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'Justice for all . . .'

The JACL Decade

THE THEME of this year's Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue is the celebration and commemoration of the passage of the McCarran-Walter Act this summer which was the realization of a dream held for close to three decades by immigrants from Japan to the United States of America.

This legislative triumph is also a concrete sign that the JACL has come of age. The process was greatly accelerated by what happened on December 7, 1941, and thereafter. Forced to grow up suddenly, the youthful organization shouldered its responsibilities and became a true leader when such leadership was desperately needed.

The story of the JACL during the past 10 years could be told by no more competent person than Larry Tajiri, who edited the voice of the organization during the critical years. Following is his account of the "JACL Decade."

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The JACL came of age on that December Sunday when bombs fell on Pearl Harbor.

It was as if the Kidos, the Yatabes and the Togasakis, men who had nurtured the JACL through its first decade of existence, had prepared for some eventuality when the organized strength of the Nisei would be needed.

The emergency arrived on December 7. The news of war struck the Japanese American community with a double impact. No other single group in America, not even the German Americans in World War I, has faced the particular crisis with which the Japanese Americans were confronted. The fact of enemy ancestry was compounded with color visibility and racial identification.

The JACL's role in the pre-evacuation period has been misrepresented in some quarters. The JACL never advocated mass evacuation nor approved it.

The JACL opposed mass evacuation but when the military decision for wholesale displacement of the Pacific Coast population of persons of Japanese ancestry was announced, the JACL counseled compliance. The JACL's position was compounded out of a concern for the future security and welfare of Americans of Japanese descent. It was based on the conviction that the Nisei had no future, except as Americans. All of the JACL's wartime decisions followed this thesis.

Not all of the JACL's wartime policies were popular, particularly among the embittered within the relocation camps. The bitterness, the frustration and the resentment expressed by some Nisei were natural reactions. Any other group of Americans probably would have reacted similarly to the same set of circumstances. The projection of these attitudes into anti-social channels, into refusals to cooperate and to practice the obligations of their United States citizenship, led some down a bitter road, first to the segregation camp at Tule Lake and later to the bleak barracks at Uraga in Japan. The great majority of the Nisei, however, were able to judge the evacuation from a clearer perspective. They kept their tempers, their sense of humor and their American citizenship. They repudiated the appeal of a renegade existence.

The JACL's wartime leadership had no blueprint for action. They met each situation as it arose. Their reactions were those of the great majority of the Nisei, in and out of the camps. The JACL's importance in that difficult period was that it was able to articulate the desire of the vast majority of the Nisei to play a part in the defense of their native America.

The JACL's influence on government decisions, particularly in respect to the policies of the War Relocation Authority, was overstated by the Dies Committee in 1943 when it charged that the Nisei organization was dictating the WRA's program. Nothing was farther from the truth as anyone who knows Dillon Myer, then director of WRA, can affirm. Mr. Myer has a mind of his own and no one, including congressmen, dictates to him, as special interests have found in trying to influence policies of the Bureau of Indian Affairs of which Mr. Myer has been commissioner for the past several years.

But the JACL did have a beneficial influence on the government's relocation and resettlement program. The JACL gave voice to the desires of the evacuees in the camps to re-establish their lives in normal communities and its support spurred the WRA's emphasis on outside relocation. The JACL's request for military service for Japanese Americans, together with a similar behest from Hawaii, helped make up the War Department's mind to organize a Nisei combat unit and later to reopen the draft to the Nisei. The JACL's decision for military service, determined at its emergency convention in Salt Lake City in November of 1942, was contested in several of the centers and some of the JACL delegates were attacked and beaten on their return to the camps. This decision, however, long since has been vindicated.

During the war years the JACL shunned demagoguery for the more difficult course of providing leadership which looked to the future rather than sought to exploit the emotionalism and frustrations of the present. The JACL's policies were not always the most popular but they proved to be right in the end.

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The Senator Explains the Law

hat exactly does the McCarran-Walter Act do? The law's Co-author and champion discusses the principles and provisions

elcome this opportunity to greet the rs of the Pacific Citizen. It is en- fitting that this Holiday Edition of acific Citizen should be devoted to a and commemoration of recent vements in the field of immigration aturalization. A real victory has been and the fruits of that victory are ow in sight. The new Immigration ationality Law that go into effect on mas Eve, and at that time thousands rsons of Japanese ancestry living in country, who have heretofore been an opportunity to participate in the ment of their adopted country, will e eligible to become naturalized citi- of the United States. But, lest you that success has been achieved with- truggle and without the faithful co- tion and backing of numerous patri- ns and organizations, such as the ese American Citizens League, let us e the issues and events which led to actment, over a presidential veto, of McCarren-Walter Immigration and ality Act.

e first immigration law was passed in Since that date two comprehensive gration laws, more than 200 additional tive enactments, great numbers of executive orders, proclamations, regulations and operating instruc- have found their way into the immi- n field, making a hodgepodge of le- confusion out of our immigration m.

uation Confronting Subcommittee

at is the situation which confronted subcommittee of the United States e which was appointed in 1947 to a full and complete investigation of entire immigration system. The result at investigation represents an achieve- never before accomplished in our his- the revision and codification of all the gration and naturalization laws. The law was not hastily conceived. It is, r, the result of an intensive study took more than 2½ years to com- The subcommittee reviewed not only istory of the immigration policy of United States, but the immigration ies of other countries as well. It d into the history and development of national migrations and the problems opulation and natural resources. A was made of the characteristics of opulation of the United States, insofar ey were related to our immigration naturalization system, and of the or- ation and functions of the government ies which were concerned with the nistration and operation of the immi- n and naturalization laws. Finally, al and administrative interpretations r laws were taken into account, and e was sought from both governmental ongovernmental agencies interested having anything to do with, immigra- and naturalization.

e study and investigation disclosed inequities, weaknesses, loopholes, and nsistencies in our laws as they then ed, and I believe that the great ma- of those infirmities have been reme- by the McCarran-Walter Act.

S. 3455 Introduced

ultaneously with the filing on April 1950, of a comprehensive report by the committee on our immigration and nality system, I introduced in the e S. 3455 of the 81st Congress, which ided for the repeal of all the immi- on and nationality laws and the enact- of one completely revised immigra- and nationality code.

any months of tedious work were de- to the preparation of S. 3455, and it through several drafts before it was duced. In that work I was assisted not only the staff of the subcommittee, also by experts from the Immigration Naturalization Service, the Visa and port Divisions of the Department of e, and the Legislative Counsel of the ate. Following that, copies of the bill circulated to interested governmental nongovernmental agencies for study comment.

the course of numerous conferences over a period of several weeks, the various suggestions and analyses by these interested parties were considered and S. 3455 was further refined and each of the thousands of provisions was checked and rechecked. Thereafter, on January 29, 1951, I introduced in the Senate S. 716, which was a refinement and modification of my original bill S. 3455.

Companion Bill Introduced

Shortly thereafter, the chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, Representative Francis E. Walter, introduced a companion bill in the House, H. R. 2379, which, with only a few slight changes, was identical to my bill.

Extensive joint public hearings were conducted by subcommittees of the Committees on the Judiciary of both Houses of Congress on S. 716 and H. R. 2379, and on H. R. 2816, a bill introduced by Representative Emanuel Celler, which was a copy of my bill with certain changes. At these hearings, more than 100 patriotic, religious and civic organizations endorsed the bill and gave their wholehearted support to the policies enunciated therein.

Following these extensive joint public hearings, S. 716 was further refined and on August 27, 1951, I introduced in the Senate S. 2055, which was a refinement of S. 716, and Representative Walter introduced a companion House bill, H. R. 5678. Finally, in 1952, S. 2550, which embodied the provisions of S. 2055, was reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary as a substitute in lieu of S. 2055. The House Committee on the Judiciary reported out the House companion bill, H. R. 5678, and on April 25, 1952, passed the bill by an overwhelming vote of 206 for and 68 against. The Senate followed suit, but the President vetoed the measure. Again the House voted overwhelmingly for the legislation, and the Senate added its verdict by voting to override the veto.

Tremendous Amount of Work

This brief resume gives only a hint of the tremendous amount of work and care which have been devoted to the legislation, but even now it is being subjected to guerilla attacks by certain radical groups in this country. Let me reiterate that this legislation is not the product of any one mind; nor does it represent the views of any one particular school of thought in this highly controversial field. Rather, it represents the composite thinking of many agencies, organizations and individuals, both in and out of the government, which are concerned with this vital subject.

What does this legislation do? If it did nothing more than eliminate the deadwood from our present laws and integrate into one legislative enactment all of the remaining provisions, it would have been worth the time and effort which have gone into its preparation and passage. But, it does much more than that. Changes have been made, but not merely for the sake of change. It was our policy not to change those provisions of the old law which had proven to be sound.

The Cardinal Principle

The cardinal principle which guided us in determining the provisions of the present act was simply this: the best interests of the United States of America must be served! Consistent with that principle, the deadwood was removed, the loopholes were plugged, and inequities and discriminations in the system were removed.

The new law retains the national origin quota formula as the basis for our quantative restriction of immigration to this country. National origin quotas have been an integral part of our immigration system since their establishment in 1929. Hence, the policy of restrictive and controlled immigration is continued in effect, and quotas for each country are determined in accordance with a system which has as its purpose the maintenance of the relative composition of the population of the United States according to the contribution by the various nationalities.

One of the most important changes in the law, and one which has caused rejoicing among Pacific Citizen readers, is the repeal of previous laws making certain racial groups inadmissible as permanent residents and ineligible to citizenship. The national origin quota system has been revised to remove racial discriminations and discriminations based on sex. No longer is anyone inadmissible to the United States solely on the basis of race. Hence, Japan for the first time in our history receives equal treatment under the national origin quota system and is assigned a quota in accordance with that system. This marks the setting aright of a situation which allowed Chinese, East Indian and Filipino immigrants to enjoy immigration and naturalization rights, while denying them to the peoples of Japan, Korea and southeast Asia.

Recognition of Equality

Recognition of their equality in respect to United States citizenship is now accorded. What does this mean to you in terms of people you know? It means that racial discriminations which have kept more than 80,000 Japanese resident aliens ineligible for naturalization privileges have now been cast aside.

I am confident that this reward for faithful service to their adopted land will be accepted and revered by those patient immigrants of Japanese nativity who have waited and served for so long. Another benefit derived from the above change in the law makes nonquota status available to spouses of American citizens, whether husband or wife.

Other significant changes made by the McCarran-Walter Act are these:

1. Within the national origin quota system there is established a system of selective immigration based upon the needs of the United States. Under these new provisions, 50 per cent of each quota will be made available to persons with special skills and knowledge whose services are needed in this country. Priorities are also established for relatives abroad of citizens and lawful resident aliens in the United States.

2. Provisions are made for a more thorough screening of aliens seeking to enter the United States, especially in the case of security risks. These provisions are designed to eliminate subversives, criminals and other undesirables before they enter the country.

Structural Changes

3. Structural changes are made in the enforcement agencies for greater efficiency pursuant to the recommendations of the administrative officials of the enforcement agencies.

4. The exclusion and deportation procedures are improved.

5. The naturalization and denaturalization procedures are strengthened to weed out suversives and other undesirables from citizenship.

Several years ago an act was passed by Congress setting up uniform procedures to be followed by administrative agencies in holding certain hearings. It has been charged that the new immigration act violates the provisions of that law. This is not the case.

When the Administrative Procedure Act was first enacted it was contended by the Immigration and Naturalization Service that its administrative problems required special procedures in connection with deportation, so the Immigration and Naturalization Service contested in the courts the applicability of the Administrative Procedure Act. It was decided by the Supreme Court that administrative hearings in deportation cases **must conform** to the procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Following that, the Justice Department convinced the House Appropriations Committee that the cost to the Department in following the Administrative Procedure Act in all deportation cases would be prohibitive and the House approved an appropriations bill rider which declared that "proceedings under law relating to the exclusion or expulsion of aliens shall hereafter be without regard to the provisions . . . of the Administrative Procedure Act." Thus, deportation procedures of the Immigration and Naturalization Service were completely exempted from the procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Exemption Terminated

Under the provisions of the new law as enacted, this exemption is terminated. The procedural requirements to be followed in the conduct of deportation cases are set out in detail. Except for the failure to comply strictly with the dual-examiner provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, I believe that the procedures set forth are in substantial compliance with the procedural rationale of the Administrative Procedure Act. I believe that the impracticability of adapting the dual-examiner system to the deportation procedures has been demonstrated, and in its place special

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Senator Pat McCarran

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"With firmness in the right..."

The End of Racial Exclusions

Champion of our cause in the House tells of his fight

by Francis E. Walter, M.C.



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Congressman Francis E. Walter

With malice toward none;
with charity for all;
with firmness in the right,
as God gave us to see the right. . . .
Abraham Lincoln
Second Inaugural Address

About the Congressman

One of the small number of Democrats in Congress to survive the election this year, the distinguished representative from Pennsylvania was chairman of the House Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee as well as the Committee on Un-American Activities during the past Congress.

RACIAL discrimination in our dealings with other peoples has been the weakest spot in America's moral armor. However, to get rid of racial prejudice is, in my opinion, primarily an educational process and such processes take time. It took us time, too, but all circumstances considered, not too long.

Gradual Process

The removal of all remaining racial exclusion clauses from immigration and nationality laws did not come one moment too early. It was high time that we demonstrated to the peoples of Asia that Uncle Sam is not—as Communist propaganda pictures him—taking up where European colonialism left off.

It was certainly not too early to reassert in our laws the basic truths accepted by our forefathers in the Declaration of Independence, the truth that "all men are created equal," and I sincerely hope that it was not too late to remove from our statutes the exclusion laws which have so greatly contributed to ill feeling toward us in Asia.

The First Congress, by the Act of March 26, 1790, provided for the naturalization of "any alien, being a free, white person" who otherwise met the requirements of the law. The priceless privilege of United States citizenship was subsequently extended as follows:

In 1871—to persons of African nativity or descent;

In 1900—to inhabitants of Hawaii;

In 1917—to inhabitants of Puerto Rico;

In 1924—to American Indians;

In 1927—to inhabitants of the Virgin Islands;

In 1940—to races indigenous to North or South America;

In 1943—to Chinese;

In 1946—to Filipinos and natives of India; and

In 1952—to all races.

It was, of course, a gradual process and its analysis should never be divorced from the overall picture of our relations with the outside world.

Factor in Foreign Policy

To me, the removal of racial discrimination affecting the immigration of peoples of Asia was always a matter of paramount importance in our foreign policy.

Although the argument could well be made that we decided back in 1882 to exclude the Chinese solely in order to protect our domestic labor market after 200,000 Chinese entered this country immediately following the discovery of gold in California, I do believe that subsequent legislation prohibiting wholesale the entry of Asian peoples evidenced our political immaturity in the great art of managing our relations with our close and distant neighbors alike. The Japanese exclusion clauses enacted in 1924, after a war in which Japan fought on our side, are a case in point. It definitely was a mistake—a grave mistake from the point of view of our international relations—and it is attributable to the unfortunate general trend of thinking then prevailing in the United States. The name of this way of thinking—and acting—you well know. It is isolationism.

The 1924 exclusion law passed Congress when isolationism was riding high in the United States. It was then that we repudiated all of Woodrow Wilson's enlightened work; it was then that we turned our backs on the League of Nations, and it was then that we decided practically to help the Japanese nationalistic madmen to push Japan into the camp of our potential enemies rather than to keep that country on our side, where she had remained since before the turn of the century.

There can be no question whatsoever that the passage of the 1924 Oriental Exclusion Act undercut the position of liberal Japanese statesmen whose policy was based on friendship with America. I have a good authority to bear me out. Mr. Joseph C. Grew, who spent ten years in Japan as our ambassador just prior to World War II and whom we all recognize as the keenest observer of our relations with the Orient, testified before our Committee that the passage of the 1924 Act did more to weaken our friends in Japan and to strengthen extremists than any other action ever taken in the history of Japanese-American relations.

Ambassador Grew recalled what a great friend of our country, Baron Sakatani, said during a debate in the Japanese Diet in February of 1924:

"If this bill is enacted by the United States it would lead to grave consequences. I do not mean to say by that that the Empire will go to war with the United States over this question. But what I do mean to say is that if the Japanese people are to be classified by the United States as an inferior race, that action would seriously destroy the present desire of the Japanese people to cooperate with the other signatory nations in supporting the Nine-Power Treaty and to observe the letter and spirit of that treaty in resolving our issues with China. If this bill becomes law, no one can foresee where that will end."

True, Baron Shidehara kept Japan in line for four more years, but once Baron Tanaka became Prime Minister, in 1928, the Nine-Power Treaty was relegated to the archives, and by 1932, the warmongering Japanese militaristic clique was firmly in the saddle.

It was a year later, in 1933, that Franklin Delano Roosevelt's leadership brought to Washington a majority of people who were anxious to discard the old record of isolationism and write a new, a more realistic, a modern history for America. But, we were quite busy in those days taking care of our domestic troubles first—and they were certainly not trivial. When we started thinking about adjusting our immigration and nationality policies to our new way of thinking, developed under the enlightened leadership of the new President, the Japanese military might was busy invading and ravaging China, our old friend. Moreover, Japan was obviously striving to make common cause with Hitler and Mussolini, an aim finally achieved—to their deep regret, I hope—in 1939.

The period of deterioration of our relations with Japan, the Japanese decision to abandon the League of Nations and the strengthening of ties between Berlin, Rome and Tokyo, was certainly not conducive to the removal of the anti-Oriental restrictions from our immigration and nationality laws. Then, Pearl Harbor followed and when we finally decided to start reshaping our immigration laws so as to put them in line with our general foreign policy, we removed restrictions not for the Japanese, but first, of course, for our allies—the Chinese in 1943, and for the Filipinos and the East Indians in 1946.

Fallacious Theories

The old records show conclusively that our exclusion laws were based on two premises:

(1) That the people of the Far East maintained a lower standard of living than other ethnic groups and, therefore, the mere fact of their dwelling among us would aggravate our economic problems; and

(2) That the people of the Far East, and especially the Japanese, were not assimilable and, therefore, would not be loyal to the United States.

Time has disposed of the first contention. It is no doubt true that initially Japanese immigrants who came before 1924, lived on a lower scale than their neighbors of older immigrant stock. But, this has been generally true of most immigrant groups. Today, the older Japanese immigrants, with their Nisei children, although some of them are impoverished because of losses sustained during the wartime evacuation, are living in all sections of the country, and it is safe to say that their standards of living are those of the communities in which they live.

It so happens that it took a war, and a war with Japan, mind you, to dispose of the second contention. It seems now almost needless to repeat the well known fact that there was no act of espionage or sabotage committed by a Japanese resident in Hawaii or on the mainland, before or during the last war. Although forced to remain citizens of Japan because of their ineligibility to United States citizenship, the older Japanese aliens wrote for themselves a splendid record as law-abiding and cooperative residents during the entire war period. A considerable number of them served as language instructors, intelligence agents, translators; many helped in the preparation of secret maps of the Pacific theater of operations, and in other ways.

A true saga of loyalty and patriotism, however, was written by their sons, the American-born boys of Japanese parents of whom the late General Joseph W. (Vinegar Joe) Stilwell said that they "bought an awful big hunk of America with their blood."

I heard, of course, during the war, of the heroic deeds of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and of the 100th Infantry Battalion, and in view of my legislative work designed to help them in their fight for American citizenship for their parents, it was a real thrill to meet, in 1946, some of the boys who fought in those two outfits.

The First Step

To the everlasting credit of the United States Congress, let us remember that as soon as the guns became silent in the Far East, the first bills proposing to eliminate some of the most unfair racial restrictions of our immigration laws appeared in the House of Representatives. True, we did not talk at that time—it was 1946, as I said—about removing the racial bars facing Japanese immigrants, and we were not yet prepared to grant the privilege of American citizenship to the Japanese residents. We had on our hands, however, a distressing situation with which we wanted to cope immediately. Thousands of Japanese, and among them some whose sons fought for our country, were subject to deportation.

In 1940, the Smith Act permitted the Attorney General to suspend deportation of certain deserving classes of aliens, if such deportation would cause undue hardship. However, the racial bar was retained in that statute and no person ineligible for naturalization could benefit from suspension of deportation. No wonder. That was 1940, and our relations with Japan at that time were certainly not conducive to making friendly gestures toward Japanese nationals.

Nevertheless, at the end of the war, Japanese who came to the United States lawfully as treaty merchants, students, visitors, etc., had to be mandatorily deported since they were not covered by the law. Our treaty of commerce and navigation with Japan was voided by the outbreak of hostilities. The Japanese students had in most instances concluded or abandoned their educational endeavors. The visitors had long overstayed the allowed period of the visit. All these people became automatically deportable, although some of them had married in this country before or during the war and had American-born children, some of them had worked for our Office of Strategic Services, some had risked their lives as intelligence or espionage agents. Now they faced deportation to a hostile fatherland.

It was on the occasion of hearings held in 1947 before our Subcommittee that, headed by my distinguished predecessor the late Frank Fellows of Maine, that I first met Mike Masaoka—a true champion of the American Japanese cause—and with him, the other members of the Japanese American Citizens League, who devoted much time and unflinching effort to convince a majority of the House and Senate that gradually the last vestiges of racial exclusion should be removed from our statute books.

The fight on the "suspension of deportation" issue was won in 1948. Let's record it here that the first law removing a racial bars from one of our immigration statutes was the Act of July 1, 1948 (Public Law 863, 80th Congress), amending section 19(c) of the Immigration Act of 1917, as amended, by changing and liberalizing the requirements of eligibility to suspension of deportation.

An Obstacle Course

The next step took longer. To be exact, four years from that first important enactment in 1948.

Our work on the final removal of racial bars from both immigration and nationality statutes actually began in April of 1948 by holding public hearings on a bill introduced by Dr. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota. The 80th Congress had but laid the ground-work for this great legislative job in which Democrats and Republicans alike joined Dr. Judd early in 1949.

It was my privilege to preside over the study of bills establishing our immigration and nationality policy on a non-racial basis. I pressed for speed for two main reasons. First—the removal of racial bars from the immigration statutes was to me becoming more and more important in view of our steadily deteriorating standing with the peoples of Asia. Second—I considered the problem of naturalization of our Japanese and other Oriental residents a matter of sound domestic relations and in addition to that, a matter of simple justice.

We didn't lose much time because a perfected bill was reported to the House but five weeks after the 81st Congress convened, and it passed the House on March 2, 1949. This was the so-called Judd bill,

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A 27-Year-Old Vow is Fulfilled

"I rejoice equally that our country... has proven that it is worthy of you."

by Walter H. Judd, M. C.

When Congress convenes next year, Dr. Walter H. Judd will be representing Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District in the House for his sixth consecutive term. He was a medical missionary in China for 10 years prior to his election to Congress. Scholarly, earnest, hardworking and a fluent speaker, Dr. Judd is the prototype of an ideal Congressman.



—MOSS PHOTO

Congressman Walter H. Judd

ONE OF THE most important pieces of legislation d in the last session of Congress was the McCarran- Act, the first codification and comprehensive revi- of our immigration and naturalization laws since 1924. I worked for it and urged its passage over the Presi- veto. I shall do my best in administration to see it is administered sympa- ly, with a severe desire to it succeed rather than to it fail.

actual operation indicates there is anything basically unfair or unworkable in Act, I shall support legisla- to correct any such demon- d wrong.

I will oppose strongly any pt to repeal it, because it ents a vast net improvement previous law.

Rawest Discrimination

vote against the act would been to vote for retaining awest kind of racial discrim- on—the racially ineligible pro- s of our immigration laws. were the biggest single of Japan's succumbing to arism and her war against United States. They furnished unism with its most power- propaganda weapon in turning reds of millions of people in against us.

For 27 years I have been rking for the correction of longstanding act of injustice unwisdom by our country.

hen I was first in Japan in on my way to China where to serve until 1938 as a med- missionary, I saw what the Exclusion Act had done to Japanese people—the numb k, coming as it did from the ern friend which, only a year re, had aided them so prompt- and so generously after the t Tokyo-Yokohama earth- e; the discrediting of the s of liberalism seeking to t Japan toward western dem- cy; and the turning of mil- of hurt and despairing Jap- toward the militarists and doctrine that the west under- and respected only brute —therefore, Japan must re- to arms and conquest.

Entered Congress

hen I entered Congress in Jan- 1943, I warned in my first mittee appearance, in Febru- that there would not be peace the Pacific until this historic tice was removed. As the step, and a necessary one, if expected our Chinese allies to on fighting against Japan their near-exhaustion, I urged al of the exclusion laws with ect to the Chinese.

s the hearings show, I stated view that "a comprehensive hauling of our immigration to remove all discrimination better, if it could be done, to alter them by patchwork, as a bill applying only to Chinese would be."

But it was clear that such revision was unattainable at time when Japan was at war h us, and American official public opinion had thrown Japanese aliens and even ir American-citizen children o concentration camps in grant violation of the Consti- ion of the United States.

Possible Steps

o, I worked out and submitted the House Committee on Im- ration and Naturalization a ist of eight possible other steps ould take (see pp. 147-149 of Hearings, May 26, 1943) which ged from the least to the most prehensive.

First, mere repeal of the 15 ex- sion laws passed between 1882 1914, applying only to the inese. This would move the inese up to the level where the anese and other Asians were. would not heal the wounds, but salt in them—unless accompanied by additional steps such as:

Second, making Chinese who had been legally admitted to the country for permanent residence eligible for naturalization; or, in addition,

Third, allowing Chinese immigrants to be admitted on a quota basis, the quota being only slightly over 100 a year; or

Fourth, extension of naturalization and immigration privileges on a quota basis to natives of countries which were members of the new United Nations Organization, just being developed. This would add only China and India at that time but it would establish a formula whereby other Asian peoples could become eligible later; or

Extend Privileges

Fifth, extension of the same privileges to natives of countries that were independent and cobelligerent or friendly. This would add only China at the time, which was all public opinion would support, but it would establish a formula whereby, for example, the Filipinos, Indians and Koreans would become eligible when they gained their independence, and the Japanese would become eligible when Japan was no longer an enemy nation. This was the formula the Committee eventually selected.

My sixth suggestion was, in addition to the above, to assign a quota of 50 or 100 immigrants a year to each of the four main colonial systems in the Far East —British, French, Dutch and Portugese.

Seventh, four possible formulas were proposed for charging persons of Asian ancestry to the quotas of Asian countries. This was to get around the objection that, for example, Chinese born in Latin America would otherwise be able to come in without restrictions because there are no quota limitations on natives of independent countries of the Western Hemisphere.

Equality of Status

Eighth, a proposal to achieve full equality of status by making ALL immigrants to the United States, not just those from Asia, chargeable to the country to which they or the race to which they belong are indigenous.

As stated above, the House Committee adopted the fifth formula and under it Congress passed in October 1943 the bill granting immigration and naturalization privileges to "Chinese persons and persons of Chinese descent."

Even then some "liberals" opposed the Act "because it did not go far enough"—foreshadowing similar opposition now to the McCarran-Walter Act because it does not do all they want. But I was sure then as now that it is far better to take what you can get that is good, than to get nothing because what you can get is not perfect. The fact was that the camel's nose was under the tent. The wall of total exclusion had been breached. America was on the way to righting what had been not only a great wrong, but also a tragic mistake from the standpoint of our national interests and security.

Keep Issue Alive

The next thing was to keep the issue alive. On a nationwide and international Town Meeting broadcast in October, 1943, I urged ending our racial exclusion policies as an essential step in "How to deal with Japan after the war in order to win the peace."

In 1946, laws were passed extending immigration and naturalization privileges to Indians and Filipinos. They were now independent and friendly.

On December 19, 1947, I introduced the first bill to complete, once and for all, the task of eliminating racial discrimination against persons of Asian ancestry. It was H. R. 4824, "a bill to provide the privilege of becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States to all immigrants having a legal right to permanent residence, and to place all Asiatic and Pacific peoples on the same basis in immigration law as Chinese persons and races indigenous to India."

'Prairie Fire'

It was about this time that the JACL and its one-man prairie fire named Mike Masaoka descended on Washington. Unstintingly and successfully he worked on important congressmen and senators. Members of the JACL staff and experts in the State Department and Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization made suggestions that would make my bill more comprehensive, and I introduced an improved version, H. R. 5004.

It was studied by the subcommittee headed then by Congressman Frank Fellows of Maine, and in the Democratic 81st and 82nd Congress, by Congressman Francis Walter of Pennsylvania.

The subcommittee added some restrictions, some of which I did not like but which I accepted as the way to keep moving ahead, and it was reintroduced as H. R. 6908, too late to be taken up by the expiring 80th Congress. However the groundwork had been done and the record compiled. From then on, it was a question of ways and means.

Perfected Bill

I introduced the perfected bill as H. R 199 on the first day of the 81st Congress in January, 1949. It went to the Senate where hearings were held by the appropriate subcommittee. However, because the subcommittee was engaged in an overall codification of our immigration laws, it incorporated all the features of my bill in its omnibus bill, reported out as S. 3455 in April, 1950. A legislative jam in the Senate prevented its being brought up.

So Congressman Walter took the first section of my bill, H. R. 199, the section granting naturalization rights to the Issei and all aliens legally admitted for permanent residence—and introduced it as H. J. Res. 238.

It passed the House unanimously, but some other provisions not related to the racial question were added to it in the Senate which caused the President to veto it. It was passed by the House over his veto, but the majority leader of the Senate failed, despite his promise, to bring it up for vote there.

So in the 82nd Congress we started over again. A joint House and Senate subcommittee perfected and reported out its omnibus bill, now the McCarran-Walter Act. It was passed by both houses, vetoed by the President, and finally passed over his veto, after many anxious moments and heroic efforts by many people of many races and both political parties.

A vow I made in 1925 had been fulfilled.

Provisions Incorporated

The McCarran-Walter Act incorporated all the provisions of my bill, H. R. 199, to remove racial discrimination from our immigration and naturalization laws. These provisions are the only "civil rights" legislation enacted in recent Congresses. I am proud of that accomplishment.

The new law does not treat persons of Asian ancestry quite the same as those of the white, Negro and American Indian races in that immigrants of the latter races are charged to the quota of the country of their birth, whereas the former, no matter where born, are charged to the quota of the country or area in Asia to which they are attributable by as much as one half of their ancestry. But no group of Asians has protested this. All of them welcome it because it is such a great forward step from previous law.

Naturally I would have preferred and I tried my best to have my own bill, dealing solely with this racial discrimination issue, passed separately rather than as part of the omnibus measure which in addition has scores of other provisions, some of which are so complicated that probably only a period of actual testing can prove how they actually work out.

But when I couldn't get my own bill passed separately by the Senate, I supported the omnibus bill. It did remove racial discrimination from our immigration laws. To vote against it was to vote to continue the cruelest and most indefensible kind of racial discrimination—a completely illiberal course.

Weakest Spot

For racial discrimination here at home and in our dealings with other peoples is the weakest spot in America's armor. Let no white American have any illusion about the importance of this issue. The colored peoples around the world outnumber the white peoples two to one. They can outwork and undereat any white man. They will out-endure him and out-suffer him and out-breed him. They will win out, if our enemies succeed in uniting them against America, and I fear they will, should we as a nation continue much longer on our statute books immigration laws that publicly insult and stigmatize friendly peoples by denying justice and equal status as human beings for those whose skins happen to be yellow or brown.

The McCarran-Walter Act is not a complete solution to all our immigration problems, but it is an enormous step ahead. We can go forward from here to make additional improvements, to further eliminate inequities which may exist.

It is not yet possible, unfortunately, to produce positively through legislation all the good and justice and brotherhood that we would like to have in the world; but the least we can do, and I know citizens of Japanese ancestry will continue to strive mightily to this end—is to remove the negative acts of injustice that exist in some of our laws and in too many of our dealings with one another.

Human Dignity

As a free people we have based our institutions and ideology of government on the worth and dignity of every human being. To atheistic communism, individual human beings are no more important than mosquitoes are to us. They are just the smartest of the animals; there is no such thing as a spiritual being. To us, human beings are precious because they are children of God, and all are equally precious in His sight, and therefore must be equal before the law.

It is in this belief that I have fought, and will continue to fight, whether in public life or as a private citizen, for those laws which are right and just to all men of every race and color.

As for the McCarran-Walter Act, it should be used for a period before trying to amend it. Then, any inequities or any undesirable provisions that may be in it will have been demonstrated for all to see. Proper corrective action can be obtained with relative ease when need for it is proved to exist.

Rejoice

I rejoice with all those of Japanese ancestry who are American citizens or citizens-to-be over this long-delayed righting of a long-standing wrong. It was the unswerving devotion of the Nisei to their country and their faith in it when it did not have faith in them which contributed most to the early achievement of this goal. For it proved the quality of their parents, the Issei. No one could doubt or deny that they had brought up their children to give undivided loyalty and service to the United States as their native land. I congratulate you all on the way you have proved yourselves worthy of it.

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Since our country was built by many millions who came to these shores from all nations, it is especially heart-warming that a provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act removes racial barriers to naturalization.

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The End of Racial Exclusion

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199, which, most unfortunately, was acted upon by the Committee on the ary of the Senate.

that time, our studies on a complete e and codification of the immigra- and nationality laws had progressed point where final action seemed to on the not too distant horizon. It believed that our general purpose be better achieved if we incorpor- the provisions of Dr. Judd's bill in en proposed "omnibus" bill.

onally, I was not very optimistic as time-table and, bearing in mind the ress of the prolongation of the alien of our older Japanese residents, I d once again to expedite the enact- of legislation designed to obtain citi- p for them.

May 9, 1949, I introduced H. J. Res. which would permit the naturaliza- of all aliens having a legal right to nent residence in our country. This tion made a record trip through the and reached the Senate in less than weeks, but again, it took the Senate a year, until June 8, 1950, to pass it. we subsequently amended it in con- r to add certain security provisions, President, on September 9, 1950, re- d H. J. Res. 238 with his veto mes- I called the resolution up in the and the veto was overridden by 307 against 14, but the veto message was called up for a vote in the Senate.

knew well of the disappointment that ended on the communities where the ese residents lived, particularly in rnia and in Hawaii. I had before my the letter that General Mark W. Clark, whose command the 442nd Regi- al Combat Team fought in Italy, wrote e recommending that we speedily ac- the Japanese residents as American ens.

As I recall," wrote General Clark, outstanding feats of valor in com- of the members of the 442nd In- try and the 100th Infantry Battalion, number of Purple Hearts awarded to n because of wounds received in bat- and their extremely low hospital rate because of their eagerness to return to the line after having bbeen wounded, I can only urge that the rights of citizenship in our great America be given to the parents who furnished us with such outstanding young manhood, men who willingly gave their all that America could live.

"The parents of these heroic Nisei should have the privileges of the democracy their sons helped to preserve."

I decided to try again and on November 27, 1950, I introduced H. R. 9780, containing the naturalization provisions of H. J. Res. 238, without the security provisions which proved to be objectionable to the President. Incidentally, I might add that those provisions were all enacted into law by the Internal Security Act of 1950.

My bill, H. R. 9780, made again a ten-day record trip through the House and reached the Senate on December 7, 1950. One week later, Senator McCarran reported it to the Senate and made an effort to have that Chamber act on it before the final adjournment of the 81st Congress. Unfortunately, through an uncalled for objection on the floor of the Senate, H. R. 9780 failed to pass.

Finishing the Job

On the day the 82nd Congress convened, I made one more try and my H. R. 403, introduced on January 3, 1951, passed the House on February 19, 1951. Urging the House to vote for this legislation—actually for the fourth time—I wrote in the Committee report as follows:

"The committee has been impressed by the record of loyalty and dependability of these people during World War II, when the native country of the largest segment was at war with the United States. All authorities are in agreement that there was no sabotage or espionage by a person of Japanese ancestry resident in the United States or Hawaii, either before, during, or after Pearl Harbor. The demonstration of loyalty given bby the Nisei American-born children of Japanese immigrants who volunteered for military service from behind the barbed wire of relocation centers is well known.

"In this record of devotion to the highest principles of Americanism, the committee finds conclusive grounds for admission of the qualified members of this small group to the priceless privileges of United States citizenship. It is a matter of simple justice to do so.

"In addition, the committee strongly feels that those who are permanent residents of the United States should be placed in a position to assume the responsibilities of citizenship while permitted to enjoy the opportunities and privileges which living here bestow. Ample evidence has been presented that those persons resident in the United States, covered by this bill, are most anxious to assume the responsibilities of citizenship while permitted to enjoy the opportunities of citizenship, and that only the provisions of our present nationality law prevent them from doing so."

But H. R. 403 again failed to pass the Senate because at that time we were really getting close to the finish line of our work on the general revision and codification of our immigration and nationality laws. In my report on that bill (H. R. 5678, reported to the House on February 14, 1952) I stated again, as follows:

"The committee strongly feels that the remaining racial exclusion clauses of our immigration and naturalization laws should be repealed and it has repeatedly indicated its belief that such repeal is long overdue."

I have repeated here this dry, judicial language of the two official reports because I believe that they convey perfectly the thoughts of those who joined forces in a successful effort to enact into law a statute in which justice, fairness and equal opportunities for all races and all peoples prevail—The Immigration and Nationality Act, enacted on June 27, 1952, over the President's veto. It is this Act that spells the end of racial discrimination in our immigration and nationality policy.

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THE SENATOR EXPLAINS

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methods have been outlined by Congress, thus overcoming the objection of a blanket exemption followed by the agency setting up its own procedures.

America is indebted to organizations such as the Japanese American Citizens League, for the great service which they rendered all during the investigation, the hearings, and the Congressional fight in connection with the passage of the McCarran-Walter Act.

A Great Step Forward

This piece of legislation was recognized for what it was: a great step forward in terms of legislation, in terms of Americanism, and in terms of human relations. May God always give us the courage to face up to and solve such knotty problems as these with the same wisdom and nobility of purpose as has characterized the deliberations responsible for the passage of the McCarran-Walter Act, thus making possible the happiest Christmas Eve many of our Japanese-American friends will ever know.

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Because of the barrier, the Issei who came to this country in the latter part of the last century and the early part of this century have suffered discrimination over a long period of years. In the final report of the WRA entitled "A Story of Human Conservation," 1946, pages 188-189, we had the following to say:

"The history of the naturalization laws in this country is little known and widely misunderstood. One of the commonest errors, for example, is to assume that Japanese aliens were declared ineligible for naturalization in 1924 and because of that fact were subsequently barred from immigration. Precisely the reverse is true. Japanese aliens have never been eligible for naturalization as American citizens and it was this fact of ineligibility which was used to exclude them from immigration under the 1924 statute. Until the period immediately after the Civil War, the privilege of naturalization in the United States was confined exclusively to 'free white persons.' Then in 1870 the statute was broadened to include 'persons of African descent or African nativity.' No further change was made until 1940, when the privilege was extended to 'members of races indigenous to the Western Hemisphere.' In 1943 the previous absolute bar against all orientals was lowered in the case of the Chinese. It still continues, however, in the case of all other orientals.

"There are a great many reasons why this purely racial restriction should be removed from our naturalization laws. But perhaps the most important is that it has been used by racist elements in various Western states as the basis for discriminatory legislation which severely hampers thousands of people from making a living merely because their ancestors happened to be Japanese or Filipino or Hindu. The so-called 'alien land laws,' for example, are nearly all phrased so that their provisions apply to 'aliens ineligible for naturalization.' This formula, sharply delimiting the economic opportunities of Japanese and other oriental aliens while staying within the allowable limits of the Constitution, was discovered over 30 years ago by U. S. Webb, the then attorney general of California and his close associate, Francis J. Heney, co-author with Webb of the first alien land law. Devised originally by two able legal practitioners and rabid anti-orientalists, it has stood the test of time and court decisions and still prevents the Japanese in the West Coast states and some of the inland Western states from owning or leasing farm land and — in some cases — even from sharing in its profits.

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Thus in these particular states, the Japanese alien, whose whole background and training may be agricultural, is prevented from engaging in farming except as a paid laborer despite the fact that he may have had sons in the American armed forces who have given up their lives for their country.

"WRA believes that this situation is wholly indefensible and recommends the passage of legislation which would extend the privilege of naturalization equally to members of all the races of the world. In addition, the Authority feels that all discriminatory state laws or local regulations against persons of Japanese descent which still remain in effect and which would not be abrogated by this process of broadening the naturalization laws should be repealed."

These recommendations made by WRA in its final report to the American people were based not only on our belief in the principles of justice and fair play but on our first-hand knowledge of the actual effects of discrimination. I well remember that many of the Nisei who joined the 442nd combat team during the war were deeply concerned because farm real estate which they had bought and developed over the years in the West Coast states could not be inherited by their foreign-born parents under the so-called alien land laws. I also remember the great concern that many of the alien-born parents had about the possibilities of discrimination on their return to these states from the relocation centers. Unfortunately, this concern proved in many cases to be well founded.

In addition to the land laws which had been on the statute books for many long years, other bills had been passed making it unlawful for aliens who were not eligible for citizenship to secure hunting and fishing licenses, and this was typical of the kind of discrimination which was possible so long as citizenship rights were withheld. In other words, the basic fact of ineligibility for naturalization under Federal law was used as the justification and the pretext for practically all of the discriminatory state laws which were enacted.

All good Americans can take pride and satisfaction in the fact that the legal barrier to naturalization has now been eliminated and that the substructure for so much discriminatory state legislation has thus been swept away. The Japanese American Citizens League, the Anti-Discrimination Committee, and all of the other organizations and individuals who helped to carry on this fight are to be congratulated on the effective and persistent job that has been done.

Moreover, I believe that congratulations should be given to the Issei and Nisei of the United States for their conduct throughout the years under the burdens of discrimination. The Japanese American people as a whole have set an example of self-discipline, thrift, loyalty, hard work and interest in education, which has impressed fair-minded people everywhere and which has helped immeasurably in the long and hard battle now so successfully concluded.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend not only congratulations but also warmest holiday greetings to all of my Issei and Nisei friends throughout the country.

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The hard work and years of effort which so many have given toward the attainment of this goal have not been in vain. Again, the Japanese community in the United States has demonstrated a sincerity and devotion to strengthening the foundations of a firm Japanese-American friendship.

To all officers and members of the Japanese-American Citizens League, who, with foresight, wisdom and great patience, have contributed to this revision, I wish to extend my personal note of sincere appreciation and best wishes for continued success.

(signed) EIKICHI ARAKI
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JACL Decade

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In 1942 and 1943 the JACL was reduced by the vicissitudes of mass evacuation from an organization with 60 functioning chapters and some 20,000 members to a skeletal framework consisting of a national headquarters and Washington office and a handful of chapters and members. During these two years the JACL would not have survived were it not for the support of the chapters in its last functioning district council, the Intermountain, made up of eight chapters in Utah and Idaho. These chapters provided the funds to keep the JACL alive until the WRA's resettlement program was well under way and the evacuees could once more contribute to the JACL's objectives and activities.

One of the major functions of the JACL during the war was the publication of the Pacific Citizen, its weekly newspaper, from Salt Lake City. The PC played an integral role in bolstering evacuee morale and in providing information and ammunition so that the friends of the Nisei could fight the campaigns of hatred then being waged against the evacuees on the Pacific Coast.

The PC and the maintenance of the Washington office which provided national scope to Mike Masaoka's genius of making friends and influencing legislation were two of the primary functions of the JACL in this period. Before his departure for training with the 442nd Combat Team, Mike Masaoka gave evidence of his ability to obtain the support of otherwise incompatible political forces on behalf of the Nisei when he helped block passage of a bill which would have given the War Department authority to intern Nisei in concentration camps on the basis of ancestry alone. This bill, sponsored in the Senate by Tom Stewart of Tennessee and in the House by John Rankin of Mississippi, would have been railroaded through the Upper House if it were not for the last-minute efforts of Senators Thomas and Murdock of Utah and Clark of Idaho, Democrats, and Taft of Ohio and Ball of Minnesota, Republicans.

A factor which has been little publicized but which played a major role in the survival of the JACL organization during the early war years was the ability of Teiko Ishida (Mrs. Mickey Kuroiwa), then the JACL's Eastern representative, to obtain grants from the Carnegie, Field and other foundations for the JACL's work. Dr. T. T. Tanabe, past national president of the JACL, and Ruby Yoshino also pioneered with public relations tours of the Midwest and East.

The names of the Nisei who participated in the JACL's public relations work during the war are many. They will be remembered, perhaps, in a more definitive study of the JACL decade. Some of them, like T. Scott Miyakawa and Scotty Tsuchiya, to name only two, made considerable contributions which enhanced the welfare of the Nisei population.

George Inagaki, now national president, is a personal example of the many Nisei who contributed time, work and material goods to the JACL program. Before enlisting in the Army, George and Mike Masaoka toured the nation, 20th Century Paul Reveres in a station wagon, telling the people of the betrayal of citizen rights embodied in mass evacuation and mass detention and impressing upon them the loyalty of the Nisei group.

In 1946 the JACL planned a pattern of activity which was to dominate the organization's thought and action for the next six years. At the first post-war national convention at Denver in March the delegates formulated a three-point

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How CEN Was Born

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It was hoped to bring sentiment behind this objective effectively to bear. When called upon, members of the committee always responded most generously of their time and influence. In wider application, however, the CEN lacked a city by city organizational structure through which to work. As a direct mobilizer of public sentiment, its contribution was relatively slight, a weakness which fortunately was matched by the JACL-ADC strength.

Principal Contribution

In practical application, its principal contribution was technical, or, in the builder's metaphor, architectural. This function flowed through a very active executive committee which met monthly and was carried out by an executive secretary. (A position filled by myself after the first few months (until the end of the first session, 81st Congress, in the fall of 1949.) Mike Masaoka was a member of this executive committee, and either he or Etsu Masaoka were always in attendance, a fact which provided complete coordination between the efforts of CEN and JACL-ADC. Funds for operation came through JACL-ADC, a considerable number of church groups, an Issei group in Los Angeles and a direct mail solicitation. After a year of maintaining a separate office, CEN moved in with JACL-ADC for economy and even closer working relations.

The CEN executive committee brought together experience gained by those who fostered the earlier and successful legislative effort to gain citizenship and naturalization privileges for the Chinese, East Indians and Filipinos. A first question we took up was "what kind of legislation" and second, "who to sponsor."

Not Simple

The legislative approach was not merely a matter of securing enactment of a simple bill to end racial discrimination in naturalization, for to do so would have immediately raised the spector of "hordes of Asian immigrants," under the quotas of colonial powers or on a non-quota basis from South or Central America. Whatever the reality of this fear, it wrote the exclusion provision into the 1924 Immigration Act, and as a practical consideration, the possibility had to be eliminated.

This could be done in two ways; by specifically limiting naturalization of ineligible Asians to those now here in the United States, leaving immigration matters strictly alone, or by following a formula to hold Far Eastern immigration to the actual quotas as was worked out in the cases of China, India and the Philippine Islands. Specifically, the latter approach meant establishing limitations based on linking ancestry and quota.

A careful and detailed survey of informed opinion—of congressmen, State and Justice Department technicians, and other people of experience in the field of both legislation and immigration problems, convinced us reluctantly that we must procede along lines joining the naturalization and immigration issues. Traditionally these issues had been joined. To separate them meant a piecemeal approach of much lesser appeal. (On the broad matter of the principle of national origins quotas, there was complete unanimity that to question this principle would be fatal to our hopes at the outset, whatever the individual preferences of the members of our executive committee.)

Problems

In the course of checking, we were told by some that a bill finally dealing with the whole subject was impossible to construct short of setting up South American quotas, and by others that Congress, just having passed legislation to admit Japanese soldier brides, for evacuation claims, and for stay of de-

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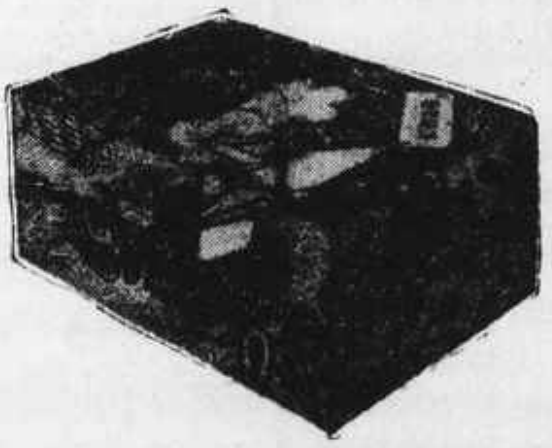
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The CEN Story

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portation, would do no more in the direction we were seeking.

In addition, Congress contained many members who believed all immigration should be restricted to the barest possible minimum, a belief just then under heavy fire by proponents of pending Displaced Persons legislation.(Indeed, throughout the entire period of active work on an independent bill, DP legislation continually took precedence in committees of Congress and in the interest and energies of congressmen. Particularly in the Senate, many members whom we should have been able to count upon for active support held back because of a more pressing interest in the DP matter.)

Nature Decided

Once the nature of the bill had been decided, the question of drafting and of sponsorship came to the fore. Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota best filled the latter need, having had a leading part in the earlier Chinese, East Indian and Philippine Island legislation, and an active long term interest in Far Eastern affairs.

Late in the fall of 1947, during the last days of the first session of the 80th Congress, a preliminary "Judd Bill" was introduced, seeking to lift all racial restrictions on naturalization and making quotas to immigrate to the United States available to all indigenous peoples. At Dr. Judd's request, technicians of the State and Justice Departments undertook an informal scrutiny of this bill. Early in the second session, Dr. Judd introduced a more mature bill for the same purpose, differing primarily by the introduction of the concept of the "Asia-Pacific Triangle" as a means of carrying out the special immigration formula. This was HR 5004, upon which the major Congressional hearings for equality in naturalization legislation were held.

Intensive Study

The weeks intervening between introduction of Dr. Judd's first bill and HR 5004 had been ones of intensive study and general consultation on the part of the CEN staff as well as by many administrative officials whose positions required them to deal with the subject matter. The new language was gone over in detail by the CEN executive committee and of course Dr. Judd was in all developments. It is perti noteworthy that when hearings on HR 5004 were held and State and Justice Department reports were made public, there were only minor technical criticisms with positive support for both intent and the language.

Staff work included an intensive and detailed study of Asiatic immigration to South America, preparation of a section by section parallel comparison of immigration and nationality law then in effect and the provisions of HR 5004, a detailed presentation of what each section of the bill accomplished, and before the hearings, a report quoting recognized sources concerning Japanese immigrants in the United States.

Research Done

In preparation of the last document, the annals of the passage of the 1913 Alien Land Law of California, the Immigration Act of 1924, of the evacuation and resettlement, and of parallel of the Chinese, East Indian and Filipino legislation were searched to find all points of possible position, as a background for preparation of factual mate

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Mike - 'I Knew Him When...'

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by Richard Akagi

ONE OF THE THORNS a well-known personality has to suffer is the occasional that some lesser and more pedestrian soul writes about him, pegged on the not ther unembarrassing line "I knew him when . . ."

following rather personal ndom recollections about Masaoka is cut from the cloth. I've known Mike for 5 years (My God, we Nisei tting old! Discussing time rter of a century chunks

I think back, the curious ut about Mike, the one generally regarded by merican public as "Mr. Ni- is that he has had to learn a Nisei,

inly in those early years Lake City he was not d by the innumerable in- which plagued the aver- ei. He was described by e spiteful acquaintances as nt." Brash, he undoubtedly t hardly arrogant.

Slightly Envious

course many of the Nisei more than slightly envious talents and successes. Dur- e days virtually every ora- or essay contest he entered, . I remember only contest ich he placed lower than That was a national affair. hen he lost on the split de- of one of the judges.

e was 16 the year he wrote last-mentioned "failure." d come back to West High l to kill time under the of enrolling in "post-grad- " work, since he was too to enter the university.

t High then was saddled a colony of these "p-g's" pparently wanted to re-live ories of their senior year r again. At any rate Mike to drift about the corridors nothing much that I could ept to dash off to the hint- s with Bill Richards, his , to debate. Frequently nd Bill took on and whip- e freshman debating teams the universities, much to the future of these representa- from the loftier and nobler ions of learning.

f there was no debating to e, he was neck deep in stud- olitics.

Politicking

was embroiled in the dest- of a number of candidates year. His politicking, like his poker playing of these latter days, was strident and fervent. Then one afternoon a small card appeared on the high school bulletin board. On the card was scrawled: "Beware of the Yellow Peril."

It was probably meant to be a joke since Mike was a popular campus figure. But it was hitting below the belt and Mike stormed in on Joe Curtis, the history instructor who was also his close friend, to protest the racist turn which the campaign had taken.

Nothing more was said of the incident. Sad part of it, however, was that none of the other Nisei, including the writer, was even aware that anything untoward had taken place.

First Meeting

My first meeting with Mike was not memorable. In fact there was a pointless idiocy about the event. Perhaps that is why I recall it so well.

When our family moved to Salt Lake City, the first boy I met was Akira Masaoka, who in those days had the faculty of concocting and carrying through various bits of devilment in an unruffled, matter-of-fact way.

Even while the last syllables of our mutual introductions still hung in the air, Aki suggested a project. So the first of the enterprises to which I lent my physical presence was the stealing of a used inner tube from Yoshida's garage. We weren't "stealing" really. We were pre-empting an article for which Mr. Yoshida obviously had no further use.

What Inner Tube?

To make a short story long, the following day I wandered toward Mrs. Masaoka's market, which was around the corner from the rooming house where we were staying. Seeing Aki behind the fruit and vegetable counter, I asked, "What did you do with the inner tube we swiped yesterday?"

Aki, or his twin it seemed to me then, snapped, "What inner tube! I don't know you!"

I was somewhat depressed at being so shabbily received but I think it was Ben who straightened us out. "Oh, you want Aki," Ben said. Mike merely stood there glowering.

It's too bad that it happened that way. It would have been so nice for you readers if I could have reported something with a touch of the heroic in it rather than this dreary episode. But perhaps at another time, through the eyes of another historian . . .

Mike was a member of the Boy Scout Troop No. 46, which Aki and I also joined later. Mike's experiences are worth mentioning since this was one field of endeavor in which he was spectacularly mediocre.

Mike never got beyond the rank of a Second Class Scout. There was one hurdle which kept him from the First Class badge. He couldn't swim. He had and still has a phobia about water. Of course, I'm a poor one to cast stones on Mike's deficiencies here, for I began and ended my Scouting career as a Tenderfoot.

Some time later an all-Nisei Scout Troop, No. 84, was formed at the Japanese Christian Church. Perhaps originally we had some hope of competing with them, but we soon junked that idea, since the Nisei troop in short order floated up on a river of merit badges to the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle, before we had even addequately mastered our knots.

Although Mike couldn't swim, I'm sure he read books on swimming. It would be typical of Mike to be an authority on the subject in one way or another.

River Jordan

To illustrate: after our session of sandlot baseball all the boys would make their way to the Jordan River to freshen up. The Jordan River was a coffee-colored disease-laden dribble of water but it was as wet and cool as any hygienic instructor-supervised swimming pool. Furthermore, in the River we didn't have to bother with suits.

While all of us would be thrashing about, Mike would stand there hip-deep in the water and watch our efforts with the detached air of an Olympic swimming coach. Every so often, with his arms akimbo, he would shout out instructions to us, correcting our lapses in technique. The amazing thing was we listened to him. He spoke with authority.

Key Trait

The key trait in his character, then and now, is his intensity. There is a relentless fury about the way he attacks his work. It used to be much the same when he was a boy.

I would see him hunched over a desk in the high school library, writing out his innumerable essays in that small crabbed script of his. And there was no horsing around with him. He worked grimly and soberly. I think it was his deadly seriousness when he went into anything that appalled the other Nisei and gave rise to the cracks about his "cockiness."

It was unnerving to us to see a person set his mind to do something and then do it.

In that respect he hasn't changed much today. About the third day after I got to Washington, I characteristically failed to deliver on schedule on a writing assignment he gave me. So both of us stayed up that night to hammer the article out. We pulled his poor wife Etsu out of bed around three o'clock in the morning to type out the portions we had completed.

Final Draft Ready

By mid-morning when our office secretary, Miyeko Kosobayashi, came in, we had the final draft ready. But there was still a full round of congressional debates to be monitored that afternoon. Mike charged up to the Hill, restless as a hound after a quarry. On the other hand I was reeling from lack of sleep. I haven't the faintest idea what happened that afternoon.

When Congress is in session, Mike is like a man possessed. He is certainly no fun to work with. He drives everyone at the blistering pace he sets for himself.

Yet for all his intesity, he is an unabashed sentimentalist. He is devoted to Bing Crosby's old records; particularly is he carried away by some of the more wistful tunes that Judy Garland made famous.

But enough. One of these days when someone does a full-scale biography on him, we may get better insight into the complex workings of Mike Masaoka.

One thing is clear, however. It was a lucky accident or Fate for the Japanese American community that there was a non-Nisei Nisei to act as our spokesman during these past 10 years of our existence.

Perhaps the most adequate capsule description given of the part Mike has played in the life of Japanese Americans is set forth in the opening paragraph of JACL's citation, naming him the "Nisei of the Year" for 1950.

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The CEN Story

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that would stand up against all argument.

Indeed, our whole effort was directed toward preparing our case with painstaking objectivity and accuracy, condensation for ready assimilation of fact, and a complete lack of antagonistic pressure. We set out to convince the informed, expecting key people to convince the rest concerning the adequacy of the proposed legislation. This was the architects' plan, and it had to be right if the structure was to be solid.

Coming up to the hearings, by agreement, Mike Masaoka took the human story of the Issei and that of World War II, while CEN concentrated on documentation and the technical side. Edward J. Ennis, CEN Chairman, appeared for the committee, drawing deeply on his own personal experience as a Justice Department officer dealing with the evacuation, and as a director of Enemy Alien Control. We submitted also, the material we had prepared.

Hearings on HR 5004, held April 19 and 21, 1948, were well received by the Judiciary sub-committee. The following excerpts of testimony will serve to highlight the development of the case:

COLLOQUY:

Mr. Chelf. Doctor, how many families are involved from the Japanese-Americans, the boys who fought so gallantly?

Mr. Judd. As I recall, about 25,000. I will have to ask Mr. Masaoka. Is that not right?

Mr. Masaoka. 33,000 were in combat service.

Mr. Judd. 33,000 were in combat service—full-fledged members of the armed forces. How many families? Do you know (addressing Mr. Masaoka)?

Mr. Masaoka. It represents approximately 26,000 families.

Mr. Judd. He himself was a member of the Four Hundred and Forty-second.

Mr. Chelf. I am more in sympathy with your bill because of that particular feature. I think we owe a debt to those people. It is for that reason chiefly that I am willing to go along with the bill.

"My support of this bill is not predicated upon the political aspect of it but only on the equitable aspects of it. And the only opposition that I have learned of to this bill is the fear that immigration restrictionists have—and I am more or less in that class because I believe in

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restricted immigration—that the bill may be used as a basis for breaking down quota restrictions, and that we will depart from this area-quota philosophy written into the bill and begin, as we have done here, allotting quotas to separate political units.

You are convinced that the bill is so restricted that that would not be done or could not be done administratively?

In point of fact, Congressman Gossett was not only a "restrictionist," he was the principal spokesman for immigration restrictionists in the House. His acceptance of the formula provided very necesary assurance on that key point . . . . . ". . . a flood of immigrants" Without this support it is very doubtful that the Judd Bill could have been reported out of committee, especially while displaced persons legislation kept the general question at white heat

Election Year

If the reception afforded the hearings made us jubilant, we should have remembered that Congress is under especial pressure in an election year, and this was 1948. Despite a most friendly attitude, HR 5004 did not receive committee action during the 80th Congress.

When the 81st Congress convened in 1949, five identical bills were offered the first day by Messrs. Judd, Walters, Miller, Farrington and Yates. The first general legislation to clear the House Judiciary Committee was Dr. Judd's bill, the committee report being signed by Congressman Gossett. In March, it passed the House at a gallop with only a scattering of votes against.

If in the spring of 1949 we had no illusions that there would be an easy time in the Senate, we were unprepared for the specific source of difficulty; the huge majority vote in the House!

Codification Planned

By this time, the Senate Judiciary Committee had plans well advanced for general codification of Immigration and Nationality law. Not only was there resistance to any new specific legislation on this subject (especially on Displaced Persons) but the Judd bill was seized upon to strengthen the likelihood of passing the whole. We were told directly that a separate bill would not be reported out of committee, that the Judd bill would be incorporated in an omnibus measure, "sweetening" for the larger effort. And that was that, despite all efforts to secure action.

Thereafter Mike secured introduction of a citizenship-only bill, and presed hard for it, with CEN sticking largely to the Judd Bill, although at times we all worked on one or the other. This short bill was killed at the session's end by the dissenting vote of Senator Russell. (It is at this point that my close association with and knowledge of events ended.)

From the point of effectiveness of the Committee for Equality in Naturalization, its work had been carried about as far as could be; indeed, without realizing it, we had about completed our contribution at the time of House passage of the Judd bill. The JACL-

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OPERATION WEST VIRGINIA

A JACL staff member sheds much light on a little-discussed angle in the fight for naturalization-immigration

by Sam Ishikawa

AS I LOOK over my experiences in JACL for the past five years, I find that there were many disappointments, many dreams which didn't come true, many insurmountable problems which couldn't be solved. But all of these unpleasant experiences seem to have mellowed with the passing years, so that now I can only remember the more pleasant ones. For these experiences, I am grateful. I want to share some of these experiences with you, not because they are great or are of any great consequence in the warp and woof of life, but because I believe that these experiences as a JACL staff worker have given me a better understanding as to what the American way of life really means.

As a youth of 24 in July, 1947, I went to New York to receive the title of JACL Eastern regional director. The title itself was overwhelming, but with youthful determination I was going to do my best. I had been to college and thought myself sophisticated in the matter of politics, especially since I had some practical experiences. I had worked some with the Independent Voters of Illinois in Chicago and a little with the hard-hitting CIO-Political Action Committee. These delvings in politics, I thought, had made me a hard-headed realist. Some of the naive ideas I brought with myself to the JACL are rather amusing. They were immature to say the least.

'Babe in the Woods'

The JACL-ADC had recently been established in 1946. It was still a "babe in the woods" as far as politics were concerned. Even its outstanding leaders were still comparatively "green" when it came to politics. New techniques, new methods needed to be developed. Considerable research and study went into how best we could expedite legislation through Congress. All those ideas of "lobbying" which come from reading liberal magazines in college had to be thrown out the window.

The JACL had the big problem of selling the Nisei Cause to Congress. Through the wise guidance of Mike Masaoka, it was determined that the best way to leave an imprint and to sell the cause of the Nisei to Congress was simply to tell the truth in the sincerest way we knew how. Although Mike was eloquent, the rest of us were not, but there was no question about our sincerity of purpose. Very few questioned or doubted the honesty of our statements because we were telling the simple truth in a simple way. That, I believe, is the secret of JACL-ADC's success. That is why our Mike Masaoka has been called "Washington's Most Successful Lobbyist."

What Staff Workers Did

As staff workers for the JACL, we were asked to do tasks which none of us knew how to execute. This was the first time the Nisei had attempted "big time politics" in Washington. To give you some insight into the problems with which we were faced, let me tell you about one of our not-too-unusual projects. This project, we might call, **Operation West Virginia.**

Operation West Virginia started one bleak February day in 1948 with a telephone call from Mike Masaoka, our JACL-ADC legislative director in Washington, asking me to work on getting Senator Revercomb's support for our naturalization and evacuation claims bills. The senator from West Virginia was a member of the Judiciary Committee and the chairman of the powerful Senate Sub-Committee on Immigration. We needed his support badly.

"What leads do we have on the senator?" I remember asking Mike. "None," replied Mike emphatically. This meant only one thing . . . a trip to West Virginia. Neither the JACL nor I had any contacts there. The only thing left for us was to go to the New York libraries to make a comprehensive study of Senator Revercomb's past activities.

Nick Iyoya, now minister of the Japanese Presbyterian Church in Long Beach, Calif., and then a student at Columbia University, was asked to do this study for us. "There's just nothing there," Nick reported back rather disappointedly. Yet, he was able to muster up a five-page report on Senator Revercomb's background. Checking every detail, we found very little which gave us any insight into his character.

Call on Agnecies

We called on all the major agencies (sympathetic to our cause) in New York City to see whether they had any contacts in West Virginia, but we received no encouragement. The Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, which was working for a liberal Displaced Persons Act in 1948, told us that their men were thrown out of West Virginia as Communists by the American Legion for trying to do what we now were going to attempt. Another agency head told us "Senator Revercomb doesn't like for anyone to contact his constituents, and will do everything within his power to oppose such attempts."

Rather discouraged, I reported our findings to Mike Masaoka as being negligible and disappointing. Secretly, I had hoped Mike would have me cancel my West Virginia trip. Mike's only reply was, "Sam, go down there and see what you can do." Ready for any eventuality, I made reservations to fly that evening to Charleston, W. Va., which then was only a spot on the map for me.

'Operation' Begins

Operation West Virginia had begun. The flight via Eastern Airlines was on time, and I reached



Sam Ishikawa

our destination at 1:30 a.m. Not knowing what to do, I hopped a cab to the largest hotel in town. But none of them had any idea as to how one might go about meeting some of Senator Revercomb's friends. Friendly as West Virginians are, they were only helpful to the extent of, "Gee, politics is in a mess" or "I just don't know, son." Consoling myself at 2:30 in the morning that people who were up at such an hour probably didn't know anything about politics, I decided to go to bed, but not before trying once more to get some information out of the bellhop. He wasn't much help. All he could say was, "I don't know nothin' about politics, boss!" I went to bed hoping for a better tomorrow.

Beautiful Waitress

I can remember vividly that the next morning was beautiful and sunny. Even troubles have a way of disappearing before a beautiful day. With renewed determination, I went to get my breakfast. The waitress was unusually good looking, but more important, she was intelligent on politics.

It may have just been her good looks, but I took to heart her suggestion of my going to see her pastor, Dr. Eugene Austin. From the coffee shop I called Dr. Austin for an appointment. A very pleasant voice on the other end said, "Come right over!" Dr. Austin is an extremely friendly person and made me feel at home from the start.

During our conversation, the Baptist minister showed that he had an unusual amount of interest in the Nisei. After talking to him for 15 to 20 minutes, it dawned upon me that Dr. Austin was the former pastor of the Tioga Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Many of us Nisei had come in contact with Tioga Baptist Church which was noted for its friendliness and acceptance of Japanese Americans.

After considerable chatting about mutual friends with Dr. Austin, I posed the question, "How do we get to Senator Revercomb?" Dr. Austin retorted emphatically, "Young man, if you are in Charleston to influence Senator Revercomb, you might as well pack up and take the first train home." I replied, "I can't go home without trying." With a shrug of his shoulders, Dr. Austin gave me more of his time and gave me a number of names of people who he thought might be helpful. However he warned me, "If I were in your shoes, I wouldn't go to see them about any progressive legislation because they wouldn't give a plugged nickel for it."

Discouraging

My first contact person in West Virginia was discouraging to say the least. Even though the day still must have been sunny, life looked rather dismal to me at that moment. I decided I had to do something to perk up my spirits, so I got in touch with Dr. George Miyakawa whom I had found by flipping the pages of the telephone book. George was quite friendly and invited me to his home where I had a long visit with Hallie his wife, Agnes his sister, and him. I learned through him that there were 10 Nisei living in West Virginia. Until then, I did not ev[en] know that these 10 Nisei exist[ed] My confidence grew on that info[r]mation.

Dr. Miyakawa and his wife w[ere] extremely helpful in introduc[ing] me to their many friends who w[ere] of great help in our legislati[ve] work. It was interesting to le[arn] from Dr. Miyakawa that he li[ved] only two blocks from Senat[or] Revercomb. I was beginning [to] feel as if we were beginning to [get] places.

Met Ralph Webb

Through the Miyakawas, I m[et] Ralph D. Webb, the top engine[er] for Carbon Carbide Corporati[on] Mr. Webb was a Republican a[nd] Unitarian. He was quite sympa[-] thetic toward the naturalizati[on] and the evacuation claims bi[lls] When I popped the question "Wh[at] about Senator Revercomb?" h[e] replied, "I haven't the vaguest idea." However, he was go[ing]

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enough to give me an introduction to Mose Boiarsky.

I went to see Mose Boiarsky, who was connected with the law firm of Townsend and Townsend. If you will remember the famous "Portal to Portal Case," Tom Townsend and Mose Boiarsky were the attorneys for the United Mine Workers before the Supreme Court. Mose Boiarsky is considered to be a liberal Republican and knows quite a bit about West Virginia politics. When the question was put to him "How can we get to Senator Revercomb?" he threw up his hands saying, "I don't know . . . but I will do everything I can to help you."

Mose Boiarsky, on his own initiative, then proceeded to call 10 of his friends. Nine out of 10 said they hadn't the faintest idea as to how to get to Senator Revercomb. Furthermore, they didn't even know who the Senator's close friends were, but the 10th one stated that Bill Lively was probably the Senator's closest friend. But no one seemed to know how we might receive an introduction to Bill Lively.

Another Introduction

With this problem, I went to see Dr. Miyakawa. He didn't know Bill Lively, but thought perhaps his good friend Dr. Vernon Peterson might be of some help.

Dr. Peterson, explained George, is considered to be one of the three outstanding doctors in Charleston, and does not meddle in politics. Dr. "Pete" as his friends call him is a staunch Republican but does not express himself on this subject. He is a personal friend of Senator Revercomb and lives across the street from him. We were getting closer. Previously with Dr. Miyakawa we were two blocks away but now we were across the street from the famous senator.

After telling our object of my trip to Dr. "Pete" and his charming wife Jane, their immediate reaction was why not set up a dinner meeting with the senator at the Edgewood Country Club. But on thinking it over, I decided it would be unwise to do so in view of the fact that I didn't know what had transpired in Washington. I did not want to cross wires with our Washington office's work.

Interestingly enough, it seems as if the declining of this invitation actually impressed Dr. Peterson to the extent that he was willing to help us out even more. During the course of our conversation Dr. Peterson mentioned he was a friend of William Lively. Immediately I asked him for an introduction which he gave. I found out later that William Lively is considered to be one of the largest real estate men in Charleston. He is an attorney by profession and a real estater by avocation. Lively is the son of Judge William T. Lively, who was an influential Republican and a respected judge.

Full of People

When I went to see Mr. Lively, I found that his office was full of people waiting to see him on business. I prepared myself for a two- to three-hour wait and settled myself to several magazines, but to my surprise, as soon as I was announced by the secretary, he came dashing out and showed me into an adjoining office. In a few minutes he asked me to tell him about our program. After he had heard about it, he stated that he was completely sympathetic to our naturalization bill as well as the evacuation claims bill. Furthermore, Bill Lively said he was willing to write a letter to Senator Revercomb and talk to him the next time he was in town. I could tell by his reference to Dr. "Pete" that he was doing this as a personal favor for Dr. Peterson.

Operation West Virginia had come a long way. Primarily through the good help of Dr. Miyakawa and Dr. Peterson, the doors which were closed started to open. In the meantime, I had discussed our program and received the support of Miss Agnes Crabtree, the president of the West Virginia League of Women Voters; Dr. Z. B. Edworthy, the executive secretary of the West Virginia Council of Churches; Charles Hodges, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Rabbi and Mrs. Louis Cashdan; Miss Gladys Reed, executive secretary of the YMCA; Dr. George A. Vick of the First Presbyterian Church, and many others.

Names Helpful

Using the names like Dr. Peterson, Dr. Austin and Mr. Lively, I was able to get an interview with Gov. Clarence Meadows. Governor Meadows is perhaps the most "Christ-like" man I have met in politics. He expressed his complete sympathy to our JACL program and was most helpful in giving us guidance and counsel as to what we should do to get Senator Revercomb's support. The governor was frank in stating that he knew the senator personally and was related to the senator through marriage of his sister to Horace Revercomb, the older brother of the senator, but could not be of much help.

Governor Meadows stated that unfortunately he was a Democrat, not a Republican, and therefore he could be of very little help. However, the governor said he would do anything which we might ask. Governor Meadows counseled us that the best way to approach the people of West Virginit on our ADC program was to emphasize

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brotherhood and fair play.

Open Doors

The governor opened several doors for us. One of the more important doors was an introduction to Arthur Dayton, who is the legal counsel for United States Steel Company and a very close friend of Senator Revercomb. I learned he lived next door to Senator Revercomb. With Dr. Peterson we were across the street from the senator, now we were on the other side. Geographically, we were beginning to make good headway.

Operation West Virginia in Charleston was rapidly coming to a close. There remained one more objective—that was Dr. Paul Revercomb, the younger brother of the senator and very close to Senator Revercomb.

Since no one was willing to introduce Dr. Revercomb to me, I called the doctor's office on the phone. However, I was told politely that since he was a very busy man, it would be best that I write him a letter. At my pleading for a chance to meet him, the receptionist said, "If you like, you can come in and wait to take your chances on meeting him."

No Avail

The first day was of no avail. The second day was the same. Finally, on the third day I was about to give up my mission as a failure because I had not even gotten a glimpse of Dr. Revercomb. There was no sign of encouragement except from the receptionist who felt sorry for me. Just as I was about to leave, a handsome man walked into the inner office without saying a word. I asked the receptionist, "Who was that?" The receptionist replied smilingly, "That's Dr. Revercomb." I excitedly asked her, "Do you think it would be possible for me to see him?" All she would say was, "I'll ask him again, though this must be the 15th time."

After waiting about for another hour and 15 minutes, she came out and said, "The doctor will now see you." The moment had arrived after three long days of waiting. The first words from the doctor were simply, "I am a very busy man. What have you got to say?"

After outlining our JACL-ADC program to the doctor, I tried to get his confidence by establishing some sort of rapport. Because I had heard that Dr. Revercomb had served with the United States Navy in Japan, I thought we might approach him by asking his opinion of Japanese. But to my horror, I discovered that it was a big mistake to mention Japan to the doctor. His first comment was, "God, the 'Japs' certainly are primitive people." But it didn't turn out too badly because for the first time he began talking, however mostly about the unsanitary conditions in Japan. The doctor then talked about his unpleasant experiences in Wakayama, Sasebo and Okinawa.

442nd Mentioned

Failing in my first attempt to establish a good talking rapport, I tried to impress him with the magnificent record of the Nisei G.I.'s in the 442nd. His comment was, "What else can you expect? The Nisei G.I.'s were fighting for their own necks. If they didn't fight for the United States, they should have been shot."

About the only favorable thing he said about the 442nd was, "I respect them for their fighting ability." Continuing his remarks he said, "The 'niggers' tried to fight in the last war, but they made only a half-hearted attempt and made a complete flop of it."

My morale was dropping by the seconds, but when he made these uncomplimentary remarks about the Negro and Nisei G.I.'s, I began to bristle with resentment. No one, including Senator Revercomb's brother, was going to call Negroes "Niggers" and the Nisei "Japs," in a derogatory tone. Everytime he would say "Japs" I would say "Japanese." This continued for about an hour and toward the end of our conversation, Dr. Revercomb was saying "Japanese" and "Japanese Americans" almost as regularly as I.

Past Contacts Bad

During our conversation, it turned out that all of the doctor's contacts with the Nisei in the past had been bad. All of his friends in California, he said, did not like the Nisei. They told him "The Japanese are underselling the 'whites' in the vegetable market." "This," he said, "was primarily because of our cultural background." He kept on insisting that the "Japanese" can live on a lower standard of living and out-compete the caucasian in any business. Interestingly he felt that there has been no real racial prejudice against Japanese Americans, but he thought that the Californians opposed the Japanese on economic grounds.

In a roundabout way we came to the question of the naturalization bill. Dr. Revercomb stated that the naturalization bill was good, especially, since the Nisei and Issei had proven their loyalty to the United States. However, as far as immigration was concerned, he said, "If you know what's good for you fellows, you better lay off that kind of stuff."

After three days of waiting for hours, the end result was a chance to meet and talk with Dr. Revercomb. It is gratifying to know, however, that even though he couldn't go along with our program 100 per cent, he was sympathetic to fair play on evacuation claims payments and was willing to go along with the naturalization bill. There wasn't a single person who was contacted during **Operation West Virginia** who did not go along with most of our program once they had heard the facts. I believe that this is convincing proof that the American people usually favor fair play and justice.

Minor Incident

Operation West Virginia is merely one minor incident in the great magnitude of work which was required to seek support to gain equality in naturalization. How successful **Operative West Virginia** was, we shall never know. But we do know that Senator Revercomb, during the last sessions of the 80th Congress, stood up on the floor of the Senate to ask whether the Japanese Americans' bill had been considered. When the senate clerk, at midnight, answered that it had passed, the West Virginian left his seat saying, "Oh, that's good."

Mulitply **Operation West Virginia** by the work of the JACL-ADC staff workers throughout the country, and multiply that by the thousands of JACL members and supporters working at the local levels, then you will have some insight into the JACL's fight for equality in naturalization and immigration.

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The Darndest Convention...

Let's go back a decade...when an event of untold significance to the Nisei took place

by Bill Hosokawa

LET'S TAKE A Short trip into history. Let's go back a decade, 10 fleeting years, to e third week of November, 1942, when an event of untold significance to the Nisei k place.

hat week, America's war with Axis was still less than a r old. Off the distant Solomon nds, the United States had ed a smashing naval victory the marines tightened their on Guadalcanal. Japanese in New Guinea were wiped by American and Anzac troops, in North Africa the battle Tunisia raged. On Russia's plains, Hitler's panzer div- seemed to be stalled for the d winter.

Nisei Yank

ress dispatches that same week tioned Sgt. Fred Nishitsuji of Angeles serving with front- Yank troops in New Guinea. was the first Nisei to be ident- in the Southwest Pacific the-

In Portland, Ore., Minoru Ya- 36, an attorney, was fined $5,000 and sentenced to a year in a road camp for violating the Enemy Alien Curfew Law. Federal Judge James A. Fee ruled that the Army's curfew order was void in the case of citizens, valid in respect to aliens, and said Yasui had forfeited his American citizenship.

Yasui, who had violated the curfew to test its legality, retorted: "I have not and never will voluntarily relinquish my American citizenship. Three times I have volunteered for service in the United States army."

In Hollywood, Warner Brothers studio cast Sen Yung as the treacherous Nisei villain in a melodrama called "Across the Pacific," and in Gardena, Calif., the names of Nisei soldiers were omitted from a "roll of honor" printed in the local newspaper.

But in La Crosse, Wis., the "Tribune" published a story about the Nisei 100th Battalion training at Camp McCoy and said: "Here is proof that the lights of liberty continue to burn in the hearts of men in spite of race, creed or color."

Restlessness Rife

Across the land, in 10 barracks cities ringed by barbed wire, reslessness bubbled like mash in ferment as 110,000 Japanese American evacuees prepared for their first winter in confinement. Snow whistled in from the arctic and caused great discomfort at the Minidoka, Idaho, WRA camp where the toilets hadn't been hooked up to the sewage system. At Heart Mountain, Wyo., an exile from San Jose, Calif., named Kay Tanouye wrote in "The Sentinel": "Snow to me is like time. It has a tendency to hide the jagged scars of life—dimming and sometime obscuring them altogether."

Some evacuees at Poston, Ariz., were less philosophical. A small pro-Axis group, protesting the arrest of two of their gang, seized control of the largest of three Poston units and forced a five-day stoppage of all work. The two men had been arrested as suspected assailants of Kay Nishimura, a community councilman, who was hospitalized 18 days and had to have 25 stitches around his head, face and legs as a result of the attack.

Strategy Failed

Poston's Project Director Wade Head declared: "The strategy (of the rebels) was to deliberately attempt the destruction of the Americanism of the American-born Japanese. In this they failed."

It was during this eventful week that the Japanese American Citizens League opened an emergency conference in Salt Lake City. Delegates had been summoned to JACL headquarters from each of the 13 "free zone" chapters.

Wartime travel regulations were in effect. Some of the delegates, like Walter Tsukamoto, Tom Yego and Ted Nakamura of Tule Lake, and Fred Tayama, Joe Grant Masaoka and Kiyoshi Higashi of Manzanar, were accompanied by government escorts until they left the state of California. All those from the WRA camps had been issued special permits enabling them to travel to Salt Lake City.

Conference Opens

The conference opened on a Tuesday, Nov. 17, and continued daily for a full week. Morning and afternoon sessions were held every day except Sunday, and night sessions were necessary on four occasions. JACL leaders at the time called it the most grueling, serious and constructive conference in the league's history.

Now, 10 years later, it is evident that this was without doubt the most important, most portentious conference the JACL has ever held. Passage of another 10 years may confirm beyond challenge the contention that this was the meeting that won the Nisei their place in America.

Destiny at Stake

"Just as our country is engaged in a life and death struggle, so we Americans of Japanese ancestry are battling for our destiny. If, today, we fail our trust, all of us and our children after us are lost. If, on the other hand, we carry our burdens, no matter how heavy, with fortitude and valor—if we prove to our fellow Americans everywhere that we can take it and that we can come back smiling, we will win the right to be an integral part of American society and we will be privileged to share in the common lot and life of all Americans.

"Because of the importance of our decisions today on our future in this, our native land, we must be critical yet constructive, we must be frank and honest in our appraisal yet rational and practical in our suggestions. This is the time for planning and for working out our own salvation in the American way—by determining the facts, by discussing the consequences, by deciding on a course of action, all done by representatives serving the public welfare . . .

Work to Do

"We have work to do. Let's go at it, keeping in mind our threefold obligations: first, to our country and its war efort; second, to the Japanese Americans and nationals residing here in the United States; and third, to our organization, which is the only hope for leadership in these difficult times . . .

"May we do our work so well that . . . future historians will write our names with those other Americans who helped chart the democratic way for others to follow in their pursuit of life, liberty and happiness."

Lest these historians overlook this somewhat flamboyant (but grimly sincere) admonition, let us at this point list the names of the WRA center delegates in addition to the six mentioned above.

From Poston were Saburo Kido, Sim Togasaki, Lyle Kurasaki and Dr. T. G. Ishimaru. Topaz, Utah: Dr. Carl Hirota and Vernon Ichisaka. Gila, Ariz.: Nobu Kawai and Ken Tashiro. Granada, Colo.: Masao Satow and Henry Shimizu. Minidoka, Idaho: James Sakamoto and Milton Maeda. Heart Mountain, Wyo.: Henry Mitarai and Bill Hosokawa. Denson, Ark.: Dr. T. T. Yatabe and Tom Shimizaki. Rohwer, Ark.: James Yoshinobu and Frank Ishii.

Big Volume

An indication of the volume of business undertaken is found in the minutes. When mimeographed by the JACL headquarters staff, they filled 119¼ legal-sized pages of single-spaced elite type. A supplement of the minutes, including reports filed by the various conference committees, made a book almost twice as thick.

The delegates reported on, discussed, criticized and made recommendations on almost anything and everything that had to do with Japanese Americans. WRA's operation of the centers and the relocation program were placed under microscopic scrutiny.

In the retrospect of 10 years,

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some of the discussions seem petty. But at the time nothing was too trivial if it affected the health, welfare and morale of the evacuees.

In the session on WRA community management, for instance, the minutes show that Delegate Kido was greatly concerned about a public health condition in Poston. "The urinals that the men use are not adaptable to young kids," he pointed out. "They are too high. It is an unhealthy situation and repeated requests for changes have been made to no avail."

The minutes record further that several delegates suggested Kido get stepaldders built for the youngsters.

Meat of Conference

The meat of the conference's accomplishments, however, is found in seven resolutions drafted by a committee headed by Joe Masaoka. These resolutions charted the JACL's future course and in turn helped to determine Nisei destiny. Following is the gist of the resolutions in order of adoption, with brief comment on their significance.

1. The JACL reiterated its stand on the principles of duty to country, underscored its original denunciation of the Axis powers pronounced when Pearl Harbor was attacked, and restates its faith in the American way of life with "confidence that humanity and justice will again prevail for us."

2. Requested "the selective service division of the war department to reclassify Americans of Japanese ancestry on the same basis as all other Americans." Nisei at this time were being classified 4C and 4F, "unfit" or "undesirable" for military service, although many hundreds were already in uniform.

No Question

On this resolution the delegates were divided only as to whether they should ask for the right to volunteer for military duty, or for equal treatment under selective service. There was no question about the necessity of asking for acceptance in the armed forces. In calling for the resolution, Mike Masaoka declared:

"Through baptism of fire, on some battlefront, we can show for all time to come where our loyalties lie."

Sim Togasaki moved for the resolution and was seconded by Henry Shimizu who said: "We have made a most significant decision, and one which we will be proud to recall in the years to come."

Only months later, the war department authorized formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which went on to write a brilliant chapter in American military history. Additional volunteers entered the military intelligence school, and soon afterward selective service was restored to the Nisei. Before war's end, more than 20,000 Nisei were inducted into the armed forces. Perhaps more than any other single factor, Nisei in uniform dramatized the plight of this minority group and insured their position in their native land.

Modify Term

3. Requested the department of justice "to modify the term 'enemy alien' as applied to those of Japanese birth to that of 'friendly alien' in view of their firm attachment to this country.

4. Commended President Roosevelt for his selection of Dillon S. Myer as director of WRA.

5. Commended Myer for "the vision, intelligence and integrity" with which he was handling the WRA program, and offered him cooperation in hastening "the processes of assimilation and adjustment into American communities."

Certainly this was not blanket approval of WRA. Many suggestions for improvement were made by the delegates in a meeting with Myer. But soon afterward an encouraged WRA got its resettlement program under way in earnest. Instead of being confined

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Darndest Convention

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r the duration," thousands of ncsees headed back to normal ing in the cities, towns and on farms of America. Eventually, restricted zones of the West at were reopened to the evac- es even before the war in the cific had been ended.

Tajiris Commended

& Commended Mr. and Mrs. arry Tajiri for their work on he Pacific Citizen.

The "PC" won a nationwide ecognition for excellence under arry Tajiri's editorship, re- ained a powerful morale-boos- r for Nisei everywhere and vigilant champion of their ights.

t, Commended Mike Masaoka d the national headquarters aff for "outstanding work."

National headquarters was staf- d by Teiko Ishida (now Kur- ra) and George Inagaki, now tional JACL president. Top pay as $75 per month. Hito Okada, en national treasurer, and Scot- Tsuchiya were serving head- arters without pay, while many ls were dropping in to contri- te clerical and stenographic ser- es. Nobu Kawai was so impress- that he wrote in a PC guest lumn!

Carry Torch

"They (the national staff) ave carried our torch to the ur corners of our country; ought hearings before our bit- erest critics; endured shameful dignities, and ignored threats d intimidation. They have ured down innumerable lucra- ve offers that could have put em on easy street for the dur- tion. All they ask of us is that e don't let them down."

The final piece of conference siness, late in the last session, ov. 23, was adoption of what emed then to be a staggering dget to run the JACL in 1943— 1,175. Since most JACL mem- rs were earning the magnifi- nt salary of $16 a month in the RA centers, it was obvious that e zone chapters would have to oulder a large part of the fund- ising burden. They did not ob- ct.

Thus fortified, Mike Masaoka d the national JACL staff went to make history, with Masa- ka's record in Washington amaz- g veteran observers there and rning him the title "most suc- sful lobbyist."

Closing Session

Shortly before midnight in that sing session, in a voice weary d filled with emotion, Mike saoka made his final speech m the rostrum from which he d explained, argued and cajoled e delegates for a week.

"All of us who are working r the JACL," he said, "con- der that we are on a crusade, crusade to sell Japanese mericans to their government d the public at large as good

Our New Citizens



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We Whose Thoughts are Also with Less Fortunate Relatives in Japan

Americans worthy of their heritage. We, as Japanese Americans, haven't much left, but we do have our citizenship, our ideals, and our future to fight for; and that is more than enough."

"We know what many of you have been through. We know, as you know, that many of you are returning to the WRA centers only to be beaten up and your very lives threatened because of your participation in this conference. I know of no words which describe our admiration for you, or how proud we are to be associated with you in a cause which we all know to be just. I call upon each of you, and all our members, to carry on in spite of all that may come because it is our faith and our future."

"Darndest" Convention

It was, as I wrote in my "Frying Pan" column that week, "the darndest convention I've ever seen—an intense, serious, vital series of meetings having to do with the destinies of 110,000 human beings, conducted on a marathon day-and-night schedule. Delegates were so engrossed in their problems that discussions were held all day and half the night—at the conference hall, in restaurants, in hotel rooms, and even in the men's lounge to which all the delegates drifted during a dance given in their honor by a Salt Lake City group."

That same week, Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff in the Fourth army's civil affairs division, was awarded the Distinguished Service medal for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service" in the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast.

Ten years later, I am more sure than ever the wrong guy got the medal.

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National President's Message At Critical Juncture of JACL

AS THE WALTER-McCarran bill goes into effect on Christmas Eve, equality in naturalization and immigration will become a reality for the Japanese people in America. This will herald the culmination of our hopes and aspirations for nearly four decades. It marks the end of many unsavory anti-Japanese laws which oppressed our progress for nearly a half a century. No longer will our Issei be herded in a special class of "ineligible to citizenship" because of their race, and neither will we be stigmatized by the thoughtless as "racially inferior." This equality will open unknown vistas of new opportunities without the need of bearing the heavy yoke of discriminatory laws.

Pay Tribute

During our holiday festivities, I hope we shall pay tribute to the countless thousands who have over the years sacrificed to make this day possible. Many of those to whom we should pay homage are no longer with us, but we shall remember them for having courage to speak up against the anti-Japanese land laws and against the Oriental Exclusion Act, and what's more do something about it.

We should never forget the sacrifices made by the thousands of Nisei soldiers who bravely fought in the last war, and those who are now in Korea to carry on the same fight. Last, but certainly not least, we should express our deep appreciations to the legions of faithful JACL members, to our loyal Issei supporters, and to our unselfishly devoted JACL staff members. If it were not for their dedication to a common cause, our victory would not have been won.

Evacuation Claims Progress

This year, we also can be thankful for the progress made in breaking the log-jam in the evacuation claims program. With the Compromise amendment passed by Congress in 1951, the government was able to process these claims in much speedier fashion in 1952. They were able to award $17 million to over $16,000 claimants. With the great work done by our Washington office, we were able to secure enough appropriations for the U. S. Treasury to pay $13.5 million of these awards. There payments can be well used by the recipients to replenish their purses emptied by the 1942 evacuation.

With the passage of the Walter-McCarran Bill, the year 1952 marks the completion of JACL's work for two generations. Now, all of the major objectives set for the Anti-Discrimination Committee at the 1946 Denver Convention are finished. With these accomplishments we can close, perhaps, the most exciting chapter in JACL history.

We have reached a significant point in the progress of our organization and we as members are in a unique position to shape its future course. In 1953, we shall be building the permanent foundation to preserve the gains we have made, and to promote further welfare of all persons of Japanese descent. The naturalization program for the Issei and the JACL Endowment Fund are steps to build this foundation.

Help Naturalization

Our chapters will be asked to exert their utmost energies to help Issei to become naturalized citizens. Our national organization, in every way it can, will assist the chapters to expedite the naturalization of Issei.

Once our Issei are naturalized, they should be welcomed into our chapters as full-fledged members. With the Issei in our organization, we will truly have a Japanese American organization. We no longer need to be an organization in which only a part of the community can be members. No longer can statutes prevent us from having an "all American JACL" composed of Issei and Nisei. Now there needs to be no forced division of our community.



George Inagaki

We can well use the counsel and guidance which the Issei can give us in the twilight of their lives. With their counsel from long experience and with our youthful energy, we can push on to greater future endeavors.

Endowment Fund

The JACL Endowment Fund will build our financial foundation for the future. The establishing of the Endowment Fund will provide the necessary funds to operate our national work without the annual "back-breaking" fund drives. This we believe to be a partial answer to our present "boom and bust" JACL financing based on "emergency" solicitations. The contributions to the Endowment Fund will become a permanent part of the National JACL treasury and income from it will provide for the future needs of our organization. We hope our chapters will work hard to make this Endowment Fund a reality.

While we work to build the JACL Endowment Fund, and to help naturalize the Issei, we shall need to work with renewed vigor to strengthen our JACL chapters, and to make them into alert community organizations. The year 1953 will give us an opportunity to revamp and to organize our chapters to give real services in their respective communities. This will mean new programs for the aged, middle-aged, and the young. We must make our chapters a vital part of our communities.

1953 will bring many changes as we convert from a wartime "emergency" organization to a more permanent one. We have already moved the Pacific Citizen from its wartime home, Salt Lake City, to Los Angeles, and plans are now underway to move National H... quarters to the West Coast. Du... the year other changes wi... made; we shall need your thi... and cooperation to make t... with a minimum of mistakes ... difficulties.

Won Major Battle

With equality in naturaliza... and immigration, we have w... major battle, but we must u... lentlessly continue our war aga... prejudice and bigotry. The c... ing year will provide us with m... opportunities to continue our fi... Let us put our shoulder to t... task, and build ourselves as a... and strong JACL.

May the new year bring ... much happiness and success. ... wishes of the Holiday season ... all JACL'ers. My sincere tha... to your continued support.

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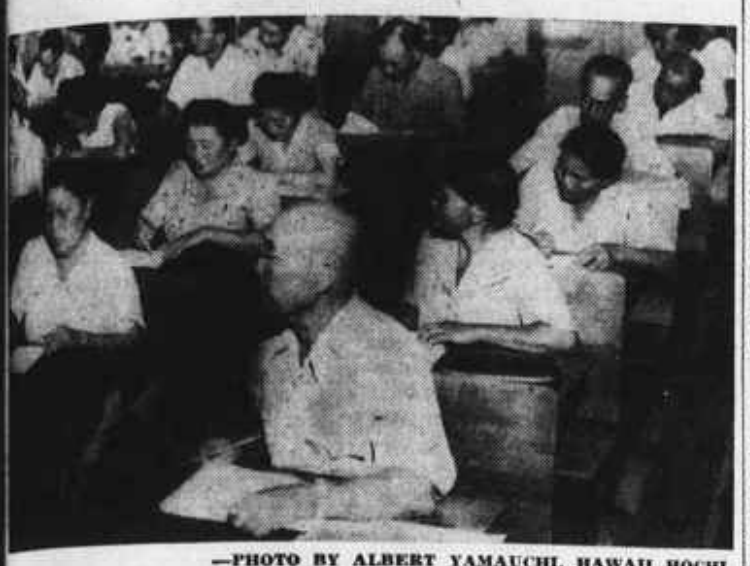


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NEW PARADISE GAINED

"Hello, Citizen" his Filipino customer answered...

by Seiko Ogai.



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The English and citizenship classes at the McKinley Community School for Adults has a preponderance of Issei students who are eager to prepare themselves for American citizenship. A rush of students resulted from the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act.

THE SILVER airplane landed at Honolulu's International Airport with residents of Hawaii returning from a trip to Japan. They were home in the nostalgic atmosphere of flower leis and balmy air, when suddenly the customs inspector said, "Citizens first, aliens last!" and the Issei knew again the distinction they had suffered all their lives.

The personnel director of a large island firm repeated solemnly but firmly, "Sorry, we don't hire aliens; only citizens."

These situations indiciate that even in a paradise like Hawaii there are inequalities among the residents.

But finally with the recent passage of the McCarran-Walter Act, despite its shortcomings, all racial bars to immigration and naturalization were wiped out. That is the greatest outward effect of the bill—that aliens formerly ineligible to citizenship may now become citizens and enjoy the benefits and privileges thereof. Forces inimical to the United States can no longer harp on the inequalities heretofore prevalent, and democracy practices what it preaches.

Treated Well

True, aliens have been treated well as permanent residents in Hawaii. They may own their own homes, start their own businesses, and aside from inability to hold certain positions in government civil service, the teaching and other professions, are allowed to go peacefully about their "pursuit of happiness."

According to Board of Health figures some 29,640 Japanese 1,480 Koreans and 53 Samoans and Pacific Island peoples in Hawaii stand to benefit by the new legislation. The Chinese have been allowed naturalization privileges since 1942; the Filipinos since 1946. Now for the first time in the history of the Hawaian Islands all aliens in Hawaii may be naturalized, and all races have immigration quotas.

A Japanese store owner who does business with Filipinos and has been respectfully and rather envious calling, "Hello, Citizen," to them now finds that their reply to him is also, "Hello, Citizen."

Applications are being received at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, but these have been slow to be filed as many believe that they must wait until after Dec. 24, the effective date of the Bill. Many of Hawaii's Issei are in their 60's and 70's, but a grandmother of 70 recently registered in citizenship class in adult night school, and feels she is not too old to learn about America.

Young Enough

The majority of Issei feel that they are still young enough to enjoy citizenship. After all ,they remark, citizenship is lasting, and they hope to live for a long time yet. Others pessimistically feel that they cannot apply for citizenship. They will go to the other world soon, they argue, and then they cannot take naturalization papers with them.

Aside from the main effect of knocking down racial barriers to citizenship, other effects of the McCarran-Walter Act on Hawaii are:

1. Hawaii's American citizens who have married nationals of Japan, Korea and other Far Eastern countries will now be able to bring their wives into this country as permanent residents without regard to quota limitations, provided they meet all other requirements of the immigration laws. Women as well as men may bring alien spouses into the country.

Relatives Preferred

2. Relatives, particularly parents of American citizens will be given preference under the immigration quotas. Aged parents who up till now were unable to come to Hawai to spend their final days may now enter the territory.

3. The status of natural-born rather than naturalized citizens will be given to persons who became citizens by virtue of the annexation of Hawaii to the U. S.

Although the immigration quota of 185 for Japan and 100 for must other Asian countries is small in comparison with quotas of European countries, this is a good beginning. It is expected that thousands of non-quota Japanese, spouses and children of citizens will enter the United States through Hawaii as the first U. S. port of entry.

The people of Hawaii realize that without the efforts of the Anti-Discrimination Committee of the Japanese American Citizen's League, the omnibus immigration and naturalization bill would probably not have come up for Congressional consideration and passage in this past session of the Congress. They have supported all measures of the JACL wholeheartedly, financially and by radio and newspaper publicity.

Masaoka Supported

When Mike Masaoka and other delegates of the JACL visited Hawaii, they received support in all fund-raising activities. As Mr. Masaoka pointed out, it is largely through the actions of the soldiers of Japanese ancestry during World War II and after, that the rest of the Americans came to understand the Japanese.

The rest of the Americans who make up the cosmopolitan population of Hawaii are getting better acquainted with the Japanese, also, as they enroll in citizenship classes and English and American history classes at adult community schools. Aliens are finding attending classes fun and a worthwhile way of filling their days. Stay-at-home Issei grandmothers, having reared their children and finding time on their hands, now go to school to meet other women of other races and share their common troubles and joys.

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Veteran Urges

One veteran said of his parents, "I want them to become citizens and am urging them to go to school to learn about America. When they finally become citizens, I'll be able to fight out my side with anybody and tell them, 'So what, my parents are as good as yours. They're Americans, too!"

It would seem then that another indirect effect of the McCarran-Walter Bill would be to draw Issei and Nisei closer in common bonds of Americanism and democracy. And this could be one of the best things to come from the Bill. Issei would fully appreciate what made their sons fight so well on the fields of battle in World War II, and Nisei would not be divided in their own households from parents who adamantly held to the old ways of Japan for lack of tenets.

Organizations willing to help Issei to file naturalization forms have sprung up all over the territory. It is true that there have always been such groups ever since the Chinese and Filipinos started to become citizens, but there will be larger numbers of prospective citizens soon. Among clubs willing to help are the YWCA, YBA, Chamber of Commerce, civic clubs, and others. The YWCA holds tea parties every so often to welcome those who are about to become citizens into wider community life.

Long Struggle

In the long struggle of those liberal elements of America who have been wanting the removal of all racial barriers to naturalization and immigration, delegate to Congress from Hawaii, Joseph R. Farrington, has been in the forefront. Hawaii has gone to the polls and is sending him back again as their representative to Congress. It was soon after the past war, while animosities toward the recent Japanese enemy were still rife, that Delegate Farrington spoke in behalf of wiping out racial discrimination in immigration and naturalization.

Perhaps Delegate Farrington will return from the next Congress with statehood for Hawaii. The omnibus immigration and naturalization bill has long been coupled with the statehood measure, and now that one has become law, the other will soon follow. The McCarran-Walter Bill, commonly called the "Christmas package bill," has paved the way for Hawaii's long awaited blessing, statehood.

For the Issei who aren't particularly concerned with statehood, it is enough that they now may become American citizens like their children. They at long last will be able to become a part of the country for which their sons gave their lives, and when they pass away, they too will be laid to rest in the free country of their choice, in Hawaii which is their true home.

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About The Author

Robert M. Cullum served as executive secretary of the Committee for Equality in Naturalization during the years 1947-1949. He was area supervisor for the WRA for four years—first in New York City and then in Cleveland—prior to his CEN position, and for a year was director of the final WRA report on evacuation and resettlement, "People in Motion."

He is now area placement officer for the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs at Muskogee, Okla., which work involves the voluntary relocation of Indians. He passes on a part of a note which came back from an Oklahoma girl who had gone to Chicago:

"We have a real nice apartment. We really like it. It is privately owned by a Japanese family. And the Japanese lady is just like a mother to us . . ."

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ple of lower economic standards or other cultural patterns.

"I do not believe anybody can overestimate the beneficial effects in Japan where a fierce struggle is going on for the minds and hearts of the Japanese people, from an action by the United States which will demonstrate that it believes in what it professes by bringing its actions into harmony with its words. I think the benefits will be incalculable.

"I have good reason to believe that General MacArthur also feels that way. And we hope to have some witnesses before the committee, including former Ambassador Grew, who hold the same opinion.

"I repeat that intelligent self-interest is not the major consideration with me. I think that the greatest factor is the cy and justice. But I also matter of fair play and decenthink that this is a case where what we ought to do because it is right coincides with what we ought to do because of an intelligent concern for our own long-term well-being.

FORMER AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, JOSEPH C. GREW:

"This measure embraces two important questions—the extension of the privilege of naturalization to all qualified immigrants without reference to racial origin, and the extension of the use of national origin based immigration quotas to the peoples of all areas of the Far East.

"Concerning the first of these questions, it seems to me there can be little room for disagreement that any immigrant who is allowed to remain permanently in the United States should not only be permitted to seek citizenship, but should be encouraged to do so. If, before the war, there were doubts concerning the deportment in time of crisis of the Japanese, Koreans and other far eastern people living in America, we have now had a conclusive answer.

"The second question, that of allowing universal use of immigration quotas by all peoples, including those of the Far East, is an issue with which I have long been familiar.

In Mike Masaoka, the cause had a superlatively skillful and effective builder, backed by the organization to get the materials into place. That the job was finally done was no accident. It came as the result of work just as definite and tangible as that in designing and building a house.

There is of course a difference in working with stone and working with issues and men. Stone stays where you place it. Given time and work, the architect's conception can be fulfilled in detail. Men and issues seldom stay still.

Two Issues

The Judd bill dealt with two simple issues—equality in naturalization and the lifting of Asian exclusion, accepting the national origins quota principle without comment. Had there been an attempt to challenge this principle, there would have been no Judd Bill. Swallowed by the McCarran-Walters omnibus measure, the Judd Bill carried through virtually unchanged, a vindication of the original formula and the first draftsmanship.

From the 1924 until 1929, controversy over the national origins principle prevented issuance of quotas. In 1952 this controversy was revived. The center of the fight on the McCarran bill was thus an old, not a new issue. Actually, the McCarran bill made changes in respect to the national origins principle only in the liberalizing direction of the Judd Bill.

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Exposed here for the first time for non-1000 Club JACL-ers is photographic evidence of the kind of shenanigans that go on behind closed doors at the "Order of the Tie and Garter" blowouts. This shindig took place at the San Francisco national convention this year and shows the national chairman, Harold Tokuzo Gordon, delivering his acceptance speech. Bow ties are mandatory on men.

An informal history of a highly informal organization--- the 1000 Club

by Harold Tokuzo Gordon

The 1000 Club was born at Idaho Falls in November 1947. A group of staunch JACLers led by George Callahan O'Nagaki felt that in the days ahead, the organization could not continue to keep soliciting the public at large for the upkeep of JACL. It was felt that the organization would have a firmer basis if loyal JACL members themselves carried the load.

Contrary to popular belief, the 1000 Club is not made up of Nisei with $1000 in the bank, nor has each member donated $1000 to JACL. Its members are ordinary wage slaves like you and I who worry about taxes, the high cost of eating and the atom bomb.

In substance, the members of the 1000 Club have had the faith in JACL to sit down and write out a check for $25 to help pay the cost of maintaining the national organization. The idea is that if 1000 members kick in $25 each year, the high moguls won't have to worry about how to pay the rent, keep the help happy and the postage meter working.

The other objective other than the national one is to create a fun-seeking organization within the somewhat more serious organization, and those members who participated in the '48, '50 and '52 get-togethers will always remember them as the high spot of the conventions.

In '48, Callahan's tie and Tom Hayashi's garter were auctioned to the highest bidder. Thereafter, garters were prohibited and bow-ties became mandatory at all functions as the organization became known as the "Order of the Tie and Garter." It was at the Salt Lake shindig also that Doc Yatabe was fined for not bringing his wife, and Deacon Satow was fined for bringing his. Almost everyone in the joint was fined on some pretext or another in the hilarious session which set the tone for the infant organization.

The get-together at the Midwest convention at Cleveland in '49 was highlighted by Deacon Satow putting on his priestly robes and dousing your reporter with a bucket of water in the baptismal ceremony in which your reporter was dubbed "Tokuzo."

The function at the Chicago Convention in 1950 is still looked upon as the tops in all 1000 Club blowouts. No one in attendance will ever forget Grand-Daddy and bib, the appearance of a Yatabe's appearance in a diaper knight in Shining Armor (proud emblem of the organization), or the Chicago Chapter quartet which "immortalized" various members in song.

The San Francisco Convention in 1952 was highlighted by the presentation amidst much hilarity of various appropriate "gifts" to deserving members and a new group of song parodies by the quartet.

It is no wonder, therefore, that while there is a steady renewal of memberships among the old reliables throughout the biennium, there is always a rush of new recruits at convention time.

There have been close to 600 JACLers becoming members of the club since 1947, who have contributed a total of approximately $26,000 to support the National organization—a substantial item in the budget. The present paid up membership is approximately 250.

The membership is purely voluntary and joining one year does not obligate a member to continue if his or her circumstances are such that they cannot be as generous as they would like. It is hoped further that with the completion of the Endowment Fund program, it will take over to furnish a firm basis of support for the National JACL.

In the meantime, the help and support of loyal JACLers is earnestly solicited. If all members who have joined at one time or another were to come back into the fold, we would need but 400 additional members to reach our original goal of 1,000.

If you have 25 bucks lying ing around, send it to 1,000 Club, c/o National Headquarters, 413 Beason Building, Salt Lake City 1, Utah, and become "one of the boys." You can also join by paying $5 down and $5 per quarter.

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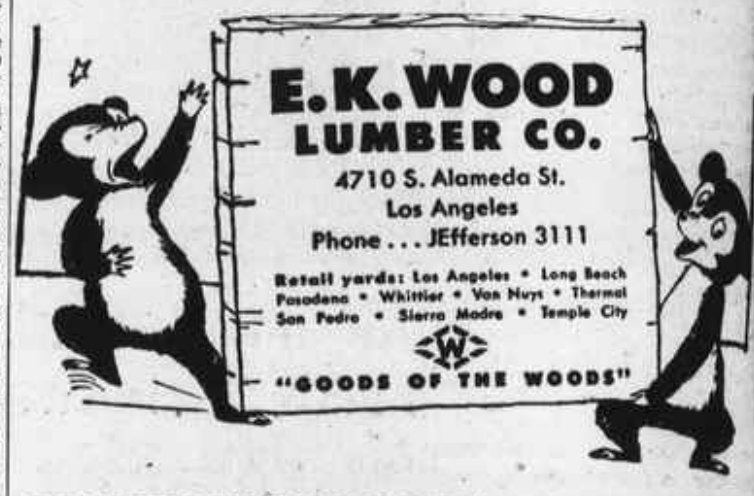
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Is the JACL on the Right Track?

by Haruo Ishimaru

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RECENTLY IN San Francisco, a community forum group met to discuss the provocative question, "Is the JACL on the right track?" A corollary title for the meeting was, "Is the JACL fulfilling its functions?" The purpose of this particular meeting was to present helpful criticisms to the program of the JACL, which was agreed to be a useful organization. However, the title is particularly intriguing, "Is the JACL on the right track?"

After the most brilliant year in the history not only of the JACL but of the Japanese in America, we ought to take inventory, and consider not only the contributions but the weaknesses of what is the only nationally organized group of Japanese Americans. The question is a valid one which should be asked of any organization that professes to work for the common good. Every organization should periodically re-examine and re-evaluate its program and objectives. The JACL is no exception.

What Is "Right Track"

In attempting to analyze this question, the definition of "right track" is the first problem. A simple and practical interpretation of "the right track" might be, "Are the officers, chapters, members and staff of the JACL carrying out the instructions and decisions made at official JACL meetings, whether on the national, regional, or chapter level?"

If this is the principal implication in the question, then obviously an understanding of such official JACL decisions would be necessary before anyone could judge this possible facet of the question. Perhaps a more general and interesting question would be, "Is the JACL doing what people think it ought to do regardless of official JACL opinions and decisions?"

Ultimately, in either case it would seem that the logical persons to decide should be those who have throughout the years demonstrated an interest in the welfare of the Japanese in America and who have constructively assisted and criticized the goals of the JACL or have evidenced their concern by parallel attempts such as in various local Issei and Nisei groups.

Are They Necessary?

In the analysis of this whole question, perhaps one should start with the basic problem of whether the JACL or any other similar minority group organizations as are found among the Negroes, Jews and others are valid organizations. This is a question which could be debated ad infinitum and which we feel may be academically interesting but beyond the scope of this particular discussion.

Regardless of personal opinion upon the usefulness of such organizations, the very fact that such organizations exist demonstrates that enough people think they are necessary and useful and, therefore, support them.

JACL—Good or Bad

Consequently, assuming for this discussion, at least, that such representative organizations of minority groups are useful and necessary, we are confronted with the fact that the JACL—good, bad or indifferent—is the only Japanese American body nationally organized to represent persons of Japanese ancestry in America. By their continued membership in the JACL, more than 10,000 Nisei indicate that the JACL is a necessary organization. The JACL also has enjoyed the support and confidence of perhaps an aqual number of Issei who look upon the JACL as their representative organization.

This evidence of loyalty, of course, is not enough to insure perfection or even to assure intelligent programming. We are sure that most staff members and officers of the JACL would not presume that the JACL is an infallible and perfect organization.

Actually, there is a continual struggle to better its program of service not only to its members but to the total Japanese American community. One has only to attend national conventions and district council sessions as well as local chapter meetings to witness the heated arguments pro and con about programs of activities for the JACL.

Destroy or Impprove?

Occasionally from outsiders there is not only disagreement with the JACL and its decisions but sometimes even outright antagonism. Agreeing that such a nationally organized and representative association is useful, we would point out that when there is dissatisfaction with the JACL or when anyone believes that "the JACL is not on the right track," there are only two alternatives: (1) Destroy it completely, or (2) improve it.

It would seem that the first attack is not only difficult because of the loyalty of existing JACLers and Issei supporters but wasteful in that it would sacrifice an organization that has not only won the loyalty of members and friends among the Issei and Nisei but the respect of national and local leaders of all races and recognition and admiration in our governing bodies. Any attempt to build another such representative group will still have to rely on the same leaders now supporting the JACL.

If, then, we agree that the JACL should be improved, and we are certain that even the most fanatically loyal JACLer would agree that there is always room for improvement, the exploration of methods for improving the JACL should be considered.

"Security through Unity"

The purpose of this article is not to develop a blueprint pointing toward perfection; that is the function of meetings on the national, regional and chapter levels. Rather, we would point out that the established ideals of the JACL should be a beacon toward fulfillment and perfection. The JACL has two slogans.

One is: 'Security through Unity." It is evident and agreed that the Nisei have come of age. We point out that the slogan should now be interpreted in its fuller meaning as security through unity not for Japanese Americans alone but for our total American community.

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We Americans of Japanese ancestry are tremendously proud of our pioneer parents who have so patiently built homes for us in America, creating veritable gardens of Eden in the western wilderness. We are proud of our Nisei heroes who have so ably demonstrated their loyalty not only on foreign battlefields but in small everyday devotions to their duties as American citizens. Great have been our efforts in such a short time—and by such a few; yet our contributions are only beginning.

We invite not only loyal JACLers and supporters but also our critics to aid and join us in the fulfillment of our dreams. Only through .nature understanding and determined dedication to our responsibilities as American citizens can we truly maintain the ideal embodied in our second national slogan:

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Issei throng to naturalization classes to prepare for citizenship

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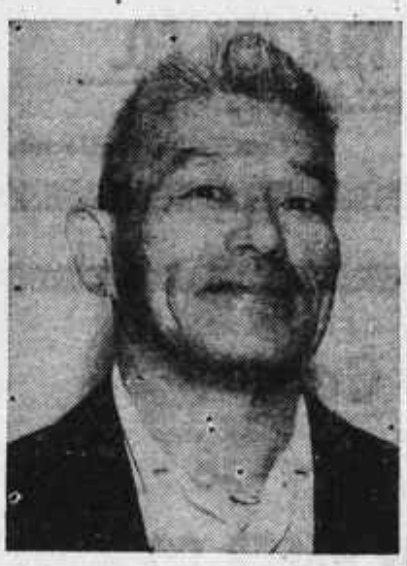
IT WAS GOING to be a cold night. Mrs. Yamamoto could see that when she gathered in her wash and started preparations for an early dinner. It was Monday night, and her naturalization class would begin promptly at 7:30.

When Mrs. Yamamoto hurried through her dishes and took the "J" car to the Centenary Methodist Church, it was already 15 minutes before class time. All around the church, she could see cars being parked—new Fords and old Chevrolets and several gardeners' pick-up trucks.

At the church door, she fell in with several of her classmates and exchanged comments on the weather as well as little jokes about not doing her "homework" again.

In Chapel

The small, auxiliary chapel to the church was more than half filled already, and some of the studious ones up front were busy mumbling "1492" and "Jamestown" and "Constitution."



Tonazo Watanabe

A 60-Year Old Student

This particular series of naturalization classes has been going on since soon after the passage of the McCarran-Walter Act over the President's veto this summer. Several of the 75 to 80 students enrolled for these lectures were attending them as a "refresher" course, having completed one similar course before when the achievement of naturalization privileges was only a hoped-for dream.

Hard to Remember

"But," as one of these **ojii-sans** laughingly explained, "when you get into your 60's, it's so hard to keep remembering all those dates and facts! My memory isn't what it used to be."

Choyei Kondo, who holds a master's degree in history and is fluently bi-lingual although he is an Issei himself, teaches these classes. Mr. Kondo is the father of the late Carl Kondo, well-known Nisei writer.

No stiff and formal lecturer is Mr. Kondo. He knows his students. He knows that they are attending, not through force, but through choice. He knows that many of them, although they are near or past the accepted retirement age of 65, are still holding down full-time jobs. They may be doing so out of necessity to recoup the economical losses suffered from the evacuation or they may be working out of sheer habit although they are comfortably off.

Incorporate English

Using the Japanese language but incorporating English phrases as much as possible, Mr. Kondo patiently explains the whys and wherefores of the dry facts that his students will have to know to pass their naturalization exam.



Mrs. M. Hirata

Came to U. S. in 1915

Mr. Kondo has a sly sense of humor and loves to draw parallels in Japanese and Anglo-American history. A little sermon on Jeffersonian democracy was pithily explained by pointing out that Japanese parents who are apt to yell at the child and impress their authority on him do not know the real meaning of the type of democracy advocated by our third President.

Then he drew examples from Japan's recent history to show what tragedy can result when power is lodged in the hands of a few unscrupulous men rather than in the hands of the people.

From that, he went on painlessly to explain the reasons behind the Bill of Rights.

Typical

Typical of Mr. Kondo's students is Tonazo Watanabe, a youngish-looking 60-year-old Issei with a crew cut. Mr. Watanabe works in the kitchen of the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles and has a daughter who is a nursing student at the California Hospital. He comes from Okayama prefecture and has been in the United States since 1907.

Another is Mosaburo Kawata,

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A capacity crowd of eager Issei students show up on a cold winter night at the Centenary Methodist Church to listen to another in a series of lectures on civics, U. S. history and geography by Choyei Kondo, instructor.

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"Booklearning"

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who is in his early 70's and looks like a Japanese Santa Claus with his impressive whiskers. He too is originally from Okayama prefecture in Japan. He came here in 1898 and is now retired with seven children (three girls and four boys) and eight grandchildren.

Representing the distaff side is Tome Yasunaga, whose birthplace is Fukuoka prefecture in Japan.



Choichiro Akamatsu
From Hiroshima

Mrs. Yasunaga, the mother of five and grandmother of eight, first came over to the United States in 1918. She leads an active life, teaching the Japanese language to the Sansei at Seinan Gakuen.

Leader



Mosaburo Kawata
7 Children, 8 Grandchildren

Another of Mr. Kondo's students is a leader in the local Japanese community. He is Choichiro Akamatsu, one of the many who in their ambitious youth migrated to America from Hiroshima prefecture. Characteristically, Mr. Akamatsu was handling the registration end of the class for Mr. Kondo.

Students like Mrs. M. Hirata, mother of four and grandmother of six, whose contributions to the land of their adoption have already been made during their active years but who are still willing to spend long hours at "booklearning" at their age to qualify legally as citizens are certainly a credit and an asset to the United States.

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THE EPOCH-MAKING 12th Biennial National JACL Convention in San Francisco, came to a highly successful close on Monday, June 30, with a huge banquet and the traditional Sayonara Ball.

Almost 900 persons registered for this "Homecoming" and also "Victory" Convention, and some 1500 persons participated in various convention events, according to Mrs. Katherine Nunotani, registration chairman.

The convention had begun on a rather depressing note, as word of the Presidential veto of the Walter-McCarran Omnibus Bill was received. However, the entire mood of the Convention changed two days later when news of the Senate override of the veto was announced. Tears of joy were shed and shouts of gladness filled the Council room and the Convention headquarters in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel, as delegates who had fought so tenaciously for the passage of the naturalization legislation for six years released all pent-up emotions.

"We Like Mike"

Almost 200 delegates went to the airport the following morning to greet Mike Masaoka, national JACL legislative director, who had had a major role in the securing of naturalization rights for the Issei. Signs reading 'Well done, Mike!" and "We Like Mike" greeted the national legislative director as he stepped off the plane for from Washington, D. C.

The remainder of the Convention was marked by a sense of elation. However, there was a new question to consider—what should the JACL concentrate upon now, since their major legislative objective for the past six years had been realized?

The host San Francisco chapter had prepared an elaborate program for the convention, and delegates participated wholeheartedly in all of these events.

Opening Ceremony

An impressive Opening Ceremony was held on June 26, at the Colonial Room of the St. Francis Hotel. Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, vice president and provost emeritus of the University of California, delivered the keynote "Welcome Home" address.

He issued a challenge to the Nisei to help other groups. "As Americans, stand forth courageously against any and every attempt by direct or indirect means to break down our democracy and abridge the rights of any group of citizens . . . stand up in their defense even as you approve those who stood up in your behalf."

A solemn War Memorial Service for the Nisei War Dead was held during the Opening Ceremonies. The large Combined Bay Region Vocal Chorus under the direction of Frank Ono, sang six selections, including the JACL Hymn—words of which were written by Marion Tajiri.

Saburo Kido, wartime National JACL President, gave a "Homecoming" message in which he briefly traced the history of the JACL movement. Tetsuo Oi, executive secretary of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Honolulu, brought "alohas" from Hawaii and a message of gratitude for the work of the JACL in combating discriminatory measures in Hawaii as well as in this country.

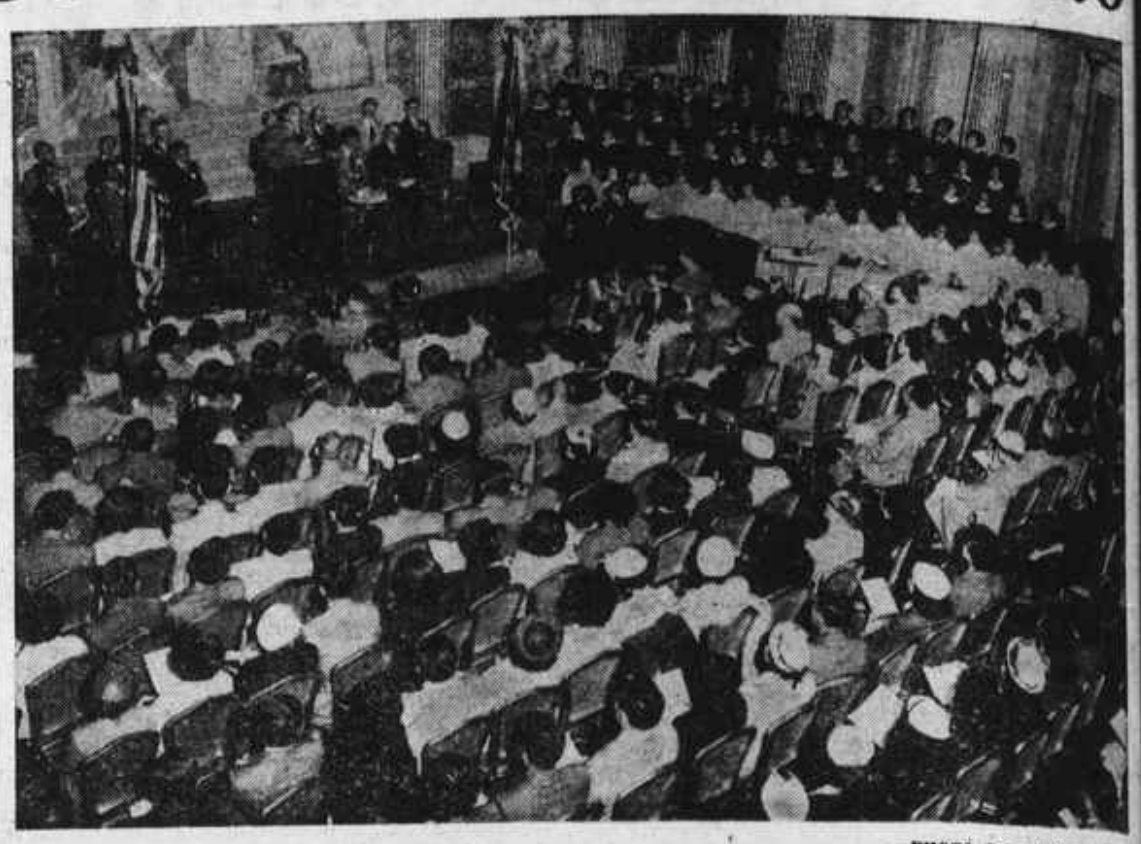
Convention Mixer

Following the Opening Ceremonies, the Convention Mixer (The "Cable Car Maze") was held in the adjourning room. Here, delegates were able to meet other delegates from all parts of the country.

On the second day of the convention, June 27, official delegates were busy with their council sessions all day, while booster delegates took part in the various special events — golf, fishing derby, sightseeing and bowling. The Thousand Club Function that night was an especially joyous occasion, as the Thousand Clubbers had a dual celebration — homecoming and the passage of the McCarran Bill. At this time, Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon of Chicago was elected new president of the club.

On Saturday, June 28, the Local Recognitions Luncheon was held, at which time 13 persons from the Bay Area were recognized and honored for their work in the field of better human relations. The following were honored:

Dr. Alfred G. Risk, professor of philosophy, San Francisco State College; Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, associate directors of University of California Stiles Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Kingman, gen. secretary of University of California Stiles Hall; Allen C. Blaisdell, University of California International House director; Annie Clo Watson, International Institute director, San Francisco; Galen Fisher, formerly with the Institute of Pacific Relations and a long-time friend of the Nisei; Assemblyman George Collins Jr., San Francisco; Fred Ross, director of the California Federation for Civic Unity; Stephen Thiermann, American Friends Service Committee; Edward Howden, San Francisco Council for Civic Unity; and Earl Raab, B'nai B'rith.



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Opening ceremonies at the San Francisco convention was an impressive occasion. This partial view shows delegates listening to a speech by Supervisor Mead of San Francisco.

Nisei on Freedom

The Rev. Harry C. Meserve, pastor of the First Unitarian Church in San Francisco, spoke on "The Role of the Nisei During the Present Threat to Freedom" at the Luncheon. The danger in the threat to freedom, he said, lies in the fact that it will produce people who refrain from thinking or expressing themselves because they fear the consequences. "The greatest danger to democracy is an inert people," he stated.

The answer to the threat is nothing heroic or dramatic, he said: 1) Keep sane and help others to keep sane, 2) Work with others who desire to preserve freedom, otherwise we will lose out to other better organizd groups, and 3) Realize that the struggle for bread (basic human security) goes hand in hand with the struggle for freedom. The ultimate question we must ask ourselves, he said, is: Are we part of the problem, or are we part of the solution?

The local Recognitions Luncheon was held at the Whitcomb Hotel—the former headquarters of the Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCAA) which carried the evacuation 10 years ago.

A Fashion Show was held shortly after the Luncheon. The following ladies modeled the latest fashions from the Joseph Magnin Company in San Francisco:

Rose Kaji, Bessie Masuda, Martha Mori, Mrs. Harry Miyagishima, Rose Uda, Mrs. Yosh Morita, Mrs. Isamu Nieda, Martha Oshima, and Mary Ann Ouye.

Special Events

Special events for the day included a Bridge Tournament and the Bowling Tournament.

That evening, a Pioneer Night Program was held at the local Buddhist Church. In spite of the rainy weather, some 450 persons attended—of these, 200 were Issei "pioneers" who were the honored guests for the evening. Following the dinner, Mike Masaoka addressed the group. Masaoka said that the naturalization legislation was a "gift" from the Nisei to the Issei as a token of appreciation for the courage, the the loyalty, and the untiring efforts of the Issei in this country.

On Sunday, June 29, the Convention Outing was held "down the peninsula" at the Pink Horse Ranch, just west of Los Altos. Under the co-chairmanship of Bob Sugushita and Harry Higashi, and with the help of the San Mateo and Sequoia Chapters, the whole Convention was moved out into the open spaces of the Santa Cruz mountains. Here official and booster delegates, together with their

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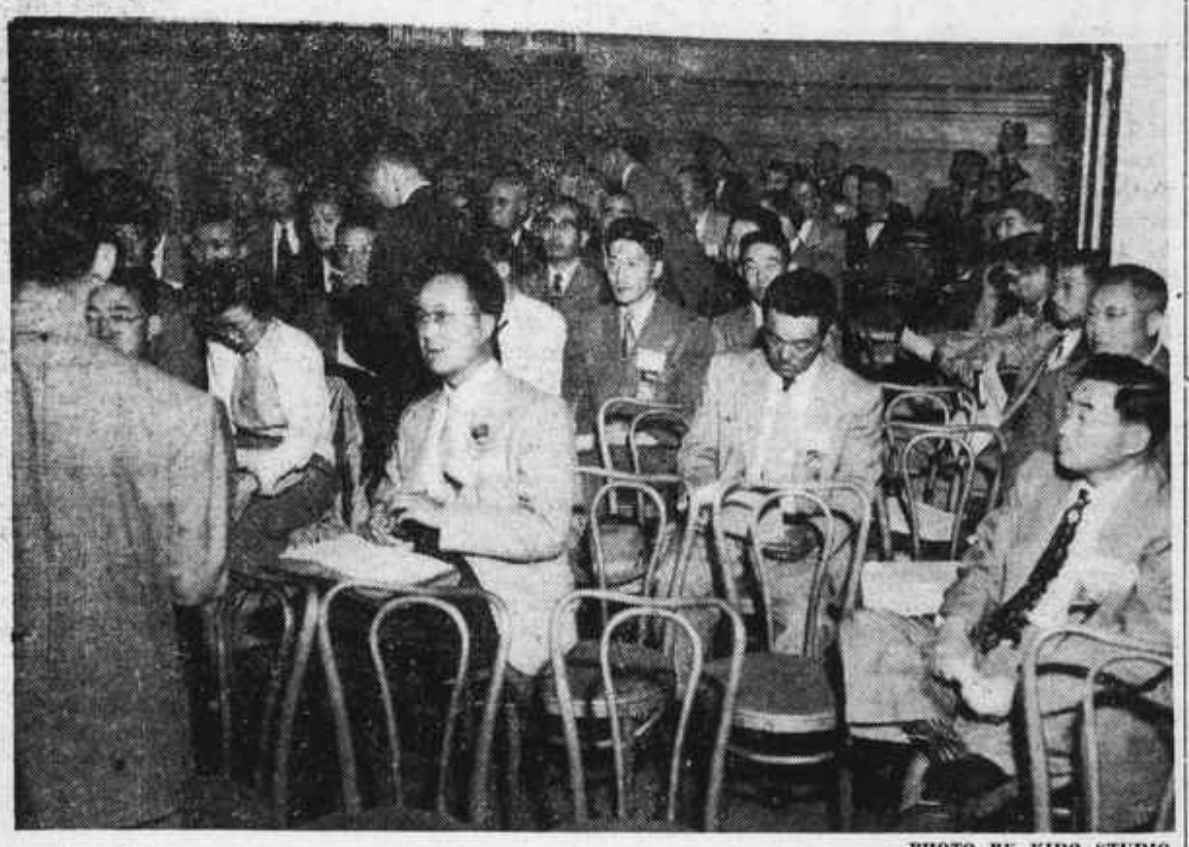
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A solid amount of good, hard work goes into the makeup of a JACL national convention as witness this assemblage of serious-browed council members at a session in the Hotel Whitcomb at the San Francisco meet.

...milies, were able to forget the ...ries and problems before them ...d relax for the day. Awards for ...e special events were presented ...ring the outing, and an orches... dance was held in the huge ...k barn.

Final Day

On June 30—the final day of the ...vention—the last council ses... was held, at which time Los ...geles won the bid for the 1954 ...tional JACL Convention.

A Hair Stylist Contest was held ...ing the afternoon at the Nob ... Room of the Fairmont Hotel. ...e "George Ohashi Trophy" was ...arded to the winner. During the ...gram, a feature demonstration ... the comb-out of a katsura ...panese wig) and the dressing ... a traditional Japanese Bridal ...fit was presented by Mrs. Ya...yo Uchida of Okayama, Japan.

The Convention Banquet, held ... the Peacock Court of the Mark Hopkins Hotel on the last ... of the Convention, was by ... the most elegant event dur... the entire Convention. At ... time, gifts of appreciation ... presented to Dr. Randolph ...kada, outgoing National JACL President, and Masao Sa..., National JACL Director. Certificates of appreciation were presented to the outgoing offi... by "Miss Homecoming" (Rose Kaji) who was the offi... hostess during the conven...

The newly elected National ...ACL officers were installed into ...ffice by Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, ...e first National JACL President. ...e National Board will be head... by George Inagaki of Venice, ...lif. Other officers are: Tom ...ayashi (N. Y.), first vice-presi...nt; Patrick K. Okura (Omaha), ...cond vice-president; Bob Taka...shi (French Camp) third vice-...esident; Dr. Roy Nishikawa (Los ...geles), treasurer; Mrs. Alice ...sai (Salt Lake City), secretary; ...d Harold Gordon, 1000 Club ...esident.

The Distinguished Service award ... the Honorable Dean Acheson, ...cretary of State, was received ... Maxwell Hamilton, personal ...presentative of the Secretary of ...tate.

Main Address

The main Banquet address was ...ven by Dr. George Kiyoshi Togasaki, president of the Nippon Times, and the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the International Christian University in Japan. Speaking on the topic, "Horizons for a New Day," Dr. Togasaki cited the outstanding progress of the Nisei on all fronts. He cited the important role which lies ahead for the Nisei—the task of cementing relations between the United States and Japan.

Now that the major legislative objective of the JACL for the past six years has been realized, Dr. Togasaki said "we must move on to new horizons to meet the challenge of our times." Because of circumstances, the Nisei are in a position to be of great service to America. And since America's problems are the problems of the Nisei, he posed the question: Can we be complaisant to the threats (e.g. Communism) which face our times?

Following the message by Dr. Togasaki, the Distinguished Achievement awards were presented to the following persons: Patrick Kiyoshi Okura (Science, medicine and other profession); William "Bill" Hosokawa (Human relations); Tomiko Kanazawa, (Fine Arts); Carl Sato (Farming, Industry and Business); and Ford Hiroshi Konno (athletics).

Yasui Honored

The Nisei of the Biennium award —the highest honor—was presented to Minoru Yasui of Denver, Colo. Yasui, a Denver lawyer, spent nine months behind prison bars to test the constitutionality of the evacuation of 1942. Yasui, who is affiliated with 36 civic organizations, is also the JACL regional director for the Mountain Plains area without salary.

In the closing remarks by Dr. Tokuji Hedani, chairman of the Convention, the various committee members were thanked. The five associate chairmen were especially cited for their untiring efforts: Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa, Susumu Togasaki, Dr. Karl Hirota, Giichi Yoshioka, and William Enomoto.

Following the Banquet, the Convention Sayonara Ball—traditionally the closing event for the JACL Conventions—was held at the Gold Room of the Fairmont Hotel. A Capacity crowd was present to enjoy the dancing and entertainment during the evening.

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Olympic Gold Medal Champion, I

Watch This "Ford" Go By!

by Ken Misumi

When it rains it pours. No Nisei athlete prior to this summer has ever won a championship at the Olympic Games. So what happens? At the Helsinki games of last July 19-August 3, three Americans of Japanese ancestry won three gold medals—symbolic of world athletic supremacy.

Two Hawaii lads, Ford Konno and Yoshinobu Oyakawa, took the 1,500-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke swimming championships, respectively. California Tommy Kono duplicated the feat in weightlifting.

Nineteen-year-old Ford's great victory in the gruelling metric mile swim was particularly outstanding. To triumph he defeated favorite Shiro Hashizume with a sensational rally in the closing stages of the race.

His 1,500-meter victory, incidentally, put the United States ahead of Russia in unofficial team point standings for the first time since the Games started on July 19. Uncle Sam never relinquished that lead.

He preceded this triumph with a second-place finish in the 400-meter freestyle to France's Jean Boiteux in what has been described as the greatest 400-meter duel to ever take place at the Olympics. Finishing only about a meter behind the winner, both Ford and Jean came in with the fastest time ever recorded for the 400 in a long course pool.

Boiteux came in with a 4:30.7, while Kono finished in 4:31.3. You get an idea of the magnitude of these marks when you recall that Hironoshin Furuhashi first amazed the swimming world back in '49 at the Los Angeles National AAU meet with his then record-shattering long course mark of 4:33.3.

Again it was Konno's terrific 200-meter sprint in his third lap of the 800--meter freestyle relay that contributed heavily to favored Japan's upset defeat by the U.S. at Helsinki.

Obviously 1952 rates as Ford Konno's greatest year. In addition to his Olympic stint, the Honolulan scored a grand slam at the National AAU Indoor and Outdoor championships. He took the Outdoor 440- and 880-yard freestyle and the mile. Earlier in the year he won the 200, 440 yard and 1,500 meter freestyle at the National AAU Indoor championships.

His other title wins this year. NCAA championships—first in the 440-yard and 1,500-meter freestyle; Big Ten championships—first in the 220- and 440-yard and 1,500-meter freestyle.

Getting back to the Olympics and Ford's 1,500 victory. His winning time was 18.30, plenty fast considering that it bettered the then existing Olympic record by some 42 seconds!

He has done even better, however. Back in the summer of '51 at the 100-meter Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium, he swam the 1,500 in 18:25.6, a mark which still stands today as the best long course time made by an American. Only Hironoshin Furuhashi has topped this. The Nippon star worked the distance in a remarkable 18:19.0 at the L. A. Nationals of '49.

By the way, Hashizume's 1,500-meter defeat came as a terrific blow to the Nipponese ace. He really had his heart set on winning this one.

Just before the race, Hashizume walked over to Konno to shake hands and unburden himself thusly: 'In 1950 you beat me in every race. But yesterday, my time trial was 18:34 while you made 18:52. So today, I shall beat you."

Undoubtedly Ford was born gifted with a certain amount of natural ability in the natatorial art. But the major credit for his phenomenal swimming success must go to his superb physical condition which comes with hours of monotonous daily practice.

His biggest assets are his terrific leg drive, tremendous reserve power and a great competitive heart. He is most dangerous when the blue chips are down.

Although considered the world's top distance swimmer today, Konno, interestingly enough holds no world record except for one and that in the 800 meters. His time of 9:30.7, made in 1951 in Honolulu, is the official world mark for this distance.

Australian John Marshall has done better times than Ford but it's of further interest to note that the Nisei has consistently beaten the Yale star whenever they've met following the 1950 National AAU Meet in Seattle.

The Islander, a rank unknown at that time, made his big time debut in that Seattle meet. Marshall beat him in both the mile and 880. But subsequently in the Japan exhibition tour of the U.S. team, the Hawaiian star defeated his Aussie rival six consecutive times and climaxed his summer visit with a sensational upset victory over the great Furuhashi in an 880-yard race.

Konno first started his competitive swim career some seven years ago under Coach Yoshito Sagawa at the Nuuanau YMCA in Honolulu. But it wasn't until the spring of 1949 that he started gaining recognition as a freestyler of promise. His meteoric rise followed.

Small for a champion, Ford today hits the scale at around 143 or only some seven pounds more than he weighed back in '49. He is currently 5-7 in height, a good looking curly haired lad with no gift of gab. He hates to talk about himself.

He has taken his success with in stride; wears the same size hat he wore before hitting the international spotlight. Apropos of this, Yale Coach Bob Kiphuth who took the U.S. team to Japan in 1950, confided to a Honolulu friend after the Nippon tour that what impressed him most about Konno was this level-headedness of a 17-year-old youngster who notwithstanding his sensational victories over Messrs. Furuhashi and Marshall, still managed to retain his normal equilibrium.

A New Year Day baby, Konno will be 20 on this coming January 1st. He is the youngest of a family of six—three boys and three girls. His father, Jack Konno, is a mechanic. Ford, by the way, is the only athlete of the group.

Currently a sophomore on an athletic scholarship at Ohio State University, the Olympic champion is a physical education major with a minor in business administration.

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Olympic Gold Medal Champion, II

Kono's is Alger Story

by Henry Taketa

A SKINNY LAD in poor health who took up weight lifting to develop his body and eventually became a world champion in the sport is the Horatio Alger story of young Tommy Kono of Sacramento, Calif.

The "rags to riches" type of sport story may be abused to a tiresome degree but in this case it takes a significant form in that had Kono been blessed with a healthy body, he probably would never have taken up the weight lifting sport and the Nisei in the United States mainland would have been without their only Olympic champion.

At Helsinki in the 1952 Olympic games Kono hoisted a total of 797.5 pounds to win the gold medal in the light weight division. His total lift shattered the previous Olympic record of 793.656 pounds set by L. Shams of Egypt in the 1948 Olympics. In the process of his record-breaking lifts Kono also set a new Olympic and world record in the two-hand snatch by lifting 277.33 pounds which erased the old standard of 253.5 pounds held by the Egyptian Shams.

Little Known Fact

One of the little known sidelights of his competition in the Olympic games was that in order to qualify for the light weight division, Kono had to reduce from 165 to 148 pounds and considering the loss of strength in the process, his winning the title from the class of the world in the Games was hailed as a miraculous achievement.

The 22-year-old champion first took an active interest in the barbell sport when he and his parents decided that he should take up the sport to develop his poor physical condition, at Tule Lake Relocation Center during the last war.

There he joined a small group interested in weight lifting who trained without benefit of any professional assistance. They taught themselves out of pamphlets and books.

When the Kono family returned to Sacramento after termination of the war, Tommy continued his weight lifting activities by joining the YMCA. However, the barbell sport was not one of the accepted programs of the institution, and Kono pursued his interest on his own initiative at the YMCA.

Attract Attention

It was at a West Coast Junior Competition in 1949 that Kono first attracted attention. Bob Hoffman, coach of the Olympic weight lifting team and considered the leading authority of the sport in the nation, was impressed by this diamond in the rough at the meet. When Kono raised 815 pounds, Hoffman remarked:

"I never realized just how strong Kono was until he had won 35 bottles of sun tan lotion from me. I offered him a bottle for each pound lifted over 780 pounds and I had to buy the stuff back to keep in business."

In 1949 Kono won the PAA light weight championship and in 1950, won the Pacific Coast title in the same division. The Sacramento Lions Club and the Oakland YMCA sponsored a trip to the national meet for Kono, and he hoisted 790 pounds to place second to the national champion who lifted 765 pounds.

The Oak Park Athletic Club of Sacramento paid for Tommy's trip to the national weightlifting meet at New York in 1950, the tournament being held for the purpose of selecting a United States team for a trip to the International meet at Paris.

Kono successfully reached the semi-finals, but a day before he was scheduled to compete in the finals, he was notified of his mother's death and was compelled to forfeit his position and return to Sacramento to be with the family for the funeral.

Military Service

Kono was inducted into military service in March of 1951 and after completing his basic training, his unit was slated for transfer to Japan. By then Kono had earned national recognition as a possible Olympic representative and a frantic appeal was made by interested officers at Fort Ord, where he recevied his training, and also by Hoffman, who had been named as coach for the United States Olympic weight lifting team, to keep Kono in the United States.

Recognizing the importance of athletics and the part it would play in the "cold war" during the Olympic year ,the military authorities relaxed all duties of potential Olympic athletes and simultaneously ordered them to train for the Games. Tommy Kono was one of the thousands of athletes in military service who were reassigned for the purpose of training for the Olympic games.

In June, 1952, he won the national lightweight lifting crown in New York and was automatically chosen on the Olympic team. At the New York meet he was also named the outstanding weight lifter in any class in the nation.

Assigned to Germany

After winning his Olympic championshop at Helsinki, Kono and other members of the Olympic team who also were members of the armed forces were assigned to the Army of Occupation in Germany and consequently toured the continent in a goodwill sports show.

Recently in competition with Danish weight lifters at Copenhagen, Kono smashed two additional world's standards. He pressed 248.94 pounds to better the old record by three pounds. The old rec- was held by I. Svitilka of Russia and Kono's achievement brought smiles to the Army High Command in Europe. He recorded a 253.58-pound two-hand snatch and clean jerked 330.75 pounds for a three-series total lift of 833.23 pounds which clobbered to smithereens, by 23 pounds, the former world record held by Stan Stanczyk of the United States.

Following the Olympics, Tommy was nominated for the Sullivan Award with other outstanding Pacific Coast athletes and was outvoted in the finals by Sammy Lee, Olympic diving board champion. However, Tommy was named the outstanding athlete of the year from the Coast by the PAA.

"Tommy" Day Planned

The City of Sacramento and many civic organizations had planned for a "Tommy Kono Day" in honor of this native son with a parade and a testimonial dinner, but the plans were temporarily shelved because of Kono's reassignment in Europe.

Chester Gannon, former Assemblyman from Sacramento and one of the arrangement chairmen, stated that, "The celebration won't grow stale with the passing of months. Eventually Kono will be home and the luster will be little tarnished on his gold medal. When he returns that will be the occasion for our party, and we on the committee intend to make the most of it."

Resolution congratulating Kono for his Olympic victory was introduced in the California Assembly by Assemblymen John Moss and Gordon Fleury of Sacramento and was unanimously adopted and registered in its record on August 25, 1952.

A native of Sacramento, Calif., Tommy Kono was graduated from Lincoln Grammar School and Sacramento High School and also attended Sacramento Junior College.

His twin brothers John and Mike are specialists in airplane repair and maintenance at McClellan Air Base, whil another brother Frank has been with the U. S. Army in Korea for the past 11 months.

JACL Decade

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legislative program: (1) Equality in naturalization, (2) passage of legislation to indemnify evacuees for evacuation losses and 3) suspension of deportation for Japanese nationals in the United States. The Anti-Discrimination Committee was formed as the legislative arm of the JACL with the support of Issei leaders. Hito Okada, who had husbanded the JACL's meager finances during the war years, took over as national president from the wartime prexy, Saburo Kido. Mike Masaoka went back to Washington with a definite mission and Masao W. Satow, the JACL's national director, took over the administrative machinery at Salt Lake City.

The story of the JACL decade is an important one in that it illustrates the effectiveness of an organized minority in a democratic society.

The JACL's objective in obtaining passage of remedial legislation was one of telling the facts to the American people. Once the facts were known, it was felt that the people would respond through their elected representatives. The much-belabored 80th Congress did respond in 1948 by passing the Evacuation Claims Act and the Suspension of Deportation Act.

Payment of more than $14,000,000 to the evacuees already has been authorized under the claims act and adjudication is pending on claims for an additional $50,000,000 in losses, while the deportation suspension law has prevented the breakup of several hundred Japanese American families, involving mostly cases in which the fathers are Japanese nationals who originally entered the United States as treaty traders under a status not recognized since the abrogation of the Japanese-American trade treaty before Pearl Harbor.

The JACL's success in obtaining passage of the principle of equality in naturalization and immigration, a major change in American policy, has been clouded by controversy over sections of the McCarran Act, an omnibus law codifying some 150 years of piecemeal legislation. Here, as in 1950, the JACL has been caught in a crossfire between proponents and op-

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Things of the Earth: A Groundhog View

"You have to have your own lights to go by, and your own fences for leaping." A famous author here describes his lights.

by Nelson Algren

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"The young man and woman writing today have forgotten the problems of the heart in conflict with itself," William Faulkner observed in accepting the Nobel Prize for Literature. "They write not of love but of lust, not of the heart but of the glands. Of victories that carry no real hope, defeats in which nothing of real value is lost, and of griefs that leave no scars."

I seriously doubt that the young man and woman writing today have forgotten the problems of the heart in conflict with itself. I doubt they've forgotten a thing.

Is it not, rather, that they have become so infected with our manic passion for personal security that they decline to take any risk which might conceivably imperil that peculiarly native mirage?

For there are no loyalty tests for the heart, the heart has no country at all. So long as living is something more than passing safe and dryshod, something more than just not dying, the heart never can conform.

Nor do I, personally, get any real large lift out of the assurance, offered so often, of the long-remaindered intellectuals of the Time-Life-Partisan-Review chain, that compared to the drive for conformity in the U.S.S.R., we haven't as yet any true notion here of what the real thing is like.

When I'm standing knee-deep and sinking in the muddy waters of the Little Calumet and Mr. Lionel Trilling paddles anxiously up to inform me that were I standing in the Volga I'd be up to my ear-lobes, and paddles as anxiously away, I don't feel he's done a thing for me.

The saddening fact remains that our idealists, with assistance from the dough-face ex-Communists, are driving precisely in the fashion of Russia's idealists, as hard and fast as possible toward penalizing independence of thought and action. Till the triumphs of Dreiser and Mencken and Sinclair Lewis are down in the dust of with the 20's.

"The permissible area for calm discussion is being narrowed and the range of ideas so limited that we have closed our minds to the receipt of ideas from Asia," Mr. Justice Douglas observes, "the philosophy of strength through freedom of speech is being replaced by the philosophy of strength through repression."

No, it isn't that the young writer has forgotten the ancestral problems of the heart in conflict with itself, but rather that he is unwilling to pay the price now asked for non-conformity.

Leaving writers with a choice easier for some to handle than others.

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Possession is the price of creation, and the woman or woman who declines to be possessed cannot create. And, if possessed, he has to move against the currents of his own time, though by his own lights the true shore lies against the current. Even though aware that the only way he'll find land will be when the waters toss his blue and bloated carcass up.

"For it is in the impartial practice of life that the artist finds the promise of perfection for his art," Conrad wrote, "rather than in those absurd formulas prescribing this or that concept or method or technique. Let him mature the strength of his imagination among the things of the earth."

Meaning, I choose to take it, to believe in your God if you can. But above all to believe in your life. "If your God is forgetful of your life," the young French novelist Rossi writes, "keep your life. Your life is all that matters."

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On Saturday mornings of early summer, when I was a sprout on Chicago's streets, we used to go on reconnaissance against the Hun. Every 8 feet of gravel behind tavern or tenement became Chateau-Thierry. I don't know why it had always to be Chateau-Thierry. I recall that we lost it one Saturday to the Swedes on the next block—doubtless the only triumph of Swedish arms in modern times. It was in the morning we went out to counter-attack that one of us strung a wire between two empty tomato cans and thus invented the field telephone.

Moreover, it worked. Lying prostrate, you could communicate with the scout in the next trench. By standing erect you could, of course, simply tell him what you had to say, since he was only 3 feet distant. But lying prostrate was infinitely more strategic.

The accurate ear and the retentive memory of such a writer as James T. Farrell constitute a sort of literary field telephone, a two-party line sufficient for stenographic purposes. It not only gets the message down straight, but does so without engaging the reporter's emotions. And is thus much safer than standing upright in your shallow trench and getting your fool head blown off 5 inches below the shoulders.

A method based upon the sensible man's premise that, if you can get enough of such code set down fast enough, the end result is art. Where it fails, for the exact reason that it will take no risks, is to afford the breath of life. So that while Faulkner's people are sometimes more real than the men and women you meet on the street, Farrell's lie prostrate as the print, poor inkblots more fit for a Rohrschach than living.

What Wolfe and Fitzgerald, Dreiser and Faulkner do that the field-telephone school does not, is to participate emotionally. A participation that commonly proves too costly. "I've asked a lot of my emotions," Fitzgerald took a mournful count, "one hundred and twenty stories. The price was high, right up there with Kipling. Because there was something—not my blood, not a tear, not my seed, but something more intimately me than these—that went into every story. Now it is gone, and I am just like you now."

But he wasn't like you or me or James T. Farrell or anybody. For he stood on the precipitous edge of exhaustion; by bonds of pity and pride and love a man who spent himself into spiritual bankruptcy.

Infected as the younger writers are by the current passion for personal security, the field-telephone affords a method whereby one is unrequired to spend one's emotions recklessly. But, to paraphrase the old biblical saw, you have to lose your life to gain your art; and time inevitably decides against those who play the safer game.

The hardest sort of truth. And yet it was in his personal failure that Fitzgerald's art succeeded. For he recorded life not through a field telephone, but through his own heart and flesh and brain; until the flesh, like Wolfe's, failed under its emotional load.

One suspects that Bromfield will live to a mellow old age.

As one also suspects that it is among the things of the earth that one comes closest to the spirit of our times. That the bluebirds among us fly too high to sing any but the most serene songs. That from up there we must appear the happiest, healthiest, sanest, wealthiest, most tolerant, wisest, most inventive folk ever to grace the earth of man: a carnival of 4-H clubs trooping the meadows of an everlasting summer in a happy land, a happy time; the only happy land, the only happy time.

For it is not in the great cities of Europe nor in the lion-colored villages on the Sahara's edge, not in the terrible slums of Naples,

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"Things of the Earth"

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nor in the half-sunk huts along the ruined walls of ancestral cities in Yucatan that one sees the most dehumanized faces of our time. Not in the baskwash of time and poverty or war, but in Los Angeles and Muncie and Chicago and New York, in the baskwash of the American Century, that one discovers the most harried, intense, debauched, irresponsible faces in the world; full of an astonished good faith and an incredulous disappointment.

For nowhere before have men and women felt themselves divided by so vast a discrepancy between life and the representation of life. Never on the earth of man has he lived so tidily amidst such psychological disorder. Never have men and women lived so hygienically while troubled by such a sense of personal uncleanliness. Nowhere has any people been so outwardly confident that God is on its side while being so inwardly conscience-stricken lest He be not. Never has any people set itself such a rigid moral code while applying it quite so flexibly. Never has any people possessed such a superfluity of physical luxuries companioned by such a dearth of emotional necessities.

We are today living in a laboratory of human suffering as vast and terrible as that in which Dickens and Dostoevsky wrote. The chief difference being that we can afford, as the England of Dickens and the Russia of Dostoevsky could not afford, a glittering psychological facade, a coast-to-coast tote-board upon which hourly bulletins proclaim our national contentment.

An assumption of happiness through mechanical ingenuity none the less tragic for being naive.

To my own lights Matthew Arnold's phrase today means, rather, the capacity to see that our myths are so many, our vision so dim, our self-deception so deep and our smugness so gross that scarcely any way now remains of reporting the American Century except from behind the tote-board.

From behind the TV commercials and the Hearst headlines, the car ads and the subtitles, the editorials and the conventions. For it is only there that the people of Dickens and Dostoevsky may be found once more. The lost and the over-burdened who have to meet life so head-on that they can afford neither the tweeds that make such a strong impression in certain business circles nor the deodorant that does almost as much for one socially. The lost and the over-burdened too lost and too over-burdened to spare the price of the shaving lotion which automatically initiates one into the fast international set.

Accustomed to taking daily strolls along the unterraced edge of utter disaster, long used to being booted by the hindquarters of destruction, these are the ones whose victories fall close enough to the heart to afford real hope; whose defeats cost everything of real value; and whose griefs leave scar tissue enough to satisfy Ilsa Koch.

When one walks into the courtrooms where women are being tried, it begins to seem, after a while, that they are the innocent ones. That it is the judge and the matrons, the arresting officer and the bailiffs, the lawyers and the witnesses and the indifferent spectators who are the more truly guilty.

Guilty of indifference.
Guilty of self-satisfaction.
Guilty of complacency.
Guilty of self-righteousness.

Leaving the writer's duty forever with the accused. Guilty or not guilty, with the accused. We have too many denouncers of those already denounced, too many Budenzes bidding for the privilege of condemning publicly in return for arrangements made privately; too many handkerchief-heads bowing and scraping in hope

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By MITSU YASUDA

THE FIRST time I met him, heard him, I should say, was over the phone one afternoon. My office phone, at that. "I am an alien," he said, "and I have been following the news of the McCarran Bill very closely. I have also read . . ." He went on with measured words, smoothly and deliberately.

To anybody, he would have been any alien, Italian, German, Slavic, and very Americanized alien, his English was so perfect. But it seems to me that somehow Issei or Nisei, no matter how perfect their diction, could be identified by another Nisei over the phone. At any rate, this gentleman was an Issei, and not such a bright deduction, an old one. He said he had heard a lot about the work of the JACL, and he was interested, very much interested. He wanted to know more about our work, how we proposed to get himself and his friends American citizenship . . . and so as soon as I was able to poke a word in, I told him the date and time of the next JACL meeting.

I would have forgotten about him if it hadn't been for the fact that it was the first time I had ever heard English spoken so well by an Issei, and the fact that he refused to leave his name, which foible irks everybody, I guess.

The JACL meeting was adjourned and everybody stood around in small circles discussing the chances of the Bill passing the Senate, the congressmen we must write to, et cetera. I hadn't been to a JACL meeting for a long time, and I was busy catching up on gossip.

A slight tap on my elbow and an "Eh . . . Miss," stopped me in the middle of a juicy bit, and I turned around somewhat annoyed. The little man, not more than 5 feet, began thanking me courteously, but unsmilingly, for the information of that afternoon back. I recognized the perfect English before the conversation, and I said "Oh, you must be the gentleman who . . . '" and he said "Yes, of course. Now I would like to know a little more about this thing . . . "

I honestly don't known why he picked on me, although I must admit I was handling publicity and public relations, and I must admit such people know, or should make it a point to know, or at least make a show of knowing, a lot about what's going on in the club. I did make a couple of efforts to draw in the national officer in our group, and a district officer or two, but they were busy. And anyway, I didn't mind. Looking back, I should have felt complimented, really.

His name was Mr. Matsuo. I already said he was short, but besides that he was small boned. He was probably about 60, with a face just the shape of a prune, dried. He had bright, ordinary-sized eyes. He looked extremely un-Issei-like. That is, he's so "Americanized," he's lost the look of an Issei, if you know what I mean. No?

But that's really beside the point. Mr. Matsuo is a New Yorker, lived here 40 years. He has or had a kakujin wife, and four children, all girls. He has never spoken a word of Japanese to me. He speaks the language, of course . . . I've heard him speaking to other Issei. But to any Nisei's best, and often good, Japanese, he always answered in English. So grant the man an idiosyncrasy.

Well, Mr. Matsuo turned out to be sincerely interested in the McCarran Bill. He asked me many many questions, so many I pretty near became an expert on the law. He even came up to the office a couple of times. Where I work, we subscribe to a number of bilingual newspapers, plus the Pacific Citizen, so I took to the habit of gathering them up, red-marking interesting bits of information on the Bill, and dropping them off at the lobby of his apartment house. It took me out of the way only a little, but each time, he would call and thank me for them.

Oh, it's true that all other Issei were interested in The Bill, too. I have a mother and father. And heaven forbid that all of them should have decided to call individually for advice. But Mr. Matsuo's continuing concern, his searching probing questions, his elation at each advance step telephoned to me always, got me as excited and worried about The Bill as if my own citizenship were at stake. And it wasn't long before I started feeling personally responsible for getting him his cherished papers.

Well, when the Senate passed The Bill, we chortled. I say this with special emphasis because it was the first time I heard Mr. Matsuo laugh. It was a nice laugh, sort of long and undulating. He wanted to donate some money immediately to the JACL (which I speedily accepted). He wanted to go to Washington to thank Mike and Etsu personally, but I dissuaded him from doing that, just then. Not that I didn't think the Masaokas would extend their hospitality, but my eyes were on Mr. Truman, and my eyes were jaded. As it happened, of course, The Bill was vetoed.

I guess the saving grace of Issei lives is the Old Country philosophy of "yamoenai," "shikataganai." It's a good one. The Nisei have their youthful resilience, "the vetoes be damned." But poor un-Issei-like Mr. Matsuo. He was crushed, really crushed. His voice had lost all dreams, and I bet his hands were shaking as he called me to ask if it were true.

"I heard it over the radio . . . and the radio, you know, is wrong at times. It isn't so, is it? The President could not do that . . . "

I've told many a white lie in like situations. I sometimes swear by my lies even. But this I couldn't deny. The best I was able to do was to force bounce into my voice

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THE MAP

"After a pause he said, "One ought not live with a sword in hand."

by Hiroshi Kashiwagi

IT WAS THE time of hunger in February. It was when mama complained of the tramps, dozens of them who came every day, hat in one hand and the other extended. Mama said the hands seemed to reach out from their throats. She gave what she could, but still she complained. But for me it was when I was crazy about automobiles. That was all I could think about day and night. I especially liked to hear papa talk about cars, and I made it a point to bring up the subject. When the pictured advertisement came I placed it on papa's desk where he couldn't help but notice. Sometimes papa leafed through the pamphlet but mostly he couldn't be bothered. He remarked that we were lucky to be eating and then cursed as he tried to balance books that he said would never balance.

I think it really started with the map that came as a supplement to papa's New Year magazine. Papa had the map pasted on the kitchen wall and when he talked he pointed to it so often that I soon became quite familiar with the colors and shapes and names of many places. But the places were all faraway, as faraway it seemed as the stars.

Whenever I could get away from school and chores I sat on the breadbox in front of the store where the Lincoln Highway stretched before my eyes. I wasn't alone for Kiku was always with me. I tried to duck away from her but she managed to find me. So she and I watched the automobiles. We watched for hours on end; sometimes identifying the cars; sometimes counting them until we lost count; and always looking for out-of-state license plates. Once we saw a caravan of gypsy cars and we waved hoping they would stop. Had they stopped we would have surely scrambled into the store for we were afraid of gypsies, but they didn't see us. Kiku insisted that she saw a naked boy-child among the gypsy women, and I didn't believe her.

Then we played the game. I hated to play with Kiku but I liked the game so much that I always weakened when she begged me. It was my game really because Kiku couldn't play it by herself. We would board one of the cars that passed and since were were free to chose we chose the finest, the biggest and of course, the newest and then we would go for a ride past the fruithouse, the saloon, the service station, the "End of City Limit" sign, the grove of olive trees, the grammar school, then orchard country. The road was familiar as far as Auburn five miles away but beyond that were only dots and names on the map but if I remembered to call out quickly some place like Boston or Mississippi then we would go on without stopping and our journey would take us farther and farther away. But never too far. Soon Kiku would say, "I'm hungry," or develop a sudden itch and scratch her stomach, or spot someone like her teacher and wave and holler, "Hello Miss Thomas!" and we would be back again sitting on the breadbox in front of the store.

"Aw go away, Kiku!"

"Why? I didn't do nothing."

Sammy came to town quite often with his father and every time Kiku asked him why Betty didn't come Sammy said she had to stay at home.

"Why?"

"Cause she don't work like I do."

"I wish Betty could come sometimes, then I could play with her," Kiku said.

"Aw, she never can't come," Sammy said with finality.

"I wish she could come," I said and I was sorry I had said it.

But one Sunday Betty came, in fact the whole family came, even the mother and the baby.

"It was such a nice day, we all took a bath and decided to come for a ride," Sammy's father explained happily to papa. They both laughed and went into the kitchen where papa kept his wine. The lady and mama had so much to say that they didn't know where to begin. They bowed several times.

"How are you?" The lady said.

"How are you?" Mama said.

"We all took a bath and decided to come for a ride," the lady repeated. Mama took up the baby and made much of it, then she gave Betty and Sammy and even me and Kiku a chocolate bar apiece. So we ran out to the breadbox. Somehow that was the happiest place to eat our chocolates. Betty and Kiku sat up on the the box

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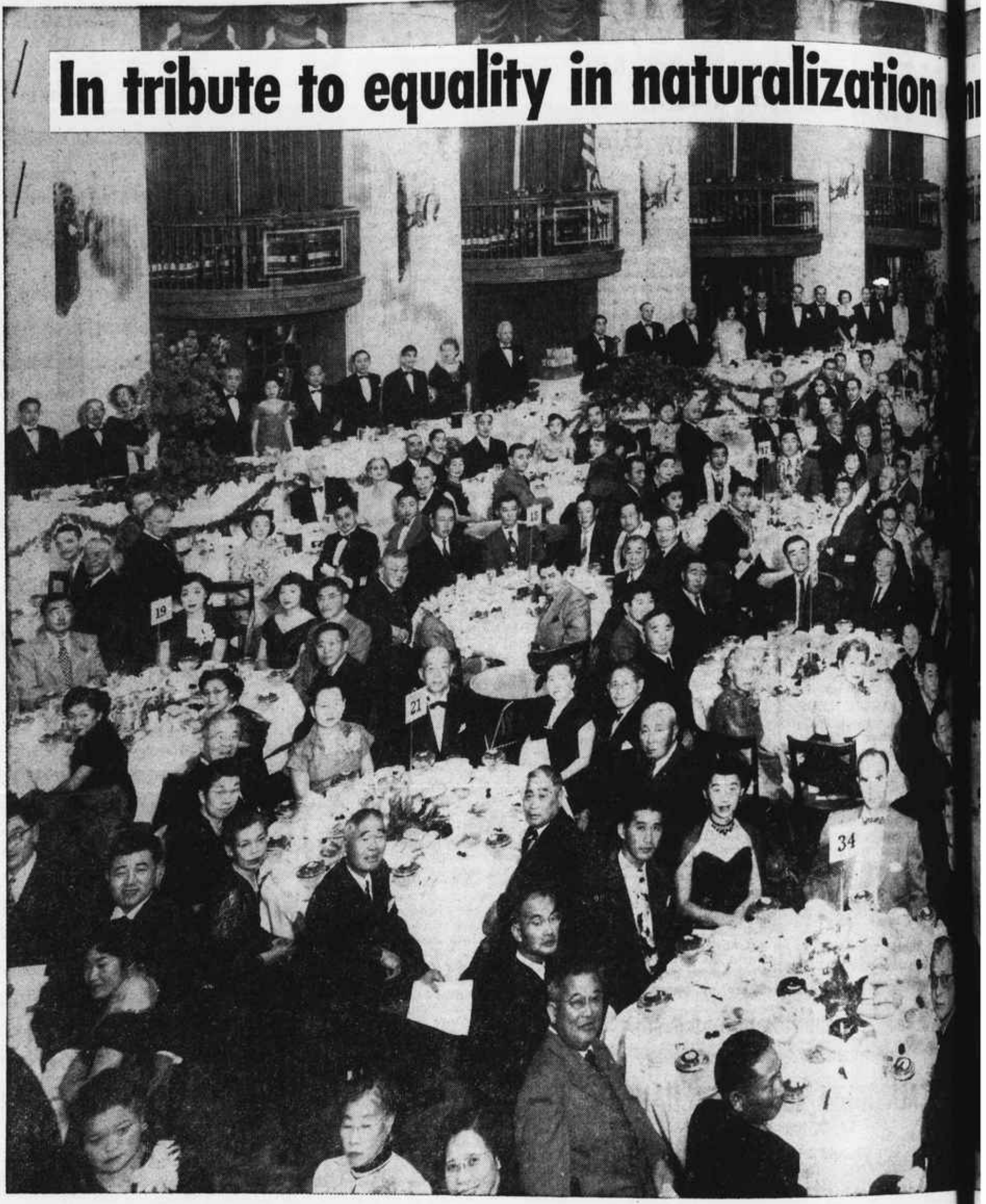
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while Sammy and I foolishly stood on each side.

"Isn't fun, Betty?" Kiku was beginning to entertain her. "We always sit up here and watch the cars," she continued.

"Not always," I cut in.

"Well, almost everyday," she said.

"Gee, I like to sit here," Betty said.

"Sometimes we play games," Kiku said.

"What kind of games?"

"It's not really a game," I said.

"What is it then?" Sammy asked.

"You want to play it, Sammy?"

"Sure, if it's not sissy."

"It's not sissy to go driving," Kiku's big mouth already spilled the secret.

"Driving?" Sammy said, "I drive already, I drive my father's car at home."

"This is diffeernt. It's a big car." I tried to explain the game and Kiku interrupted me several times and I told her to shut up. Finally Sammy caught on.

"We'll go in a Buick coupe," he said.

"Gee, this is fun," Betty said.

"I know it. I was going to tell you so," Kiku said.

"I'm wearing a white dress."

"I like red," Kiku said.

"Where're we going?" Sammy asked a little impatiently.

"Faraway," I said.

"But where?"

"I want to go to Sacramento," Kiku said.

"We'll go to San Francisco," Sammy said.

"San Francisco? Do you know the road, Sammy?" Betty asked. Of course Sammy didn't know the road, but I said, "Sure you know. Remember Sammy."

"Sure I've been to San Francisco lots of times," Sammy said catching on to the spirit of the game.

We wainted a while for a Buick coupe when Sammy saw the shiny blue Oldsmobile he said. "Here she comes. Hop on." So we were on our way. Sammy was driving and we were on way to San Francisco. For a while everyone was quiet, then Sammy started to whistle that song about the Golden Gate and Kiku sang loudly her favorite, "California, here I come!" Then it happened. Sammy's father and mother were saying goodbye; the front door banged; and a long hand reached out and snatched each of us out of the Oldsmobile and flung us back. And now Betty and Sammy were gone.

"I'm never gonna play that game again."

"Why?"

"Because . . .

"Tomorrow?"

"Never."

"Please."

"Never, NEVER!" And Kiku fled from me screaming.

He came like all the rest, uncertain and slow of foot with a roll on his back. I looked away. I don't know why but I always look away.

"Boy," he called and I was surprised to find him so near.

"Is this your father's store?" He asked in Japanese and I hurried down to look at him. He was bearded and his clothes were dirty and he smelled like the others, but he was Japanese.

"Is this your father's store?" He asked again.

"Yes, yes," I answered. He looked all over the building with strange, bemused eyes.

"Where do you come from?"

"Everywhere."

"Then do you know New York?"

"Yes." When I heard that I became very excited. I was full of

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ne yet I didn't know what

hungry," the man said g into his pocket and pull- t the dirtiest and heaviest I had ever held in my hand. you get me some crack-

n I came out with the box ed it and broke me a piece refused. I watched him eat after piece and when he of- me again I accepted. The was good and son I had more pieces. I hoped that uld talk but he just kept Then I got him a glass of Mama asked what I was and I told her it was for e and hurried out spilling the glass. The man drank and all of it smacking his terwards. He started to hitch roll and I asked, "Do you walk?"

metimes I walk and some- I take the train. Today I'm g," he said.

oodbye," I waved but the ept on walking and I watch- for a long time.

r that I didn't play the any more. Kiku begged and but we didn't play. Now I the tramps secretly hop- at he might come. Then one g during supper mama came from the door and said in- ly, "He is Japanese."

o's Japanese?" Papa asked. e man at the door."

ll tell him to come in."

. . .

to the door and there he

llo," I said and he bowed. me in," I said and when he I tugged on his ragged sleeve. Inside the kitchen an bowed many times and ed something about not eat- a week and if we wouldn't kind as to give him some-

ou're just in time for supper," said but the man said he n't think of accepting sup- just some scraps.

me on," papa said waving to the table, and the man bowing some more and offer- many thank yous finally sat When papa tried to pour ome wine, he shook his head became quite impossible.

u do drink?" Papa asked the man smiled. After that had no trouble pouring. fixed more raw fish and an exclaimed that this was first Japanese food in five He ate very slowly savoring mouthful. And it was quite ng at first to see him agree- ing with everything papa said and bowing to mama's every gesture. Then I became very excited when papa asked him where he came from. He mentioned places like New York, Chicago, Texas, and Oregon and papa looked toward the map. It was wonderful to have such a man right in our kitchen and sharing our supper. I was so happy I nearly danced around the kitchen. But Kiku kept making faces and once she came near me and whispered, "He stinks."

"Quiet," I whispered back trying to be firm.

The man finally finished eating. Then the conversation became difficult and I couldn't understand it very well.

"Whatever happended to you?" Papa asked.

"Nothing."

"Then you just wander?"

"Yes I live on the kindness of people like you."

"But that's no living."

"I'm happy."

"And if there's no kindness?"

"Oh people are kind everywhere."

Papa sat back in his chair and looked straight at the man. Knowing papa's habits I became tense and wished that he wouldn't say anything.

"You have a face of a Japanese. Are you one?"

"I was born in Japan, if that's what you mean."

"That's not what I meant," papa said his voice rising a bit. I ached to say "Please papa," he continued, "Do you know that there are Japanese families here who go hungry?"

"And they are too proud to accept help, I suppose," the man said.

"Exactly," papa said.

"I had pride once."

"That's hard to believe."

"Oh yes I was proud and poor and miserably unhappy. And it was in Chicago that I learned something." After a pause he said, "One ought not live with a sword in hand."

"What?" papa shouted jumping to his feet. This frightened the man and before papa could utter another word he was gone.

"Papa!" I screamed breaking for the door. Mama stopped me and asked sharply, "Where're you going?"

"To see the stars,' I blurted struggling but mama held me tight. Then I realized what I had done, and I feared and dreaded the next moment. How could I turn around knowing and not knowing what punishment faced me. Mama relaxed her hold. With my eyes half closed I turned only to find that papa wasn't even looking. Instead he was studying the map. I stepped closer and right away I knew what he was doing. With his finger he was tracing over and over the course of his travels. The finger started at Yokohama, crossed the Pacific to Honolulu, then to Seattle, down to San Francisco, then up and down, up and down California and stopped. His finger stopped. Slowly papa turned around while I held my breath. His eyes were deep and far-off like night stars. And suddenly I was crying. Papa hadn't even raised his hand, yet I was crying like a foolish little boy.

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THE SET-UP

Maybe he lost his nerve...maybe it was just Christmas...

by Paul Itaya

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Out of the corner of his eye he watched the man approach, saw that he was Japanese. Quickly he half-swung back to the window, all the time mentally observing the oncoming figure. Tensed Taro stood quietly, yet with bated breath. He sighed with satisfaction when he saw the man stop then enter the First National Bank which was next door.

Taro straightened his tie, tugged at his jacket, then followed the man through the door. Once inside he stepped to the table where the man was busily writing. From the inside of his coat pocket Taro drew out a small black notebook, picked up the chained desk pen and busied himself writing. Surreptitiusly he watched the man. Once or twice he nodded to him in a friendly fashion. When saw the man stop writing and look around, he said: "Here, use this blotter. It's clean."

"Thanks," the man replied, smiling in appreciation. He took the blotter and swiftly blotted his name. With a nod in Taro's direction he picked up his book and moved toward one of the windows.

For several minutes Taro busied himself making notations in his book. Then picking up several check blanks and the blotter he put them into his coat pocket. Taro then moved to one of the teller cages. He paused behind a pillar, then with a smile of satisfaction of one having successfully completed a business transaction, he hurried through the door.

Leaving the bank, he passed the small electrical store. He saluted the Santa Claus in the window. Walking to the end of the block, he boarded a street-car. After a short ride he got off and quickly walked to the small, dingy hotel where he was staying.

Taro hurriedly crossed the musty lobby, nodded to the room-clerk, and ran up the stairs to his room. He locked the door after him, and slipping off his coat, he draped it over the back of the chair standing in front of the plain, scarred table pushed against the wall. Whistling, he rolled up his sleeves, took out the notebook with the blotter in it. Under the light of the goose-neck lamp he studied the name clearly imprinted on the blotter. Taking a piece of blank paper, he set about copying the name. Taro frowned once or twice, scratched his head, lit a cigarette, then with an air of concentration settled down to his task with a practiced and deft hand.

It was dark when he got downtown again. As Taro walked along the streets, crowds of people were hurrying loaded dwon with gaily wrapped packages. Several of them waved a "Merry Christmas" to him. Taro smiled derisively. In the distance he could hear Christmasy music and the tinkling of bells held in the hands of the Salvation Army girls. Unseeingly he passed on. Finally he stopped in front of the electric appliance store with the train in the window. For some minutes Taro stood motionless, his mind pondering his next move.

"Golly! Bobby! Look at that!" a childish voice exclaimed.

"Gee! Whiz." another voice piped. "Isn't it keen?"

Taro looked around, saw two small boys staring at the train in the window. Their noses were flattened against the glass-pane and their eyes bugged with excitement.

"Boy! Wish I had it," the first boy said to the other.

"Don't be silly, Billy. Who'd ever get it for us?"

"Yeah—we're too poor," Billy replied, turning away. "Let's go."

Taro looked at the two forlorn figures as they turned away. He couldn't help but notice the thin, pale, pinched faces, the uncombed hair, and the thread-bare, faded clothes. Immediately a plan began to form in his mind. Boy, what a perfect set-up, he thought. "Just a minute, boys. I couldn't help but overhear. How would you like to have that train?"

"Golly! Oh, boy! No foolin' "

"Gee, whiz! Mister. You're not kiddin' Cross your heart." Two pairs of eyes stared up unbelievingly at Taro.

"I'm not kiddin' and cross my heart," Taro laughingly replied. At that the two boys began to dance around him. "Come on, let's get it," he said, leading two happy and gleeful boys inside.

"These boys would like that train in the window. Wrap it up, will you?" Taro said to the elderly man who approached them.

"Yes, sir!"

The man stepped behind a counter, reached down and brought forth a box. "Is this it?" he asked the boys, who were busily gawking at the train in the window.

The two raced for the counter, and with exclamations of oh's and ah's, eyes shining with delight, nodded in unison.

"How much is it?" Taro asked.

"That'll be $5.95 with the tax," the man replied.

Taro reached for his wallet. This is it, he thought. With a calculated air he frowned, then gulped.

"Anything the matter, sir?"

"I guess the boys don't get that train. I seem to have forgotten my money. I hate to disappoint the boys." Taro looked at the two boys, who were now looking up at him in consternation. "You . . . you wouldn't take a check, will you? My bank's next door."

Instantly the two small faces lit up with hope.

"I'm sorry, sir, but I can't do that."

Taro looked down, patted the two heads. "Sorry, boys, can't buy that train today. Forgot my money."

Immediately the two small faces fell. "Gee, whiz, Mister," sniffed the one boy, fighting back the tears, "tomorrow's Christmas. We've never had a train."

"Come on, Bobby," replied the other boy. "Let's go home." Disappointment was written on his face as he placed a protecting arm around the other.

"Just a minute, boys," the salesman broke in. "We can't let this happen with Christmas coming tomorrow." Turning to Taro, he said, "I'll take your check. One good turn deserves another."

"Would it be all right if I write a bigger figure?" Taro asked. He quickly added, "I'd like to give them something extra for new clothes and food."

For a moment indecision struggled on the man's face. He turned to look at the two boys; Taro followed his gaze. "Sure, that's all right," the man waved affirmatively. He went on wrapping the carton.

When the man finished, Taro found himself exclaiming, "Well, I'll be! Here I had enough money all the time!" He fumbled in his wallet and smiled as he handed the man the correct amount in cash.

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Traditional New Year's Fare

With Recipes Prepared by Mrs. George Kuniyoshi

(One of the most popular columns in last year's Pacific Citizen Holiday Edition was the recipes of New Year dishes prepared by Hana Okada. This year, we have asked Mrs. George Kuniyoshi of Los Angeles for her recipes of traditional Japanese New Year's Day fare.—Ed. Note.)

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TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S DAY MENU

Most New Year dishes are prepared for the meaning of good omen they hold. KAZUNOKO, for instance, symbolizes the gradual growing of the family and KUROMAME is the Japanese symbol of health.

Here are some of the tested recipes for preparing these special dishes. Arranged in decorative lacquered boxes (**jubako**), they are tempting and attractive delicacies.

KAZUNOKO — KUROMAME — TAZUKURI — OZONI

KAZUNOKO NO KOJI-ZUKE

1 lb. dried KAZUNOKO
1 box (1½ lb.) dried KOJI
5 cups SAKE
4 cups SHOYU

Break **kazunoko** into small serving sizes, about one inch each. Wash many times in lukewarm water until the water becomes clear. Rinse in cold water and drain. Dry well with a clean cloth.

Add **kazunoko** to the remaining ingredients and place in a large glass or stone jar. Cover tightly.

After 10 days, stir once from the bottom. It will be ready to serve after the ingredients are combined.

KUROMAME

1 lb. KUROMAME
6 cups water
3 cups sugar
1 tablespoon SHOYU
1 teaspoon salt

Wash **kuromame.** Add measured amount of water and let stand overnight.

The next morning, place on the stove and cook over a very low flame for 12 hours. Use the very lowest heat possible for this cooking. While the beans are cooking, add cold water occasionally so that the beans will always be kept under water. Then let the cooked beans stand overnight.

The next morning, warm the beans slowly until they reach the boiling point. Pour into a strainer and drain well, about two or three hours.

Add the sugar. When it comes to a boil, add the **shoyu** and salt. Stir and remove from the stove.

Kuromame may be prepared several days before New Year's Day. It will keep indefinitely if kept in a covered container in the refrigerator.

Place **tazukuri** on a cookie sheet and dry in a moderate (350 degrees F.) oven about 18 to 20 minutes or until crispy. Stir occasionally so that the heat is evenly distributed and watch carefully that they do not burn. Cool.

Cook **shoyu** and sugar together slowly until the mixture attains a heavy, syrupy consistency, about 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from fire and pour over the **tazukuri.** Mix well.

This may also be prepared several days before New Years as it will keep indefinitely without refrigeration.

OZONI — SUMASHI STYLE

Preparations for sumashi-style ozoni:

MIZUNA — Mizuna is a green. Wash in cold water and boil in salted water until almost tender. Cool in cold water, drain and cut into 1½-inch-long pieces. Spinach, **shingiku** or **mitsuba** may be used in place of **mizuna** if desired.

KAMABOKO — Slice red **kamaboko** into thin slices with a knife or fancy ridged cutter.

DAIKON — Peel **daikon,** then slice crosswise into slices about ¼ inch thick. Boil in salted water until tender and drain.

TAZUKURI

½ lb. TAZUKURI (small dried fish)
½ cup SHOYU
½ cup sugar

SATOIMO — The following ingredients are needed:

1 lb: SATOIMO (about 10)
1 cup boiling water
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons SHOYU
1 teaspoon AJINOMOTO

Peel and wash **satoimo.** Cut each into two pieces. Cover with a generous amount of cold water and bring to a full boil. Wash immediately in cold water several times to remove the excess starch and drain.

Add measured amount of boiling water to **satoimo.** Add sugar **shoyu** and **ajinomoto.** Bring to boiling point. Cover and simmer slowly until **satoimo** are tender. Do not stir during the cooking but shake the pan gently back and forth when stirring is necessary.

DASHI — The following ingredients are necessary:

4 Five-inch squares of KOMBU
1 cup thinly shaved KATSUO
8 cups water

Wipe the **kombu** with a damp cloth. Soak in the measured amount of water about 30 minutes to one hour. Then heat **kombu** and water slowly until the **kombu** floats to the surface. Remove the **kombu** immediately and all foam as well. Add **katsuo** to the water and bring to the boiling point. Boil three seconds.

Remove the pan from the stove and let stand until lukewarm. Strain **dashi** through a clean cloth.

To prevent a last minute rush, prepare the **dashi** in large quantity on the day before New Years. This recipe may be doubled or tripled according to your need and will keep indefinitely in a covered container in the refrigerator.

SUMASHI — The following ingredients are needed:

4 cups DASHI
1 teaspoon salt

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Assault and Battery

"A man like him should be shot," she repeated with conviction

by Allan Beekman

SHE SAT ON THE WITNESS stand in Honolulu's district court, a small woman whose pale face was framed with short brown hair. She charged that one, Ken Kato, "did unlawfully and intentionally lay his hands on and his arms around her person . . . contrary to and in violation of Sec. 11055 of Act 325 SLH/49."

"Will you identify yourself," the prosecutor requested.

"I am Mrs. Jewel Janson," she said, softly.

"Do you know Ken Kato?" the prosecutor inquired.

Through brown eyes underlined with dark circles she glanced at the defendant, a man in his middle-30's who returned her gaze through rimless glasses glittering on each side of his straight, thin nose.

"I do know Ken Kato," she answered. She pointed to Kato who had bent his well-groomed black head forward to catch her words.

From the corner of her eye she could see her squat, swarthy husband sprawled on a front bench, his unshined black shoes thrust out before him. In encouragement her husband nodded his head, which was badly in need of a haircut.

"Did Mr. Kato visit you at your home?" the prosecutor continued.

"He did. He came and said he was working as a federal census enumerator. He said he was enumerating all the people in the area. I was alone in the apartment. But I didn't suspect anything. I had known him for a long time. He used to work with Bill — that's my husband. They had been friends once. Naturally I let him in."

KATO HAD SLIPPED out of her life after she and Bill had married. He had left the sales job he had shared with Bill. He had found work selling advertising for a weekly paper and writing a column for it.

Kato wrote a column telling of his experiences in selling with Bill. Bill had not appreciated the humor. Bill swore vengeance.

But Kato did not know of the hostility he had inspired in his former friend. When he had called on her that day, after a lapse of two years in their acquaintance, he had smiled in his gentle, friendly way, completely unaware that Bill now hated him.

When she invited him in he sat down on the shabby couch near the door. His eyes glanced over the dingy room in mild surprise. Then he opened his portfolio and drew out the sheet on which he proposed to enumerate her. She sat down beside him.

Kato carefully folded forward the top of the big census form so that the overlapping part concealed the information he had recorded on it prior to coming to her home. She bent forward to examine the form; in doing so her shoulder rubbed against him.

He began to ask her questions. He carefully wrote down her answers, in the proper places, with a black and gold fountain pen.

Over Kato's head, as he sat beside her on the couch, she saw, hanging from the wall, a colored photograph of her husband. Bill seemed to be frowning at her and Kato.

"How much money did Bill earn last year?" Kato inquired.

She told him, "We moved here after Bill went broke."

He paused in his writing. Without looking up he said, "I hadn't heard that he went broke. He was a very successful salesman when we worked together."

Her nostrils twitched, "He made me think that, too — before we were married. He's a smooth talker. He sold himself to me. But after we were married he invested all his money in a house. It was a beautiful house. I loved it. When his sales fell off he couldn't keep up the payments. He lost the house. He lost the money. We moved into this place." She indicated the apartment with a nod and a grimace.

Kato seemed embarrassed. "Life is full of disappointments."

"It is."

Again she glanced at her husband's photograph. He had promised her riches and brought her to this. He had been fit and self-conscious; he has become fat and untidy.

She sighed and turned to Kato. She put her hand on his wrist, drawing it slightly toward her, the better to examine what he had just written on the form.

Kato asked a few more questions, replaced his pen in his pocket and began to put away his papers.

She looked up at him in surprise. "Is that all?"

He nodded.

She snatched the census form from his hand. "Let me see that." She pulled the form across her legs to her farther side.

He observed that she was folding the form and memorizing the information he had recorded on it prior to coming to her home. He put out a restraining hand. "You mustn't look at that. It is confidential."

A faint flush crept into her cheeks. He thought she misinterpreted his instructions as a rebuke and taken offense. He attempted to correct her.

From his portfolio he drew a paper and offered it to her. "This," he said, "is a blank form. It contains the same questions as the one you have. Why don't you look at this instead?"

She made no move to take it.

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THE WALK HOME

lowly he began leading the l down the road..."

by Fred S. Kai

HE SLENDER kimono-clad girl ran up the dirt road as as her slippered feet allow. An elderly man was ing slowly up the road a distance ahead, unaware of approach.

Nagata San! Nagata San!" she ed, "Wait for me! I have thing important to tell ..." Panting and with the of hair about her forehead temples disheveled by per- ation, she finally reached Na- San, who had turned around ait for her.

troubled gleam shone in the man's narrow dark eyes as he ed the girl shuffle to a halt e him, her face contorted by rts to catch her breath. niye San! What's the matter? something happened at e?" His brow wrinkled into a ed network of etched lines, he clutched his knotted pine tightly with both hands.

e girl spoke rapidly, still hing heavily. "Oh, sir, I've e here to warn you that ts of the Shogun have just ed in the village and have a house-to-house search for hidden missionaries. They've put up a large poster in the market place which says that any persons caught hiding foreign priests will also be arrested. . ."

Nagata San stared intently at the ground. "So they've come at last," he said softly. "I suppose it was foolish to think they'd pass us by—" His tone changed abruptly. "Tell me, how many agents arrived, and in what neighborhood did they begin their search?"

"A large patrol, fully armed, about thirty men in all, I'd say. As far as I saw they divided into two or three groups and began their search from different parts of the village. One started from the houses on Sendo Street heading west—the other probably from the Kosa district and working toward the market place. . ."

The old man took a firmer grip on his staff and with his other hand gently stroked his chin. His dark eyes narrowed to mere slits.

"Sendo Street—that's not far from where I live. No doubt they've already reached my house. You didn't see my son or the priest before you left?"

"No, sir, as soon as I heard that agents had arrived, I rushed to the market place and reached there in time to see them scatter to start their search. As soon as I'd noticed in which directions they were headed, I ran to your house to warn Hiroshi" She faltered and, despite the agitation plainly etched on her face, blushed deeply. "I mean—you and your family. I met only your wife at the door. She'd just heard the news from a neighbor and was worried about you. She told me you had just started out on some matter for the next village, and she asked me to try and catch up to you to—" Kimiye San checked herself and quickly dug her hand into an inner pocket of her garment. "I almost forgot! Your wife asked me to give you this note which she had hastily written—"

Nagata San took the scrap of paper and, with one hand still resting on his staff, read through squinted eyes. A faint, quizzical smile, in strange contrast to his wrinkled brow, flickered on his face. Kimiye San thought she heard him murmur, "Ah, women—" as he slowly and carefully folded the paper and put it in his pocket.

"Come, Kimiye San," he said, turning toward her. "I think we'd better head back to the village

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and see what can be done, if anything—"

The girl quickly stepped forward and clutched the old man's sleeve. "Nagata San! Wait! I'd never say this if it wasn't for the danger which you'd face by returning to the village. I know the contents of that note from your wife—no, I didn't read it — I'd never stoop to such a thing. I only have to place myself in your wife's position to know what she wrote. I'd do the same if—if I had a husband in danger. Please, sir, go on to Fukuoka where you'll be safe from arrest. It's a large town and it will be easy to hide yourself. there—perhaps Hiroshi and the priest have escaped the agents and fled there also. . ."

Nagata San placed his hand over Kimiye's restraining arm and gently loosened her tight grip on his sleeve. "Kimiye San, what you say warms my heart; although I'm an old man, my feelings can still be stirred by the gentle pleading of a woman. But what you and my wife are asking me to do is something I can't even consider, let alone attempt. It's unlikely that my son and the priest have escaped the Shogun's men—they wouldn't have had time. And so what right have I to save my own skin—me, an old man—when behind me I leave my loved ones to suffer imprisonment or death? My conscience would never let me rest . . . "

SLOWLY, HE began leading the girl down the road toward the village. "I am not a Christian, as you well know, Kimiye San, but I can understand why my son chose to be converted—although at the time I practically disowned him for his action. . .

"When my son first asked my permission to allow the foreign priest to live at our house for pro-

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the form he offered nor to return the other.

After a moment of hesitation he leaned across her legs, gently detached the form from her fingers, and substituted the blank form. As he did so his arm, bare in his short-sleeved sport shirt, touched her leg. He let it remain there a moment.

She studied the blank form. "What does this say?" She pointed to a heading containing some abbreviations.

He had straightened up. Now, to read the fine print, he leaned across her legs again. In doing so, to aid in maintaining his balance, he placed one hand on her thigh.

She was wearing an abbreviated pair of shorts. She saw his hand, big and strong and brown from the Hawaiian sun, resting against her white leg dotted with short black hairs. As he bent forward, his ear not far from her lips, she caught the sweet scent of the preparation that groomed his hair.

NOW, FROM HER SEAT on the witness stand, she faced the prosecutor. "I thought when he first put his hand on my leg it might have been an accident. So I didn't say anything. I thought if I mentioned it he might say, 'I'm sorry, Mrs. Janson, it was an accident. I didn't do it on purpose.' But when he did it more than once I became suspicious.

"And then I felt his arm coming around me."

He had put the arm around her, partly embracing her; but also, possibly, to partly balance himself as he leaned over her looking at the form. She waited. A minute passed in which neither said anything. He simply sat quietly, one hand on her thigh, the other partly around her. She could hear his breathing, slow, regular and natural.

She flushed with anger as she recalled the scene to the prosecutor. "I said, 'Will you please take your hands off me?' And he sat up."

She recalled that at this point she had stood up and walked across the room. Kato had regarded her pityingly, as he might have regarded a fretful child.

"I'm sorry," he had remarked, finally.

She had turned on him, her nostrils dilated, her body shaking with rage.

"I said, 'A man like you should be shot!' " she told the prosecutor, "I told him to get out of there. I told him I was going to tell my husband. And then, after he left, I could see him going to the apartment of my neighbor. I called her on the phone and told her to be on guard against him. "A man like him should be shot!" she repeated. Nothing less would do for the man who had refused when she had offered herself.

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I strongly refused, telling hat would be breaking the Shogun's edict even. Why a loyal Buddhist like my- the risk of death for the a despised foreigner of faith—even though he is erior!' My son didn't ar- h me. He only said, 'I nt your position, Father, and I can't blame you. But you must understand that as I'm now a Christian, I feel that it's only my duty to stay with the priest and help to keep him safe somewhere. . .'

"I tried to argue him out of this dangerous idea by saying: 'Why doesn't your priest leave Japan as that's what the government orders. Doesn't he realize that by remaining here under cover he's being a law-breaker? What sort of religion is Christianity that encourages its members to act against the laws of a land?!' My son answered: 'My priest and many others like him have chosen to remain here and face death rather than leave safely and fail in their duty to God. . .' 'God, indeed,' I scoffed, 'it sounds more like sheer obstinacy or blind fanaticism. . . !'

"Then it dawned on me that my son, my only son, would also face persecution for being a Christian. Alarmed, I hastily told him: 'Hiroshi, you'll also be hunted down by the authorities — you must give up Christianity to save yourself—!' He stood up and said, 'I was hoping you wouldn't ask me to do that, Father, because I'll have to disobey you again. . . .' Then he left to rejoin his priest.

"I was exasperated and I cursed the foreign fools for having blighted my son's good senses with their far-fetched ideals. But later my wife pleaded strongly with me to change my mind. I refused and left the room. Then, in solitude, I began to think the situation over more rationally, and eventually love and reason overcame my anger. I left the house and rushed to the church outside of town. I found Hiroshi there and I said, 'You're welcome home, my son—you and the priest, to stay as long as you wish."

"I've never regretted my decision to afford them protection. Since then, I've had many discussions of Christianity with my son and the foreign priest in the parlor, sitting before the **hibachi** when the weather was cold, or near the open window in warm weather. I've learned a great deal of the religion through these talks and I've come to appreciate and respect its teachings. . ."

The couple had reached the village. They glanced about them but hardly anyone was seen on the streets. Nagata San noticed that the girl was softly crying.

"Why, Kimiye San, this is no time for tears. We shouldn't despair yet. . ." He placed his arm around her shoulder and, quickening the pace, led her on. Finally he said, "Kimiye San, you'd better return to your home. You've done a great deal for me and my family for which we'll always be grateful. I only wish that things had turned out differently so that you and Hiroshi could have been married as planned—"

The girl faced the old man and said solemnly: "I'll continue to pray that someday it may be—but meanwhile I shall pray the hardest for the safety of all of you."

"Thank you, Kimiye San, thank you. . . "

She watched the old man trudge away slowly, and she waited until he had turned the corner and disappeared from view.

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"Mr. Endo gave the question a lot of thought..."

By HISAYE YAMAMOTO

IT WAS A little past nine.

Sadako, seated across the kitchen table from her father, watched him eat his eggs. He had always eaten them in this particular way, he would probably never change. First, he finished at his leisure everything but the eggs—the two pieces of toast, the tomato juice, the coffee—then, with two expert flips of his fork he tossed the two fried eggs, whole, into his mouth, chewed once or twice, then swallowed, and breakfast was over for him. Well, it could be worse, Sadako thought. She remembered a man in a story who demanded two fried eggs for breakfast every morning, one egg with a deep orange yolk and one egg with a light yellow yolk. Even her husband liked his eggs one way and not another; he could not abide fried eggs with a crusty bottom—the underside, as she had learned from bitter experience, had to be tender. (She liked crisp bottoms herself.) At least, her father didn't quibble about the manner of eggs served him.

"Well, what are your plans for today, Oto-san?" she asked. She asked it pretty well, too; she only had to resort to English for "plans."

Mr. Endo gave the question a lot of thought. He gave everything a lot of thought, or he appeared to, but he never said much. Sadako had time to start washing his dishes before his answer came. She had eaten much earlier with her husband, before he left for work, and those dishes were already done. The baby, right on schedule, was already taking her morning nap. Today, because it was raining, she would have to improvise a washline inside for the diapers. And there would be no forenoon stroll for the baby. Well, it was just as well. It was always such a job getting the Taylor Tot down the steep outside stairs of the garage apartment.

"Sa, I think I'll visit with the Iwanagas this afternoon. I didn't see them the last time. Then there's a movie I want to see at the Fuji-kwan. Don't expect me for supper. I'll eat something down in Nihon-machi."

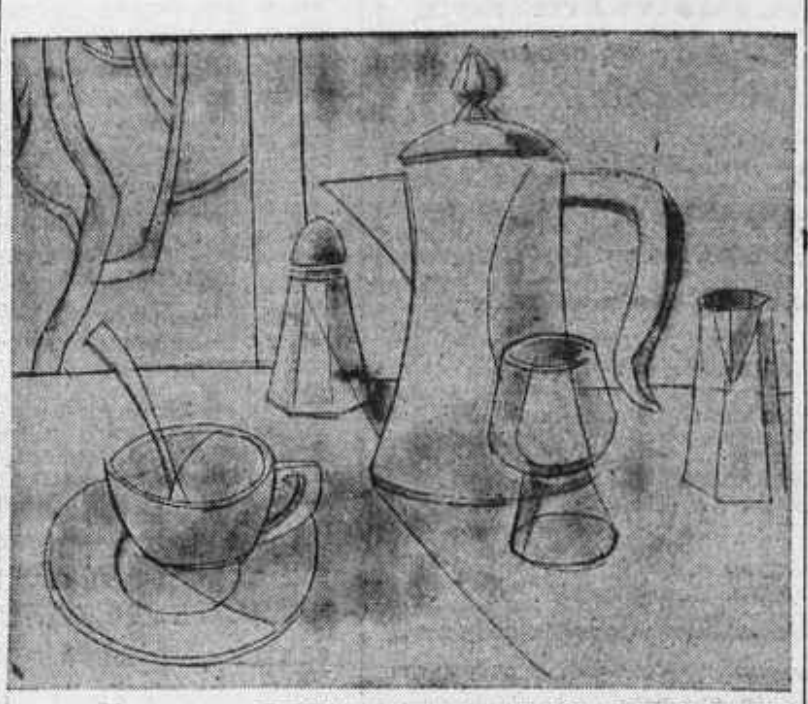
"Okay." Sadako was rather relieved. Suppertimes were always uneasy when her father was visiting from San Francisco, where he worked as gardener for a well-to-do family (it was the same job he had held before the war). She tried her best to keep a pleasant, digestible conversation going, but she always ended up tensely, delivering an overly ebullient monologue. Harry, tongue-tied when it came to Japanese, limited himself to asking her to pass the salt and pepper. And her father had never been one for irridescent chitchat. Oh, once in awhile, Harry tried, he really tried, but he always petered out in helpless English. Once or twice, too, her father had tried a bit of English. But the fact was that these two principal men in her life were, as far as communicating with each other was concerned (and that was what living was, was it not?—communicating with each other?), incompatible.

"Is there anything you want from down there?" Mr. Endo asked, setting fire to his first cigarette of the day.

"Well, if it's not too much trouble, I think some manju would be nice."

"Okay." Mr. Endo smiled at himself for saying so, and Sadako

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1 tablespoon SHOYU
½ teaspoon AJINOMOTO

Heat **dashi** slowly to boiling point. Add remaining ingredients and bring just to boiling point again.

TO MAKE SUMASHI-STYLE OZONI (5 servings) take the following:

1 cup SUMASHI
5 portions prepared MIZUNA
10 slices red KAMABOKO
10 slices prepared DAIKON
5 pieces prepared SATOIMO
10 squares toasted OMOCHI
2½ cups SUMASHI, heated

Place one cup **sumashi** in a small saucepan. Heat to the boiling point and add **mizuna, daikon, satoimo.** Place an asbestos pad under the pan to keep the ingredients warm.

Place two squares of **omochi** in each individual bowl. Arrange equal portions of **mizuna, kamaboko, daikon** and **satoimo** in each. Immediately pour over each combination the **sumashi** which has been heating in a separate pan to fill the bowl three-quarters full. Cover and serve at once.

The one cup **sumashi** which is kept heated in a small saucepan can be used over and over to heat the **ozoni** ingredients. In this way, your **ozoni** is hot, and the **sumashi** in the bowl is clear.

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"MR. MATSUO"

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. . . and I came out sounding like a Dodger fan . . . "Wait till next year, yeabo, hep hep." It was awful.

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Remember that glorious day the veto was overriden? I'll never forget. Congress was in its last throes of adjournment, and I had been haunting the teletype machines all day.

I had trotted over to the wireroom for the ninth time that afternoon, and after a surely glance at the silent "C" wire, I stood staring dully at the machines reporting world news. Crisis in London, conference in Paris, riots in South Africa. Who cared?

Then ding.ding! went the Washington wire.

Ever ride a pogo-stick? I leaped, believe me. I scared the teletype boy straight out of his chair. I hung over that machine with my mouth open and watched those lovely words click out . . . "Washington: The Senate overrode today the President's veto on the McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Bill, thus making into law one of the most controversial . . . "

That's all I needed. I careened back to the office in supreme suppressed excitement. I madly called Dad, I madly called Yurino, I madly called my sister.

I started to call Mr. Matsuo, and stopped. He'd want to tell me. WNEW'S news on the half-hour must have carried it, because Mr. Matsuo did. His voice was in strident triumph. "Yes sir, I guess we did it . . . how long do I have to wait before I become a citizen? Whom shall I vote for for President What?" Then almost commanding, "Yes, of course yes. Put me on the list for citizenship classes . . . it seems to me I can't wait."

I sent Mr. Matsuo the Petition for Naturalization. I sent him civic pamphlets and notified him about classes.

But he never filled out the forms, and he never came to classes.

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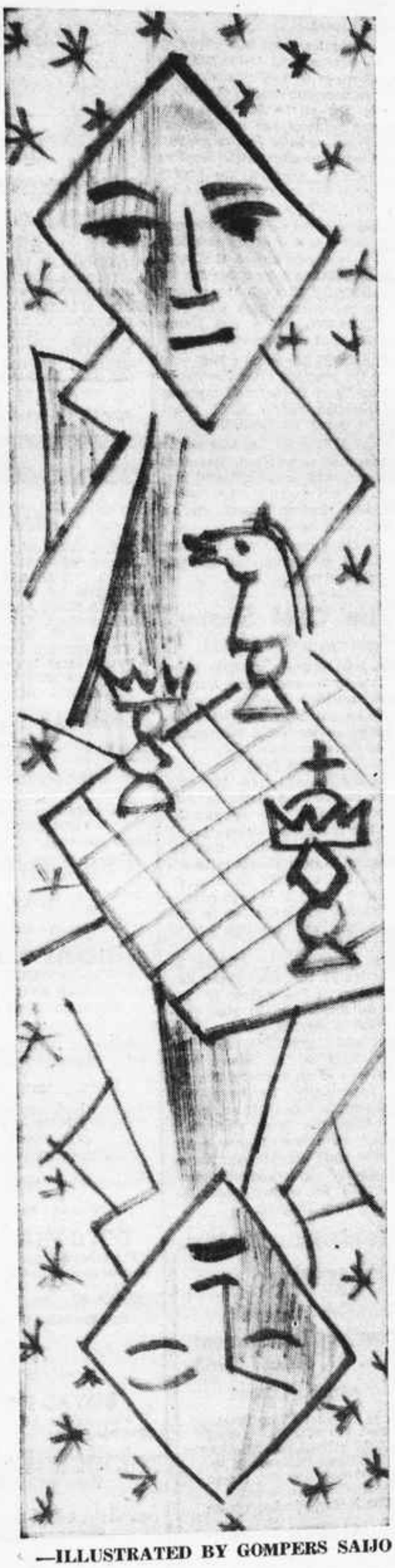
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Time for Lightning

By IWAO KAWAKAMI



—ILLUSTRATED BY GOMPERS SAIJO

With this move, my friend, I checkmate your king —
Yes, certainly, take all the time you need
to find an escape from your predicament.
Meanwhile, let me fill my pipe by the window
and drink in the view of the distant bay
shimmering with lights from San Francisco.
So difficult is it for me to realize
I am back in this home in the Berkeley hills.
My eyes sweep to the stars and I recall
other bitter, cold nights in other lands.
Like islands hidden in fog-shrouded seas
I remember myself a college graduate,
eager and armed with a degree in English —
a Nisei who left these shores for Japan,
filled with dreams of being another Hearn.
But Nippon of those marching years, taut
with the hunger for a vast continent
and enmeshed in the endless coils of China,
gave scant attention to pale discourses
on the West. Militaristic pressure
forced academic circles to conform
to the brutal pattern of conquest and I found
my thoughts flickering out in a vacuum.
I was offered a clerical post in Harbin
and with alacrity I fled a Japan
spinning inexorably to the holocaust
of Pearl Harbor and end of empire.
In the middle of Manchuria I settled
with my family, thankful for a haven
(so I thought) from the gathered storm that broke
into Pacific war. Here the conflict
echoed dimly and like a lotus eater
I lived until that disintegrating day
when the cream of Japan's Kwantung army
spilled pell-mell into Harbin to avoid
the closing jaws of the Soviet forces.
You can have a nightmare and still be thankful
when you awake, but reality itself
is nightmare to one who finds himself a prisoner.
My captors only smiled ironically
at my claim I was an American citizen.
I became a servant to the conquerors,
subject to constant indoctrination.
In my daily round of menial tasks,
I sometimes wondered if my relatives
in America remembered me. I often longed
for death as one parched in a desert
craves the taste of even muddied water.
But will to live is as tenacious
as a root struggling stubbornly for air
and light through a crack in the sidewalk,
and one day to my stunned disbelief
I was told I had been repatriated.
I remembered I shook like a leaf
when I boarded a transport for Japan.
The sea wind was the breath of freedom
and I braced myself to witness
the devastation wreaked upon Japan.
Ah, my friend, you have found a move
to answer my threat against your king?
You will sacrifice your queen? A pity,
but then this is only a game of chess.
Oh, yes — how was my homecoming? I forgot
to add — I returned to Hiroshima.

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"Morning Rain"

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smiled into the dishwater. Each remembered, privately, how freely and blithely Mrs. Endo had used the term when she was alive.

"You'd better take my umbrella. This rain doesn't look as though it'll let up soon."

"Is it raining?" Mr. Endo asked, mildly surprised.

"Certainly, it's raining." Sadako turned from the cupboard, where she was stacking dishes. "After all, it's November already. It's about time we had some rain, Los Angeles or no Los Angeles."

Then, sharply, she looked at her father, her mouth agape. "Is it raining? You mean you can't hear that rain?"

Mr. Endo shook his head, no.

They stared at each other for a moment, father and daughter, he not really seeing her and she as though seeing him for the first time in her life.

Then, while Sadako continued to stare at him, Mr. Endo, stepping suddenly to the misted kitchen window, cleared an egg-sized space on it with the heel of his hand and peered out. Sure enough, there was water dribbling steadily from the eaves, and the slender bare limbs of the thorned, stone pear tree down below in the yard stood out black and wetly shining in the whitish air. He closed his eyes, knowing a second's vertigo as he strained with all his might and even then could not hear the sound of that considerable rain, which, all this time, must have been noisily strumming the roof.

"You like the green ones, don't you, the green ones with **kinako**?"

Sadako nodded with unnecessary vigor. She watched him put on his overcoat and then brought him the umbrella. As he was going out the door, she realized she had not said a word to him since she had asked him whether he could hear the rain.

"Oh, yes," she said, "get a lot of the green ones, the green ones with **kinako**!" It was only when the baby cried out a second later that she became aware that she had been shouting at the top of her lungs.

JACL Decade

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ponents of the McCarran Act. The JACL had no part in the making or the pjerpetuating of the controversy. Whatever the organization did in obtaining passage of the McCarran Act was done as part of its obligation to the Issei and in recognition of the political realities involved.

Despite its emphasis on legislative action local JACL chapters also have carried on extensive public relations projects in their local areas, as well as dispensed community services for its members and their parents. In the gradual shift of emphasis JACL chapters and district councils are organizing credit unions and similar service activities.

Now that the political, economic and social status of its membership is relatively secure, the JACL has undertaken a program for its own security through the raising of an endowment fund (the goal is $1,000,000) which will insure the future of the organization.

The JACL has come a long way from the morning after the bombs fell on Pearl Harbor and a young organization found itself faced wtih a great responsibility.

The JACL never has claimed to represent all of the Nisei. Its role is unprecedented in our national history. No other single organization has had similar impact on an American minority.

The Nisei can be proud of the JACL. It is the symbol of their organized strength.

"The CEN Story"

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CEN felt strongly on both sides of this issue, and when Edward Ennis testified at hearings for CEN, he pointedly restricted his remarks to the Judd Bill within the larger measure.

Gains Real

The JACL-ADC took the only course in good conscience open to it, for the gains were real and the only loss came from reiteration of an established principle. Had the McCarran-Walter Omnibus immigration Bill lost, the most tangible result would have been continued racial discrimination in naturalization and continuation of Asian exclusion.

The rocks on my hillside lie attractive in the sun. Some day perhaps . . . . Today there is time only for memories, the good feeling that a needed job has been done, and gratitude for the ready help of so many real Americans of all walks in life, for the opportunity to have had small part, and most of all, gratitude that the Issei and their children have proved once again that the stuff we call the "American dream" is not sterile; that there will be willing hands always to keep building.

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Picnic, Annual Dinner Highlight Placer Year

IT SEEMS LIKE only yesterday that Placer County JACL president, Homer Takahashi of Loomis, and his cabinet were sworn into office.

The chapter continued to embrace a full program of civic and social activities in the customary tradition—with the usual ups and downs.

Two big events in the chapter's activity program are the annual county-wide community picnic and the annual goodwill dinner. These were master-minded this year by the special events committee under Kenshi Yego's chairmanship, with Yoshi Uyeno assisting.

Over 4000 Attend

This year's picnic, which attracted more than 4000 people, was hailed as the biggest and best in chapter history. With practically every member pitching in on various committees, visitors from all over Northern California were treated to a glorius day of fun at the JACL recreation park. With a program of races, games and concessions on tap all day, kiddies of all ages, as well as adults, enjoyed a real, honest-to-goodness old-time country picnic. Issei old-timers had a grand time holding reunions with old friends during the traditional picnic lunch hour with cups of good cheer.

The third annual picnic queen contest was by far the liveliest event of the day. With four Placer lovelies competing for the high honor, the contest created more torrid interest than all the previous ones put together.

Queen Martha

Petite Martha Iwasaki of Roseville was declared the winner, with Amy Maeda of Penryn, Miwako Yoshikawa of Lincoln and Grace Sunada of Newcastle serving as her attendants. Queen Martha was crowned by Sakaye Temma, retiring 1951 queen, in the most colorful coronation ceremony yet held. Contest chairman Howard Nakae and his committee are to be congratulated for their superb showmanship.

Surpassing all past goodwill dinners, this year's banquet, which was designated "Victory Banquet" to celebrate the passage of the Issei Naturalization Bill, was attended by some 325 guests, Issei and chapter members. It was held on November 12 at the spacious Roseville Legion Memorial hall with Howard Nakae as toastmaster. Incidentally, Placer JACL was the first organization to hold a banquet in the memeorial hall since it was built two years ago.

The local chapter gained another feather in its cap when it persuaded a Bank of America branch manager at Newcastle to place a Nisei girl on his staff. Much credit for mutual satisfaction should go to Ellen Kubo of Penryn who bypassed a more lucrative job to accept this position in order to crash the barrier that stood in the way of Nisei seeking employment locally. Her efficiency, integrity and ability to get along with her co-workers were instrumental in the subsequent employment of Nisei at the bank's Loomis, Auburn and Roseville branches.

D.C. Chapter Program Plan Includes Issei

WORKING IN close cooperation with the local Issei group, the Washington, D. C. Chapter, this year, offered a variety of activities designed to interest young and old. Aside from regular monthly meetings which featured such speakers as Harumi Takeuchi, Assistant to the Chief of Assistant to the Chief of the Japanese Overseas Agency; John T. Theban, caseworker for the Family and Child Welfare Service; and Harry Dowda, star defensive back of the Washington Redskins; the chapter sponsored a number of diversified social events.

Variety Show

Chief among them was a Japanese Variety Show with a cast composed exclusively of members and consisting of plays, dances and songs under the excellent direction of Peggy Matsuda and Harold Hanaumi. Other activities included a picnic at Bay Ridge on the Chesapeake and a garden party topped by a wiener bake at the 2½-acre Virginia farm of Richard Boyce, former American Consul in Yokohama. Both events were well attended and provided enjoyment to hundreds. Two other social successes were the Japanese movie night arranged by Katsuyo Takeshita and a square dance in charge of Ruth Kuroishi.

EDC Conference

The chapter also participated in the E.D.C. Conference at Seabrook, the National Citizenship Conference at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D. C., and the Memorial Day and Nisei Memorial Day Services at the Arlington Cemetery.

Instrumental to the success of the various projects were Ben Nakao, membership drive and recreation chairman; Don Komai, ADC Drive chairman; Ethel Fukuyama, social chairman; Akira Nose, Edwin Y. Mitoma and Ken Iseri as editors of the monthly chapter publication and Ruth Kuroishi, program chairman.

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HOMECOMING

In which Grandma visits Uncle Mamoru in an Army hospital in Auburn, where shops carry "No Japs Wanted" signs

By TOSHIO MORI



"But I could not forget my boy in the hospital bed."
—Illustrated by Gompers S

I

YOU CAN say I returned from Topaz mainly to visit your Uncle Mamoru. "I'll be shortly transferred to California — it'll be closer to home. My future address will be DeWitt General Hospital, Auburn, Calif.," he said in his letter.

"Auburn! Auburn, California!" I had cried in dismay over the news. "Why Auburn? That's the hotbed in California for racism."

All the while in camp I was anxious for my son. He could have been given more cordial surroundings.

"But, Mother, the hospital is under the Army!" exclaimed your mommy. "Mamoru will get the best treatment. There's no doubt about it."

I had counted on visiting Uncle Mamoru the very day of my arrival in Oakland. I had wanted to see him for myself, to convince myself that he was all right — that he was all in one piece. I did not tell anyone of my dread. Suppose Mamoru was blind? Didn't he have others write for him? Didn't he say he was flat on his back? Now what did that mean? Did he have all his legs and arms? I should have been grateful that he had come home alive. I should have realized that I might have been asking too much, but you know how a mother feels for her boy. I wanted to see for myself.

Then I received a severe setback. Here I was all prepared to take the bus to Auburn. No, I wasn't anxious about my reception in Auburn at the time. All I was concerned with was my boy's welfare. I had forgotten about my side of life. What stopped me from going immediately? No, it wasn't my health or my work. It was the travel restrictions on friendly aliens. Even when I had been judged a friendly alien. On some procedure I was transferred from the enemy alien class to the friendly alien.

"What do I have to do in order to get permission?" I demanded of your mother.

"You must get an alien travel permit from the United States Attorney's office in San Francisco," she said.

"Then write to them for me — right away," I said impatiently.

I waited daily for the permit from the U. S. Attorney, hoping there would be no red tape. I couldn't understand quite clearly what it was all about.

"Why do I need a pass to see my boy in the Army?" I said to your mother, irritated at the delay.

She said lamely, "Probably just a routine matter, Mother. Surely, you will be permitted to go."

"I will go," I said firmly. "And you shall accompany me."

"What do you think of the Auburn situation? What will we do when we cannot find hotel accommodations there?"

"We will worry about that when we get there," I said.

"Don't you think it'll be better if we waited a little?" your mother asked worriedly.

"No!" I laughed at your mother's wavering spirit. However, the moment she realized how unshakeable was my determination she was resigned to fate.

At last the permit arrived. I gazed long with wonderment at the official paper. I could not believe that this ordinary looking sheet would get me anywhere. Yet your mommy assured me that I was free to travel—as far as Auburn. Oh, you remember the morning we took off? Yes, that was the time we arose at four in the morning and made breakfast. Yes, Annabelle, you wanted very much to go with us. But you couldn't because Mommy asked you to look after the house.

Ah, to Grandma the trip was like crossing the Pacific again. I rode the San Leandro-bound bus and then transferred to the streetcar. We wanted to take the first Greyhound bus from Oakland. It was not to be so. It seemed as though everything went wrong that day. First we missed the first bus by five minutes. Then we missed the second one by waiting at the wrong gate. The third bus was too crowded. When I looked at the clock it was almost noon. I was so disappointed that I almost gave up the trip.

"Too late, too late!" I cried to myself. "Why, it'll be dusk when we reach Auburn! Shall we turn back and start early tomorrow?"

But I could not forget my boy in the hospital bed. He would be waiting for me. Even a glimpse of him would satisfy me today. I looked around the station, noticing hundreds of boys in uniform standing patiently in the line. They were all bound for somewhere — for home, for ships, for camps, for overseas — and I was too. Suddenly I was no longer weary. Famished, but no longer weary.

After a hearty lunch I felt much better but your mommy was concerned over me. "I hope your stomach won't trouble you," she said. "I think you over-ate. The trip will take over four hours."

"I'm all right," I assured her. I was all the more determined to show her my independence.

At last we caught the bus. We rode up San Pablo Avenue, now seemingly bustling with war-time boom. Yes, the same street where once your daddy operated a flower shop. I could see how much more people had come there in our absence. Everywhere I saw nothing but people. People on the go.

"I'm on my way. I, too, have some place to go," I said to myself. Too soon we crossed the Carquinez Bridge, noting the hundreds of ships in the bay. Across the bay were the newly constructed housing projects, reminding me again of people. At Vallejo we had to transfer to another bus. Sailors were everywhere at the station.

"My boy, my boy. Keep well. Mama is on the way," I murmured to myself.

The hot autumn sun was bearing down on us in Fairfield. The bus passed slowly through the Sacramento Valley, picking up and discharging passengers. We w a while in Sacramento and then head Roseville. As we passed Newcastle, P lin and Loomis the sun appeared to lower and lower in the west.

"We're almost there," your mother w pered to me.

I nodded, holding my breath. Al there, almost there. My boy is prob sitting up in the bed, waiting for m watched the bus take the narrow win streets up the business district. So was Auburn. It did not look any diffe from other towns. People were everyw and they looked like any other people. bus ground to a stop in front of an Your mommy scrambled for our bags, I prepared to get off. I was surprise learn that very few got off the bus. mommy and I dubiously studied the wondering if there was any use to in about hotel accommodations.

"We'll inquire inside," I said.

There were people in the lobby but sight of boys in uniform warmed me.

"Shall I ask at the desk?" your mo asked me, depending on my decision.

"Wait," I said, looking around the

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saw a lone soldier sitting at a table sipping beer. "Ask him what is best for us to do. Maybe he can do more for us than townfolks."

I watched the soldier's face while your mother talked to him. "He's the right kind. He will help us," I said confidently. The soldier's face turned soft as he listened.

"No use looking for rooms in town," he said, shaking his head. "All the hotels are filled. I tell you what you should do — the best thing for you."

He rose and pointed down the street. "Walk down about two blocks till you see the Red Cross sign. People there will help you. They will know what is best for you."

Your mother and I walked slowly. It was still hot on the street and the townfolks were in light dresses and shirtsleeves. Your mommy lugged our two bags. It appeared to me as though the people were staring at us with consternation. Perhaps I imagined it, but I felt as if all eyes were fastened on us. I saw how your mother kept struggling with the bags.

"Let's rest a spell," I said

I paused to look at the window display. The stores looked like those of any other small city. For a moment I forgot this was Auburn.

"There's a nice big box of chocolates. Let's get it," I told your mommy.

Your mother held my coat and said, "But we already have one box. Come, let's find the Red Cross office."

"No," I said. "I want that particular box of candies for my boy."

"You can't go in there," she said quietly.

"Why not?" The store is open."

Your mother hurriedly took me away. "The sign says for us not to enter."

I looked back and noticed the big words for the first time. "Read it to me."

"They won't sell to us."

"Read the sign to me," I persisted.

Your mommy glanced back and read, "WE DO NOT SOLICIT JAP TRADE."

For a moment I hesitated. I glanced about, noticing more signs. Now I worried about our night's lodging. "What does that sign say?" I asked your mother, pointing to a different kind.

"NO JAPS WANTED," she said promptly this time.

We continued our way. I did not confide in your mommy what was going on inside me. "What did you expect from Auburn?" I asked myself. "Were you hoping for a grand welcome?"

To your mother I said, "At least, not every store has those signs in the window."

She nodded but I could tell her spirits were low. I think if she were alone she would have taken the next bus home. I expected trouble from people but they brushed past us without a second glance. The first glance, yes, but not the second time. "There are good people here, too," I added for her sake. "Their kind of signs don't show up in windows."

Your mommy nodded without conviction. Up ahead was the Red Cross office, sandwiched between shops and looking like temporary quarters. Inside were three women busy with paper work. I waited with apprehension as your mother talked to them. They smiled at us when she finished explaining our plight. The trio began to act. One of the ladies rang up several numbers. Another filled a book with our records. The third member put on her hat and coat, beckoning us to follow.

All of a sudden I became aware of what was happening. This lady was taking us to Loomis for our lodging. She did not say who was our host. However, your mother looked pleased. As the woman drove us back over the road which we had come, I felt a pang of dismay. It seemed as if I had merely brushed my boy's hand and was leaving before he was aware of my presence.

"We'll go tomorrow morning," your mommy assured me. "This is the only possible arrangement."

"Can't we go today?" I asked hopefully.

"I don't see how we can. Loomis is more than 10 miles away."

Yes, children, we stayed at a Japanese couple's home whose property included a 40-acre vineyard. It was out in a lonely

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but fertile land off the highway. One wondered how people could stand the solitary existence. It was but I speaking. Here, this farmer did not miss the city bustle but found his peace in the small circle of his family, not venturing further than his farm and working hard for his livelihood. He had a fine house, a home even high class white folks would be proud of, but since he was a Japanese the gas company refused to supply gas. It was a private company, children, so it wasn't the public utility. But the house had electricity.

Yes, I remember sitting in the living room with the young couple, talking of things in common and thinking all the time about my son who was only 10 miles away. As I lay in bed that hot stifling summer night with only a bedsheet for a covering, I could not sleep for a long while. Several times I went to the window and gazed out into the mooniit sky, just picturing Mamoru lying face up in his bed and waiting — just waiting. I was wondering if he had come to the conclusion that all was over for him — that he had merely the short hours to live for and nothing else, that he had joined others who were waiting out their time to call it the finish.

II

EARLY next morning Grandma and your mommy had breakfast with the young couple. They had prepared for us a regular farmer's meal with homemade butter, fresh milk that was still warm from the cow in the barn, and smoked ham. Yes, we had cereal and fruit and hotcakes too. So much your grandma had that she did not get up from the chair for a while. Oh, the morning air that wafted in and took hold of her. It was too tempting not to take a morning walk, and so she did.

Ever present was the vision of Uncle Mamoru as I strolled around the yard. To the west I instinctively gazed, my eyes peering over the thousand rows of vines in the vineyard, brushing through the orchard and straining over gentle slopes and jagged hills. Far off I heard tne train whistle resounding through the valley, reminding one of much traveling in the past and many more to come. "In a short while, my boy," I murmured. "We will meet again. We will be together once again."

Now I saw him as I sat beside your mother in the bus. "On the way at last," I cried. Soon my own blood and flesh, dearer than the original, will present himself before me. So long, the vision and dreams! The day is here — the inevitable day destined for me and my boy.

All the way I hummed a silly tune to myself. The warm country morning air hummed along with me; the bus sang and purred along with my humming. Overhead great birds, tiny though they seemed, flew with the grace of my song. Not far off the dark smoky train hurtled through the earth to the heart of my song; the smoke from the fire lazily floated and dispersed as if my heart song belonged to the sky.

Oh, children, see how it is to live only to suffer and then live again! It will tear you, it will break you in many pieces. There will be bonecrushing waves that will flatten you to the ground, and there will be gnawing diseases inside you that will

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of a buck and a round of applause. Too many roving mercenaries capable of rationalizing, on a split-second's notice, any position at all; and willing to take any position at all.

The writer's loyalty is to his own lights and to his own lights alone. His only duty is toward that woman, however red her legal guilt, who asked the judge in open court, "Ain't anybody on MY side?"

It is also to the 18 year old who, when a judge asked him, "What in the world do you do all day?" answered languidly, "I lean. I find a hallway or a washroom and take a shot. Then I lean. I just lean and dream."

The increasing use of narcotics among the young is a rebellion. A sorry sort of rebellion to be sure. A rebellion against the way we have made the air sick with fear, as well as the fashion, out of that same fear, in which we have packaged Virtue with Success. So that to fail means so much more than loss of money and goods. Since it is either the one or the other, young people are sometimes too diffident to compete at all; not understanding that the only true failure is in not trying. So they just lean, in one way or another. Just lean and dream.

The narcotics traffic is latching on to thousands of young men and women who don't know what to do with their lives. Not that they aren't capable of doing great things, but that they don't know there are great things to be done. "I know right from wrong but I can't get foot on the ground either way."

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Well, nobody yet ever learned to write at a writer's conference. For these are social occasions; while writing, always and everywhere, is as secret and anti-socail as safecracking. All you can possibly learn here is what other men's lights are.

You have to have your own lights to go by, and your own fences for leaping. And these you find only off by yourself. Off on your own where you learn to set your own pace, take your chances and your own sweet time as well.

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"Homecoming"

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devour your will and hope. Oh, there will be times when you know why people snuff out their own lives, and there will be moments when you see why that is so because you have come to the same stage.

Then children, hold on. Wait a minute. It takes but a minute to act one way or the other. Reserve a space for one more KO, one more devastation. If you can stand many beatings why not one more?

Ah, children, you will probably discover yourself after the experience a big fool but a knowing one. You will wonder why you were fool enough to take but once chance at life, but you will not again wonder why you are living.

On the way we had to transfer at Auburn. Now the place no longer harbored terror for me. Neither did I hate it for its exclusiveness but pitied it its air of isolation. Once again I saw the signs from the moving bus but no longer did it interest me. I laughed to myself. "I am neither here nor there. Ignore me or threaten me, who cares? I am residing in my son."

Forever gone were the signs from my sphere. Now my fellow riders were of more interest. There was a young lady sitting up front whose frail face appeared pinched with worry. She sat quite still but I could tell that her suppressed emotions were getting the best of her. But she was outwardly calm, and my heart sped to her.

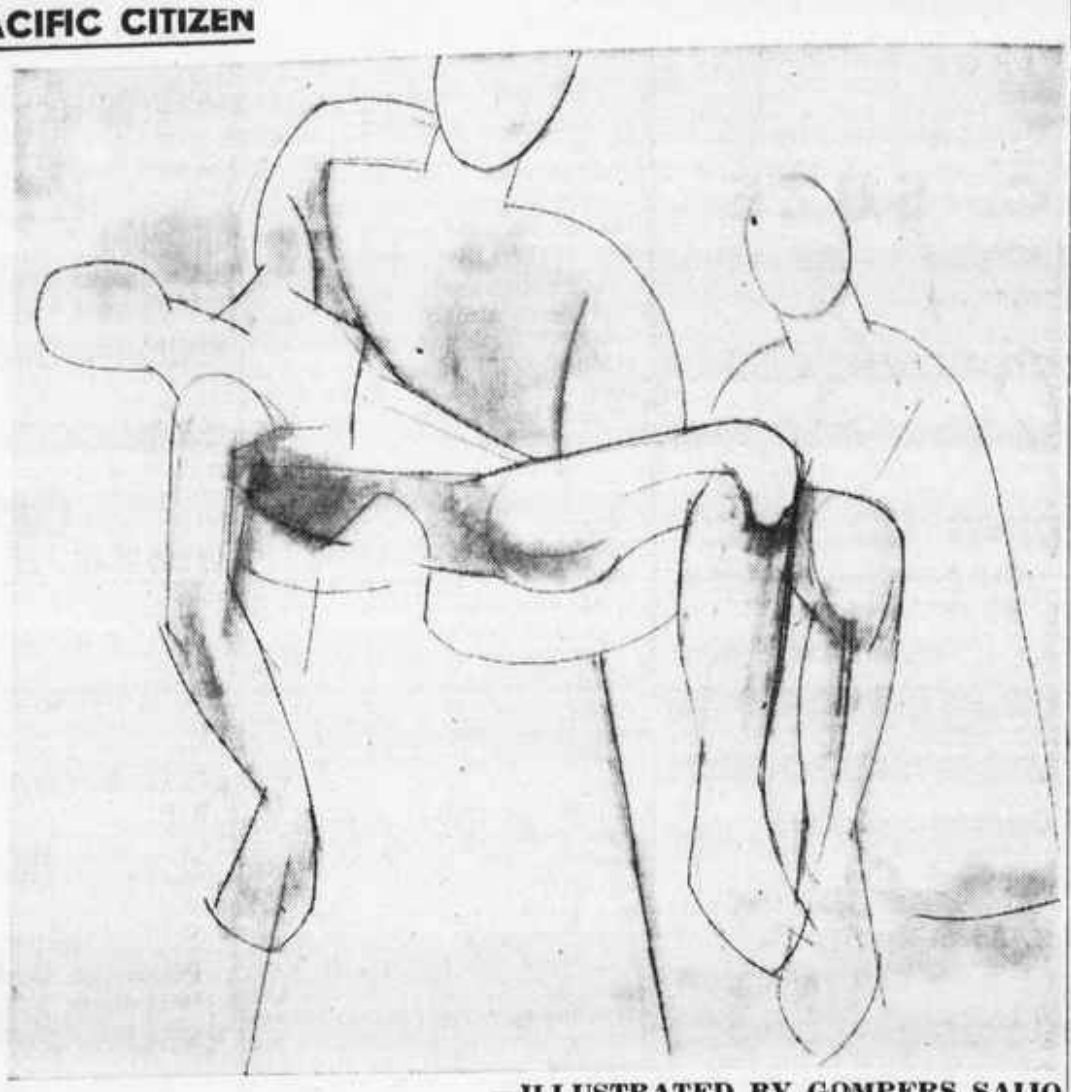
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I waited and waited but she did not see me. Here I am, here I am, my heart said. You poor little girl. Why did it have to happen to you? Why couldn't all this pain and worry fall only on tough skins like mine?

Suddenly I saw her eyes light up, and my own eyes followed hers and there stretched before us the mile long brick-red hospital. For a moment I forgot the presence of the young lady, almost feeling the eyes of my boy on me. I could hardly contain myself readying to get off. Then the poor young lady noticed my excitement as I started to brush past her. I paused unconsciously by the seat, staring at her and my mouth open. My heart skipped a beat. Then I thought I saw a slight nod of the head and the flash of a smile.

I only remember walking down the long corridor, holding back my tears the best I could. I didn't want anyone to think that an old woman was selfishly making a spectacle of herself for pity. All the way to my boy's ward I could not forget the young lady who had smiled at me.

I do not remember just when I became aware of the beds, but when I did there was nothing else that possessed me so. Row after row in every ward, I saw the form of a bed but everything else was a blur. I did not clearly see the face of each patient. At that moment, it seemed like a sacrilege for a stranger to linger long where her experience did not coincide with the occupants of the bed.



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"The boy swept him off the bed in one movement . . ."

Yes, children, I walked past them in hushed tones. I was even ashamed of the echo of my footsteps in the hall. Here is another ward full of beds. Here's another. Another, another, another . . . I thought it would never end.

"Back home I thought only of my boy when a hospital was mentioned, but here I have forgotten my boy," I said to myself.

Your mother nudged my arm. "We're getting close to Mamoru's ward."

I nodded eagerly, now fully aware of my mission. My boy, my boy. I remembered then the box of rice cakes I had brought along for my boy. As I gazed at the crushed box in my hand a nurse walking by smiled warmly at me. I looked back at the tall figure in white with the wonderful smile. Then one more girl in uniform approached us. When her impersonal face relaxed into a more cordial one, I recalled the song which Yoshio often sang, When a body meets a body, should a body cry, coming through the rye. . . .

"This is the ward," your mommy said as she led me into the ward.

"It is?" I said eagerly. I couldn't readily distinguish the faces as I walked down the aisle. They all looked so alike. Where are you, my boy? Are you at the mess hall? Are you out on the sun porch? Where are you, my boy?

I was almost upon him before I recognized him. He puzzled me. I had not expected him to be in bed. I took a deep breath before I looked again. He was all in one piece. His eyes did not have the glassy stare. His face had no scars that I could see. Yes, he had all his arms and legs. For a moment I wanted to cry out in relief but held back. I grasped his hands and all I could say was "Hello, my boy."

His moist hands grasped my hands tightly. They are strong, I thought. But he was flat on his back. Why? Could he walk? I was afraid to ask. "How are you? Are you all right?"

Smiling, he nodded his head. Then I rushed into the news of home and the trip. Halfway in our conversation he stopped me, calling the ward boy.

"It's stuffy in here, Mom. Let's go out on the porch where it's cooler," he said.

I picked up the box of native delicacies I had brought for Mamoru and waited for him to lead the way. I did not get the drift of the scene until the ward boy came over and flung the bedsheet off my boy. It was then I saw his thin, stiff, chopstick-like legs. At a certain position they began shaking. The boy swept him off the bed in one movement, so frail and thin Uncle Mamoru seemed, and seated him on the wheelchair.

"OK, Toda?" the boy asked.

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"Fine," Mamoru said.

The boy patted him on the shoulder and went away. Your mommy pushed him out to the porch while I walked alongside. My thoughts were so tangled I was unable to speak. Even when my head cleared I did not say what I wanted to tell him. "I didn't know, my boy. I didn't know you were so badly mangled," I wanted to say. "You can't walk. You looked like a jelly just then, quivvering without control."

I could tell he was not hungry but for my sake he ate what I had brought him. Yes, children, here was my boy after waiting two years. And what did I actually say? While my tongue moved with the pleasantries of life about us, my head hardened the unspoken maze of our own life.

"What has happened to me that separates us so?" I asked myself. "We are severed, my boy. Oh, if I could be frank and keep the pain away from you! My boy, tell me where to begin and end. I don't know you any more. Tell me if this is your end or merely the beginning of a new soldier."

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Yes, Annabelle and Johnny, he asked about you. "Are they behaving? I bet they're big now. Maybe I won't recognize them."

Yes, that was when Uncle Mamoru asked me to get a fielder's glove for you, Johnny. And for Annabelle he wanted to give a party dress. He wanted to know all about the nursery conditions, whether the toppled hothouses had been cleared and the plants doing all right. He wanted to know if we were fairly treated. He repeatedly asked if we had met unpleasant incidents.

"No, I feel right at home," I told him. When I related my experience with the soldier and the sailor on the streetcar, he nodded approvingly.

"Mama, I'm going to have an operation in a few weeks," Mamoru said. When I turned wide-eyed, he took my hand. "There's no danger. See this big cavity on the top of my head? The doctor is going to put in a plate for me — so I'll have a regular shape of a head."

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Now I looked at his head and sure enough there was a big hole, the size of half a muskmelon, covered with a thin layer of skin and the stubble of hair. I nodded with neither approval nor protest. My boy, my boy. Long ago I watched you take your first steps. Do you remember the day when we started out for a friend's house and you became tired at the halfway mark? Remember how often you ran errands for me? "Back so soon?" I used to cry in astonishment for you were fast on foot. Remember the times when you finished first at the community picnic race? Remember the days when you dreamed of becoming a big league ballplayer? Remember the long walk we took together in the moonlight at Topaz — you in your uniform and I in a seersucker dress you gave me? Remember that day at the station in Utah when we walked to the train and I saw you off for the last time? Oh, subside, ancient memories. Relieve me of yesterday and give me liberty for today.

Far away I heard my boy addressing me. Maybe he read my thoughts for he cheerfully said, "The doc says I'll be on my feet. I'll walk again, Mom."

How easily said, my boy. How cheerily for my sake. Alone you must walk. Others like myself will understand you, but we cannot travel together. You will walk on the long fathomless trail reserved only for you. Be strong, my boy. Undo that private domain by overlapping yourself to others. Continue, my boy, continue.

"Did you get hit on the legs, too?" I asked.

"No, Moma. Just on the head. See that boy sitting on the bed?" Mamoru said, pointing him out for me. "He was hit on the head too, but his case is different. He can walk but lost his memory."

Memory? I thought to myself. What is the poor boy going to do now?

"He must begin his education all over again," my boy said. "He's going to school every afternoon to learn his ABCs."

"What about that Nisei boy you were talking to when we came in?" I asked curiously. "He smiled at us but did not say anything. He hurried away before I could greet him."

"Tom's a aphasia," Momoru said quickly. "He can understand but is unable to express himself. He can't talk so he avoids people as much as possible."

'Is he going to school too?" was all I could say.

Mamoru shook his head. "He's disgusted with himself. Quit school a few days ago. Wants a discharge. 'What for?' I told him. He wants to go back on his old man's farm in Santa Maria. Sooner the better, he says. I told him to stick around, but no. He's going home."

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"He isn't ready for outside," I said.

"Who can stop him?" my boy said.

I sat there grateful that my boy was going to take the full treatment. I could tell that he was willing to sacrifice home atmosphere in order to get well. Perhaps he wanted very much to get well because he wanted to fill Yoshio's place as well as his own. Suddenly I realized that I had not asked about Yoshio. I looked at him to see if he had read my thoughts. Would it be better to mention Yoshio later — for Mamoru's sake? I hesitated. . . .

Just then your mommy came to tell me that the doctor was ready to see me.

"Go ahead and see the doc, Mom. He's got all the dope on me," urged my boy. He looked at his watch. "I'll be here, but don't be long."

Your mother was asking the doctor all the things I wished to know. How seriously hurt was the boy? Is he going to get completely well? Will he ever walk?

The young doctor who had been overseas looked at me all the while as he talked. "Well," he said slowly. "He has a fifty-fifty chance."

He shuffled the papers in a folder and then studied them. "It's up to him. Now Toda has a fine spirit. If he keeps up his fight, it will help. You can help much," he said quietly, turning to me again.

I nodded my head. I didn't know whether his words meant good or bad. But one thing I knew. All there was to be done for my boy was done now. The rest was up to him and to the extent of his injury.

All the way back to Mamoru's side, I kept thinking of my new situation. I needed adjustment just as much as my boy. "Now you are no longer the old woman who boarded the bus this morning," I said to myself. "You must begin life anew as of now."

Yes, children, I became a bit older that afternoon. My shoulders sagged a bit more; my feet seemed to drag a bit. But something inside me kept urging and refreshing me. "Beware of the serene old days," I warned myself. "If nothing besets you any more you will be settling down for some dull days. Now, old woman, you have something to live for a little longer. Don't you wish to live long enough to see your boy get on his feet again?"

Yes, I wanted that to happen. I wanted everything to happen to me in order to see that day. I was willing to see many bad days for a few short hours of blessing. Here was my opportunity to keep myself young and flexible. I could join my boy as a soldier of life. I am responsible for my boy, and I am responsible for my life. Yes, I realized once again — I was responsible for everything, and nothing was responsible for me if I could not do something about it.

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Arizona Hustles For Omnibus Bill



A delegation of Arizona JACL and Issei leaders call upon Sen. Ernest W. McFarland, then Senate majority leader, to thank him for his support in the passage of the Walter-McCarran Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization Bill. Shown here with the smiling Senator are (left to right) John Tadano, chapter president; Tadashi Tadano; John C. Glynn, public relations director; and T. Okabayashi

By JERRY EATON
Arizona Republic Writer

The Arizona chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is winding up a year of hustle and accomplishment.

This state chapter has its headquarters at Glendale, Ariz. a rapidly growing city of about 10,000.

Members of the Arizona JACL worked hard and long to use their influence to help secure passage of the Walter-McCarran Bill.

In connection with the passage of this bill, naturalization classes will begin in Glendale in January for about 200 Japanese Issei.

Swamped Leaders

John Tadano, president of the Arizona JACL, and John Glynn, public relations director for the state chapter, swamped Arizona senators Ernest McFarland, upper house majority leader, and Carl Hayden, senior senator from this state, with calls, telegrams, and letters urging passage of the Walter McCarran bill.

One imporatant meeting was held in Phoenix where the assets of this bill to the Japanese people were explained. "By the time the meeting was over, I don't believe there was anyone there who didn't think it should be passed," Glynn said.

After President Truman vetoed the bill, the Glendale people didn't give up. They still contacted their senators and urged that the bill be passed over the President's veto.

Ken Yoshioka and Tom Kadamoto will teach naturalization classes in the Glendale area. These will be standard naturalization classes with Issei learning more about American history, the English language, and other related subjects. Classes will last two months, each class being held two days a week.

The Walter McCarran Bill hasn't been the only business undertaken by the Arizona chapter this year.

In January it will sponsor a carnival here as one of its first activities in the New Year. On December 20 election of officers will be held, according to Johnson Sakata, chairman. Installation of officers and a recognition banquet at the Westward Ho Hotel in Phoenix will be January 31.

"Fun in the Sun"

"Fun in the Sun" has been selected as theme for the three-day confab, Glynn said. An estimated 200 are expected to attend.

Those who attend will have access to swimming, golf, bowling, and many other sports in the valley. The Arizona JACL is attempting to secure either Governor Howard Pyle or Senator McFarland as keynote speaker.

That's the way it's gone all year and the way it will continue, if Arizona JACL members have their way. They've furthered racial understanding and respect and have had fun doing it.

New York CL Considers Aged In Program

Reported by
Jean I. Kariya

With Jackie Robinson as guest speaker, the JACL New York Chapter installed its 1952 officers in January. Members of the Cabinet were:

Woodrow W. Asai, president; Fujio Saito, vice-president; Rickie Suzuki, recording secretary; Yoshiko Mori, corresponding secretary; Gerald B. Kubo, treasurer; Hisayo M. Asai, program director; Chizuko Ikeda, membership director; Clara Clayman, financial director; Sachiko Tanaka, publicity director; and Jean I. Kariya, historian.

Through the coordination of Program Chairman Hisayo M. Asai, monthly meetings were highlighted by an interesting program planned by the educational committee composed of Peter Aoki, Ina Sugihara and Lily Fukuhara.

Social Committee

The social committee's program consisted of four dances, picnic, beach party, and a card party. Members of the hard-working committee were Tomio Enochty, Nami Hamano, Tomi Fukuhara, Mary Kok Morita, Nick Kondo, Edward Miyamasu and Mary Kasahara.

One of the most active committees was the Social Action group, headed by Ina Sugihara, with the help of the following committee members: Shosuke Sasaki, Clara Clayman, Ben Gim, E. James Starr, Woodrow and Hisayo Asai.

Aging Issei

Another concern of the Social Action Committee is the problem of the aging Issei. In view of the recommendation made at the National Convention to study this problem on a chapter basis, the committee is doing some preliminary research. Interviews with local Issei leaders, interviews with cammunity organizations concerned with the aged and other means of study will continue as part of the research.

The membership drive, capably headed by membership director Chizu Ikeda, was a difficult task but the committee signed up more than 200 members.

Funds obtained through the pledge committee, helped finance our local chapter office expenses. We are greatly indebted to those generous members who contributed a dollar a month. The financial director, Clara Clayman, worked vigorously to increase the number oVf peldgees, and we are proud to report that 40 members are supporting the pledge committee.

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ctivities of the East Los les JACL for 1952 were most successful and out- ding of any chapter in Southern California area.

March, the chapter signed t members an increase of r cent in membership com- to 1951. Under the chair- hip of Sam Furuta, third resident, a committee of 10 s covered the Eastside for -time high in membership the 16 chapters in the Pac- Southwest District Council.

on Fujioka, first vice-pres- was responsible for the calendar which included, a n party, box lunch social, nvention rally, fishing char- picnic, political rally and other functions.

box lunch social held in attracted 67 members and friends. A total of $105.75 ealized from the sale of box s. An entertaining evening cing followed this success- ffair.

May monthly meeting car- the theme "On to Frisco" for national convention. Many rtant resolutions were passed 5 members signed up for the ntion. Akira Hasegawa and n Uno were official delegates 1 booster delegates rep- ing East L. A.

national convention in San isco gave the East L. A. r an opportunity to be rec- d as the most well-organ- and powerful chapter of the al organization. The two of- delegates were progressive s on every important issue, booster delegates "lobbied" t for measures presented by LA-ers. Among the 82 chap- represented at the convention, East L. A. was organized.

ster delegate Midori Kita- won the convention fishing with the largest salmon t. Akira Hasegawa failed to bome a trophy, but had his of beautiful chinook salmon. nvention stimulated much t and many new JACL-ers born.

ng the summer months two albacore charter boats nted by the chapter. With p of Mac Shintaku, George ka, Sam Furuta and other ers within the chapter, two events were of keen in- t to the membership. A total members and friends par- ted in the fishing trips. Ken na with a streak of fisher- luck won both jackpots a 26-pound albacore and an al blue fin tuna. These charters have become a r summertime chapter ac- s.

The annual picnic held in August at Brookside Park in Pasadena was well attended and very successful.

The political rally held in October was attended by 65 members. An informative panel discussion on the presidential election was conducted by Sakae Ishihara.

In November the chapter played host to the Pacific Southwest District Council quarterly meeting. A delicious Mexican dinner was prepared by chapter members under the chairmanship of Frances Tashiro, second vice-president. A special program included authentic Mexican songs and dances by Rudolph Rivera.

December will conclude the activities of the chapter under the leadership of chapter president, Edison Uno. The last meeting of the year will provide for a Christmas party for the children and a drive to sponsor the Christmas Cheer program for needy Japanese families in L. A. County. Frances Tashiro is in charge of the Christmas party.

Success of the East L. A. Chapter can be attributed to the capable leadership of its youthful president, Edison Uno. An old-timer to JACL at the age of 22, Edison was "drafted" to head the chapter immediately after his discharge from the U. S. Navy. His cabinet includes:

Anson Fujioka, first vice-president; Frances Tashiro, second vice-president; Sam Furuta, third vice-president; Walter Tsutsui, treasurer; Terrie Akasaka, secretary; Eiko Watanabe, corresponding secretary; Marvel Miyata, publicity chairman.

Much credit goes to Marvel Miyata who originated and published the monthly newsletter, "Mimeo Memo." The newsletter was vital in keeping the membership informed on JACL activities. Assisting Mrs. Miyata were Florence Sahara, Ritsuko Kawakami, Sally Aoki, Ilene Miwa, Terrie Akasaka, and others.

The board of governors which controls the actions of the cabinet was most important to the president and his aides. Board members are:

Anson Fujioka, Akira Hasegawa, Minnie Ichiyama, Ritsuko Kawakami, Sam Furuta, Molly Mittwer, Henry Mori, Margaret Takahashi, Bill Takei, and Lynn Takagaki. With the help of these members and an ambitious cabinet, president Uno has put East L. A. on the JACL map. The chapter's success can be measured by its program, membership, ADC quota, legislative program, community service, and public relations.

Calendar Shows Busy Year for Merced-Livingston

A CALENDAR of activities pursued by the Merced-Livingston chapter of the JACL during the past year shows that except for the late summer and early fall months, there was something brewing every month of the year.

FEBRUARY 9 — Installation of the 1952 officers was followed by a spaghetti pot-luck dinner which was arranged by Mrs. Mary Tanji.

MARCH—Membership drive was successfully completed with a total of 121 members signed up. The drive was capably headed by Buichi Kajiwara.

APRIL 6—The "Operation Scrap Iron" committee, headed by Tom Nakashima, Hugo Kaji and Gilbert Tanji went into action this month.

APRIL 20—Beautiful spring day brought out the chapter in a community picnic at Hageman Park. James Kirihara was in charge.

APRIL 26 — JACL presidents' pins were awarded to past presidents of the Merced-Livingston chapter. They are David Kirihara, William B. Yoshino and Buichi Kajiwara.

MAY 19 — "Candidate's Night" with candidates for Congress and the Merced County superior court judgeship pleading their cases. Kazuo Masuda chaired the meeting.

MAY 28—A memorial trip to San Bruno Cemetery was made by chapter representatives to pay tribute to the local lads who are buried there. Franklin Okuda was in charge.

JULY 19—Annual JACL outing at Lake Yosemite was enjoyed by large number of chapter members with Walter Morimoto in charge.

NOVEMBER 1 — Panel discussion on state propositions was held in a pre-election meeting. Panel speakers included Mrs. Martha Kajiwara, John Hann, George Miyake, Walt Morimoto and Bill Yoshino. Moderator was David Kirihara. Jake Kirihara chaired the meeting. Refreshments were served to complete the evening under the direction of Grace Kimoto.

NOVEMBER 15 — A harvest wind-up social was held with folk dancing led by Mrs. Allen. Co-chairmen for the occasion were Roy Okahara and Joyce Kimura.

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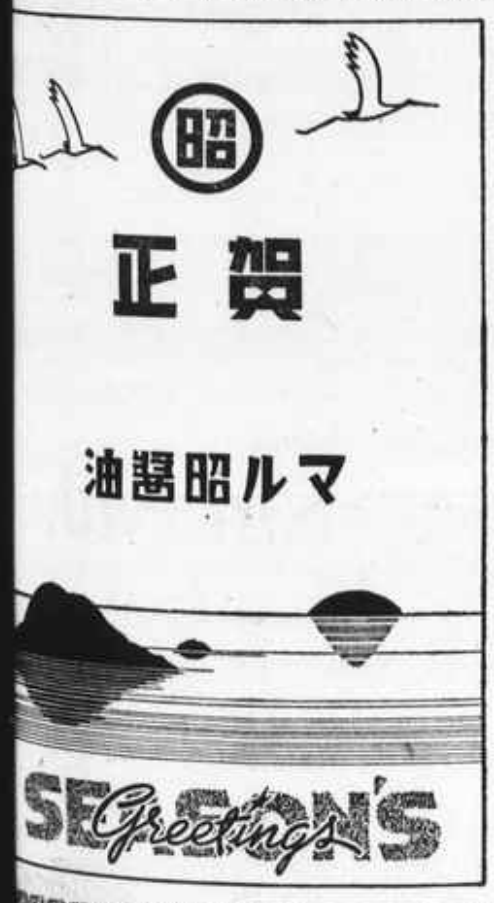
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Membership, ADC Goals Passed by Clevelanders

WITH HENRY Tanaka as president, the Cleveland chapter started right in in January to plan for the year's activities. Aiding Mr. Tanaka on the 1952 cabinet were:

Grace Andow, first vice-president; Sakae Yoshimura, second vice-president; Aiko Kitahata, secretary; Min Iwasaki, treasurer; Mrs. Easter Yuge, historian; Clinton Butsuda, publicity chairman; Bill Sadataki, public relations chairman; Harry Kaku and Chuck Kadowaki, members-at-large.

The program committee, headed by George Ono, planned a busy year, climaxed by the Inaugural Ball. On Mr. Ono's committee were Helen Ono, Ken Asamoto, Mickey Fujimoto, June Hayashi, Fred Ikeda, Helen Nakagawa, Paul Ohmura, Bill Sadataki, Larry Yatsu , Terry Yeya and Henry Tanaka.

Activities of a purely social nature were planned by Lillian Hashiba, aided by Tomi Andow, Mary Asazawa, Chiyo Hirata, Frances Ikeda, Happie Iwamoto, Tak Minato, Betty Miyoshi, Betty Nakao, Kiichi Nakashige, June Taketa, June Toguchi and Tak Yamagata.

FEBRUARY

With co-chairmen Harry Kaku and Chuck Kadowaki, the membership drive began in earnest. Goal was to top the record 305 mark posted by the 1951 committee.

"Drifting and Dreaming," a Valentine social, was held at the Calvary Presbyterian Church on February 16 and unanimously declared a success by the large crowd who turned out. Phil McLean, popular WERE disc jockey, emceed the lively program. A panel of judges selected Sadie Katano and Paul Ohmura as the Queen and King of Hearts. Joe Miyazaki, publicity director for Moe's Main St., delighted the group by bringing over from Moe's a couple of up and coming singers, Buddy Greco and Sunny Gale.

MARCH

The fourth annual JACL Night was held on March 25 at the Karamu Theater where the featured production was Dorothy and Dubase Hayward's "Porgy." It was well-attended by a capacity audience of which the majority was comprised of JACL members and friends.

The membership mixer was held on March 29 to top off a record-shattering sign-up of 307 members for 1952. First person to sign up was Jack Yamashita, proprietor of A & Y Cleaners, while the 307th person to become a member was Cpl. Richard L. Kems, Balling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C. New members were especially made to feel welcome at the mixer where informality was the keynote of the evening. Congenial Harry Specht called several square dance figures.

The JACL and Shinwakai held their fifth annual dinner meeting at Nelson's Restaurant. The meeting was presided over by JACL president Henry Tanaka and Shinwakai president Tom Sashihara. As in previous years, the two organizations reaffirmed their aim of public service and exchanged views on their plans for the year.

Dressed in the colorful costumes of their parents' homeland, more than 100 Cleveland young people presented a program of songs, dance and skits before a capacity crowd at the Euclid Ave. Baptist Church. Planned by the Intergroup Council for Brotherhood, the program climaxed National Brotherhood Week observance here. An impressive demonstration of the art of wearing the **kimono** was given by Mrs. Thomas Sashihara as narrator and Sakae Yoshimura, Margaret Iwata, Kiichi Nakashige, Sachi Fujimoto and Betty Nakao as models.

Home Buyers' Clinic was held on April 30 at the International Institute. The large attendance attested to the interest many Nisei have in buying homes. Stanley F. Klein, agent for the John Anderson Co. Realtors, pointed out important details to look for in buying homes. Fred Ikeda and Helen Nakagawa were co-chairmen of the event.

More than 30 Scouts from Berea can now qualify as experts in the intricate art of the Japanese **ondo**. Instructions in **ondo** dancing were given by five Nisei girls of the Public Relations Committee, and the Scouts attested to the skill of their instructors by performing flawlessly before a capacity audience in the Berea High School auditorium. The **ondo** was part of the annual Girl Scout Jamboree in which more than 500 Scouts from the Gerea area participated.

MAY

With arrangements made by Bill Sadataki, four JACL members in **nihongi** took part in the annual Costume Ball of the Cleveland Folk Arts Association held at the Public Hall ballroom. Those participating were Sadie Katano, Jane Sugiuchi, Terry Yeya and Margaret Iwata. Mrs. Onishi is to be credited with the intricate **obi** fashionings for the girls.

The Public Relations Committee presented a demonstration and lecture of Japanese flower arrangement and Japanese music at a regular meeting of the Parma Grange. Mrs. Onishi, Mrs. Abe and

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REPORTED BY MARY MINAMOTO

ON JANUARY 14 the 1951 JACL co-ordinating com- chairman Mamaro Wakasugi and secretary Mary moto met with Arthur Iwasaki, Dr. M. R. Nakata, my Mizote and George Azumano at the latter's insur- office. A program for a public election meeting was ussed and a slate of officers was lined up from the L membership list. Everyone was urged to sign up members who would qualify as nominees at the elec- meeting.

JACL educational program been carried on entirely by a mber committee in 1951 to rd JACL's place in the mity. It was now hoped permanent officers could be to carry on the JACL ac- es.

committee members were: maro Wakasugi, Mary Min- Kimi Tambara, Minnie John Hada, Arthur Iwa- Jimmy Mizote, George Azu- Dr. M. R. Nakata, and Dr. Kuge.

January 24 JACL participat- the final rites at Norse Hall Pfc. Kenneth Kondo killed in Korean action on August 12,

February plans got under- for a JACL family night with Onishi and Mieko Fujita co-chairman assisted by Minamoto.

rge Azumano and Mamaro sugi attended the Pacific hwest District JACL Council held at the Seattle Commun- Center on February 10. Due trict chairman Harry Taka- (Seattle) resignation (he to Minneapolis, Minn., to at the Veterans Admin- ion regional office of which an employee), vice chairman Tamane (Tacoma) accepted chairmanship for the remain- of the year. Mamaro Waka- was then elected vice chair- .

March 1 election of new of- s was conducted by Arthur hi at the Nichiren Church. Matthew Masuoka was named e post.

bers elected were: Kenji Oni- first vice president; Mieko a, second vice president; Minamoto, corresponding tary; Mrs. Mary Iwasaki, re- g secretary; Mamaro Waka- sugi, treasurer; George Azumano, official delegate and Mrs. Fumi Sakano, historian.

A basket social followed with Jimmy Mizote auctioning off the baskets. Jack Ouchida, Gresham-Troutdale JACL president, brought his projector and showed six short movies.

On March 10 telegrams were dispatched to Oregon Congressmen in Washington, D. C., namely, Homer G. Angell, Walter Norblad, Harris Ellsworth and Lowell Stockman, urging favorable passage of the Walter Bill. Cooperation of the Oregon Nisei Veterans Committee and the Nikkeijin Kai was also solicited by the Portland JACL.

Congressman Angell acknowledged receipt by return telegram and assured us that the Walter Bill had his attention. He also sent us a copy of the Congressional Record of March 19, 1952, in which we learned he had gone on record commending the excellent service record of the Multnomah County Oregon Nisei veterans during World War II and pointed out that there are now Nisei from this area serving in Korea.

Congressman Harris Ellsworth acknowledged telegrams also received from the Nikkeijin Kai and the Oregon Nisei Veterans Committee.

Congressman Lowell Stockman did not respond to the telegram.

A meeting of the 1951 Portland JACL Co-ordinating Committee, 1952 JACL cabinet, and representatives from the Veledas and the Oregon Nisei Veterans Committee was called on March 20 by Dr. Matthew Masuoka at the Nikkeijin Kai Hall. The meeting was requested by Mrs. Nug Ninomiya of Veledas for assistance in getting all eligible Nisei voters registered before the primary election on May 16.

On March 30 it was learned that Sagie Nishioka, disabled war veteran of Hood River and brother of Ochiyo Nishioka of Portland, had been refused a job as accountant with the State Tax Commission even though he came out on top of three in the state civil service examinations. A telegram was immediately dispatched to Governor Douglas McKay in Salem requesting enforcement of the Fair Employment Practice Law.

Governor McKay called a special meeting of the Board of Control and Tax Commission the following day despite his flu. As a result Sagie Nishioka was offered the job if he was still interested.

On April 10 Dr. Masuoka called a meeting at the Nikkeijin Kai Hall at which time it was decided to share the maintenance expense of the Nikkeijin Kai office and hall. Mrs. Hana Yamada was named chairman of the booster delegation to the national JACL convention in San Francisco.

Mamaro Wakasugi expressed regret of having to resign as treasurer inasmuch as he was moving to Ontario (Eastern Oregon) from Banks and had already sold his farm and home. Kenji Onishi also submitted his resignation as first vice-president.

Ted Hachiya was delegated to attend the Pacific Northwest District JACL Council meeting in Seattle on April 26 and 27 to hear Sam Ishikawa report on the current status of the Walter-McCarran bill and the evacuation claims program.

A joint JACL cabinet and the voters' rally committee meeting was called on May 5 by Mrs. Nug Ninomiya for a final checkup. She reported 330 Nisei voters registered in Multnomah County.

Frank Hirahara and Albert Naito were announced as our new first vice-president and treasurer, respectively.

On May 13 the voters' rally was held at the Central YWCA with George Azumano as master of ceremonies. Monroe Sweetland, national JACL sponsor and Oregon national Democratic committeeman, commented that it was the best voters' rally he had ever attended.

Mrs. Nug Ninomiya and Dr. Matthew Masuoka were general chairmen assisted by Mary Minamoto, Sumi Murakami, speakers; Martha Osaki, Kaory Yoshitomi, Mary Iwasaki, refreshments; Mieko Fujita, Martha Fujii, Sadako Hongo, Mrs. Min Takemoto, hostesses; Misao Hayashi, Grace Ebihara, May Abe, Hiram Hachiya, Kimi Tambara, Hisako Kido, Shizuko Ochiai, Fumi Sakano, Mike Michigami, Irving Yamasaki, Sumi Tsunemitsu, Nobuko Tsuboi, Mary Iwasaki, Dr. George Marumoto, telephone committee; Taka Mizote, Kimi Tambara, Mary Minamoto, publicity.

During May, Albert Naito and Dr. Matthew Masuoka attended the Pacific Northwest District JACL Council meet in Hood River. Daylite Saving Time found them there an hour earlier than scheduled. Tom Takemura (Tacoma) winner of the Air Derby from Los Angeles to the national JACL confab in San Francisco flew district chairman Kaz Yamane to the meet and offered to take anyone sightseeing by air but the Portland delegation was afraid.

Mrs. Mickey Tamiyasu nee Helen Kinoshita, 1948 national JACL queen candidate, sings with the Portland Symphonic Choir which in May presented "The Mikado." Mrs. Tamiyasu played the role of Peep-Bo. John Murakami executed the settings. He has been window decorator for the Zell Brothers Jewelry Store here for five years.

Mrs. Misao Hayashi was elected to the downtown YWCA Board for a second term in May. She is also the first vice-president of the Couch School PTA, treasurer of the Nursery Guild of the Portland Council of Churches and YWCA and Epworth Methodist Church representative to the Portland Council of Church Women.

George Azumano, Milton Maeda and George Katagiri are on the board of trustees; and Kenji Onishi and Mrs. Hayashi, board of stewards of the Epworth Methodist Church. Incidentally Mr. Onishi commutes from Seattle to sing in the church choir every Sunday.

JACL worked in cooperation with the Nikkeijin Kai on the Memorial Day services held at the Japanese Rose City Cemetery on May 30. Kimi Tambara did the oshoko in behalf of JACL. Mieko Fujita laid the floral wreath and Dr. Matthew Masuoka spoke.

On June 7, Masao Satow, JACL national director, arrived in Portland.

JACL meeting followed. Hana Yamada and Kimi Tambara as well as Mrs. Shigeko Uno and Kengo Nogaki of Seattle who had arrived for the District Council meet sat in the meeting.

George Azumano, official delegate to the national JACL confab, reported his home was up for sale and they were in the midst of moving. Mary Minamoto was elected to substitute for George.

Dr. Masuoka and Albert Naito left by car on June 24 to attend the national confab with hopes of fishing enroute.

Frances Moriyasu became the bride of Ben Soejima at the Centenary Wilbur Methodist Church on July 6. The Rev. Francis Hayashi officiated.

On July 12 we wrote Sen. Guy Gordon thanking him for voting in our favor in behalf of the Walter-McCarran Bill.

On July 13 George Muramatsu and Ruth Komachi exchanged wedding vows at the St. Stephans Episcopal Church.

The community picnic was sponsored by JACL with Dr. Tosh Kuge chairman at the Blue Lake Park on August 10.

Twelve JACL members were named to accompany Issei district representatives in soliciting for JACL-ADC and Masaoka Orei funds between September 1 and 15.

Dr. Masuoka and Mieko Fujita were named as JACL representatives on the post Thanksgiving community dance committee.

A banquet was held at the Hung Far Low restaurant honoring the Mike Masaokas on September 11. An orchid corsage was presented Mrs. Masaoka. "Don't men get anything around here?" asked Mike. Approximately 60 Issei from Portland and Gresham-Troutdale area attended.

On September 16, Kimi Tambara, Albert Naito, the Rev. and Mrs. Francis Hayashi served on a panel discussion on "New Citizens of 1953" before the Intercultural Fellowship Club of Portland.

Keiro Kai honoring those above 70 years of age was held a Nichiren Church on October 26 at which time Dr. Masuoka spoke in behalf of JACL.

On November 20 a congratulatory telegram was dispatched to Gov. Douglas McKay for his appointment as Secretary of Interior by President-elect Eisenhower.

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Reported by Aki Tokita and Hisao Nukaya

WITH the 1952 cabinet headed by president Hisao Speed Nukaya, the Idaho Falls Chapter had a full year of service and fun. Assisting the president were:

Sam Yamasaki, vice president; Masayuki Honda, treasurer; Emmy Yamasaki, corresponding secretary; Sam Sakaguchi and Amy Nii, social chairmen; Joe Nishioka and Katsuki Yamasaki, official delegates; Mary Kato, Misao Haga and Fred Ochi, reporters; Takeo Haga, Shig Nii and Kay Tokita, sergeants-at-arms; Tom Ogawa (basketball) and Eldon Martin (softball), athletic managers.

Bang-up Carnival

Activities for the year started out with a bang with one of the biggest and most successful events for the chapter, the winter carnival. Tak Haga and Katsuki Yamasagi were co-chairmen.

With cooperatin from members and friends, the chapter was able raise $1,520. A great deal was due to the generosity of merchants in and around Idaho Falls who donated more than a thousand dollars worth of goods.

Tournament Held

Our basketball tournament was held on Feb. 14, 15 and 16. Invitations were sent to teams from Salt Lake City, Utah; Haneyville, Utah; Pocatello, Idaho; Corrine, Utah; two teams from Rexburg, Idaho; and two from Idaho Falls. Joe Nishioka and Sam Yamasaki were in charge of the tourney .

Memorial Day was observed by the chapter placing wreaths on all the Japanese graves as has been done for a number of years.

June Picnic

The month of June was ideal for our annual picnic held at Shelley High School. Everyone from Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Rexburg enjoyed the outing, bringing a variety of ogochiso with them.

To Yellowstone

In July, our chapter went on an outing to Yellowstone Park, starting at 6:30 a.m. We proceeded to Jackson Hole to take in the beautiful scenery and to ride the 2,000-foot ski lift.

From Jackson Hole, we went to Jennys Lake for some horseback riding, boating and hiking.

Women folk of the chapter served a delicious lunch at the south entrance to the park. Members then went to West Thumb to enjoy fishing in Yellowstone Lake. Famous Old Faithful was our next stop. There we enjoyed the delicious trout we caught and a wiener roast. We all enjoyed the trip and are looking forward to another one in 1953.

Another wiener roast was planned for July. Sam Sakaguchi and Amy Nii worked so hard to prepare for a wonderful time, but the weather man certainly wasn't very cooperative. Yep, it rained.

Welcome Masaokas

In August when Mike Masaoka, his mother and his wife Etsu were passing through Idaho Falls on their vacation, we had dinner together at Jack's Chicken Inn. Mike talked about his experiences while working with the ADC, especially on the Walter-McCarran bill.

Civic Duty

Along with other civic organizations in Idaho Falls, our chapter took up the project of buying bleachers for the new high school stadium. We were to buy a half section of seats.

December Full Too

It looks as though December will be a full month, too, because our livewire social chairmen have planned a dinner-dance. Our chapter is also working on a bowling tournament to be held on the 28th and 29th of this month.

High Calibre Membership Sparks Dayton, O., Chapter

SMALL, comparatively speaking, in number, but h in the calibre of its membership, the Dayton, Ohio, cha has completed an active and meaningful year.

Highlights of 1952 for the 36 regular and five special members were:

Installation of officers at the Chungking Restaurant in January with the Rev. Hermon S. Ray as the installation officer. Taking their oaths of office at that time were:

Dr. James T. Taguchi, president; Masaru Yamasaki, first vice president; William Yukawa, second vice president; Mrs. Hideo Yoshihara, third vice president; Mrs. Frank Sakada, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Yoichi Sato, recording secretary; and Hideo Okubo, treasurer.

March

A get-acquainted party was held in March at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James Taguchi. Dr. Taguchi explained in detail at this time the functions of the JACL and the Walter-McCarran Bill.

Hawaiian Guests

A pot-luck supper was held in May at Borden's Cottage. Special guests were 10 Hawaiian Nisei attending the University of Dayton. They entertained with music on the ukulele, singing and hula dancing.

Picnic

Summer came, and the chapter enjoyed a picnic in August at Madden Park. A hamburger fry and corn roast provided fun and nourishment.

October

The regular meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Yoshihara. Mrs Max G. Scherberg, vice president of the local League of Women Voters, spoke on state and local political issues.

Dr. James Taguchi resigned as president to enter the armed services at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., in November. Vice president Mas Yamasaki, on behalf of the Dayton chapter, presented him with the JACL president's pin for serving in that office for two years.

Mrs. Taguchi was presented a gift from the women mem of the chapter. A pot-luck closed the meeting.

Election of officers for 1953 held at the home of Mr. and Frank Sakada in late Nove (Results were not known by time).

Showing of a Japanese is scheduled for December.

Interesting Work

Members of the Dayton J are in interesting lines of **Dr. Unoji Goto, Dr. Yutaka shida, Dr. Ruby Hirose** and **and Mrs. James Taguchi** ar with the Veterans Administra Dr. Taguchi passed the spec board in the field of internal cine in May and has been ologist at the veterans ho for the past two years. Mrs guchi is head nurse of the surgical and paraplegic which is also the training for hospital attendants.

Dr. Hirose heads the bio-c istry department at the same pital.

Bill Yukawa and **Mas Yam** are wholesale route salesmen the Borden Milk Co. Mas wa first evacuee to settle in D and has been with his company the past 10 years. He is also tarp of the City of Dayton Bowling League.

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REPORTED BY MRS. LOUISE ITAMI

ACTIVITIES FOR the wide-awake Detroit JACL chapstarted off with the installation dinner-dance held at Stockholm Restaurant. About 80 persons attended the Officers for 1952 who took their oaths of office Dick Akagi were:

Ochi, president; George uru, first vicee president; Dr. Matsura, second vice presMrs. Rose Leong, treasurer; Yamaji, corresponding ary; Aiko Nakatani, recordcretary; Janice Kodani, hisLouis Furukawa, delegates; Setsu Fujioka, alternate.

Louise Itami took over historian post from Janice in September.)

Philip Gentile spoke on ited Nations. Peter Fujioka toastmaster. Wallace Kagawa, ing president, was presented the JACL president's pin by Kaneko. Co-chairmen of the were Katie Shimoura and Mano.

edule of activities in the fol- months was as follows:

MARCH 22

out 250 persons attended the successful carnival night at the International Institute. ival goers tried their luck at games and used their win- to bid on prizes. Mrs. Rose was chairman, aided by Satow, Louis Furukawa, Fujioka, Wally Kagawa, Satow, George Ishimaru, Kodani and Irene Abe.

APRIL 12

Easter bunny hop was also the International Institute. 60 revelers enjoyed the em- job done by two local disc Janice Kodani was chairof the affair.

dance class was started the part of April and is con- weekly with from 15 to persons atending every Fri- night.

JUNE 7

June frolic, sponsored by the JACL dance group, was held at the YWCA. Approximately 100 persons attended. Irene Abe was in charge.

JUNE 29

The community picnic was held at Middle Rouge Park.

JXULY 27

A fishing derby was held at Pontiac Lake. About 30 fishermen and would be fishermen took part in the derby while 100 others picnicked. Tom Tagami and Mark Satow co-chaired the event.

AUGUST 27

Extending a welcome hand of friendship, a war brides' tea was sponsored. About 20 war brides attended with their husbands. Mrs. Alice Satow was in charge.

SEPTEMBER 20

The JACL movie, "Kunisada Chuji," was sponsored at a movie night. In charge of the event was Louis Furukawa.

At the same time, the Masaoka memorial scholarship was presented to Kurt Sugiyama, who is attending the University of Michigan.

NOVEMBER 8

A general meeting at the China Doll climaxed the membership drive in which the losing team—the men—paid for the dinner. George Ishimaru chaired the event.

DECEMBER 31

The grand finale to the year will be a New Year's Eve dance scheduled for this evening.

New Cabinet Chosen

Officers for 1953 were chosen with the following results:

Min Togasaki, president; Joe Matsushita, first vice president; Tom Tagami, second vice president; Kenneth Miyoshi, third vice president; Frances Yamaji, corresponding secretary; Chiyo Sato, recording secretary; Rose Leong, treasurer; Kay Miyaya, historian; Alice Satow, delegate; and Art Matsumura, alternate.

The past year was a busy one in the private lives of Detroit JACLers.

Wedding bells rang out for Yo Shimizu and Paul Shimizu; Janice Kodani and Harry Kaku, Cleveland; Yuri Shimokochi and Max Koga; Katherine Shimoura and Roy Sugimoto; and Louise Hiraga and Nobe Itami.

It was big year for babies, particular boy babies. Among the couples blessed with heirs were Mr. and Mrs. Tas Yamada, Mr. and Mrs. Shig Kizuka, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shimizu, Mr. and Mrs. Kaname Fujishige, Mr .and Mrs. Paul Nakamura, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hashimoto, Mr .and Mrs. Tom Ishii, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yoshida, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fujii and Mr. and Mrs. William Okada.

Heiresses made their entrances for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Otsuki, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fujioka and Mr. and Mrs. Akira Tanaka.

Five JACL-ers made the long cross-country trip to San Francisco to attend the national convention in June. They were Shig Ochi, Setsu Fujioka, Aiko Nakatani and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Leong.

Wallace Kagawa, Shig Ochi and Louis Furukawa attended the Midwest district convention in Minneapolis, while Louise Itami represented Detroit at the testimonial banquet and Midwest district council meeting in the same city.

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REPORTED BY SAK YAMASHITA

THE SANGER-DEL REY chapter in nearing its second season had a highly successful and interesting year.

To begin with, a joint installation dinner was held in February with the neighboring Selma chapter at the Redwood Inn in Pinedale. Issei of both communities were honored guests of the occasion. Masao Satow, national JACL director, as main speaker gave an outline of the extensive work being done by national headquarters. Some 200 persons enjoyed the fine food and floor show.

Officers for 1952 who were installed at the time were:

Tom Nakamura, president; Tom Nagamatsu, first vice president; Larry Hikiji, second vice president; Toshiko Ikuma, recording secretary; Dora Nishimura, corresponding secretary; Bob Kanagawa, treasurer; Sak Yamashita, historian; Johnson Kebo, official delegate; Benny Matsunaga, alternate delegate; and Seichi Yamamoto, reporter.

Busy February

Remodeling of the Sanger Community Hall was begun in February, too. Finance and labor for the big project were donated by members of the harmonious Sanger community. The Sanger-Del Rey chapter has taken over the expenses and responsibility for maintaining the newly-remodelled hall.

February also produced good results on the chapter's ADC Fund Drive. A kick-off dinner was held for solicitors of the drive which included both JACL members and Issei of the community.

In the same month, a presentation of 1,000 dollars was made to the Sanger JACL from the Sanger Young Buddhists Association for the sole purpose of remodelling and maintaining the Sanger Community Hall. Presentation was made by Sak Yamashita, senior adviser of the YBA, to Tom Nakamura, president of the Sanger JACL. Many members of both organizations as well as Issei leaders of the community attended the informal dinner at which the presentation was made.

March

The Sanger JACL was in charge of the annual community picnic in March, aided by the Doshi-Kai and the YBA. Chairman for the event was Johnson Kebo, with Bob Kanagawa as master of ceremonies.

Summer

Big event of the summer was a talent show to celebrate the completion of remodelling of Sanger Community Hall. Talent from both Sanger and Del Rey participated. Sandwiches, cookies, fruit and soft drinks were served to all who attended. A gay evening was enjoyed by all.

The national convention in San Francisco in June was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nakamura, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kanagawa, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Kebo, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nagamatsu. Many others attended as boosters on the weekend.

Movies

Four Japanese movies were sponsored during the past year, and another this month will climax the series of fund-raising movies.

A pot-luck dinner and election in December will bring an active year for the Sanger-Del Rey JACL to a close.

JACL members weer active in other community events. Kiichi Tange was in charge of the City of Sanger booth at the Fresno County Fair in October which took the grand prize among class A booths and was declared a feature winner at the exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kanagawa were in charge of tickets and Mr. and Mrs. George Nishimura were in charge of cakes and pies at the annual Fairmont Grammar School P-TA carnival in November. The Hatayamas and Nagamatsus are active in the Del Rey Grammar School P-TA.

Private Lives

The stork was kept busy in this area with an infant son, their first child, born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nishioki (nee Faye Kotsubo). He was named Gary Jun. Also in September, a daughter, Jane Hisaye, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Okada. They have another daughter and a son.

Wedding bells rang out in November for Bob Akahori of Sanger and Jean Doi of Del Rey.

Testimonial Dinner High Spot of Seattle Year

The New Year began auspiciously for the Seattle Chapter with the installation dinner dance in February at the West Seattle Golf Club, inaugurating the following officers:

Kenji Okuda, president; Dr. Kelly Yamada, first vice president; Min Tsubota, second vice president; John Fukuyama, third vice president; Kay Yamaguchi, treasurer; Kazzie Murakami, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Toshie Suyama, recording secretary; Kengo Nogaki, board delegate. It was one of the largest turnouts since the commencement of the postwar JACL activities in Seattle. Louise Blackham, executive secretary of the Seattle Civic Unity Committee was the guest speaker of the evening.

Meetings

For the highly diversified membership meeting programs, credit goes to chairman, John Fukuyama. At the March meeting, speakers were Jean Strong and Floyd Schmoe, members of the House for Hiroshima team, who related their interesting experiences and of conditions in present day Japan. Floyd Schmoe also displayed color slides of the project, scenic spots and of life in Japan.

Movies were the feature of the April meeting. "Calicos and Jeans" was the social theme in May, when a lively evening of square dancing was enjoyed by all. A beach weiner roast was held in conjunction with the June business session. In September, a special tour of the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport conducted by the manager, Earle Bigler, was arranged.

Golf Tourney

Among the chapter's summer activities was the golf tournament in June, which resulted in 25 new members being signed up. Min Yamaguchi was the enterprising chairman of the event. The annual picnic was held in August at Lake Wilderness with the out-of-town members of the Northwest District Council as guests.

Along with prexy Kenji Okuda our official delegate, Fumi Shitamae, Ida Nishibue, Kay Yamaguchi, Peter Ohtaki and Mr. & Mrs. William Mimbu attended the national homecoming convention. It was especially gratifying to see the passage of the Walter-McCarran bill at this time.

Going into the full swing of fall activities, the JACL again sponsored a booth at the Seattle's Far East Trade Fair, selling souvenirs and novelties. This was a profitable venture financially and in the promotion of public goodwill. Kei Imai and his committee capably supervised the project and a host of volun... manned the booth. The ... annual pre-Labor Day dance ... held at the Spanish Castle ... Yosh Imanishi managing the ... cessful affair.

The high spot of the year ... the JACL-ADC Testimonial ... ner held October 1, honoring t... Washington State senators ... representatives who have ass... in the cause of the people of ... anese ancestry and particular... the passage of the immigrat... naturalization bill and the ev... ation claims bill. Mike Masa... the principal speaker, paid t... ute to the honored guests for t... legislative aid and to the Issei ... their steadfast faith and supp... This memorable event was att... ed by a capacity crowd of ... and Issei. Recognition for ... immense success of the d... goes to Frank Hattori and ... committee.

In keeping with the nati... focus on election, the Oct... meeting featured a panel d... sion on the 1952 presidential ... didates and political issues. ... Wilson from the local Young ... ocrats and William Mimbu ... in behalf of the Democ... Party and Mike Curtis and ... Yamada represented the Re... licans. The spirited and ... ulating discussion which foll... made quite evident the ... partisan feelings of the mem... An interesting sidelight of ... national presidential camp... was the TV debut of Kelly ... ada (who headed the state ... Republicans), Frank Hat... James Matsuoka and Mr. & ... John Fukuyama on the nati... Republican Party's campa... hook-up.

Other civic and commu... participation were not negle... Charles Toshi and Bob Ikeda ... appointed to the Jackson S... Community Council. The cha... co-sponsored with the Nisei ... Sumi Mitsui as queen of the ... anese Community in the an... Seattle Seafair.

The recreational activity s... sored this year was the we... bridge class under the patient ... orage of Poison Kato and ... Okuda. The first session sta... in February and was climaxe... a tournament in April. Boc... of its great popularity and ... mand, classes were resumed a... this fall.

Under our competent editor, ... Nishibue, the monthly bul... which kept the members infor... of the meetings and activities ... expanded.

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T LAKE CL IEWS YEAR ACTIVITY

By Alice Kasai

T LAKE CITY chap- sted no time in start- the new year 1952 by its installation New ance at the Newhouse on January 1. Officers d by national director Satow were:

Yano, president; Ernest ice president; Kou Hase- ecording secretary; Rose esponding secretary; Dr. atsukawa, treasurer; and aneko, historian.

membership drive during netted a total of about mbers.

Women's Auxiliary

Women's Auxiliary held nauguration social on Jan- Officers of the organiza- Mrs. Maurea Terashima, Sakai, Mrs. Miki Yano Kimi Tobari. The Aux- holds holds monthly events.

chapter assisted in alien tion during January, with Mochizuki as committee

red Hazen, consultant on life education of the State ent, spoke on "Young and Marriage" at the gen- eting held January 25 at bune Auditorium. Kazuko showed colored movies recent trip to Japan.

ADC Benefited

ary was devoted to two to benefit the ADC. On and 16th, a benefit movie own, with George Yoshi- as chairman. Yoshie Fuji- noted Japanese tenor, was ed in an ADC benefit con- the 19th at the Ladies y Club.

legation of JACL'ers—Mas Masao Satow and Henry — conferred with Gov. J. Lee to obtain his en- ent of the ADC program. eting resulted in the gover- iting to all Utah Congress ers.

Lecture on Japan

March 14 general meeting ivened by a lecture on rural accompanied by slides, by ward Nobeck, assistant an- ropist at the University of

In March, the annual In- al Basketball Tournament eld. The Chinese Saints of Francisco won the tourna- which was held on March and 29. Queen entry for

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APRIL 19—THE NEW president Mas Narita and his cabinet, Noboru Nakamura, first vice-president; Frank Sugiyama, second vice-president; Yaye Marumoto, third vice-president; Ruby Mio, corresponding secretary; Nobie Narita, recording secretary; Fumio Takahashi, treasurer; Gladys Iseri, historian; and Fred Ikeguchi, official delegate, were installed by Southern California regional director, Tats Kushida.

Frank Chuman, then national first vice-president, spoke in praise of the state supreme court's decision in the Fujii Alien Land Law case. The honorable Lyman B. Sutter, vice-mayor of Long Beach and principal speaker of the evening, praised Issei pioneers for their contributions to the development of California.

Eleven pioneer Issei residents all over 75 years of age and six Issei community leaders were presented recognition scrolls by George Mio, retiring chapter president. Mrs. Kisayo Uragami, gold star mother of the Korean conflict, was paid special tribute.

Other civic dignitaries present were John S. Gibson, Los Angeles city councilman, and Max Livoni, Long Beach councilman. Dr. Mas Takeshita, Long Beach JACL's first post-war president, was toastmaster. Dancing and showing of films on scenic Japan rounded out the evening.

MAY 17—Long Beach-Harbor District chapter is the new name of the local JACL chapter. "Because our JACL serves an area which includes most of the harbor district in Long Beach, Wilmington and San Pedro, our chapter favors the change of name to better describe its geographic coverage," stated President Mae Narita to the Pacific Citizen. Filling vacancies, Harry Hayashi was named first vice-president, and Sue Takimoto Joe, second vice-president.

House to house membership campaign covering Long Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro, Palos Verdes and Paramount communities resulted in a total membership of 148.

JUNE 15—The annual graduation dance for all high school and college graduates was held in the Harbor District Community Center. Yaye Marumoto was chairman of this event which honored 40 graduates. Mas Narita, president, presented each graduate with a gift conveying the chapter's congratulations.

JUNE 21-22—The second annual carnival was held at the Community Center. Taking part in

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the chapter was Kou Hasegawa, now Mrs. Min Mochizuki.

Dr. Jun Kurumada, former chapter president, turned in sensational scores at the National JACL Bowling Tournament in Denver, winning individual honors in men's singles with 695.

Untrodden Trails

At the April 18 meeting, Lee Kay, assistant state fish and game warden, showed his outdoor movie in the "Untrodden Trails of Utah." A letter campaign to Congress urging passage of the Walter-McCarran Omnibus Bill was also conducted in April.

Dr. Shig Matsukawa was represented on the City Welfare Council of the Community Chest this month, too.

June Highlights

June highlights included the Graduation Prom at the Memorial House on the 7th and the national convention in San Francisco, attended by president Mas Yano as official delegate.

"Lagoon Night" was the theme of the tri-chapter social held with the Ogden and Mt. Olympus chapters on August 25. An appreciation project for ADC suporters was also begun this month.

Tajiri Farewell

Salt Lake JACL'ers bid a reluctant farewell to Larry and Guyo Tajiri, long editor and assistant of the Pacific Citizen, with a testimonial dinner on Sept. 27. Kay Terashima was chairman of this affair.

Another ADC benefit movie was jointly sponsored with the Mt. Olympus chapter in Septemebr.

On Oct. 23, the chapter-sponsored naturalization class started with Masao Namba as instructor.

Bringing the active year to an end, a nomination dinner social was held at Temple Square Hotel on Nov. 15 and election officers for 1953 held in December.

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Frank Aoyama and **Dr. Hideo Yoshihara**, both aeronautical engineers, are in the Research and Air Development Command of the U. S. Air Force. Dr. Yoshihara is unit chief of the wind tunnel branch and has had several research papers published in The Journal of Aeronautical Sciences.

Pete K. Hironaka is staff artist of the Dayton Daily News. Many of his cartoons have appeared in the daily paper and Sunday magazine, Camerica.

Perry Oishi and **Frank Ono** have a grocery store on N. Main St.

Fred Toyama does automotive work at the Stomps Chevrolet Co.

Joe Mori is an electrical engineer at Lesco Manufacturing Co.

Dr. Mark Nakauchi recently opened an office in the Medical Arts Building and is practicing oral surgery. Mrs. Nakauchi is his nurse.

Long Beach Activities . . .

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this very successful event were the Nikkei Jinkai, JACL and all other Nisei boys' and girls' clubs in the area.

For the first time, a carnival queen was selected. After an elimination tea and finals, Judy Sugita was selected queen by a panel of five judges. Princesses were Yaye Marumoto and Eiko Kusaba. The queen was crowned and gifts were presented to the three by chairman Nobie Narita.

JUNE 26-31—Delegates to the national convention in San Francisco were Mas Narita, president, and Nobie Narita, secretary. Also attending were Yaye Marumoto, alternate, and Gladys Iseri, booster. Mas was one of the few men who caught the limit of salmon in the fishing derby.

AUGUST 17—The fourth community picnic was held at Park in San Pedro. This joint affair sponsored by the and the Nikkei Jinkai. thousand persons turned witness the talent show and raffle and to enjoy soda the house."

SEPTEMBER 28—The meeting of the PSWD held at the community

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Dual Purpose Drive

...first regular meeting in ...ry was sparked by a dual ...drive—registration to "get ...vote" and a drive for mem... to "get out the unmar... Paul Ichiuji, Sab Ikeda and ...hi were influential both ...ting a major turnout of ...ei voters and for a sub...jump in membership over ...total.

Honor New Recruits

...pril, the new recruits were ...at a pot-luck dinner pre... the meeting. Dinner ar...ents were made by Mary ..., and after the business ... Suzy Kunihiro led the ... an informal period of ... and square dancing.

Pre-Convention Rally

...of the major events of the ... JACL calendar was un... when the San Luis Obis... the Santa Maria Valley ...s co-sponsored the Pacific ...est District Pre-Convention ...Guadalupe, May 25.

...San Luis Obispo chapter ...er the job of feeding some ...egates and officials at an ... barbecue. Seconds called ... only on the main dish but ...salad and even on the beans ...the host chapter that its ...accomplished successfully.

...Ikeda headed the committee, ...ed by Paul Ichiuji, Ben Dohi ...ro Hayashi. They were ...ly supported by the mem... who served the delegates and ...d to keep their plates full.

Gratifying Results

...ADC fund drive in June ...gratifying results. President ...Ikeda and Pat Nagano soli... the donations with the valued ...ce of Tameji Eto.

...July regular meeting fea... a report on the national con... in San Francisco by Kazuo ... the chapter's official dele... Highlights and sidelights of ...nial event made the stay... ...es wish that they had gone. ...he program after the meet... ...was conducted by Cherry ...ki were invited to the No... meeting and to the get-ac... ...d party which followed.

...chapter was most pleased ...r almost 20 couples and ...milies attending, and hopes ...s will be just the first step ...offering its services to ...w friends. Home-made pies, ...and coffee were served to ...ut a delightful and satis...ening. Suzy Kunihiro was ...ge.



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Officers for 1952 of the Omaha JACL chapter are shown above.

Seated (left to right) Jack Tamai, president; K. Patrick Okura, national second vice-president; Father Bowdron of Creighton University, guest speaker at the installation banquet; Melvin Yamaguchi, member-at-large. Standing (left to right) Rose Matsunami, recording secretary; Robert Nakadoi, treasurer; Mrs. Lily Okura, first vice-president; and Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, corresponding secretary.

Omahans Have Eventful Year

REPORTED BY MRS. ROBERT NAKADOI

FIGHTING FLOOD threats, taking active roles in civic organizations such as the Parents-Teachers Association and Y.W.C.A., doing voluntary work at the Children's Memorial Hospital and sponsoring a host of good times for themselves and their friends occupied the seemingly boundless energies of the Omaho, Nebr., JACL members during the past year.

With the mighty Missouri threatening to go on the rampage on Omaha during the spring thaw, men of the JACL chapter there were all voluntary fighters in the struggle to halt the flood waters. Many of them worked from 12 to 48 hours without rest to protect lives and property.

Chapter activities themselves got off to an early start with a special cabinet meeting called three days after New Year's at the home of president Cecil Ishii to complete the slate for the 1952 elections.

Following is the busy timetable pursued by this livewire chapter:

JANUARY 25

Election of officers was held at the Okura residence with the following results:

President, Jack Tamai, 1341 S. 31st St.; first vice president, Mrs. Lily Okura, 2604 Meredith Ave.; second vice president, Takao Misaki, 3313 Jones St.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, 553 S. 25th Ave.; recording secretary, Rose Matsunami, 2040 N. 18th St.; treasurer, Robert Nakadoi, 553 S. 25th Ave.* and member-at-large. Melvin Yamaguchi, 525 N. 33rd St.

FEBRUARY 23

Rome Hotel was the setting for the installation dinner-dance, with Mrs. Lillian Ishii as chairman. K. Patrick Okura, second national vice president, installed the 1952 cabinet.

MARCH 7

First meeting of the new cabinet was held at the Okura residence. Co-chairmen of the membership drive, president Jack Tamai and Mrs. Alice Kaya, reported a membership of 120 members as of the date for the Omaha chapter.

MARCH 28

A general meeting was held at the YWCA. Bingo games, chaired by Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, followed the meeting to help raise funds to send delegates to the national convention at San Francisco.

APRIL 14 THROUGH 18

Members of the Omaha JACL helped in assembling the JACL brochure for national headquarters.

MAY 17

A successful bazaar and carnival was held at the YWCA with Mrs. Lily Okura in charge. Some 200 persons attended to purchase aprons, dish towels, pot holders, jams, pickles, cakes, clothing, plants and other contributed items. A total of $170.35 was raised for the delegates fund.

Helping Mrs. Okura on her committee were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ching, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hamamoto, Mr. and Mrs. Kaz Ikebasu, Mrs. Cecil Ishii, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Muto, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, Hazel Orth and Patrick Okura.

JUNE 15

Carter Lake was chosen as the site for the JACL picnic. A fishing derby and weiner bake were enjoyed by the whole community. Co-chairmen were Jack Tamai and Melvin Yamaguchi for the picnic and Bob Nakadoi for the fishing derby.

JUNE 25

Omaha chapter sent Jack Tamai as official delegate and Mrs. Lily Okura and Mrs. Robert Nakadoi as alternate delegates to the national convention in San Francisco. Booster delegates were Manuel and Rose Matsunami.

SEPTEMBER 26

A general meeting was held at the YWCA. Convention reports were made by the delegates. Patrick Okura chaired the meeting to give detailed accounts of the successful convention.

OCTOBER 12

Cabinet meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Takao

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Running Plunge into CL Action Taken by Fowler

FOWLER JACL at this point is reminiscent of the ox team and log cabin days of the early American republic in which hardy pioneers struggled through rough and roadless terrain to open up the West. Like the pioneers, our enthusiasm is high and we are young in spirit, eager to meet the problems of the Nisei in this community through the Japanese American Citizens League.

Many pioneer Nisei attempted to start a chapter in Fowler in the past several years without success. Then in June of this year under the inspired leadership of Dr. George Miyake, Fowler JACL was at last organized.

Dr. Miyake heads our first cabinet, aided by Hidec Kikuta, first vice-president; Howard Renge, second vice-president; Tom Shirakawa, treasurer; Chiaki Renge, recording secretary; Mitsuko Wada, corresponding secretary; Fred Honda, athletic director; Frank Sakohira, official delegate; Tom Kamikawa, alternate delegate; and the Rev. Carl Yoshimine, publicity.

Hideo Kikuta and the Rev. Carl Yoshimine resigned from their posts due to press of other activities, and Howard Renge and Thomas Toyama subsequently filled the vacancies.

The membership drive, under able Frank Sakohira, was conducted and concluded in June with 110 members and six special Issei members signed up.

Help ADC

The infant chapter was able to contribute $300 to the JACL-ADC drive in June. Tom Kamikawa sparked the drive.

Law student Howard Renge and Thomas Nakamura took charge of the local chapter's constitution.

Ohye Flight

On June 22, many residents of Fowler welcomed the Henry Ohye Economy Flight pilots at the Fresno Chandler airport. A banquet was held by the Central California District Council during the same evening to honor the pilots. Two of them were Todd and Noboru Nishina, formerly of Fowler. They placed second in the economy flight from Los Angeles to San Francisco, which was held in conjunction with the national convention. Fowler JACL donated $10 to the Nishina brothers.

Dr. George Miyake and Tom Shirakawa were the official delegates from Fowler to the national convention in San Francisco.

Thomas Toyama was appointed editor for the Fowler JACL monthly bulletin in June. The bulletin honored Nisei veterans in the August issue, approximately 100 of whom served in World War II and in the present Korean conflict from Fowler.

Fall Festival Float

October is when the whole local community looks forward to the annual Fowler Fall Festival sponsored by the Lions Club. Fowler JACL decided to enter a float in the parade, and Clara and Fred Honda, a brother and sister combination, were selected as chairmen. The float was designed by George Shimoda, who received top honors during his high school days as an artist.

During the early part of November, we placed first in the organizational division with our float in the Fall Festival. On the following evening, the Fowler JACL-ers held the much-talked-about inaugural dinner.

The local JACL had made a survey of Issei in Fowler who had resided in the United States for 50 or more years. These pioneers were honored guests at the inaugural dinner. Also present were many public officials and caucasian friends. Tom Shirakawa and Harry Hiraoka, who were appointed in June to supervise the inaugural dinner, deserve the credit for the successful dinner.

Fowler JACL-ers also helped with the Central California District Council JACL fall conference on November 16. Dr. George Miyake was in charge of entertainment and Thomas Toyama, in charge of conference publicity. Tom Kamikawa led the group in the opening ceremonies with the National Anthem.

At this writing (in mid-November) we are kind of recuperating or taking a little breather from all the hard work we had in consecutive order—just like the Pilgrims taking a breather on Thanksgiving to rest from their hard pioneer labors.

Alameda Proud Of Part in Legislative Win

THE YEAR 1952 was a great one — one that was to realize the biggest and most glorious legislative victory for Japanese Americans — and we of the Alameda chapter can join with 80-odd other chapters to say we tried to do our part in the big effort.

In mid-January, the new cabinet headed by Roland Kadonaga was installed by Mayor Osborne at a dinner. In Mr. Kadonaga's cabinet are:

Yasuharu Koike, first vice-president; Masako Abe, second vice-president; Kitty Hirai, recording secretary; Aiko Yamamoto, corresponding secretary; and Yasuo Yamashita, treasurer.

The new cabinet was faced with the prospect of measuring up to the old one headed by Haruo Imura, no easy task because Haruo is the outstanding leader in Alameda.

Thanks to Yas Koike, our new year started out with a bang. As membership drive chairman, he and his team exceeded our past best to obtain 107 members. This was about 70 per cent of our potential, a fact which gave our new cabinet great confidence to carry on for the year.

ADC Quota Met

Under the chairmanship of Ruzzy Maeyama and Mr. Tajima, the ADC quota was again fulfilled by Alameda.

One of our most successful meetings was the bridge lesson and tourney meeting conducted by Drs. Wilfred and Pearce Hiura with about 35 members attending. The duplicate tournament held at this meeting was won by R. Maeyama and T. Imura.

Fishing Derby

We also had a successful fishing derby with 32 filberts participating. Dan Mashihara with a 19½-pound bass won the trophy donated by our chapter. The success of this derby can be attributed to the wonderful work of the co-chairmen, Tak Yamashita, Taro Takeda and Tates Hanamura.

"Miss Alameda"

Our "Miss Alameda" for the national convention homecoming queen contest was Grace Haratani. We were both proud and happy to have had such a wonderful representative. About 10 members attended the convention with Shiro Nakaso and Taizo Imura as official delegates.

Red Cross Drive

With Mmes. Tomine, Sato, Yamashita and Nomura and Misses Koike, Haratani and Abe from the Women's Club, our organization was able to help substantially in Alameda's Red Cross drive.

Employment Aid

The cabinet realized that to maintain interest in our organization, our projects on the local level had to be directed to helping fellow Alamedans. With this in mind, the chapter undertook the employment service plan to furnish leads for job seekers. Mrs. Nellie Takeda is busily engaged in directing this project.

Results cannot be determined yet because of the plan's recent inception, but the important about this major undertak the chapter is that we a operating with various groups in the community a the Sonen Kai, YBA, W Club and the Young P Group in working for a c goal.

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JUNE

...een delegates from Cleve-...tended the Midwest Dis-...ncil meeting held in Mil-..., Wis., during the Memo-...y weekend.

... Nakagawa, newly-ap-...chairman of the ADC, re-...a goal of $1,000. The drive ...ched the second week in ... Working on the commit-...e Mr. Nakao, Mr. Naka-... Sashihara, Sakae Yoshi-..., Grace Andow, Hank Ta-... Sadataki, Frank Shiba, ... Tashima and Frank Hiji-...

JULY

The annual community picnic was held at Roundup Lake Park. Issei and Nisei cooperated on the plans to make it one of the most enjoyable ever held. Tak Yamagata and S. Nako co-chaired the event.

Committee members included: tickets—Golf Club, Kimbo Yoshitomi; publicity—Fellowship, Ken Asamoto; door prizes — Shinwakai, Don Nakajima; Tennis Club, Sam Fujikawa; program — Don Nakajima; Debbyshire, Aiko Tanaka; Fellowship, Ken Yamamoto, Tak Yamagata and Ken Asamoto; YBA, Mike Asazawa; JACL, Henry Tanaka, Lillian Hashiba; Tennis Club, Sam Fujikawa; Shinwakai, S. Nako, Tom Sashihara, Mr. Yamoto, Masao Kondo and Golf Club, Harland Takahashi.

SEPTEMBER

The Junior Matron's Club elected its officers at the home of Mrs. Kaz Yamada. Mrs. Masie Yamauchi was elected president. Others in her cabinet are Kaz Yashima, recording secretary; May Kanno, corresponding secretary; Kay Furukawa, treasurer; May Nakagawa, publicity chairman.

The first Nisei style show of frocks from Halle Brothers was held as the reactivation of JACL activities in the fall. An appreciative audience of 75 to 100 persons attended.

Mickey Fujimoto was chairman of the event. Models included Sadie Katano, Kiichi Nakashige, Frances Ikeda, Mary Asazawa, Mrs. Stella Yano, Mrs. Kiyo Tashima and Mrs. Keiko Kurihara. Refreshments and a social period of card-games and dancing closed the function.

OCTOBER

Surpassing their goal by almost $400, the Cleveland ADC Fund balance stood at $1,389.25, it was reported by Helen Nakagawa. The total was expected to reach $1,500 before the drive's close.

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Misaki. ADC drive was completed, with a total of $268 reported collected by the hard-working committee, headed by Jack Tamai and Takao Misaki. They were aided by Patrick Okura, Cecil Ishii and Bob Nakadoi. Members of the Issei committee were T. S. Arikawa, James Ishii and K. Matsunami.

OCTOBER 26

Nisei Soldiers' Memorial Day was observed by the Omaha chapter at the Fairview Presbyterian Church.

OCTOBER 31

A Hallowe'en party for the small fry was held at the YWCA. Takao Misaki and his committee planned an enjoyable party.

NOVEMBER 29

General meeting was held at the YWCA, followed by a Japanese movie, "Kunisada Chuji," sponsored by the JACL.

DECEMBER 5

Cabinet meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hirabayashi.

DECEMBER 20

The annual Christmas party will be held at the YWCA. Cabinet members will form a committee to plan a grand occasion for the children.

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