.

Jr. JACL chapters are also being asked to submit nominations for the youth council officers of chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer and publicity chairman. The secretary is to be appointed. Voting will be one per chapter.

The district oratorical contest will commence at 3 p.m.

Installation of youth council officers by Jerry Enomoto, national JACL youth commissioner, will be held after the contest. New council officers will then meet with Miss Kurihara.

PRE-CONFAB RALLY

May 16, Wednesday, is the deadline for pre-registrations and reservations for the PSWDC pre-convention rally next weekend at Gardena. Overwhelming support by all chapters and delegates is anticipated. Our office will handle your reservations.

CHALLENGE

San Francisco JACL has challenged four of the Los Angeles chapters in a friendly race for "the most \$1,000 donors" and "the most \$1,000 donors" for the Japanese History Project. Deadline is the opening day of the National Convention.

Three have accepted the challenge and promise to give San Francisco a "good fight". In spite of the late start on the fund drive among PSW chapters, Frank Omatsu of Downtown L.A., Mable Yoshizaki of East Los Angeles and Fred Taomae of Hollywood are replacing "an all-out effort will be made."

One condition is being added: in the matter of \$1,000 donors, corporations headquartered in San Francisco (Japan Air Lines, Bank of Tokyo, Sumitomo Bank, etc.) with offices in Southern California not be computed.

Mas Satow and Sim Togasaki are to be the judges.

Other than the above exception, the race is on!

Jr. JACL Jottings

Idaho Falls JACL

Election Results: Denis Ochi is elected president of the Idaho Falls JACLs at the April 21 meeting. An installation party for new officers is being planned. Other cabinet members are:

John Mikami, v.p.; Marsha Kuwana, rec. sec.; Jane Sakaguchi, cor. sec.; Junji Ochi, treas.; Janie Kuwana, hist.; Jane Mayeda, pub.; Ronnie Morishita, Caroline Mayeda, social; Larry Harada, Sgt.-at-Arms; Deto Harada, Mrs. Ruth Nishio, Tak Haga, advisers.

Sacramento Jr. JACL

Oratoricals: Five contestants were named this week in the Sacramento Jr. JACL oratorical contest, being held tonight at the Red Rose Restaurant. Winner will represent the chapter in the NCWNC regionals May 20 at the El Rancho Motel here. They are:

Roger Nikaed, Junior JACL pres., pre-legal student, Sacramento City College; Carol Suzuki, senior, McClatchy High; Judy Hayashi, Senior, McClatchy High; Alan Ota, senior, McClatchy High; Carol Fuchigami, sophomore, Sacramento State College.

Judges appointed were:

Ken Moore, dist. director for The Dale Carnegie Courses, public speaking director at Sacramento Chamber of Commerce; Sumio Miyamoto, insurance broker and travel agency operator; Mrs. Frank Hiyama, fifth grade teacher, Hollywood Park School.

Preparing for the regional contest next week are the following committeemen:

Dr. George Takaishi, Mrs. Dolly Dixon, Mrs. May Shirai, Frank Hiyama, gen. arr.; Aki Murakami, m.c.; Ichi Fukutome, timekeeper; Percy Masaki, treas.

Gardena Valley elects Leon Uyeda

GARDENA.—Leon Uyeda was announced as 1962 president of Gardena Valley JACL, succeeding attorney Tosh Hiraide, immediate past president.

Serving on the board as officers are Ronald Shiozaki, v.p.; John Furuta, treas.; Ellen Kubo, sec.; Tosh Hiraide, 1000 Club; and George Watal, memb.

Shiozaki, a past chapter president, is currently 1000 Club chairman for the Pacific Southwest District Council and chairman of the forthcoming PSWDC pre-convention rally to be held in Gardena, May 19-20.

West Jeff Demos

LOS ANGELES.—Arthur S. Takei was elected for an unprecedented third term as president of the West Jefferson Democratic Club this week.

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Long Beach-Harbor JACL

Issei Night: Tsurumatsu Toma, who celebrates his 88th birthday, will be honored for his community service at the chapter Issei Night program May 19, 8 p.m., at Harbor Community Center. Minezo Miyagishima, past Center president, and George Y. Shiroishi, former treasurer, will also be publicly recognized by the chapter.

Fred Ikeguchi and Yuki Tatsumi, Issei Night co-chairmen, are being assisted by:

Allan Kobata, Cobby Iwasaki, Jim Kashiwabara, Roy Shiba, Frank Sugiyama, Art Noda, George Yamasaki, and Okita, George Nakamura, Dr. John Mmes, Harry Manaka and Cobby Iwasaki.

Japanese skills, dance exhibition by Joe Fletcher and May Ishihara, vocal and instrumental solos are billed for the informal portion of the evening.

'Miss Harbor' Coronation: Five candidates are vying for "Miss Harbor 1962", according to queen contest chairman Art Noda. Preliminary judging at a garden party June 3 at the home of John A. Paap will culminate in crowning the winner at an elegant dinner-dance June 23 at the Lafayette Hotel.

Dr. Y. Fred Fujikawa was named coronation emcee. Among judges for preliminary and finals are:

Mrs. Mary Ellis, fashion editor, Independent Press-Telegram; Mikko Taka, movie star; and Oscar Meinhardt, exec. dir. of the International Beauty Council. Becoming one of the summer traditions here, the search for Miss Harbor, who will vie for the Nisei Week queen title, involves a great number of persons. Heading various committees are:

Frank Sugiyama, candidates; Jim Okita and Roy Shiba, coronation.

Contra Costa JACL

Why JACL?: A panel discussion entitled "Why JACL?", with regular and junior members of the chapter, will be held at Balboa School, El Cerrito, on May 26, 8 p.m. Co-chairmen: George Fujioka, Chris Komatsu.

French Camp JACL

Mother's Day: Games and movies are being planned tonight at a Mother's Day party at the French Camp Hall. Terry Hotta, program chairman, is being assisted by:

Frank Kousel, m.c.; Katie Komure, prog.; Nancy Takashiro, refr.; Fumi Higashiyama, dec.; Miyuki Kanemoto, corsages; Chiz Nonaka, hostess; Lydia Ota, inv.

Berkeley JACL

Public Debate: The chapter is sponsoring tonight a public debate on the question: Do we need legislation to end discrimination in housing? Meeting at Washington School cafeteria, Jerome Blank, ex-mayor of Albany and past president of the Berkeley Realty Board, will uphold the negative, while Frank Quinn, executive director, Council of Civic Unity and KPFA commentator, will speak for the affirmative. Sho Sato, professor of

law at the Univ. of California, will be moderator.

Portland JACL

Graduates' Banquet: Chapter is staging its first annual graduates banquet June 1, 6:30 p.m., at Multnomah Hotel, honoring those residing in the metropolitan tri-county area. George and Ise Azumano are co-chairmen. One feature will be the presentation of awards of the chapter oratorical contest.

Chapter held its contest Monday. Speakers were David Oyanagi, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Waichi Oyanagi, and Howard Henyoji, son of Bishop and Mrs. D. Henyoji. Emi Somekawa, chairman, was assisted by:

John Griffith, Multnomah College pres.; Mark Smith, Oregon Civil Rights Division; Labor Bureau; and Corky Kawasaki, judges.

Venice-Culver JACL

Talk on Narcotics: A public information meeting is being sponsored with Alpha Iota Phi, Nisei pharmaceutical fraternity at USC, on Wednesday, May 16, 8 p.m., at the Venice Gakuen on Braddock Ave. A lecture on the subject of narcotics with demonstrations and exhibits is being arranged. Dick Yabuto, fraternity president, is in charge.

Stockton JACL

Community Picnic: The Shoyukai, YBA, Shoyu Fujin-kai, Gardeners Club and JACL are combining forces to stage a community picnic this Sunday at Mickle's Grove. Gary Hagio, picnic chairman, is being assisted by:

Ed Yoshikawa, Fred Dobana, Ken Fuji, H. Henry Kusama, Arky Hirota, Ted Kamibayashi, active; George Baba, p.a. system; Mrs. Mizie Baba, Mrs. Don Yamaka, prizes; Duke Yoshimura, Jack Sugimoto, grounds.

Selma JACL

History Project: A concerted drive to canvass local residents to contribute to the JACL Japanese History Project is underway and is expected to conclude by May 31, according to George Abe and Tak Tanimoto, local project chairmen. Group of Issei and Nisei met last week to hear Tom Shimasaki, CCDC History Project chairman, updating national and district efforts on the campaign. On the fund committee are:

Ken Yamamoto, Max Kawano and Dale Okazaki, Alan Masumoto, John Fujioka, Shig Nagao, and Tak Misaki.

White River Valley CL

gives plaque to judoist

AUBURN, Wash.—White River Valley Civic League presented two plaques, one perpetual to be displayed at the Kent-Meridian Judo Institute and the other to the tournament champion, at the annual at Ft. Lewis recently.

Chapter president William MacBori, accompanied by Hiroshi Nakayama, made the presentation to John Geisenhoff of McChord AFB, tournament champion. Seven clubs participated.

Lighter side of Seattle national JACL convention offers maximum time for relaxation, entertainment 'tween sessions

BY UTE HIRANO

Seattle

Election of national JACL officers, Japanese History project and other important business matters will be taken up at the 17th Biennial National Convention to be held July 26 to 30, but the program has been set up to allow a maximum of time for relaxation and entertainment.

Delegates will "Bridge and Build" but they'll have time to tell their friends who couldn't make it to the World's Fair City about the many good times.

The Convention Mixer will take on a new look this year, chairman Johnson Shimizu tells us. "Without giving away all details of the new look, Shimizu said that the orchestra will be an authentic Polynesian group, featuring vocal and string music of the Hawaiian Islands. However, he wouldn't tell about the entertainment for which the group is noted for in the Pacific Northwest.

It will be an informal affair and a place to get acquainted. Sports-wear is recommended, but those with Aloha shirts and muumuu will be especially welcome.

Outing a 'Must'

The outing at Sunset Lodge is a "must" for any visitor to Washington. It is highlighted by a scenic cruise on Puget Sound to the lodge on one of the islands and an outdoor salmon barbecue.

Chairman Nish Kumagai says that after dinner we will avail ourselves of the entertainment and facilities of the lodge. There will be a program of slides and entertainment and those who wish may bowl, play ping pong, dance, play

volleyball.

Jackpot Drawing under chairmanship of Min Tsubota will take place at the outing and some lucky person will be informed of the coming \$100 per week for a whole year.

Salmon is King in Washington and unfortunately sportsmen who also like to play the greens will have to make a choice. The Fishing Derby and Golf Tournament, because of the programming and reservation problem, are both scheduled for Friday, July 27.

Eight modern 40-foot charter boats, each taking 10 to 14 persons, will take the novice and experienced fishermen from Westport, Juro Yoshioka said. All you need is warm clothing, he warns although it be in mid-summer, as equipment can be rented or brought along.

Hooking a big one and landing it is a challenge, he said, and the avid sportsmen hereabouts all look forward to fishing out from Westport and Neah Bay. He added that many first-timers are among the most ardent fishermen now.

Inglewood Country Club which Min Yamaguchi has reserved for the day is one of the better greens. He is arranging transportation for the 40-minute drive to the North Seattle course and luncheon at the private club there.

Those planning to participate are reminded to submit an authorized handicap from their club secretary. And hometown golfers won't have the advantage of a local course as they usually play at the nearby municipal courses.

Bridge Tournament

The Seattle Nisei Bridge Club will conduct a Convention Duplicate Bridge Tournament, with the top prize being the perpetual trophy donated by Dr. Hiura. Four

additional trophies will be awarded to the winners of the North-South and East-West, although no master points can be awarded.

Keen competition is promised for all participants and it is expected that this will be the biggest JACL Duplicate Bridge Tournament in history. If you would like to participate but do not have a partner, contact the Bridge Committee and arrangements will be made.

The Sayonara Ball following the Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Convention headquarters Olympic Hotel. Tom Iwata said that delegates and friends will dance to the strains of Max Pillar's orchestra—tops for dancing in the Puget Sound City.

Sign-up forms for all of the events have been sent to chapter presidents so those anticipating participation in them would do well to make their reservations now.

It's only 11 weeks 'til JACL Convention time so if you haven't sent in your registration, please hurry and send the needed information and \$2, Phil Hayasaka said. Securing housing today is a warning to those who haven't done so yet as the number of rooms available becomes less in number as each day passes.

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Mountain-Plains

(Continued from Front Page)

nel technician with the Los Angeles City Civil Service Commission, as well as chief examination proctor of the California State Personnel Board.

With the out-break of war and the subsequent evacuation, Okura moved to Omaha, where he served as staff psychologist at Father Flanagan's Boys Home at world famous Boys Town for 17 years until 1959.

In March, 1959, he was appointed Chief Probation Officer of Douglas County Juvenile Court in Omaha, Neb.

Because of the depth and breadth of his experience, Okura has been principal speaker at national meetings of various organizations, as well as appearing as guest speaker before some 200 other organizations during the past three years.

By background, training, experience, and a dedicated interest evidenced by his service to the JACL, K. Patrick Okura is well-suited for the office of Nat'l President of the JACL. His wife, Lily Okura, is an ardent JACLer in her own right, and has served as national JACL officer in the past.

Nisei Relays Committee and Gardena Valley JACL present the

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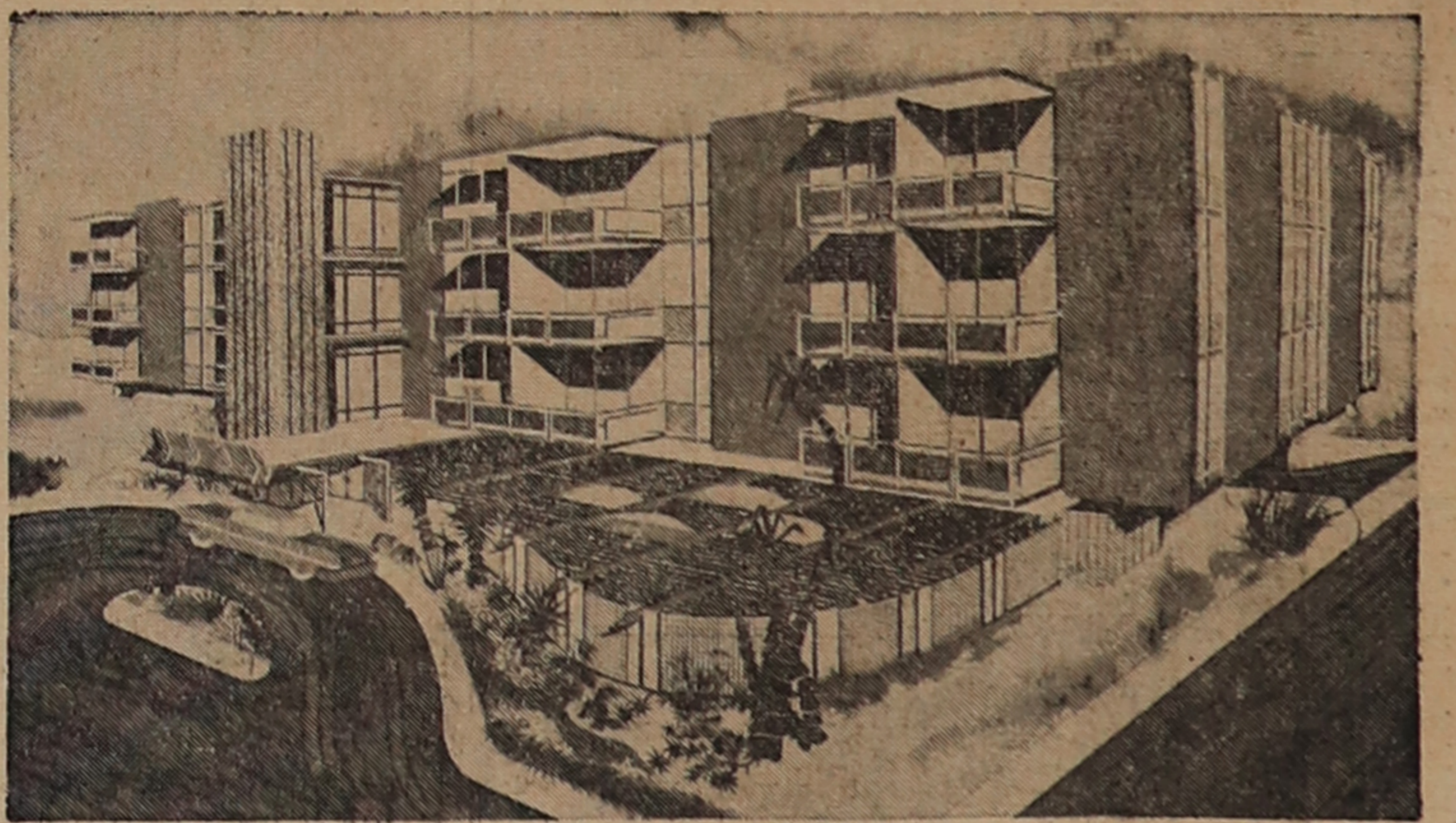
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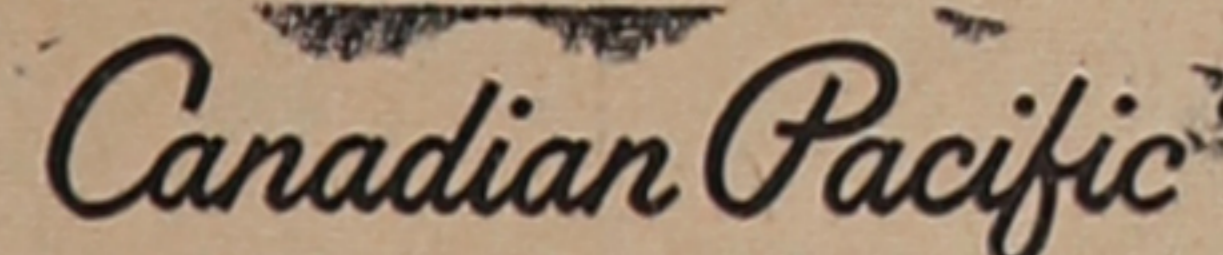
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- Calendar**
- May 11-13
Detroit—Customs and Ceremonies Festival.
- May 12 (Saturday)
Sonoma County—JACL Bowling League banquet, Green Mill, 6:30 p.m. Detroit—Movies.
- San Jose—Issei Night.
- East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Bace's Hall, 1528 N. Vermont.
- San Francisco—Dance class, Park Precinct YMC, 8:30 a.m.
- May 13 (Sunday)
West Los Angeles—Invitational Jr. track meet, University High.
- Puvalup Valley—PNWDC pre-convention rally, Hyatt House, Sea-Tac Airport.
- May 16 (Wednesday)
Venice-Culver—Public meeting: Narcotics, Venice Gakuen.
- May 17 (Thursday)
Detroit—Cultural series, International Institute.
- May 19 (Saturday)
Gardena Valley—Nisei Relays Coronation Ball, Western Club Cafe, 19516 Western Ave.
- Cleveland—"Spring Fling" social, Livingston-Merced—Issei Appreciation dinner, Livingston School.
- Long Beach—Issei Night.
- Sonoma County—Bowling League award dinner, Green Mill Inn.
- Detroit—Japanese movies.
- May 19 - 20
Sacramento—NC-WNDC pre-convention rally, El Rancho Motel.
- Gardena Valley—PSWDC pre-convention rally, Western Club Cafe (Sat., 2 p.m.), Rose Lanes (Sun., 9 a.m.).
- May 20 (Sunday)
Bakersfield—Picnic, Lowell Park.
- May 24 (Thursday)
Detroit—Cultural series, International Institute.
- May 25 - 27
Cincinnati—MDC pre-convention rally, Netherland Hilton Hotel.
- May 28 (Wednesday)
Contra Costa—"Why JACL?", Balboa School, El Cerrito, 8 p.m.
- Detroit—Carnival.
- May 27 (Sunday)
Los Angeles—Nisei Relays, University High.
- May 28 (Wednesday)
San Francisco—Memorial Services, Golden Gate Nat'l Cemetery.
- San Jose—Memorial Services, Oak Hill Cemetery.
- June 1 (Friday)
Portland—Graduates' Banquet, Multnomah Hotel, 6:30 p.m.
- June 2 (Saturday)
Sacramento—JACL picnic, Elk Grove Picnic grounds.
- Detroit—Dance, Veterans Bldg.
- June 3 (Sunday)
San Francisco—JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium.
- June 4 (Monday)
Nat'l JACL Nominations Deadline.
- June 5 (Tuesday)
Oakland—Meeting, Mary Tsunami's res.
- June 7 (Thursday)
Fresno—Board meeting.
- June 8 (Friday)
Philadelphia—General meeting.
- June 9 (Saturday)
Detroit—Japanese movies.
- June 10 (Sunday)
Idaho Falls—JACL Picnic.